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## RUAEA Convention 2014



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*The San Diego RESANS look  
forward to welcoming you  
to the 2014 RUAEA Convention!*

# RUAEA CONVENTION 2014 ISSUE

# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



Hi Folks,

“All is quiet on the western front”, I’m sure you have heard that before. This can be good or not so good. All has been quiet with RUAEA lately, except for the San Diego Convention planning. Have you made your plans yet?

**Marilyn Marcy**, your VP of Conventions has prepared the Convention issue for the Newsletter. The Convention issue is here, look it over and make your plans. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. We have been working hard at inviting all the other retiree groups to the 2014 Convention. Thanks to **Don Burbank** as he has made many inroads to make that happen. Now with the company, things there have been in a bit of turmoil, mainly on the financial picture, along with computer problems. I expect there will be some changes coming.

Stay tuned, I will endeavor to keep you informed. Spring has come to Seattle, I know many of you endured a hard winter and hopefully it is over. Enjoy your spring and summer. Good weather is in the plan for October in San Diego.

**Hank Gosselin**  
**President – RUAEA**

## Clarification from United to waiving ePass Booking fee Printed in Feb. 2014 issue

In order to waive the \$25 fee, the individual must have a disability that prevents them from using both the computer and the automated voice response phone line to create their bookings. Retirees that are unable to use the computer, in most cases are capable of using the voice response phone system to create their bookings. The voice or touch tone phone number is 866-359-3727. Just follow the prompts. The password is the retiree’s 6 digit birthdate MMDDYY.

If a retiree does have a disability, they will have to advise the agent that they have a disability and are unable to use the computer and unable to use the voice or touch tone phone system.

## Pass Travel UPDATE by Kirk Moore Thanks to Kirk Moore for this article

**Some same-day multiple listings are now OK:** Read carefully! Quoted from an April 11, 2014 email received from the ETC: “*Pass riders may list for more than one space-available flight on United and United Express for different destinations for the same day of travel. Listing for multiple flights includes booking a space-available ticket on the same day to two different destinations, i.e. ORD-CUN and ORD-SJU. It also includes bookings for the same day, for the same origin and destination with a different connection city, i.e. SFO-EWR and SFO-DEN-EWR. It’s not necessary to list for more than one space-available flight for the same origin and destination for the same day, for example; for all flights from ORD - SFO. Airport gate agents will continue to roll over pass riders to the next available flight of that day if pass riders are not cleared. Pass riders are still expected to arrive at the gate within the appropriate time for their original scheduled departure and cancel any flights in advance that they will not be using.*”

Abuse of pass travel policies and listing procedures will not only risk loss of pass travel it will invoke the wrath of your fellow pass riders! Do **not** make unnecessary multiple listings but, if you must make them, do your fellow employees/retirees a favor and **cancel** all listings you don’t need as soon as possible. Also remember, it is **not** OK to:

- ✓ List for the same flight twice (using a vacation pass and a personal pass).
- ✓ Make a space-available listing on the same flight when using a myUAdiscount ticket.

Pass Travel Guidelines are located in the “Working Together Guidelines” PDF found under the Employee Services tab on Flying Together.



**Be a Savvy Standby at the gate** ~ OK, you listed. You checked-in. You're at the gate. The flight looks tight. Don't chew nervously on your finger nails, check your smart phone or tablet! You should already have "[Flying Together](#)" bookmarked so you can verify the standby list and loads in employeeRES. But, when "push comes to shove" in the boarding process, also having the United app on your mobile device is really smart.

Go to [united.com](#)> Travel Information> [Mobile tools](#) to download the United app; it's free for everyone. Open the app, input your flight, look at the Standby and Upgrade lists (they include both revenue and non-rev pax), and watch (in real time) as the seats in the Seat Map are assigned by the agent. This is a great tool, especially at airports that do not have Gate Displays.

Recently the company launched a new United app for Android users (an updated iPhone app is coming later this year). From the United Daily 4/8/2014: *"We launched a new United application on Tuesday for customers who are Android users, including the latest generation of devices running KitKat. Our United app is now optimized across each supported operating system – Apple iOS 7, Android and Windows Phone 8. Customers can use the app to book flights, check in for flights, see flight status and view MileagePlus accounts. In addition to revenue travel, employees can also use the app to manage pass travel by adding their reservations to the app, checking in through the app and monitoring flight status information for gate locations and standby lists."*

*The Android version enables users to rotate the screen vertically or horizontally, view multiple flight statuses and boarding passes for multiple travelers on one screen and quickly access the app through a widget on the phone's or tablet's home screen. We will introduce many of these elements to the Apple iOS 7 version later this year as we continue to update and improve our app across Apple iOS, Android and Windows devices."*

Download the (Android) app today from the Google Play store."

**Sign up for automatic trip alerts, include your pass riders!** Know about delays/disruptions. "New - Save your travel contact information in employeeRES"

Like our customers, as part of building a more flyer-friendly experience, we've made some changes that will improve our ability to notify pass riders of flight updates via email and/or text messages when they happen. When you book a trip in employeeRES, you now have the ability to let us keep you updated while you're on your trip. While revenue passengers may save their contact information to Mileage-Plus through check-in, employees (and retirees) will update their preferences through employeeRES.

Go to employeeRES> QuickLinks> Employee Profile> click on the "Add/Edit Secure Flight and Travel Contact Information" link > enter e-mail for e-mail notifications and phone number for text notifications."

Note: To add travel contact information for your eligible pass riders, go to the employeeRES> QuickLinks> EmployeeProfile page. Scroll down to the list of pass riders names (below the yellow band), then click on the "Edit" link under the "Secure Flight/TCD" column (far right). Repeat for each of your pass riders.

Trip Alerts are additionally available (for employees/retirees only) in employeeRES> QuickLinks> Trip Alerts. Sign up for alerts to be emailed "before the day of travel". Receiving that alert 24 hours before departure is a good reminder to "check-in" for your flight!

**Flying Together not working with Internet Explorer** ~ Can't log on, some things just don't work? Microsoft's updates can cause compatibility issues with Flying Together. Try using GoogleChrome or Firefox as your browser and read item #3 in the February RAFA Pass Travel Update.

### **ZEDs by Jim Morehead** **Thanks to Jim Morehead for this article**

For those who use ZEDs, I thought you would like a short update that I only counted 22 Airlines still using paper tickets which requires you to request them in advance and pick them up at the airport. The e-zeds have a very minor ZED cost and frankly it is worth it not to have to go to the airport and stand in lines and hope somebody will write it or knows how. With heavy loads and delays, it can be hard. Not every agent is trained to do this and you have to find a [ticketing](#) line and not just any line which sometimes takes some inquiries depending on where you are. I would never expect it at international airports as some places have contract help.

When you request the record locator (United uses 6 letters and numbers where some carriers use only letters), that is what the agent at the airport will need. They usually ask, "*have you done this in advance and do you have the record locator?*" or you can start the conversation that way saying you have the record locator! You usually get a smile at that point!

I just requested Delta tickets. The major 5 I saw are DL (Delta), LH Lufthansa , 3M (Silver), Jet Blue (B6), and Qantas (QF). Everyone else is e-ZEDs and most through ID90T. Southwest is on e temporary special procedure and will likely be e-ZED again soon.

### **EWR AirTrain service suspended from May 1 to July 15**



The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will be conducting essential repairs to the EWR AirTrain system for the next two-and-a-half months.

From May 1 to July 15, the Port Authority will supply complimentary shuttle buses to provide alternate transportation between the airport and lots P2 and P3 (daily parking and rental car areas), as well as the P4 garage (including valet and hotel courtesy vans).

Paid bus service also will be available between the airport and Newark Penn Station for customers taking rail service to and from Manhattan and other areas.

In addition to the abundant public communication from EWR and other local entities, we have notified MileagePlus customers of the suspension and asked them to keep it in mind when planning travel, allowing extra time to get to and from the airport.

### **United announced first-quarter results**



United reported a first-quarter 2014 net loss of \$489 million, or \$1.33 per share, excluding \$120 million of special items. Including special items, the company reported a first-quarter 2014 net loss of \$609 million, or \$1.66 per share.

*“Our financial performance in the first quarter was disappointing,” wrote Jeff in his Journal. “Although we have improved our operations and our customer service, our financial performance continues to lag that of our competitors. I’m confident that our strong assets, experienced people and the actions we are taking to improve our revenue while driving improved quality and efficiency will begin to yield improving results as we progress through 2014 and beyond.”*

The severe weather increased United’s first-quarter loss by approximately \$200 million. The consolidated passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) decreased 2.0 percent in the first quarter of 2014 compared to the first quarter of 2013. Weather-related cancellations reduced first-quarter 2014 consolidated PRASM by approximately 1.5 percentage points.

First-quarter 2014 consolidated unit costs (CASM) increased 1.0 percent year-over-year. First-quarter 2014 consolidated CASM, excluding special charges, third-party business expenses, fuel and profit sharing, increased 3.1 percent year-over-year on a consolidated capacity reduction of 0.3 percent.

Ancillary revenue per passenger in the first quarter increased 7.6 percent year-over-year to more than \$21 per passenger.

First-quarter United Customer Satisfaction score was higher than the first quarter of 2012. United ended the first quarter with \$6.0 billion in unrestricted liquidity. *“We recognize that we have lagged on revenue and are taking the necessary actions to remedy that,”* said Chief Revenue Officer and Vice Chairman Jim Compton.

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles**

Did you know that 37 phone calls were made by 13 people on flight 93, between 9:28 AM hijacking and the 10 AM crash? Visitors to Flight National Memorial will now be able to use their cell phones to tour the southwestern Pennsylvania site.

To donate to the Chapel, make check payable to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to **Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike, B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252**. Thank you.

## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7<sup>th</sup> of 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 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

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## LOCAL NEWS

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26 members of our Alabama/Florida Chapter met on Tuesday, April 22, at the Pensacola Yacht Club in Pensacola, FL once again. Those attending were: **George & Desneige Atteberry, Bill & Ann Delavan, Bob & Carol Dorsey, John & Myrl Eisinger, Gayle Furlow, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Horne, Monica Leonard, Norm & Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey.** We continue to miss **Park & Billie Learned** each month as **Park** continues to struggle with his stroke recovery. We also missed **Jim & Penny Alston** who were out of town, **Ray & My Owens** are in Viet Nam until June, and **Tommy & Sande Zander** was absent due to **Tommy** having the flu. We were thrilled to have **George & Denny Atteberry** back from Indiana.

Since we had 26 members present, we had a buffet lunch again and it was great! While we ate, **Yvonne Schwartz** passed a card around for **Park** and everyone wrote a short message to him. **Barbara Serra & Bill Hayden** sold the raffle tickets while we were enjoying our dessert. **Bob** asked **Denny Atteberry** to draw the winning ticket to celebrate their return to our group. **Bob Dorsey** was the lucky winner! He was very excited as he said up to now he had only won a kite-flying contest when he was 8 years old! Congratulations, **Bob**! We're glad we changed his luck! ☺

**Bob Schwartz**, President, called our meeting to order at 12:45PM. The Agenda, Treasurer's Report and Minutes were emailed to everyone and there were no corrections.

Everyone was reminded that beginning next month (May), we will return to the Naval Aviation Museum's Cubi Bar Café for our meetings. We will have a large screen TV next month and **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey**

will do a training session for us. We will now meet on the second Monday at 11:30. This change was necessary because the Blue Angels practice on Tuesday and Wednesdays so there is no space in the restaurant as thousands come to watch their practices. They are fabulous!

**Barbara Serra** told us her computer crashed and she had to call United's Help Desk to help reset her password. She said the person was very nice and helpful.

Discussion was held regarding **Park Learned's** health. **Yvonne** will contact Billie to ask if our group met in Foley, AL for lunch, could we stop by their house for a short visit.

Our only May birthday is **Sande Zander** (23). We also only have one June birthday and it is **Steve Wilkey** (30). Happy Birthday you two!

It was suggested since we have several new members, that we should all introduce ourselves and tell what our job was at United or Continental. We had several GREAT stories! We found out that **Desneige (Denny) Atteberry** was a flight attendant for 44 years and just retired in 2012! **Bob Dorsey** told us when he first went to work for Pan Am; he was stationed in Hong Kong. We also discovered that we have 4 former Pan Am pilots, 4 Marine, 4 Navy and 1 Air Force former pilots. It was very interesting and we chatted for quite some time.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Naval Aviation Museum in the Cubi Bar Cafe. Our meeting day will now be the second Monday. Please call if you are in our area and would like to join us. If you live in our area (Panama Beach, FL-East to Mississippi border-West), we welcome you to come and experience our group!

#### Calendar:

**May 12** - 11:30 AM (Meeting day changed)

**June 9**

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Our April meeting was held Tuesday, April 15 at the home of **Joe & Jane Jones** in Clanton, AL. Those joining **Joe & Jane** were **Bill Preston, Joe & Marie Duncan, Bobby & Jean Cox, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Keith & Charlotte Gibson, Jesslyn Arnold, Beverly Yeager** and **Jim & Donna Gooch**.

After the meeting and lunch, Jane took those interested on a tour of Petals from the Past, a local nursery featuring fruit trees, a greenhouse with citrus trees and a large choice of antique roses.

Our next meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of **Ken & Beverly Yeager** in Cullman, AL. We invite all retired United friends and family to attend our meetings. For more information, call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

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The Azures last luncheon of the season was held at Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant on April 12. We reserved the patio area so it was a little more intimate and the weather cooperated. Forty-plus members and friends attended and we had a fun time with our 50/50 raffle and "scratch-off" lottery tickets. Sorry to say that there were no new millionaires after the scratch-off but we had fun trying. Our Treasury funds have proven to be very much in the "black" so we had a cocktail of our liking paid for by the Treasury. What a nice treat!

The next time the Azures meet will be in October at the Beardsley Park picnic, information and season schedule will be sent in September.

The Board of Directors (Joe, Don and Carol) sent out a survey to the Azures members to get their input on our venues in the past and for the coming year. We have gotten a few new members last year and hope to keep our get-togethers as fun and interesting as possible. The responses to our questions have been positive and we will make some changes accordingly. As in the past, we've tried to keep the costs of lunches as reasonable as possible. And, also, we will try in the future to communicate any current United-related information to our members. The Board will meet the end of May to start planning our luncheon sites and possibly some entertainment or speakers for the next season.

**Vic Liltz** was invited (along with 200+ retired and active mechanics) to a luncheon at an ORD hangar to honor six retired mechanics for their 50+ years of service as aircraft mechanics. The luncheon was sponsored by the FAA; however, United Maintenance was instrumental in getting out the invitations, planning the food, and coordinating the ceremonies. It was good to see **Frank & Pat Rainer, Don Mack, Ken & Ellen Thiede, Dick Hoppel, Don & Rose Johnson, Jim & Ken Kulick, Joe Sipian, Jim Vitti** and many others.

**Don & Anne Bergstrom** hosted their annual mechanics get-together at their house which included: **Frank & Carolyn DiSanto** from Saddlebrook (AZ), **Mac & Peg McRoberts** from Lake Havasu, AZ, **Ed & Marie Bobrik** from Goodyear, AZ, **Al Ruetten** & friend, **Sandy** from Sun City West, AZ, **Lowell & Pat Neal** from Sun City West, AZ, **Vic & Carol Liltz** from Goodyear, AZ, **Sheila Mahoney** (Dan - ORDCG) from Sun City, AZ, and **Phil Derbas**, Sun City Grand, AZ. We had a great time sitting on their patio with yummy food and good friends. (P.S. **Frank DiSanto** said he'd say "Hi" to **Rich & Pat Dilallo** from Vic & Carol.)

A small group of Azures met at Pebblecreek's Tuscana's lounge on Wednesday, May 7, for a little end-of-season merriment. They included: **Ziggy** (ORDOO) & **Pat Butkiewicz**, **Joe** (EXOPR) & **Lisa Hopkins**, **Richard & Joan** (LAXRR) **Aaronson**, **Vic** (ORDMM) & **Carol** (Todt-ORDCS) **Liltz**, **Rose Barry** (Dave-ORDMM), **Marge Mullman** (EXOPR), and **Vivian** (George-ORDCG) **Klick**. Cheers!

Our June honorees ~ Happy Birthday to **Barbara Carns** (6/2) and **Marge Mullman** (6/17), congratulations on your wedding anniversaries to **Mel & Millie Hofer** (6/22/1943) – Wow, 71 years; **Lowell & Pat Neal** (6/15) – Wow, 56 years; **Mike & Claudia Richards** (6/14), 30+ years; and **Curt & Lynette Stenberg** (6/29), 50+ years. Hey, Azures, I'd like to honor all our members, so please send me your birthdates and anniversaries.

My condolences to **Donna Pedone** on the death of her husband, **Ron**. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

That's all for now, I hope those Arizonans who aren't "snowbirds" know how to stay cool. Happy Summer!

#### Calendar:

Breakfasts at Coco's, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Rd., Sun City, AZ at 0800: **June 3** and **June 17**. Please call **Sherry Muoio** by the Monday night before for reservations, (623) 572-4828.

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Remember the song, "June is busting out all over"? That could be true here in Arizona with the weather getting hotter. That doesn't stop our Re-United group from getting together for breakfast on the fourth Friday of each month. We meet at the Black Bear Diner at 1809 East Baseline in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. It's air conditioned, of course. Our June breakfast date is Friday, June 27. Mark that date on your calendars. We love having any visitor you may have plus any United/Continental Airline people who are at least 55 years old and have worked for the company at any time that may be around our Phoenix area and would like to join us. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, to let her know you would like to join us. She can be contacted by phone at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). Contact her by Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. You'll be glad you did!

We had our annual picnic at Crescent Run Park in Mesa on April 10<sup>th</sup> with 48 people in attendance. We had four guests. **Pat & Buzz Nicholaisen** brought their daughter, **Joan Byrd**, and their granddaughter, **Patsy Valley**, plus we had our two singers, **Betty Pimentel** and **Marie Arnold**, friends of **Natasha Schmidt**, who entertained us with their music. The food was great and plentiful, and everyone had a good time visiting with each other, plus some singing or dancing to the music. We always have a good time together.



We were informed that **Bob Forsberg** had a stent put in April 2<sup>nd</sup>; but he was at our picnic! We were told that **Sheila Ficek** had gall bladder surgery recently and that **Gene Menten** is having some medical problems, and is moving into an Assisted Living facility. We talked about the RUAEA Convention in SAN, October 1<sup>st</sup> - October 4<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have a good turn-out. It's always a fun time at the Conventions; meeting new and old friends, and being informed about the company, insurance, and benefits, and enjoying the weather and sights around San Diego besides!

**Bill Norwood** and his wife, **Molly**, were at the picnic, and Bill donated a copy of his book, "Cleared for Takeoff", for our raffle, with the profits of his book going to William R. Norwood Aviation Scholarship Fund at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, and the Archer-Ragsdale Arizona Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Goodyear, AZ. It was great seeing Bill & Molly again. They go on a lot of tours throughout the year, so they keep very busy.

We were happy to see **Jim Brigante** and **Bob Hallden** at the picnic, as they both have some health problems, but wanted to be able to see their Re-United friends before some of them depart for the summer. Hope each day will get better for both of you!

Remember to continue collecting items for the Fantasy Flight, which we have every year. The children are in Kindergarten up to second grade. Needed items are stuffed bears, mittens, socks, individual blankets etc. Also, if you have the small shampoo, lotion etc. items that you might pick up in hotels, etc; please include those items for the children. **Peg Snowdall** is the person in our chapter who collects all our items, so contact her if you have items to donate, or if you have any questions concerning the Fantasy Flight.

If you haven't signed up yet, or wish to renew your RUAEA membership dues, the cost is \$25 for one year, or \$5 more per year, for both paper and Web deliveries of the newsletter. Applications can be obtained via email, US mail, or from [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). Send your dues to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Or, pay your dues online with credit cards (Visa, MC, Discover Card) at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

Our April 25<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner had 16 members present. Everyone enjoyed visiting with each other once again. One of our former members, **Doris Ailshie**, was able to join us, as she was in Mesa. It was great seeing her once again. We discussed the picnic that Ron & Shirley hosted, and what a good time everyone had. Quite a few "snowbirds" have left since the picnic, but will be returning next fall. One of the highlights of this breakfast was to congratulate **Jay Hartough**, who had a "Hole in One" at a recent golf game. Way to go, Jay! There aren't a lot of golfers who achieve that honor. We're proud of you! Our updated Breakfast menu is going well with our members. Peg advised the group that she could change the special menu from time to time, and to let her know if there is anything we wished changed.

We have the following birthdays in June: **Jay Hartough** (6/5), **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 three couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries, and they are: **Pat & Buzz Nicholaisen** (6/6/53), **Barb & Paul Paymaster** (6/6/89), and **Molly & Bill Norwood** (6/18/60). Congratulations and Best Wishes to each couple.

#### Calendar:

**June 27** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by Wednesday, June 25 at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**July 25** - Breakfast at Black Bear Diner

**August 22** – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner



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The April 22 lunch at Giuseppe's Ristorante Italiano, hosted by **Pat Carera** was attended by 34 roadrunners. Everyone was pleased to see long time member **Mary Howard**. **Sandy Lawyer** greeted the attendees and thanked Pat for arranging the luncheon. The sun was hot but the luncheon was held on the patio in delightful shade and surprisingly, there was no wind. It was very pleasant.



**Alice Lopez** collected for the 50/25/25 raffle. A waiter drew the first ticket and **Mary Garrahan** won. As always, the winner selected the second ticket and the second winner was **Mary Garrahan**. She should have played the lottery after the luncheon.

June Birthdays ~ **Pat DiLallo** (16), **John Bennatts** (23), **Wayne Norman** (24), **JoAnn Livingston** (29) and **Phyllis Potsic** (30).

Update from Sandy ~ "We have all our chapter board members: President ~ **Sandy Lawyer**, Vice President ~ **Alice Lopez**, Treasurer ~ **Pat DiLallo**, Secretary ~ **Doris Clark**, RUAEA Correspondent ~ **John Bennatts**, Photos ~ **Loretta & Wayne Norman**.

Sandy asked the group if they would be interested in forwarded e-mails and company information that she frequently receives from members. The answer was a resounding "yes". Sandy informed all that 2015 was the year for the Roadrunners to host the All Arizona luncheon. She has already booked the Holiday Inn. She asked for ideas and help to organize the event.

#### Calendar:

**June 19** - Gold Westward Look at Wyndham Resort and Spa, 245 E. Ina Rd., hosted by **Shirley & Ron Robertson**, (520) 818-3020, [ronandshirley@msn.com](mailto:ronandshirley@msn.com). Menu: Sonoran Cobb, Sonoran Burger, Pistachio Dusted Salmon, Grilled Chicken with Orecchiette Pasta. Desserts ~ Chocolate Torte, Cheesecake du Jour, Key Lime Pie. This menu is offered at \$32 inclusive including tax and gratuity per guest.

**July 17** - Hosted by **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin**, details to follow.

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We met at Jack's Restaurant in Orcutt on April 16<sup>th</sup>. **John Stilwell** and **Bob Wagner** were the hosts. They supplied us with a cup of treats that included jelly beans and peanuts. John said this was our tax refund. He wasn't very far off.

There were 15 attendees. We welcomed **John Wessel**. Due to illness of his wife, he tried to meet with us before, but something always came up. He told us he was the Pastry Supervisor in Burlingame and then transferred to Airfreight in SFO. We hope he will be joining us soon.

Chapter President **Mike Zoldak** reported that he has been in touch with friends at the Maintenance Base and no good news is coming from there. The last he heard was that the Instrument Shop was about to close. There doesn't seem to be many shops still in operation. I get depressing news every time we meet, since closing of the most dependable maintenance is being continued. I'm just glad that I was able to be there before all these changes have been made.

There was no report from the Treasurer or Secretary.

We couldn't let the meeting close without a joke from **Jack Cunningham**. He is always accompanied by his wife **Eleanor**. They drive the furthest and we can't start our meetings until they get here. Jack did say that he had three biopsies done. I'm sure he will be letting us know the results.

We also congratulated **Esther & Bob Bartlett** on their 41 year anniversary.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on June 14<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**. The location will be announced later.



### **BRAZEN RAISINS**

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The May 7<sup>th</sup> Brazen Raisins' meeting was held at Marie Callenders. **Dick Shryock** was unable to host the meeting due to illness. President **Elida Rivas** held a short meeting to take a vote on disbanding our organization due to the fact that we have had two resignations, **Dick Shryock** and **Charlie Barnett**.

Our group now has a membership total of eight. We all decided that this meeting would be the last official meeting for the Brazen Raisins, but also decided that we should get together about four times a year to keep up our friendships.

This is the last report that we submit to the RUAEA Newsletter.

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Solano's Bistro in Old Town La Quinta was the scene of the Desert Sunbirds' April Luncheon. **Carole Paquin** was our hostess, and forty Sunbirds and guests made their lunch selections from Solano's regular menu, which included Chopped Salad, Tuna Melt, Veggie Wrap, Fish Tacos, and a Brie-Brioche Burger.

We welcomed some members we had not seen for a while; **Lynda & Tony Davis**, **Barb Harrison**, and **Maureen Williams**, who had missed the last three meetings with gall bladder surgery. It was nice to see them all.

Last month I failed to tell you about our newest member, **Jeanne Kalahiki**. In 1988, Jeanne started with UAL in Food Service in Honolulu, moved to LAXRR in 1994, then to PSP in '95 until UAL pulled out in 2001. She spent a number of years with PAA before UAL, then with Sky West until 2011, busy girl. Welcome Jeanne!

The **Kellerhals**' daughter **Teri** was the only guest this month.

By the time you read this, the Patterson Open will already have been played. **Dede Utzinger** once again was Head Honcho, though she was not able to play because of therapy for her rotator cuff.

The 50/50 drawing (\$50.00) was won by **Al Beuchel**. **Patti Sica** won the Birthday Lunch. Extra door prizes were won by **Jeanne Kalahiki** (gift certificate from our hosts, Solano's Bistro); bottles of wine won by **Doreen Roberts** and **Mary Frank**; and a tin of cookies by **Marji Lamas**.

#### Calendar:

**June 11 - Fred & Jan Kellerhals**

**July 9 - Sandy Sereno**

**August 13 - Marge Lenz & Ken Hawley**



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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Tahoe Joe's in Roseville. This was hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**. We had 54 Gold Diggers attending. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Esolas for hosting.

## Officers Reports

*President* ~ **Orville Harshbarger** welcomed those attending.

*Vice President* ~ **Phil Frank** was not with us today. There is still one opening left to host June.

*Secretary* ~ **Colleen Esola** forgot to bring the list of anniversaries to the luncheon. She asked all couples who celebrated anniversaries in April to raise their hands. Those anniversaries 50 years and over: **Bob & Margaret Fulkerson** – 64 years; **Dale & Dorothy Volker** – 58 years; **Len & Laverne Haubl** – 56 years. Harold led us in the anniversary song.

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

*Sunshine* ~ **Alice McPeak** was not with us today.

*Historian* ~ **Stephanie Norton** was not with us today.

*Roster Chairman* ~ **Jack Raynor** gave out our new 2014 rosters.

*RUAEA Past President* ~ **Ron Bertacini** talked about the RUAEA convention running October 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> at Town & Country Resort in San Diego. For more information, go to [RUAEA.org](http://RUAEA.org). Some of the tours that are planned are: Old Town Trolley; Deluxe City Tour; US Midway Museum & Harbor Cruise with lunch; San Diego Zoo, etc.

## HANGTOWN MINERS

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Spring was in the air, Easter was just days away and 32 Miners were able to enjoy time together while we dined at Cascada Restaurante and Cantina in El Dorado Hills. We had burritos, enchiladas, taco salads and, if you weren't in the mood for Mexican cuisine, there was a killer prime rib burger – what's not to love! **Jon & Alice Somplack** arranged everything for us and we extend a hearty "Thank You" to them.

*President* ~ **Rudy Blazius** was not in attendance so **Tom Kenny** handled his duties for the meeting. Tom welcomed **Tom & Gerry Boyle's** guests, **Jan & Roger Sloan**, to our get together. Roger worked with several of our members over the years. They were encouraged to join our group, but declined as they are planning to move to Arizona! It was good to see them. Tom asked if there were any anniversaries in April. **Bill & Jane Gibson** celebrate their 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary and my records show that **George & Connie Rivas** celebrated their 57<sup>th</sup>! In answer to the question about birthdays, we had a few raised hands - **Jane Gibson**, **Ed Akins** and, if I understood correctly, **Dick & Ann Czapkay** all have birthdays in April. Best Wishes to everyone!

*Vice President* ~ So, it turns out that **Bill Dinette** is golfing in Death Valley with Rudy!

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have a secretary report, however, she relayed a request from **Rosemary Heier**. When the Heiers, along with **Mary Buschman**, signed up to host the September luncheon, they didn't know that a time conflict would get in the way. They are hoping that someone will be willing to take September for them - either a trade or to just handle the luncheon. Please give Rosemary a call, (530) 676-1811 and help them out.

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** was glad to report that we (finally) received a thank you letter from the Food Bank. They apologized for the delay in acknowledging our generous donation. They have moved and our information was "hidden" during the chaos of the move. Tom has filed our Federal Tax information. We have also received the California non-profit status approval letter. I would like to thank Tom once again for his persistence in wading thru all the paperwork and frustration to get this done for us. Our checking account looks good with a balance of \$1,385.79.

*Sunshine* ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** did not have a report this month.

*Historian* ~ **Lynda Lima** brought our great albums for us to cruise thru.

*Old Business* ~ Membership: the majority of our members have sent in their annual dues. There are a few left and we are trying to contact them to see if they are alright and if they would like to continue with the Hangtown Miners. It was suggested that we make **John Zoboli** an honorary member. John lives in Reno and has a very large territory to cover for RUAEA. The local retiree chapter also meets on the second Monday of the month, so we haven't seen John for quite some time. We are hoping that he will be able to attend our meeting maybe every other month or so. **Lynda Lima** motioned to grant **John Zoboli** an honorary membership



and for our chapter to cover his and his spouse's lunch when he/they are able to join us. **Jon Somplack** seconded the motion and it passed.

*New Business* ~ Items from the RUAEA Newsletter General News section were covered

Moving on to begin our Drawing Of Opportunity! **Jon Somplack** was the winner of the donors' ticket. Our thanks go to each of you who brought items to be raffled: **Kenny** - Easter cup with candy; **Lima** - basket; **Czapkay** - garden art; **Buschman** - wine and glasses; **Ames** - cook book; **Blazius** - wine; **Fitzpatrick** - candies; **Kenney** - wind chime; **Akin** - fresh eggs; **Gibson** - tote bag; **Kozelka** - container gear; **Somplack** - Easter basket; **Wagner** - weather monitor; **Ouchi** - 2 wines.

Our May luncheon will be hosted by **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** at Camp Virner in Georgetown. Be sure to send in your choices and payment - everything sounds wonderful!



Redwood  
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The April Redwood Empire Retirees luncheon was held at Quail Inn, Oakmont, on April 10<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Mary Hill** and **Maddie McKinnis**. The tables were decorated with beautiful blue-violet flowering plants in a "Springy" container and also at each place setting was a colorful little paper muffin cup filled with tasty Easter candies.

We had 36 people attending, including 3 guests: **Clem Shanahan**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; **Marlene Von Borstel**, guest of **Naomi Tolf**; and **Jo Milligan**, guest of **Pat Ortega**. We had a nice time visiting and catching up while waiting for the buffet to be served, which was "yummy" as usual. **Oscar Chambers** revealed the updated Treasurer's report, showing us in good shape for the general account, (\$479.04), and over \$280.00 for the Charity fund!

A brochure of the Town and Country Convention Center, San Diego, CA, the site of the RUAEA convention in October 2014 was passed around for those considering going this year; looks very impressive.

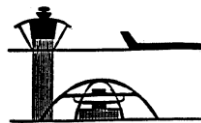
**Barney Hagen** says he recently attended a Pilot's luncheon, where a Travel survey reveals there are no new changes in the travel policies we inherited from Continental (ugh). Apparently most everyone is able to navigate the Flying Together website easily!

Our Sunshine Lady, **Verda Burr**, was in rare form. In addition to announcing the two April birthdays (**Les Carey** and **Gussie Medeiros**) both of whom were not present, and no anniversaries for April to mention, she brought us several uproariously funny jokes! She could hardly get them out, and we all had a hearty laugh over them.

The nicely decorated raffle prizes all went fast, and were appreciated; (even our guest **Jo Milligan** won a bottle of wine). We all had a great time and are looking forward to the next luncheon at Rancho Nicasio in Novato on May 8<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Ann Sullivan** and **Joan Sheahan**. It should be a fun time; see you there!

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Our April luncheon was full of sunshine; just an extension of winter! We are lucky!

We welcomed three new members, all retirees from LAXRR: **Twila Larue Congleton**, **Diane Burbank** and **Arlene Jones** attended together and it was a pleasure to see these ladies from "The Good Old Days". We hope to see them often.

We raffled off a "spring bouquet" basket and the proceeds were donated to Fantasy flight. What a nice surprise when **Art Cottrell** won the basket. A long time ago, Art told me that he and "the guys": from his shop designed and made the reindeer and sleigh that appear at our Fantasy Flight event every year! Incredible!

Art's charming wife, Pat sells beautiful scarves that she knits and sells to benefit Fantasy Flight as well. And the story doesn't stop there; Art's twin sister, **Ann Chorbi** donates time and energy to Fantasy Flight. So, it's fitting that she won the 50/50 raffle that day!

Our current President of Fantasy Flight, **Laly Savoy** is stepping down from her role so that she can work full time and maintain her home. We will miss her leadership and hope to see her at some of the Re-LAX-er luncheons.

**John Daley** was finally able to attend our luncheon after his long visit in rehab. His care-taker, Caesar, was with him. John has decided to let his beard grow; I guess he's looking for that new sexy style that's so popular.

**Harry & Ruth Takaki** were back from Hawaii, having attended memorial services for a family member. We were happy to see **Ester & Louis Horompoly** after Ester's long recovery from back surgery.

**Rowe Prideaux** was unable to attend due to cataract surgery. **Olga Jean Barnes** just returned from a "Mystery Tour", that traveled to Florida to present its story for the participants. Olga Jean came back full of wonderful stories and smiles and ready to plan her next adventure.

Calendar:

**June 6** - Proud Bird restaurant



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Our Spring Fling on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April was a huge success with 45 in attendance and some Continental retirees joined our group. All had a great time at Fiddler's on Shelter Island. **Steve Rock** opened the restaurant for lunch just for us and made us all feel so special. The highlight of the lunch was the hot brownie ice cream sundaes. I don't think anyone turned that down.

The May 1<sup>st</sup> breakfast was one of our smallest but all twelve of us had a great time. Many members of our group are out travelling and they were missed but will return with interesting stories of their adventures.

**Al Soderberg** joined us just three weeks after surgery and he is looking and feeling good.

Everyone liked the smaller room we used this month. It was easier to talk to everyone, especially those that are usually seated at the opposite side of the room.

We are sorry to hear that **Doris Ailshie** is leaving us for Mesa, Arizona to be with her two daughters. Doris is looking forward to joining up with the Mesa retirees group.

Our convention plans are going along smoothly and we hope you are making plans to join us in San Diego in October.

Calendar:

**June 5** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226 0255.

**October 1 – 4** – RUAEA Convention

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President **Jerry Underhill** called the April meeting to order with a Pledge of Allegiance. Recording Secretary **Donna Taiclet** read the March minutes. Treasurer **Art Barrett** gave the financial report. Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** called for April birthdays. **Barbara Underhill** reported for Sunshine Lady **Jacque Ahern** that we sent a get well card to **Geneve & Bill Lockwood**. Corresponding Secretary **Patricia Niland** read a card from **Juanita Norton** letting us know that her husband **Lloyd G. Norton** sadly passed away February 22. Our thoughts and prayers go to the family. Historian **Jim Goodwine**

announced it was Happy Birthday to all of us. Yes! April is our RUAEA chapter's birthday, which was established in 1962. Wahoo!

**Vera Kina** made a surprise announcement regarding a free Chinese Lunch next meeting – May 19. Member **Paul Larsen** is picking up the tab for this catered lunch for all members at our May meeting (there will be a fee TBD for non-members.) In advance, thanks Paul!

Please read below for highlights for upcoming meetings and more free lunches. Hope to see more members soon!

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Kathy Hutt** announced today's entertainment – Belly dancers “**Beledi Desert Dancers**,” which also included a very informative demonstration of different types of drums. It was fabulous. I felt better about my own tummy afterwards.

#### Calendar:

**May 19** - Note meeting date changed due to Memorial Holiday. Free Chinese Lunch; entertainment by *Steel Jam* (steel drums), 11AM – 2PM.

**June 23** – Free Hot Dog Luncheon; entertainment by *Keolaulani Halau*, Hawaiian dance troupe.

**July 28** – Meeting

**August 25** – Free Pizza and Salad lunch

If any of you are visiting the SFO area and are here during our monthly meetings, please join us – we'd love to see you. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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The SFO/SJC South Bay RUAEA Group meets each Friday morning at 8:00 am for breakfast at Holder's Country Inn, DeAnza Blvd., Cupertino, followed at 9:00 by a meeting. This is a social group where we can talk with friends about our families, activities and trips.

**Maureen Snyder**, our Sunshine Chairman, is participating in a fund raiser for the Order of the Eastern Star. The proceeds from selling very cute tote bags will benefit the Northern California Shriners Hospital for Children in Sacramento. The Shriners Hospital is a regional pediatric hospital and medical center that provides highly specialized care and rehabilitation to children with congenital conditions and complex medical needs regardless of the ability of the patient or family to pay. What a great cause **Maureen!**

A few of our members have been enjoying some spring trips. No sooner has **Dave Garland** returned from his three week trip working at an orphanage/camp in Zimbabwe than **Robin** set off on her first trip to Washington D.C., bravely traveling on a school's Spring Trip. **Karen & Bob Devlin** traveled to Reno via Virginia City and Carson City. **Merle & Boyd Sweet** attended their oldest grandson's graduation from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

Our group wished **Carol & Bill Copley** a very Happy 62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

Several of our members have been busy entertaining. **Rosemarie & Bill Reichard** have had a visit from a friend from Indiana, **Marion Swanson's** sister has been here from Illinois, and **Sally** and **Tony Urso** are looking forward to a visit from Tony's brothers, one from Arizona and another from Pittsburgh.

**Joanne Saso** brought her grandson, **Marc O'Neill**, who helped us out with a quick “fact check” on his phone during an Industry Discussion! Welcome Back to **Helen Rose Seidl**. Good to have her with us again. A Big Congratulations to **Jean & Jack Jenkins** who are celebrating the birth of a great grandson.

The Spring Luncheon, hosted by **Dan & Georgia Nielsen** and **Sharon Ramsey**, as well as **Kathy Adams**, **Marian Bruns**, **Karen Kitt**, and **Cicina Norton**, was a terrific success! Being former Flight Attendants, they presented a program showing a video documenting early flight. This is a video shown at Flight Attendant Graduations, and has been shown on PBS. Also, there were displays of UAL Memorabilia. The many items of memorabilia were obtained and mounted by **Ben Scales**. There were over seventy people in attendance.

We are looking forward to our Annual Picnic on the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month at Vasona Park in Los Gatos. Hope to see a lot of friends at this event.



Our featured member this month is **Anthony Urso, Jr.**, or as he is known to us –**Tony**. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1929. As a young boy, his family moved to West Virginia for about six years, but returned to Pittsburgh where **Tony** graduated from High School in 1947. He joined the United States Air Force in 1950. In January, 1952, on his way to the west coast to be deployed to Korea for thirteen months, **Tony** became stranded for three day on a Southern Pacific train, the “City of San Francisco” in the infamous Donner Pass due to an avalanche. A documentary was made about the blizzard, Wrath of God Snowbound, and is shown on the History Channel every so often. **Tony** was interviewed and is one of the passengers featured in the program. (Also see the March 2012 RUAEA Newsletter.) Once out of the Air Force **Tony** returned to Pittsburgh where he used the GI Bill to go to Aircraft and Engine (A&E) School and got his Aircraft and Powerplant (A&P) license. Interestingly, **Louis Marcolina**, another of our South Bay members, was in the same Pittsburgh training class as **Tony**. **Tony** still has their class picture! In 1954 he and **Sally** married, then moved to Washington, DC in 1955 where **Tony** began working as a Mechanic for Capital Airlines, DCAMM. Capital merged with United Air Lines (UAL) in 1961, and **Tony** was one of the last from his group to leave DCA. He moved his family to SFO in 1968, and worked first as a Mechanic in SFOPD. He became Lead Mechanic in 1973, and Foreman in 1978. **Tony** also trained to be an instructor on Pratt and Whitney Engines in the Turbine Shop, and worked as a temporary Foreman and Engineer for the JT9 engines. After 36 years, **Tony** retired from UAL SFOPD in 1991. **Tony & Sally** (who worked as a Teacher’s Aide) have a daughter, **Lisa Donaldson**, who is a Technical Writer for UAL in Denver in Flight Operations. She gave some tours to groups attending the Denver RUAEA Convention last October. Their son, **Tony III** works as a UAL Lead Mechanic at Washington Dulles. They also have two granddaughters, Kelly, who works for Clemson University (her Alma Mater), and Kerry, a graduate of William and Mary, who works as a Registered Nurse in Virginia. **Tony** enjoys his retirement years playing golf, bowling, and going on cruises. He is a former President of our SFO/SJC RUAEA group and he and **Sally** go to the yearly RUAEA conventions. They are looking forward to this year’s Convention in San Diego.

On-going events: **Alice Rostirolla** has taken the lead in organizing a Book Exchange at our meetings. **Harry Willever** collects various items, such as toiletries, paperback books, and recent magazines to be donated to the Veterans’ Hospital in Palo Alto. **Maureen Snyder** selling tote bags to benefit The Shriners Children Hospital in Sacramento.

#### Calendar:

Every Friday – 8:00 am Breakfast at Holder’s Country Inn, DeAnza Blvd., Cupertino (across from Home Depot)  
9:00 am Meeting

**June 17** - Annual Picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos

**October 1 - 4** - RUAEA 2014 Convention in San Diego

**December 9** - Holiday Luncheon at Mariani’s Restaurant in Santa Clara

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We met at Angelano’s restaurant in Manteca for a lovely luncheon, hosted by **Carole Ann Valdez** and **Ken Wesela**, on Thursday, April 10. We began by sharing “Laugh Time” before our lunch and business meeting to allow everyone to arrive and to socialize a bit. **Don Nesja** was our usual joke-master, and we were all able to relax as our buffet lunch was put out (three entrée choices and a salad bar, with a luscious dessert).

President **Bob Brooks** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and we broke for lunch. Bob announced that **Keith Hudson** has filled our last luncheon slot (October), so we are set up for the year. **Sandy Brooks** passed out the 2014 Roster as members signed in.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** submitted the report, as of April 10. Payment to **Bob Blair** for \$25.00 for the new sign he brought to the March meeting. All bills are paid.

It was noted that **Jean Moore**, wife of **Art Moore**, passed away in Arizona. Art has moved there to be with his family. For his address, contact President Brooks or me.

We had no members present who were celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, but **Cathy Rentzel** (who was absent due to cataract surgery) was recipient of both birthday and anniversary (with husband **Don Rentzel**) wishes from the group.

The local newspapers reported that Sky West is dropping flights Modesto to San Francisco in the near future. The airline soon to start flights from Modesto to Los Angeles has not been released, nor has the starting date.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Bob Brooks**, (209) 772-9814, for meeting information.

#### Calendar:

**May 8** - Meeting hosted by **Bob & Joy Blair**, Thomi's in Jackson.



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We have recently been trying to expand our lunch venues. This month we tried a new location, Zio Fredo Restaurant in Pleasant Hill. The cost is a little more than some others, but turned out to be a huge success. The food and service were a pleasant surprise and we enjoyed a near record crowd of 36 retirees and guests.

**Russ Miller** won the 50/50 and some beautiful table decorations were donated by **Carol Parks** for raffle.

As air travel has lost some of its allure in recent years, some of our members are turning to cruises as an alternative. Four couples in our group have enjoyed cruising recently and have had interesting experiences to share at our meetings.

We are all pleased that the 2014 RUAEA convention will be close by in beautiful San Diego and in our "time zone". **Tom Johnson** mentioned the train as an alternate means of travel. The East Bay Diablos will have excellent representation.

Any retirees in the East Bay who would like to reconnect with former friends are invited to contact us and share great experiences during the year.

- ❖ May 12<sup>th</sup> – El Tapatio Restaurant, 40 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill
- ❖ June 9<sup>th</sup> - our annual picnic, 1634 Nuala St., Concord
- ❖ No meeting in July
- ❖ August 11 – Zio Fredo Resturant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

We have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards.

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We did not meet during the month of April; however, we did have rain, lots of sun and the start of a pretty good fishing season on the Sacramento River!

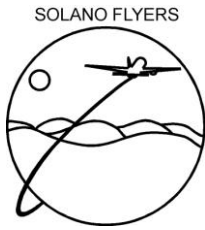
I want to make a correction to the last newsletter. **Katie Innocenti** was nice enough to do an article for the Newsletter. She does now work for Casto Travel, not Castro Travel. Sorry Katie and thank you for letting us know.

No other news from our members and I hope lots of retirees and spouses will be getting together for our May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting/luncheon in Chico, Calif.

Calendar:

**May 22** - 11:30 A.M. at the Casa Roma Restaurant in Chico.

If you are visiting Northern California, come and join us for a great lunch!



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April meeting at the Benica Grill found 18 members in attendance. **Robert & Michiko Allen, Frank Uhl, Rich Dabbert, Lou Pell, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, John Francis, Pad Gardner, James Ellison, Ben Reed, Bob Zirzow, Ed Meadows, Allan & Peggy Pochop, Jack Hornfischer, Deno Poolos, and Gene Boyce.**

We are still handing out name tags as the members attend.

We discussed having a picnic at a local park in the coming months. **Bob Zirzow**, a coordinator member of the Travis AFB museum, suggested that we consider a meeting and lunch at the Museum. Excellent suggestion! Further discussion will be held at our May meeting.

Our 50/50 drawing was for \$50, **Pad Gardner** was the lucky winner.

Two additional gifts were donated for drawing, a wine bottle with battery power lights, constructed by **Robert Allen**, and was won by **Ed Meadows**. Zucchini/Pineapple bread donated by **Pad Gardner**, and the winning ticket was **JoAnne Blizzard**.

Calendar:

**May 14** - Meeting at Denny's in Vacaville, at 11am.

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We had our monthly meeting at DENTK, May 3. We had a great turnout. Spring has arrived and more members are able to get to the meeting.

President **Tom Goodyear** brought us up to date on those members who have passed. We lost **Vince Junglas**, DENC , **Jack Hargrave**, DENMM, **Sid Belkov**, DENTK, **Fred Poole**, INDMM, **Bill Fisher**, and **Edith Trowbridge**'s husband, **Neil Trowbridge**.

Our list of members who are having some health issues are: **Tom Goodyear**, oxygen; **Harry Crandall**, carotid artery surgery (doing well); **Frank Bennett**, DENFO, had fluid on his brain (doing well after inserting a shunt), he will be at Silverado Rehabilitation for a couple of weeks. **Laura Coates**, partial knee replacement. She is doing well with the help of her caregiver, Earl. **Doris Hall** attended the breakfast after her stroke recovery. She had a stroke and they replaced one of her arteries with a pig artery. She has some vision impairment, but is getting better. Of course, cards and calls are welcome.

We had our Spring luncheon at Cinzetti's Italian Market in April. We all agree that we should return. We had over 50 attend. The food was good and everyone won a door prize. We did receive monetary donations from **Melvin Stephens** and **Glenn Cannon**, DENC.

Our 50/50 drawings were won by **Charlie Hassler** (2 times), **Walt Hansen**, **Marv Berryman**, **Jack Green**, **John Fultz**, & **Vic Andreath**. All the winners returned their winnings to the chapter treasury. Thanks!



It was announced **Gil Rohde**, who just turned 90, celebrated with a tandem skydive. He was accompanied by two granddaughters. He had never jumped from an aircraft and said it was something on the top of his bucket list.

**Virgil Gooselaw** gave information regarding emergency passes. They are still available for retirees, but you need to contact the travel department/Flying Together to find out the details.

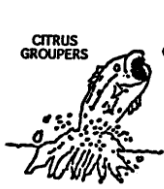
Directories were available from **Harriett Ahr**. **Virgil Gooselaw** handed out the United books for everyone who wanted them.

#### Calendar:

Our next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be at the United Flight Training Center, on **June 7<sup>th</sup>**. The entrance is located on 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, just East of Quebec. Don't forget the aluminum.

**August 13** – UA/CO Picnic at Wings Over the Rockies Museum

### FLORIDA



#### CITRUS GROUPERS

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The Citrus Groupers met on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages, FL. There were 14 members present. President **Ralph Brick** had just returned from Chicago where his son **Jeff Brick** was one of 100 people to be honored for their volunteer work. Jeff for the past seven years has been involved with the Fantasy Flight for terminally ill children.

Southwest will no longer issue open tickets for non-revenue standby. Departure and return dates will have to be given.

**Claus Brinnitzer** gave us information on "Captain Mike's Lazy River Boat Tour" on the Withlacoochee River leaving from Stumpknockers restaurant in Dunnellon. Current rates are \$13 for a 1 hour tour and \$18 for 2 hours. It was suggested we consider this for our Christmas party.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Kathy Faust**.

**Joan Brandonisio** gave her Treasurer's report; we currently have \$294.90 including today's 50/50.

Our next meeting will be on May 29<sup>th</sup>. **Ralph Brick** will be sending out a reminder and is asking everyone to R.S.V.P. as the restaurant needs a count so they know what room to put us in.

It was also announced that we will be meeting in June, but not in July or August. If you have any questions please contact our President **Ralph Brick** at [brickralph@cox.net](mailto:brickralph@cox.net).

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We had a good turnout of 17 including one "real" UAL employee, **Gail Wood**; an active Chicago based Flight Attendant. She joined us as a guest of **Jim Myers**. And back for their seasonal visit were **Robert & Deborah Taylor**, our members from San Diego.

The biggest concern to all was the recent announcement of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter losses especially in light of the fact that the other competing carriers all made a profit. Discussions included what to do and where is UAL going.

We celebrated the birthdays of **Frieda Coughlin**, **Lillian Moddle**, and **Robert Taylor**; and wedding anniversaries of **Dick & Frieda Coughlin** (56 years) and **Gloria & Dennis Marcantoni** (43 years).

**Penny Logan** gave a treasurer's report and our guest **Gail Wood** won the 50/50 drawing. Other drawings were won by **Gloria Marcantoni & Penny Logan**.

We were given an update from **Bud Gammill** that all is well, and **Nancy Thomas** says hello! Other members that couldn't attend sent their regrets. **Robert & Deborah Taylor** told the group about a great boat tour out of Deland, FL that they recently enjoyed. More information can be found at [www.blueheronrivertours.com](http://www.blueheronrivertours.com). It sounded like a great way to explore our beautiful St. John's River!

**Gloria Marcantoni** reported that the first meeting of the Jacksonville First Coast Sunshiners was a lot of fun, but only 2 retirees (besides herself and **Don Nellans**) were able to attend. The 2 that did attend reported they really enjoyed themselves and look forward to another. The next meeting for that group will be on May 8 and we are hopeful more will attend.

Calendar:

**June 5** - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL



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President Rich brought our meeting to order after everyone had enjoyed a nice lunch at the Golden Corral. **Ernie Vosges** held the flag for our Pledge of Allegiance, then asked all the mothers to stay standing ... and wished all of us a very Happy Mother's Day! The chapter welcomed newly retired MCO Red Carpet lady, **Susan Ulman** to our ranks! Soon we will be hard pressed to find someone we know at the airport! Susan retired April 5<sup>th</sup> and would have celebrated 40 years with UAL today, May 6<sup>th</sup>! Congrats, Susan.

We were all saddened by news of the passing of fellow MCO coworker, friend, bowler, Kicks' airport group member and retiree, **Ken Buchman** on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ken & Joanne moved back to CLE after he retired to be near their children and grandchildren. Their address is: 5863 W. Breezeway, No. Ridgeville, OH 44039.

May Birthday Balloons for **Mary Starzynski** and **Jerry Crosby** (5<sup>th</sup>), **Cathy Llewellyn** (15<sup>th</sup>), **Susan Ulman** (29<sup>th</sup>), and **Pat Hernandez** (30<sup>th</sup>). Happy Birthday, Ladies!

Our Anniversary Congrats to **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn**, who celebrated 53 years together on May 5<sup>th</sup> – Happy Cinco de Mayo!

And, as always, prayers of healing and strength for all our members and their families.

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month, Luncheon/Meeting at 1:00pm, Golden Corral on So Semoran Blvd

**June 3**

**July 1**

**SW FLORIDA**  
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We ended our season with a delicious Steak Fry at The Landings on the beautiful Caloosahatchie River. The weather was good, although a bit windy. To complement the steaks, everybody brought a dish to pass, and there were no duplicates. Nobody went home hungry.

Attending were: **Maxine Brown**, **Bill & Margie Burg**, **Ed & Judy Clarke**, **Gary & Janice Crittenden**, **John Dainus**, **Jerry & Peggy Kliner**, **Nancy Kopp**, **Mary Moran**, **Paul & Ingrid Olson**, **Diane Roberts**, **Wanda Schmoyer**, **Mel & Linda Volz**, and guests **Bob & Joni Gainer**.

**Charlie Patak**, a retired Continental pilot, also came to check us out. He looks forward to joining our chapter when we resume the luncheon meetings in October. He was also interested in the upcoming convention,

so I gave him information on joining RUAEA. Charlie saw our ad in the local paper inviting both United and Continental retirees to join us.

**Wallis Alves** had another commitment, but he brought the shrimp that he had signed up for, even though he couldn't stay to enjoy the picnic. What a guy!

**Gary Crittenden** brought a jar of watermelon pickles, made from his grandmother's recipe, for us to sample. Most of us had never tasted them before. They were very good.

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month (October – April) at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits in Cape Coral, and 9 a.m. breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers (June – September).

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Our May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order by our president, **Beverly Alderdice**, at 10:40 am. The minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Lots of birthdays in May ~ **Don Fusina** (5/13), **Ron Wilkerson** (5/14), and **Bob Lindstrom** (5/16). **Don & Volrie Fusina** celebrated their anniversary on 5/16.

**Mary Martin** reminded us that she was collecting the dues which should be paid by July. She also said that she was retiring from her membership position but she will continue to make up the name badges. Beverly asked for a volunteer to take Mary's place but no one stepped up at this time.

Beverly mentioned that there had been some discussion about our picnics. Some thoughts had been given to only having one a year, or having the food brought in from a place like KFC, or continuing as we have with two a year (one provided by our treasury and one paid by the attendees). There was a vote and it was unanimously decided that we would continue as have in the past. **Jim Hottel** who has been our picnic person told us that he would like someone else to take over the job since he has been busy with family matters, **Don Fusina** volunteered.

While no one did any recent traveling by air, Lillian told us about her upcoming trip to NY. **Jon Wilkinson** told us about his March trip to Puerto Rico. He said he was impressed with the island and that the people were very friendly.

**Terri Breslin** told us that **Janice Urban**'s mother had passed, a sympathy card was sent to Janice, Get well cards are being sent to **Richard VanDerlofske** and **John Riecse**, both men have been in the hospital.

**Bob Lindstrom** continues to keep us up to date on what's happening at United.

Since our membership seems to be dwindling, Beverly asked that we look around for some new faces. There are a lot of retirees in the Tampa area and they would be very much welcomed at our meetings. Also, if anyone knows someone who would like to speak to our group, we would appreciate it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Calendar:

**August 4** - Meeting at IHOP.



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Our regular meeting was cancelled for May 6 since our Picnic at Dubois Park was scheduled for May 13. Birthdays for the month are **Joan Palumbo** and **Jerry Zadar** (5/23), **Barbara Blauschild** (5/24), **David Lindgren** (5/25) and **Jack Boisseau** (5/26). Happy Birthday to all! There are no anniversaries this month. Live, Love and Laugh, the clock is ticking and it is later than you think!

### Calendar:

**May 13** – Noon, Dubois Park Picnic, Jupiter, FL  
**June 3** – Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Stuart, FL  
**July 1** - Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Stuart, FL

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The Dixie Flyers had 25 members enjoying the monthly get-together. Shelley gave the Blessing of the meal and the Allegiance. Our 50/50 amounting to \$16.00 was won by **Colleen Austin** who donated her \$16.00 to the Promise Place for a total of \$32.00.

UAL lost 609 million in the 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Some new long hauls out of SFO are in the making to China cities and New Zealand. Maybe if the traveling public would see "U" on the tail they would remember United Airlines.

The annual picnic was attended by 61 former ATL and TPA employees. We missed our grill master **Ray Owens**, but were attended by **Zot** with his son, the police officer and paramedic. **Don Piatt** made it from MSY, and **Jesse Hicks** was unable to attend because wife **Ruthie** had back surgery.

A good time was had by all!

### Calendar:

**June 4** - 2PM Broadway Diner Fayetteville, GA, (770) 716-2628

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet regularly for lunch. If you are interested in joining us, send your email address to [HNL RUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNL RUA@gmail.com) and we will email you the details. All retirees are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.



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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to [annmedve@aol.com](mailto:annmedve@aol.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

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For our April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, we drove 20 miles to Nampa, Idaho. Fifteen folks met first for a tasty lunch at the Picnic Basket Eatery at the airport, followed by a very interesting time at the Warhawk Air Museum. It was great seeing **Walt & Wilma Anderson**, Nampa residents, again. Others joining us were **Ileen Bunce, Charles & Shirley Perkins** with son-in-law, **Charles Blake, Louise Duvall, Denny Snyder, Roni Adams, Bud & Pat Peters, Marlene Croghan, Marilyn Taylor, and David** and I. Our own Denny, as well as Roni, have spent untold hours at the museum. For that, we thank them! Denny regularly volunteers as a guide at the Warhawk. With visitors, he shares his knowledge of the following aircraft which are on display: North American P-51C-10NT Mustang "Boise Bee", Curtiss P-40N Warhawk "Parrot Head", Curtiss P-40E Kittyhawk "Sneak Attack", Mikoyan Gurevitch MIG 17, North American F-86F Sabre Jet "Bernies Bo", Focke DR-1 Triplane "The Blue Max", Bell UH-1C "Mike" Model Gun ship (Huey), Naval Aircraft Factory N3N "Yellow Peril", Cessna L-19 Bird Dog, Mikoyan Gurevitch MIG 21, and Piper L-4 Grasshopper "Mustang Sally". All of the aircraft mentioned are displayed in two large connecting hangars built for the Warhawk Museum. Denny continues to fly his own Cessna.

The main focus for **Roni Adams** has been the two large glass cases displaying UAL memorabilia from the past. A third case will be added later. Roni, having been a flight attendant, has a keen interest in this part of the museum. Whatever she does, you can be sure it will be done well. From the notes she gave me, I learned that the Warhawk was previously housed at the Caldwell airport, about 30 miles from Boise. Roni has been a volunteer since it moved to Nampa. There are two main reasons that UAL was asked to be represented at the Warhawk Museum. Our airline was very much involved with the military during WWII. Secondly, UAL provided the first airmail service from Pasco, WA to Boise, then continued to Elko. "*They have always claimed Boise as their beginning*". Displayed were photos of the first two presidents of UAL. Prior to the beloved Pat Patterson was Philip G. Johnson. Patterson worked with Johnson and took over UAL when Johnson was in Canada. Johnson returned to Boeing, and during WWII they built the B17 bombers. Roni pointed out the three photos of our stewardesses and their individual contributions, both to United and to the military during WWII. Also displayed were the UAL logos on our airplanes during the propeller era and UAL Service Pins. It was a very special and enjoyable day for us all.

### **Calendar:**

**June 10** - 11:30 - Lunch at Jerry's State Court Café, 6767 Fairview, Boise

## ILLINOIS



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June—Month of weddings, graduations, summer—finally—and lots of family get-togethers. We will have our Summer Aloha Luncheon at Chandler's Restaurant on June 23, always a popular event. Don't forget to send in your reservation, seats go fast!

Our Northside breakfast had about 40 people in attendance, you can tell it's getting warmer; more people are coming to Elly's, for eggs and conversation. We had two newbies, **Sandy Latka Ortiz**, ORDAN, and **Roger Dorsey**, EXOSW. Welcome and y'all come back! Everybody was glad to see their friends. **Bob & Pat Kalicki** held a 97<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Pat's mom, **Anna**, on April 6. Their family enjoyed the cake and ice cream, and watched five generations of Kalickis interact at this special occasion. Go Anna!

**Helen Cauwels** is selling tickets to a Cubs vs. Colorado Rockies game on July 31. Tickets are \$16.50, lower grandstand, third base side, (in the shade). If interested, send a self-addressed envelope to **Helen** at 909 E. Kenilworth Ave. #421, Palatine, IL 60074-6834, (847) 358-8634. Make your check payable to Chicago Skyliners, and write your file number on the check. This offer is opened to retirees, family and friends. She has 100 tickets, all on a first come, first served basis. Get them before they're gone. You can catch the Pace Wrigley Field Bus from the Schaumburg or Lombard bus stations. The fare is \$4.00 each way, or \$2.00 for seniors, if you have a Ventra card. A flyer with this info will be included with tickets if requested.

At our Southside breakfast, we had 17 happy retirees. **Perry Pahl**, ORDCG, came back now that it's over 40 degrees. Our raffle was won by **John Pasakarnis**, **Barb Wesemann**, **Gwen Brookins** and **Bill Adams**. Our very generous **John Pasakarnis** brought in many jars of jams and jellies that he offered to all of us. We all went home well "preserved". If we didn't help ourselves, he said we'd be in a "jam". Sorry, couldn't resist. **Mary Brandt** brought in a few bags of candy kisses in remembrance of her husband, **Carl**, who passed away last year, today was his birthday. Thank you, **Mary** and **John** for your kindness and consideration. Y'all come back, too! Some traveling was done by **Barb Wesemann**, who went to Colorado Springs for her great nephew's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, no problems getting on or back. **Gwen & Bill Brookins** are taking a few bus trips with their senior group to the Casinos in the area. Bring back some \$\$\$\$ and make Illinois green.

Our friend and Planning Committee member extraordinaire, **Carol Faust**, and her husband, **Bob**, have sold their home in the suburbs and moved permanently to Colorado. They were living there most of the year, now they made it official. They left the high Illinois taxes and joined the high Rocky Mountain "High" group. Their address is PO Box 2191, Dillon, CO 80435. Good luck, keep in touch, and come visit sometime. We'll miss you, a lot!

We lost a few people this month, **Mark Lewis**, Station Controller at ORDMM, one of the good guys. Also, **Poss Horton**, Chief Pilot in DCAFO. I can't imagine any pilot with even a few years seniority, not knowing and loving **Poss**. He looked like a teddy bear, but I'm sure could growl like one if necessary, another nice guy. **Marie Twitchell**, wife of the late CHIRR supervisor, **Tom Twitchell**. Two mothers of ORDCG employees, **Pota Martorelli**, son is, **Joe**, and **Marie Amico**, son is **Joe Amico**.

Our Loonie Trip to Baraboo attracted 17 Chicagoans: **Doris & Clyde Johnson**, OPBOP, **Bob & Carol Faust**, CHIRR, **Phil & Phyllis Capuzelo**, ORDFO, **Ed & Vivien Bukar**, **Helen Cauwels**, EXOAS, **Charlene & John Roberts**, EXOKF, **Donna & Allan Olson**, EXOAI, **Virginia Vlach**, EXOMI, **Sharon Gaffor**, **Al Broderson**, and **Jan Gawenda**, OPBCM. We saw big cats, like lions and tigers. Ripley's Mansion and Theatre, 17 species of cranes, and the Circus World Museum. Even saw a magic show and clowns. Thanks to **Carol & Bob Faust**, for planning a great trip, even in the midst of moving. Good job! Our next Loonies trip will be to Osh Kosh and the EAA museum in September. Stay tuned for more details, or send me an email and I'll send you the information.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**June 11**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**May 27**). Last Tuesday of the month.

**June 23** - Skyliner Summer Picnic, Chandler's Restaurant, Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL 11:00 A.M.

**September 23** - Fall Luncheon, Belvedere Restaurant, Devon Avenue, Elk Grove, IL 11:00 A.M.

## INDIANA

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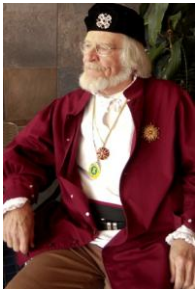
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The Indy Racers welcomed warm, spring-like weather for their April meeting where plans for the summer picnic, a matinee performance of "Oklahoma" and other potential activities for the year were discussed. Members attending the meeting included: **Ray & Hannelore Brabo, Mario & Margaret Bregante, Wanda Bryce** (who won the 50/50 drawing), **Jack & Carol Conway, Bob Duffey, Ed Duffey, Bob Duty, Jim Gibson, Ed Loftus, Chris & Shary Johnston, Lenny Kurtz, Dimple Rihel** and **Charles Theiss**.

Our summer picnic will be held at "The Lodge" near Danville, Indiana, on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. We'll enjoy a "Casino Night" theme with games of Black Jack, Texas Hold-'em, Craps and a roulette wheel available at 12:30 p.m. and a pitch-in lunch beginning at 1:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, the group has a couple of tables reserved for the matinee performance of "Oklahoma" at the Beef and Boards Dinner Theater on the Northwest side of Indianapolis. For more information about either of these events, please call **Chris Johnston** at (317) 694-4406.



At our April meeting, we also thought we had a new member. He called himself "Karl Von Theisen", (see photo). In reality, it was Indy Racer **Charles Theiss**. He and his family step back in history every month to participate in the activities of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). The group is an international organization dedicated to researching and re-creating the arts and skills of pre-17<sup>th</sup>-century Europe. Founded in 1966, the non-profit educational corporation has about 29,000 paid members and 60,000 total participants.

"Karl," who has been an SCA member for nine years, was introduced to the organization by his daughter, **Amy-Christine**, known in the society as "Emme," and her husband, **Timothy**, who takes the SCA name of "Thor Grimir." The family, including "Karl's" grandson, **Alex**, enjoy the Central Indiana activities as well as special events, such as the "Pennsic," which is held annually near Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. The "Pennsic" is an event in the guise of a "War" that includes battle re-enactments, tournaments, stage performances, dances and hundreds of classes on medieval topics.

This past month, "Karl" and his family helped select the "King" of the organization at a Crown Tournament held in the "Sternfeld Barony" of the "Middle Kingdom" (Central Indiana). "Karl" has also received numerous awards from the organization, including the House of the Golden Tower Medallion for service to the local group.

Although "Karl Von Theisen" and the Middle Kingdom may sound strange to some of us, **Charles Theiss** is well known to many United retirees throughout the country.

After completing his freshman year at St. John's Lutheran College in Kansas, **Charles** started working part-time in the Flight Kitchen at UAL SFO in 1956. In 1958, the California native enlisted in the US Army and was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. His fiancé **Lelia Smith**, soon flew to Germany where the couple was married in June of 1959. They returned to California's Fort Ord in 1961 and later that year, when he had been discharged from the Army, **Charles** returned as a full time employee in the Flight Kitchen at UAL SFO. It is not uncommon for **Charles** to regale retirees with stories about his antics while employed as a Flight Service Clerk.

In 1966, **Charles** transferred to Passenger Service where he served as a Passenger and Operations Agent. He remembers having to reference "telephone directory-sized books" to verify passengers' Visa and American Express Card ticket purchases.

In 1978 he transferred to the SFO Maintenance Base as a provisioning scheduler. He says some of his fondest memories are from his assignment in Stanstedt England from July of '93 through March of '94.

**Charles** transferred to the Indianapolis Maintenance Base in May of 1997 and completed 44 years and four months of service with United when he retired in November of 2001.

**Charles** lost his wife of 51 years in 2010, but still lives on the Northeast side of Indianapolis with his son, daughter, son-in-law and grandson who help him enjoy their big house and beautiful pond where they watch the Indiana seasons roll by. And the Indy Racers enjoy the stories and friendship that **Charles** brings to the group each month.

June Birthdays for our group include: **Elly Barnett** (6/19); **Bob Duffey** (6/21); and **Chris Johnston** (6/25). Happy Anniversary to **Frank & Rita Prins** (6/4); and **Bob & Myrtle Duty** (6/20).

#### Calendar:

**June 10** - Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 p.m. and the business meeting starts at 2:30 p.m.

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UA & CO finally merged operations at Boston's Logan Airport in the new rebuilt terminal B. They held an open house for employees and retirees on April 25<sup>th</sup>, twelve Nor'Easters attended. **Carleen Eddy** described it as the ultimate state of the art facility. Customers need not interact with an agent. They drop and tag their bags, get a boarding pass, go thru security and self board the aircraft. In cases of cancellations or delays, there are kiosks to reroute and/or re-book yourself. As a retired CSR, I'm not sure this is good for my crafts future!

The facility has ten gates and three for UAX. The Red Carpet Room, soon to be renamed, is large and beautifully appointed. It has a full kitchen for future meals, should United choose to go that way. The operation is quite large, modern and sleek, with excellent views of runways and taxi ways, impressive! The only negative was the employee areas were smaller than expected. It makes me wonder what the future holds, robots maybe?

Our own **Mercedes Hersom** has been nominated for "Woman Of Honor", "Women Of Distinction" for the YWCA. Merc doesn't know who nominated her, especially since she's never been to the Y. Surprised as she was, she claims she gets more than she gives. However, I know she constantly volunteers time to many charities, making her often very hard to reach. She's the person to contact if you want to adopt a rescued animal, that is if you can catch up with her. Keep it up Merc, to rest is to rust!

**Helmut Umbley** was off to JAX for a bi-yearly reunion of members of the USS Hancock, CVA-19, a WWII Essex Class attack aircraft carrier. The event brings out about 300 Veterans, between the ages of 60 to 100. Helmut served from 1964 to 66, mostly off the coast of Vietnam. There are still WWII vets, some plank owners, the first crew members when the ship was commissioned in 1944. The ship was de-commissioned and scrapped in 1976. However, the spirit and camaraderie is still there.

**Anthony Bosco**, BOSCG, passed away on April 15<sup>th</sup> of complications from recent surgery. Brothers, Anthony and John both worked together at Logan. Although not a Nor'Easter the past several years, Anthony was known and well liked by most of our members.

June's birthdays ~ **June Alberino**, **Bruce Casassa**, **Thomas Dagle**, **Marie Dwyer**, **Yvonne Fucci**, **Dick Mangino**, **Francis Mathews**, **Anthony Postale Jr.**, **Charlie Staula** and **Dick Vee**.

June's anniversaries ~ **Patricia & Robert Austin** (40 years), **William & Norma Betters** (55), **Gerald & Margaret Peters** (58), **Jayne & John Regan** (22), **Helmut & Patricia Umbley** (49), **Richard & Delores Woodworth** (54).

*Old age is a choice of many temptations. Usually we choose the one that will get us home earlier!*

#### Calendar:

**June 3** - Jimmy's Steer House, Route 1 north, Saugus, MA.



**August 5** - Picnic, Salisbury State Beach Park, Salisbury MA

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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We had 12 Escapees gather at Hong Hua Fine Chinese Restaurant in Farmington Hills, hosted by **Joan Benoit** and **Carol Shaffner**. First timers this year were **Joan Benoit** and **Sallie & Wayne Reithel**.

**Sharon Jacob** and I had to cancel our planned trip to the Loonies as Sharon got Afib and is now hauling around a bunch of monitors and has doctors' appointments lined up daily for the next few weeks. Keep Sharon in your Prayers @ 411 Coledale Drive, White Lake, MI 48386-2827.

Once again I am the bearer of sad news. **Debbie LeFebvre** left our world for her eternal rewards on Palm Sunday about 11:00am. It was a bit unexpected but she fought as hard and as long as she could. She was surrounded by family and was very comfortable and peaceful. Hubby **Bob** is understandably very lost, so any support and phone calls would be greatly appreciated. Love & Prayers to the family @ 250 JFK Drive # 408, Atlantis, FL 33462, (561) 967-0502.

Also **Shirley Furdak's** husband; **Joe** passed April 30, 2014. He had been fighting leukemia for about a year. Our Love and Prayers to Shirley @ 22721 Law St., Dearborn, MI 48124-1088.

Wishing all Moms a Happy Mother's day!

### Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

## MINNESOTA

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After re-reading last year's chapter news for June, I realized that we're now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> crummy spring in a row. After the bitter cold, excruciatingly long and snowy winter we've had this year, we hopefully won't have a long, excruciatingly cold, wet spring like we did last year! Everyone I know is already practically homicidal and as I recall, we had a big snowstorm in May 2013. If that happens again, you may have read something about some old folks in MN who have run amok, screaming "Where's spring? I want green grass and flowers!" That'd be us.

April 9 was a bright day with 30 bright Northern Lites showed up to check out our new digs for lunch. Everyone was excited to see what the place looked like, if the private party room would be as large or comfortably appointed as the previous one and most important, of course, how the food would be.

**Lee & Diane Storlie** along with **Joe & Arlene Kelley** had checked the place out after that previous frustrating and disappointing experience at the Old Country Buffet, so **Lee** was quite nervous about everyone's opinion. He needn't have worried because two hours later, there were smiles and full bellies all around. The consensus was that we'd assess it again in June or July after we'd had several chances to sample their wares.

One amusing thing that had our unflappable leader flapped ... the waitress presented him with the bill for \$256.80 ~ 30 meals @ \$8.56 each! The look on his face was priceless. After some discussion, it was decided that everyone put in \$10 each which would cover the meal cost and the tip that we usually left for our great waitress at the other place. However, since that was a spur-of-the-moment decision, it's been determined since

then that we should all pay as we come in the door (\$8.56 for the United Retiree group). Tips may be left on the table as we did before.

We collected \$96 for the raffle that day; no one present had an April birthday, so we decided to distribute \$60 in prizes. Unfortunately, **Sonja Gunderson** was not among the 6 winners which caused a small black cloud to appear, especially since 4 of the group had had multiple numbers called but not ONE of **Sonja's**. We all figured ~ new venue, new set of tables & chairs ... surely her luck would again be rosy, but it was not to be. Unfortunately, **Sonja & Lyle** missed the May meeting because they got a better offer ~ lunch & show at the Old Log Theater.

At this writing, we're looking forward to seeing old friends again at the spring meeting of the Northwoods Loonies in Baraboo, WI. I know that fun events are being planned by our hosts, **Carol & Bob Faust**. I'll report back in the July issue!

The annual picnic is actually going to happen this year! Save the date: August 13<sup>th</sup> in River Falls, WI, hosted by **Jo & Bud Ayres**. More info will be in the July newsletter.

We received word that **Frank Ehr** left this earth for a better place. We'll all miss his quiet ways and watching him try to keep that pipe lit. Condolences may be sent to his family at 700 Marble St., Broomfield, CO 80020. And not four days later, tall, dark and handsome, laid-back **Rick Jones** left to join his lovely **LaVonne** in a place where the sun shines all the time. Happily, several of his MSP ramp cronies had been to visit him recently and had enjoyed a wonderful time hashing over old war stories. Condolences to his family may be sent to 248 Kings Pointe Drive, Delano, MN 55328.

Lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 11:00AM at the Grand Buffet, 2015 So. Robert Street, about three blocks north of Hwy. 110 in West St. Paul.

## NEBRASKA

### OMAHA GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 40 for lunch at Elmwood Tower. Thanks to **Mel Harrison** and **Judy Nekonchuk** for hosting. Those in attendance were: **Jackie & Andy Vassios**; newly retired (second job – UAL being her first) **M. J. Bruening**; **Dorothy Glover**; and **Kathy Janus** (retired UAL Flight Attendant). We welcome **Kathy** as a new member. While in Florida, **Judy Nekonchuk**, called on **Bob & Kathy Faust** of the Villages. She said **Kathy** broke her ankle and was using a walker, but other than that both are doing well. Winners of the 25/25/50 were **Van VanHouten** and **Stan Longmeyer** for \$18.50 each.

**Roger Jensen's** treatment for lung cancer started March 19 and is a new drug. He takes a treatment once a week, then goes 3 weeks and repeats the same process again. As with most cancers, **Roger** doesn't know how many treatments he will need. Our best wishes to **Roger** that this will get rid of his cancer.

After having a stroke on March 13, **Tony Sortino** is home and now going to rehab three times a week at Lakeside. He spent 10 days at Immanuel Rehabilitation where he made great progress. He is able to talk, walk and his eating his very slow but they are working on that. So happy to report that **Tony** is on his way to recovery!

Our May birthays are: **Larry Nollette** (7); **Van VanHouten** (9); **Jackie Vassios** (21); **Linda Chapman** (22); **Ed DeLong** (24); and **Andy Vassios** (29).

**Bracston & Myrtis Olds** have had their problems. Both have been in the hospital with the upper respiratory illness – **Brac** going March 28<sup>th</sup> & **Myrtis** on the 29<sup>th</sup>. After 3 days, **Myrtis** was able to go home and **Brac** was sent to Brookestone Nursing Center to get rehab to gain some strength. Their daughter will be staying with them until they get well.

**Barb Soseman** spent two days in the hospital with stroke like symptoms again and was released March 14<sup>th</sup>. She said they upped her blood thinner so hope that helps.

**Hal Gebhard**, age 83, passed away December 6, 2013. We just became aware of his death. **Hal** worked here in Omaha for UAL and, when he left that job, he owned and operated multiple hotel properties. He is survived by his wife, **Zerlene** and their family. They lived in Springfield, MO.

Calendar:

**June 3** - Cooper Farm, Hosted by **Cary & Toddy Manson**  
**July 1** - Fernando's in Blair, Hosted by **Patty Shook & Sid Schneider**  
**August 5** - Piccolo's, Hosted by **Dick & Marilyn Weak**  
**September 2** - Lake Manawa, Hosted by **Sharon & Larry Farrell**

### NEVADA



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Luncheon/meeting of April 8<sup>th</sup> was attended by 32 members. We wish we could get our membership and attendees at a higher level. Unfortunately, we're losing members and not many new retirees are joining our RUAEA chapter. We did get a few new members recently; **Bonnie & Jack Richardson** (LASCS), **Vicky & Benny Brender a Brandis** (LASCS), **Phyllis & Larry Snavely** (OAKOV). **James Spencer** is a re-join; he brought guest, **Roger Terry**. **George Fox** brought guest, **Rena Papenberg**.

We were very happy to see **Anthony & MaryAnn Tricoli**. Tony has had some serious health issues, but is doing very well (someone always seems to hear our prayers). We missed **Leila Albert** who was having some back problems. Also absent were our favorite long time members, **Eleanor & Mike Vasko**, Mikey has had problems with a previous knee replacement, but Eleanor says he's finally getting better after a "re-do". **Bob Morwick** is still having pain from his recent knee surgery, but it's always a pleasure to see Bob and his lovely bride, **Marlene**. **Max Miller** (LASCS) hit his ankle on a grocery cart and developed a blood clot, having surgery to remove it. **James Spencer** tells me that he will be going in for a pace maker next week. With all this old age "stuff", what are we going to do when we get really old?

**Willie Bullinger** (LASCS) celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a surprise birthday party given by close friends. About 100 party goers enjoyed a buffet dinner and dancing at the SunCoast Hotel and Casino.

A funny incident happened when my friend, **Linda Tracy** (PDXTQ) and her husband, **Larry**, visited us. They brought their dog, so they had to stay at a hotel in Mesquite. We enjoyed breakfast and they checked out to leave only to realize that they had left their dog in the room (after turning in keys, etc). Front desk was not very happy re-issuing keys while they rescued their "Shiloh" rat terrier.

Happy Spring, everyone! It won't be long before the summer heat hits. Hope everyone is talking and planning to attend the RUAEA Convention in SAN this October.

#### Calendar:

Lunch and meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every other month at Arizona Charlie's on Decatur Blvd., 1130 to meet and greet; lunch served at 1200

**June 10**

**August 12**

**October 14**

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There were 17 members at our April meeting. It was very nice to see **Maurine Williams** again. We have missed you and hope to see you again soon.

2014 dues were due to **Kathy Robinson**. Those members not showing as paid will not receive an April newsletter. If someone contacts you, ask them to check with Kathy on their dues status.

April birthdays were celebrated by **John Barlow**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Dottie Robbins**, one of our newest members. The surprise gift was won by **Linda Klemm**. Thanks to **Bill Perkins** for the Easter cookies.

Our summer picnic will be on Tuesday, August 19. The cost this year is \$400.00 for the Nevada State Park reservation.

Calendar:

**May 12** - Meeting at the Black Bear Diner. See you there.

**NEW JERSEY**



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Our meeting opened with a flag salute led by President **Frank Worzocha**. Although we had some bleak weather, we had a real good turnout of our members. It was good to see **Glenn Herman** and his wife **Jean**. Also from San Francisco, **Rosemary & Charlie Bogert** paid us a visit, while he was visiting family here in New Jersey.

Frank displayed a beautiful plaque that will be given to **Dick Confer** for all the years of service he has given to the Garden Staters. I can't say enough of all the goodwill that he has brought to our meetings. I also had a card from **Doris Gray**, who now lives in Canada, and asked to be remembered by all. Last month, I contacted an old friend, **Andy Palmasano** of EWRMM, who now lives in California. We had a long talk and exchanged a lot of memories.

**Rich Creighton** from local 914 again attended our meeting to thank us for our retirees' participation in the recent grand Lodge elections. As there will be a district election in June, he gave me request absentee forms to fill out for that election. If you need one I can send it to you. Besides all that, he gave us "a good report on what was going on, on the ground at Newark". For anyone going to the convention in San Diego, I have some layout maps for the Town & Country Hotel. They will come in handy if you decide to go. **John Murphy** gave his finance report and as usual, we are still okay. **Jean Herman** won our 50/50, and our next meeting will be on May 28 at Snuffys in Scotch Plains at 12 PM, and it will be "show and tell time".

*\*After getting to the mountaintop, I asked the Guru, what the meaning of life is. The answer came back, a good hot pastrami sandwich on rye with mustard of course, and a good cold glass of beer. Pretty sage advice, I would say!*

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April 8<sup>th</sup> found the "Dolls" at San Martin - not exactly Paris, but enjoyable, none the less. It was good seeing everyone as we hadn't been together since December, and, my, how the time does fly.

**Jeanne Leo** had just returned from two months in PSP-as she said, it was a great winter to leave NYC. On April 27<sup>th</sup>, her husband, **Phil**, was to join other WWII veterans from Newburgh, NY who were being honored in Washington, DC. They were anticipating a festive occasion, another wonderful tribute to the greatest generation.

**Audrey Smolick** had been in Hallettsville, TX visiting family. She went through her grandmother's house and was delighted to discover artifacts from her father. She also attended a dance where she had a ball "tripping the light fantastic". Audrey had a very good flight on UA on her return from IAH to EWR. She was leaving for

her bi-annual 2-month trip to Santa Margherita, Italy. She was hoping to spend Easter in Rome, but didn't think Pope Francis would have time for her, what with the Canonization and all.

**Marlene Doran** visited with us. She's using her vocal talents singing in a church choir, she's also enjoying taking day trips to destinations such as Washington, DC and Tanglewood.

**Ernestine Manzo** travelled to visit family in Argentina, first in Buenos Aires then to Mar del Plata for a cousin's wedding. Ernie's flight experience wasn't as positive as Audrey's.

**Jean Flynn** is a grandmother for the second time. Her granddaughter, Rock, joins her brother, Flynn.

**April King** was leaving for SMF the next day, but will be returning to NYC in time to pirouette with the American Ballet season in May.

**Betty Williams**, never one to keep her feet on the ground for long, flew Jet Blue to Jamaica, then UA to DEN. She's currently in Ireland where her husband will be climbing Croagh Patrick, a mountain north of Galway. This time Betty will keep her feet firmly on the ground.

**Barb Hill** took a trip to the garden spot of the Great Lakes, Hudson, OH, for a family reunion. As usual, she's enjoying the musical events NYC has to offer - Carnegie Hall, Gershwin at Jazz at Lincoln Center, Juilliard Opera, and, especially, concert versions of Titanic and Sweeney Todd at Avery Fisher Hall.

**Marge Segal's** birthday was celebrated on April 5<sup>th</sup> by dinner with **Marilyn Cheadle**, **Barb Hill** and **Lois Svat**, sister of **Mary Svat** (retired NYCTO).

The "Dolls" want to send a shout out to our pal, **Joe Hegner** (retired NYCSS, EWRSS). He's one of the all time greats and hopefully, he'll find his way to Manhattan and join us for lunch sometime.

#### Calendar:

**June 3** - 12noon - San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal**, (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill**, (212) 799-8061.



#### NEW YORK METROS

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I don't know where all our members are but only 32 at lunch today. We welcome back **Frank Kittle** after a long absence. Missing in action were the **Talochinos** due to a couple of falls which required hospital visit but he's now home. **Ursula Koch** had back surgery and is rehabbing at home. **Roy Portelli** is being treated for a medical problem, at home; thank goodness, he's still able to drive (well, as "able" as he's ever been), shopping and cooking. Although not a Metros member, it was mentioned that **Joe Cantella** is in rehab down in Florida. So as I said last month, lots of us need prayers, calls and cards.

First place 50/50 went to **Marylou Ellis**, second to **John Green** and third, also to **Marylou** or **Ed Ellis**. The pot for Christmas drawing for regular attendees (6 or more luncheons) is growing. Our picnic at Wantagh State Park is set for July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Since we can't get the first Wednesday of August, we are considering the second week.

Perhaps we'll see more about the passing of **George DelValle** in the Florida news. Georg (Jorge) worked in passenger service at LGA. Condolences to his family.

We look forward to seeing you all next month. Happy Memorial Day!

#### Calendar:

**June 4** – Luncheon at Milleridge Inn

**July 2** - Wantagh State Park



## OHIO

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What a terrible winter. Snow, snow, and more snow. But it is May 7<sup>th</sup> and we finally are able to look outside and see the flowers in bloom. We thank **Barb Vauls** and **Carol Seifried** for again hosting our May luncheon. But this year, they were off to a rocky start. In mid December they found out that Bucci's in Berea was closing before Christmas. But Carol & Barb rose to the task and were able to switch to Bucci's Steakhouse at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Middleburg Heights. Good job.

We had 76 attending today including 3 guests: **Eleanor Kiehl** (**Arlene Taylor**'s sister), **Julie Urbansky** (friend of **Laverne Burke**), and **Fred Draiss** who is from Continental Airlines (friend of **Tom & Helen Hockett**).

Vice President **Arlene Taylor** led us in saying "Grace" as only she can. After lunch, we had our Fifty/Fifty drawing conducted by **Dave & Marie Placko**. Winners were **Arlene Taylor** and **Dave Cleary**. Congratulations!

Treasurer **Steve Pytel** conducted a contest to see who came closest to guessing who was the first member to pay his/her dues for 2014. Our winners were **John Kercel**, and a tie of **Len Fiedel** and **Lillian Schabel**. The correct answer was **Sue Tishke** (8/5/2011), with **Rudy Pivik** paid in 2012.

President **Dolly Taucher** then took over the meeting. She sadly informed us of the following: on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Ken Buchman** passed away after a long bout with cancer. He will truly be missed. **John Jeskey** at the young age of 94 is now in hospice with **Elda** at his side. We are keeping them, their family and friends in our Thoughts and Prayers. As we do for all members who are going through some serious health issues or other problems.

We also have those who are recovering. Our Secretary, **Mary Lou Kuretz**, was in the hospital but is home now and recuperating. We welcomed back **Carol Waldron** who had been recovering from major back surgery. Then **Dolly** apologized for not welcoming back **Barb Vauls** last month from her foot surgery. Everyone is dealing with some sort of problem.

It's Happy Birthday Time! The following are our own May birth babies ~ **Peggy King**, **Ed McCarthy**, **George Oncu**, **John Taucher**, and **Jerry Zadar**. Those of you who are unable to attend our luncheon, we also wish you a very, very Happy Birthday!

Anniversary Time ! The following tied the knot in May: **Jerry & Peggy King** (22 yrs), **Dave & Marie Placko** (53 yrs), **Steve & Cathy Pytel** (54 yrs), and **John & Dolly Taucher** (51 yrs). Again, to those unable to be with us, we send our love and best wishes! Enjoy your special day! I really must mention (unable to attend) is **Andy & Mary Striegl** (64 yrs). The younger generation could take a lesson from us.

We are working on a bus trip to Flight 93 in Shanksville. Leave at 7am and arriving back home at approximately 8:15pm. We need to know if you plan to join us. So please contact Dolly.

Don't forget to check out our web-site. **John Taucher** is reconstructing all of the slide shows of "Past Meetings" with new special effects and new/good music. Take a look and enjoy.

#### Calendar:

**June 4** – Rose Hill/Medina , hosted by **John & Carrie Kercel**

**July 10** - Diamond Event Center, hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko**

**August 6** – Annual Picnic at the "Chalet", hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**

## OREGON



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There were 73 at the April meeting. Decorations were done by **Louise Robillard** and **Linda Tracy** and as always, they were lovely. There was a winner at each table for the decorations and two additional ones from the greeting tables were also given away.

**Ed & Marilyn Micallef** celebrated 56 years of marriage in April. April birthdays were **Jeri Blodgett**, **Dennis Cline**, **Patty Cox-Hollosy**, **Nancy Hooper**, **Inge Pempeit** and **Kathy Russell**.

Our big winners of free lunches were as follows: Door Prize ~ **Sue Rommel**, Woman's birthday ~ **Kathy Russell**, Man's birthday ~ **Dennis Cline** and 50/50 was won by **Charlie Stemper**.

**Jack Hooper** had knee replacement surgery last week, came home in 52 hours, and is recuperating under the watchful eye of his wife Nancy. He is doing great, going to physical therapy three times a week and "he" expects to be back in his normal routine in no time. **Inge Pempeit** had hip replacement surgery on April 15<sup>th</sup> and **Carole Luyten** has been her care taker. **Kathy Russell** had cataract surgery. **Bill Shaw** is having health issues and is home bound. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

I am sorry to report **James Riddelle** (aka Hi Pockets the Clown) died on March 23. Jim worked at many stations over the UAL system, originally starting at Capital Airlines. He retired from PDXCS with 42 years of seniority. He is survived by three children and three grandchildren. I remember Jim when he was dressed at a company picnic in his clown outfit and my three year old granddaughter screamed and cried so loud when he came near her she could be heard all over the park. I also received news that **LaQuita Bloom**, who also retired from PDXCS, died on May 1<sup>st</sup>. She has been living in Post Falls, ID. She is survived by her son Scott and his family. Our condolences to both families!

Please remember our June meeting will be at the Ramada Inn, 6221 NE 82<sup>nd</sup>, Portland, OR. The luncheon announcement for June will have directions to the Ramada. I remember them asking us to park across the street in a school lot. It is a short walk. There is an elevator or steps to the second floor where our luncheon meeting will be held.

We will also be taking reservations for the July picnic at the June meeting and the treasurer will be collecting in advance. The menu and price should be about the same as last year.

### Calendar:

Social Hour @ 11:00AM, Lunch at Noon, Colwood Golf Club, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd. in Portland

**June 11** - Ramada Inn, 6221 NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR - Social

**July 9** - Annual Picnic, Red Sunset Park, Gresham, OR

**August 13** - Ramada Inn - Social

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We had a small group attend the May luncheon held at the Vine in Grants Pass, it was hosted by **Alberta & Russ Randell**.

Since our last meeting, we had the sad news of two deaths in our little family of members. Our love and prayers go out to **Barbara Horne** with the death of her beloved husband **Harry**. Several of us attended his memorial service and learned a great deal more about his love of family, children and grandchildren. We also lost a friend and member, **Sue Osborne** who had a great wit and love of life. The past few months have been very hard on this chapter.

**Jane Frincke** has bought a new home in CA and was out of town, **Russ Randell** was under the weather so could not join us. Always the troopers, **Neal** with his lovely wife, **Sonnica**, were there for good conversation and friendship. **Linda Althouse** gave us updates on cards and flowers sent to members. It is always nice sitting by someone new as you learn so much about each other.

Since Ric and I will be gone for the June luncheon, our quarterly meeting will be held in July instead of June. Our next luncheon will be hosted by **Bob & Ida Rogers**. We are looking for new members so if anyone knows retired UAL employees in our area, have them get in touch with us.

Keep Smiling!

## PENNSYLVANIA



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Our April 14<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting was attended by 29 retirees and friends. Our guest speakers from the Delaware Valley financial advisors were informative. The free lunch was won by **Donna Lynn**. The 50/50 worth 26.00 was won by **Pat Reichelderfer**.

The group sent a fruit basket to **Tom Lyons** as he is recovering from surgery. Send a card to Tom at 800 Hampshire Road, Drexel Hill, PA 19026.

### Calendar:

**May 12** - 12:30, Speaker Keith Campbell will bring us up to date on pass riding and benefits.

**June 9** - 12:30.

We take a hiatus in the summer. See you in September, as the song goes.

All meetings are held at the Clarion Hotel in Essington.

### PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Finally, the sun is making its way back to PIT - What a beautiful sight! Unfortunately, this will be the hardest column for yours truly to write.

Pittsburgh lost 2 of the finest recently: My dearest friend **Lois Varrenti** on April 12<sup>th</sup> and **Joan Madden** on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. Lois was diagnosed with stage-4 bladder cancer in early March and after a brave fight, she passed away at home on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Condolences can be sent to **Nicole Redlinger** at 1362 Deepwood Dr., Upper St. Clair, PA 15241.

**Joan Madden** had been on dialysis for 8 years and voluntarily ceased the dialysis, she had had enough. Joan had many years with United - starting out in teletype and after cutbacks there, she worked in various departments until her retirement. Joan always had time for others and she was a true fighter conquering many obstacles in her life. Her family was her greatest joy. Condolences can be sent to her daughter **Erin Bosetti** at 301 Indiana Ridge Dr., Moon Twp, PA 15108.

**Art Todd** came in from Reno for a short visit. Sorry, we were not able to "get together" this time. Hopefully, he'll be back soon.

**Treatie Karwoski**, hostess for our next luncheon is finalizing the details for July, more to follow. **Jim Weber** is still undergoing treatments and is doing OK. Being the true fighter and optimist that he is, he'll be back to fighting form soon. Atta boy Jim!

I'm happy to report that **Ken Wolfe** is back at home and coming along OK, you can't keep a good man down for long.

Our June Birthdays: **Verna Alex** (7), **Bill Alex** (12), **Jean Wolfe** (20), **Phyllis Smith** (22), and **Jim Weber** (24).

Our June Anniversaries: **Jeri & Bernie Juth** (2), **Ken & Jean Wolfe** (18), **Dave & Gwen Detwiller** (22).  
Don't forget the convention in October, sounds like a good one.

## WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



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Our May luncheon was the last before we break for the summer and will have been held at the Old Spaghetti Factory after this column is submitted for publication, a necessary evil in the publishing business. You've heard or read how Christmas issues often must be prepared in July.

As a thank you to loyal attendees, the cost of the May luncheon was lower than usual. We thank the staff at the OSF in Tukwila for serving our Italian meals for the past several months. The manager and his servers bent over backward to insure our needs were met.

At the April 8 luncheon, President **Dave Jones** conducted a brief business meeting before Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** announced birthdays and anniversaries for May through August and conducted the drawing for door prizes and the 50/50 raffle. The book exchange table provided summer reading material.

The possibility of a mini-convention, involving northwest RUAEA chapters in Boise, Grants Pass, Portland, Seattle, and Spokane, with a tentative June schedule planned around our annual golf tournament was announced, but circumstances dictated that the event be postponed. We'll try again in October, so watch this space for further details and listen up in your own chapter meetings.

**Bob Howard** once again invites UAL and Continental retirees to join the annual UAL Retiree Golf Tournament on Wednesday, June 25 at Foster Golf Course in Tukwila, Washington. Conveniently located just off I-5 on Interurban Avenue, the course is easily accessed from north or south. Prizes will be awarded immediately following play in the Club House Restaurant. Stay, relax, and shoot the bull with other semi-pros and duffers alike, reliving those priceless moments on the course. Contact **Bob** at [bobnhoward@gmail.com](mailto:bobnhoward@gmail.com) for more information and registration forms. Deadline for registration is June 11.

**Vicki Shumaker** has announced her retirement as editor of *Contrails*, the Emerald City Slickers' chapter newsletter, which is mailed to members prior to regular meetings. We owe a great deal of appreciation to **Vicki**, who volunteered for this assignment when she is not even related to United Airlines. During months she was in local residence, **Vicki** produced a well-read newsletter. During her winter months in Arizona, she has done a great job via e-mail and long distance information from and about folks she didn't know. Here's to you, **Vicki**!

Cheers, too, to **Phyllis Bowman** and her newsletter crew of helpers who had the *Contrails* printed, prepared, and mailed. Hats off to all of you, with our gratitude.

It will be hard to fill **Vicki Shumaker's** shoes, but **Tom Holford** has volunteered to see if those shoes fit him until a permanent replacement is found. **Tom**, a fairly new chapter member compared to some of us, has become our "go to" guy and willingly steps up to serve where needed. Thanks, **Tom**.

Nonagenarian **Don Hanson**, WWII Navy veteran and member of Auburn VFW Post 1741, participated in an Olympia ceremony that recognized the State of Washington's three most recent Medal of Honor recipients. **Don** also was honored as one of 30 veterans who flew to Washington, DC to view the World War II Memorial under the Puget Sound Honor Flight Program.

**John Haferbecker** continues to recuperate from a kidney transplant and is doing well. **Lyle Lindblad** is dealing with health issues and spent time in hospital and rehab. We wish both these Slickers quick and complete recoveries.

We regret to announce the death of **Vivian Kummerfelt**, who suffered a fatal brain aneurysm in April. Though we have no additional details, we also have learned of the deaths of **Emil & Joanne Sunstedt**, within a week of each other in March. Condolences to their families.

Several factors forced the Seattle RUAEA chapter to sever their relationship with Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, where we had met for several years. **Dave Jones** contracted with The Old Spaghetti Factory in Tukwila for luncheon meetings in January through May of 2014. The limited menu there and space

limitations were not popular with some of our members, so a self-appointed committee has been checking on possible alternatives.

Thanks to **Doris Spence**, the September luncheon meeting will be held at the Elks Club in Burien. The investigating group was impressed by the menu and the willingness of the staff to accommodate our needs. Keeping the cost at \$20, the proposed lunch menu promises a full dinner (choice from a list of three entrees), including bread, salad, dessert, and beverage – as well as tax and gratuity! If the chapter agrees after the September experience, we'll reserve the space for October and November.

Thanks to our volunteer crew, who had the pleasure of getting together for lunch a few times during the selection process: **John & Mary Luke, Noreen Krawczyk and Richard Devereux, Helen Stanger, Doris Spence, and Ed & Gay Liesse** served as advance scouts. We hope members like our September choice!

June birthdays will be celebrated by **Elizabeth Cairns, Gail Cochran, Dave Jones, Ted Parks, Ginger Phelan, Jeanette Schlau, and Judy Storey**. Best Wishes!

Though June traditionally is known as the most popular month for marriages, only four couples in our group chose June wedding dates. Congratulations to **Herald & Phyllis Bowman** (68 years), **Bud & Virginia Dice** (48 years), **Dave & Linda Jones** (44 years), and **Ken & Judy Storey** (31 years).

Door prize winners at the April luncheon included **Phyllis Bowman, Mike Bratovich, Bob Brumfield, Helen Clement, Richard Devereux, Bud Dice, Bill Gordius, Don Hanson, Dave Jones, Noreen Krawczyk, Ed Liesse, John Luke, Anita Malco, Hubert Malco, Dan Miles, Betty Paul, Edna Paulson, John Paulson, Sharon Penwell, Doris Spence, Jackie Stenger, Ken Storey, Ken Walters, and Otto Wieland**.

Not all members whose lucky numbers are drawn claim their door prizes, but their names have been listed, anyway. We request that winners sign the backs of their ticket stubs for use in listing winners, but even that doesn't work every time.

Because our contract with OSF specified that we were liable for a certain number of meals, we asked the restaurant to package up the extra meals, which were offered as door prizes. They were among the first prizes chosen, as winners elected to take home extras for themselves or other family members.

That ends the 2013-14 season for Emerald City Slickers who wish everyone a pleasant summer.

The next chapter newsletter will be published for local members before the September meeting, but this column will continue through the summer months.

#### Calendar:

No meetings **June** through **August**  
**September 9** - Elks Club, Burien

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, a crowd of about 60 members and guests met for lunch at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas, VA. Spring had not quite arrived in the Washington area and the famous Cherry Blossoms around the Tidal Basin had not opened due to the long cold winter.

Our President **Linda Scriven** was visiting New Orleans and her deputy **Mari McColl** handled the responsibilities in good style, assisted by her granddaughter Charlie, age 4!

Our members are looking forward to the Annual Picnic, the date is June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am and RSVPs must be in by June 6<sup>th</sup>. The event will be at the same location as the last 2 years, Ashburn Farms Pavilion in Ashburn, VA. Here are the instructions for making a reservation ~ Send your check payable to Dulles Loungers, \$10 per person, adults and children to **Judy Dunlap**, 13350 Feldman Place, Herndon, VA 20170, (703) 689-0653. Please bring a folding chair! Also, please bring an item for the "White Elephant" gift exchange! Reminder, bring sun screen and wear light clothing! Come and enjoy a delicious Picnic and meet old friends and colleagues from near and far!



### Calendar:

**June 11** - Annual Picnic, Ashburn, VA. Details to follow

**July** and **August** - No Meeting

Have a safe and happy summer!

## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS



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The good news is the increase in membership to 1,208 and, we now have seventy (70) First Time Members. This is very exciting for this term; however, membership is still open until July 31<sup>st</sup>.

In previous news, we have suggested that any of the RUAEA members who were previously with United, Capital, or Continental as stewardesses, stewards, or flight attendants/hostesses, to please join our Clipped Wings organization. This remains an open invitation as all are welcome and can find a Membership Contact Form on our website: [www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org).

The Parent Grants for the Special Olympics in New Jersey have been distributed to thirty (30) families at \$1,000 each. In addition, Clipped Wings will be hosting the Sunday brunch for parents or guardians of the grant recipients.

Our Clipped Wings Motto remains: "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak".

Dates to remember:

- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day
- June 14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> – Special Olympics – New Jersey – (hosted by Clipped Wings)
- September 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Clipped Wings National Convention – DCA

## NEW MEMBERS

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## OBITUARIES

***Obit Notice Policy:*** *Death notices sent to the Denver Office for publication in the Newsletter Obituary Column will be accepted only from a family member or personal representative in writing. The notice sent concerning the deceased must include:*

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

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

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

Retiree – **Chambers, Billy C.**, on 4/1/2014, DENTK, husband of Ladene R. Chambers, 12850 E. Nevada Circle, Aurora, CO 80012

Retiree – **Fisher, William G.**, on 4/3/2014, DENTK, husband of Iris Fisher, 3132 S. King Way, Denver, CO 80236

Retiree – **Fry Jr., Wilson L.**, on 3/20/2014, ONTOZ, husband of Marilyn Fry, 7690 Highland Grove Ct., Highland, CA 92346

Retiree – **Funkhouser, Nelson G.**, on 2/7/2014, SFOFO, husband of Honey Lou Funkhouser, 5412 Daylilly St., Port Orange, FL 32128

Retiree – **Kerns, Dale V.**, on 3/31/2014, DENMM, father of Linda Klabunde, Kim Kerns and Keith Kerns, 2525 Maroon Bells Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Retiree – **Murray, James A.**, on 1/9/2014, ORDCS, 1412 Shore Ct., Wheeling, IL 60090

Retiree – **Rappel, Edward M.**, on 3/4/2014, DENMM, father of Ruth Ramey, Kay Rappel, Mary Marcum and Cheryl Stoeppel, 1053 Fairplay St., Aurora, CO 80011

Spouse – **Teets, Rosemary A.**, on 2/25/2014, wife of Thomas A. Teets, BALOO, 7734 Rosina Dr., Fairview, PA 16415

## LETTERS



**Martha Gooselaw**

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

Martha Gooselaw  
Letters Editor

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

Patricia Bantz, Elizabeth Pursell Bergbower, Bruce Carey, Barry Constantine, Jim Csizmadia, J. Patrick Lavelle, Beatrice McCarthy, Vernon McKee, Joan Palumbo, James Pelletier, Beverly Peterson, Sheila Rowan, Kathleen Towns, Erwin Wyr.

### **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.)*

#### **Louis Kinkead, 634 Enrica Ln., Walnut Creek, CA 94596**

I was in the Army Air Corps and stationed in China with the Flying Tigers during WWII. After the war ended, I joined UAL as a mechanic in Omaha. Ramp Service, Air Freight and Maintenance worked out of the same hanger at Eppley Field. Everyone worked together and those were the "good old days!"

One night, a flight was coming into OMA. The cockpit was in communication with the tower. The plane lined up with the runway lights and landed. There was only one problem. The plane had landed at the Council Bluffs airport which is across the river from the OMA airport. Council Bluffs did not have paved runways and the aircraft sank into the mud up to the fuselage. No one was hurt. We spent many days getting the aircraft out of the mud and onto steel plates, so it could take-off and fly across the river to OMA.

After becoming a Maintenance Supervisor, I accepted a position with OPBLM. I moved my family to the Chicago suburbs and worked out of EXO. In 1971, OPBLM was moved to SFO to the Maintenance Base. The group was renamed as SFOLM and we were responsible for United's entire fleet. Our mission was to ensure that aircraft received proper maintenance. If an aircraft had a mechanical, we determined if it could be deferred or was it a "no go" item.

During my carrier, I saw the DC3, DC4, DC6, B727, DC8, B747, DC10, B737 and the Caravelles. At this time, overhauls of equipment were done in San Francisco and Oakland.

It was a great time to be part of the United family!

#### **Jim Simon, 2842 Lindbergh Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648**

Just wanted to give everyone an update as to my move back to sunny CA from my 15 years of residence in Northern WI. First of all, I am certainly enjoying the warmer weather and despite the need for rain of which we have been getting some supplement, I certainly do not miss the cold and lengthy winters of WI, especially

knowing that this year has been one of their worst. Everyone tells me I got out of there just in time. I left WI on October 25<sup>th</sup> last year and found my new home within a couple of months and moved in here in mid January.

I am now totally settled in and enjoying my new surroundings and being closer to relatives and my wonderful daughter, Jennifer. Although I miss the many friends I left behind in the Midwest, I still call most all of them on a weekly basis and stay in touch. I loved my home back there and made a choice to considerably downsize with my move here. It has been a good choice and a great decision. Once in a while we can actually do things right after all!

I am looking forward to becoming a member of one of our local RUAEA chapters here in the Sacramento area but am keeping my membership with the Northern Lites and Northwoods Loonies groups as they are all like family to me. I welcome hearing from any of my former United co-workers and wish all of you my very best and hope to hear or see some of you soon.

Also want to thank the wonderful staff and many friends I've made in RUAEA during my term as Midwest Director. I really enjoy getting my newsletter each month and taking the time to read it from cover to cover. It is not only a great publication but it is done with a very dedicated group of people that I certainly respect and am glad to call friends of mine.

My regards to all.

**Patricia Conrad, 21011 W Torrey Pines Ct., Plainfield, IL 60544-5619**

Thank you, again, for the great Newsletter. Your service is outstanding, keeping us informed on all aspects of UAL life.

I have been participating in some of the Skyliners activities such as Cubs games, different plays and an upcoming Flower Show. I have enjoyed every one of them.

**Paul Weatherford, 14458 Vandalia Ave., Bixby, OK 74008**

I am the widower of Regina Weatherford, formerly of HQPR. She retired in 1992 and died in 2006. I used to live on Clearmont and Rutgers Drive. I hope the elks are still running free.

Just got my RUAEA Newsletter and wanted to give a shout out to a few people I recall, Jan Gawenda, Al Brodersen, (we knew your wife), Al LaRoche and Mary Szabo. I am sure a lot remember Regina.

I just wanted to wish all of you well and great happiness. We are all disappearing as the years roll on.

If they wish, they can write to my E-mail, [wanderer13@olp.net](mailto:wanderer13@olp.net). It does not look like there is as much to sell in the Store as once there was.

I cherish the briefcase I still have in simulated light brown leather with United colors of Blue and Red in a stripe across it with the United Logo in those colors above it.

We once belonged to the Re-Uniteds of Phoenix (1992-2007) but there are very few members from that chapter that I might remember.



## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOLLOW**

# Important Phone Numbers



## **United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)**

1-800-651-1007 (M-F 7AM - 7PM).

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

For Traditional Medical, HMO or Insurance questions;  
report death of retiree or spouse; change of address &  
other forms.

## **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-242-0075

[esc@united.com](mailto:esc@united.com) (email)

## **United ePass Line (1-866-359-3727)**

For flight information and to list or change listing  
Password for ePass Line –your birthday, mmddyy  
\$25 fee to create new booking  
1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

## **Employee Travel Center**

1-877-324-5555

[ETC@united.com](mailto:ETC@united.com) (email)

## **Flying Together Help Desk**

1-800-255-5801

<https://united.intranet.ual.com>

## **Aetna** 1-(800)-334-0110

## **PBGC** - for all retiree pension questions

1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

## **Social Security Administration**

1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

## **Alliant Credit Union**

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-  
a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)  
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## **Medicare Hotline**

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# **RUAEA Convention 2014**



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**Welcome to the 2014  
RUAEA Convention  
San Diego, CA  
October 1 - October 4**

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# **Welcome to the 2014 RUAEA Convention**

**RUAEA** and the San Diego **RESANS** would like to welcome all of you to this year's Convention. This is our third time to be hosting the Convention in the fall. We had a very successful four day Convention last year in Denver, and hope to repeat that accomplishment this year in sunny San Diego. There is a lot to pack into that short time frame, so we encourage you to come in earlier or stay later to enjoy all the tours and festivities. The Convention is open to all members of **RUAEA** and other branches of the United Family, including; **RUPA** (Retired United Pilots Association), **Clipped Wings** (Former and current UAL Flight Attendants), **Golden Eagles** (Retired Continental Pilots), **ARECA** (Association of Retired Continental Employees), **RAFA** (Retiree Association of Flight Attendants), the **IAM Retiree Association** and **Golden Penguins** (Former Continental Flight Attendants).

Most of our Convention activities will be held in **The Meeting House Conference Center**. Registration and late tour sales will be staffed Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the hours will be 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM. There will be limited staffing on Saturday, so if you are only coming for the Banquet, please make arrangements to pick up your package early.

The **Hospitality Suite** is the hub of our activities, the place to meet your old friends and make new ones! This is where you will find our 50/50 and Special Raffles ticket sales. Maps to help you navigate the San Diego area will also be available. This room will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM Wednesday through Friday with a cash bar from 5:30 until 8:30 PM. We have some exciting social events planned for these evenings. Thursday, there will be a one hour Beer/Wine and light appetizers sponsored by the Town and Country Resort. Friday, we will celebrate Fiesta Night co-sponsored with Alliant Credit Union with snacks and One Margarita Per Person.

The **RUAEA Banquet** will be held outdoors on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in the **Tiki Pavilion Courtyard**. We do have back up arrangements in case of inclement weather for indoor dining. We will **not** be offering table assignments this year. Our dress code for this evening will be Island Casual, so bring all your friends, Aloha shirts and grab a table.

We have a wide and varied selection of **Tours**; Old Town Trolley, Deluxe City Tour, the Famous San Diego Zoo, Lawrence Welk Resort, La Jolla and of course, the USS Midway and Harbor Tour. See pages C 6-8 for details and sign up early.

Representatives of the **United Airlines Historical Foundation** (UAHF) will be present to answer questions regarding UAL's history. Donations, both of memorabilia and monetary value are always welcome by the Foundation. All donations are tax deductible, as UAHF is a non-profit organization.

Members of **Clipped Wings** will be present to represent current and former UAL Flight Attendants. We hope they will have the new Clipped Wings scarves for sale. There are 2 different scarves and they hope to have both available.

The **San Diego Mainliner Club** will be bringing the most current United Airline items. This may include baseball caps, T-shirts, outerwear and trinkets.

For any **questions or concerns**, please contact the Convention at [ruaea2014san@gmail.com](mailto:ruaea2014san@gmail.com) or Marilyn Marcy – VP Conventions at [mmarcy99@aol.com](mailto:mmarcy99@aol.com). We are always looking for volunteers to staff registration, hospitality and raffles. If you are interested, please let us know what date and times you are available along with contact information and someone from the San Diego Committee will be in touch.

# **San Diego Convention Information**

## **SILENT AUCTION**

We would ask that anyone who wishes to contribute an item for a silent auction each evening, please bring it with you to the hotel. These will be displayed in the Hospitality Suite for all to enjoy. We will have an auction each evening along with door prizes, so make sure to visit the room. We thank all previous donors for their generous contributions.

## **50/50 RAFFLE AND SPECIAL RAFFLE**

The popular 50/50 Raffle will be **held each evening** in the Hospitality room at **6:30 PM**. The drawing for the Special Raffle will be **held Friday at 6:30 PM**. Tickets for 50/50 and the Special Raffle may be purchased during Hospitality Suite hours. Please buy your tickets early if you are going on a tour.

## **CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MEETING**

**Hank Gosselin, RUAEA's President**, invites all Chapter Presidents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in the Dover Room. Please RSVP to **Diane Griego** at (925) 676-6097 or **diangriego@aol.com** prior to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

## **CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING**

**Francis Domaratius, Newsletter Manager**, and **Virgil Gooselaw Membership Manager** invite all Newsletter Correspondents (or their alternates) to join them for a meeting on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in the Stratford Room. Please RSVP to **Francis** or **Veronica Domaratius** at (916) 789-0422 or **ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net** by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

## **RUAEA BOARD MEETING**

This meeting will take place on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00 PM until 4:30 PM in the Dover/Stratford Rooms.

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

This meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM in the Sunrise & Sunset rooms. The state of affairs of RUAEA and the 2014 election results will be announced by President **Hank Gosselin**. If there are By-law changes, they will be voted upon by the membership at this time.

## **BENEFIT PANEL PRESENTATION**

Presenters from Alliant Credit Union, Express-Scripts, Aetna, Fidelity, VSP, AON Hewitt and representatives of various departments of United Airlines will be on hand, Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM in both the Sunrise & Sunset rooms. We would ask if you have questions for the ETC (United Travel Center), you send these ahead of time to the Convention email address, and a prepared handout with answers will be provided at the meeting. This will save time so all presenters have time to discuss current and future programs with all retirees. This will be followed by breakout sessions from 1:15 PM until 3:15 PM in the Stratford/Dover rooms for anyone with individual questions or concerns.

## **REGISTRATION**

Your meal selections and tours are included in the Convention Registration packet. Tours are subject to cancellation if participation is insufficient. Some tours may have limited capacity. We urge you to register early to be sure space is still available. If your tour is cancelled, you will be notified at the **email address** or **phone number** you provided on the registration form. Don't forget, if you have questions, contact us at **ruaea2014san@gmail.com**.

## **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

Registration fees are non-refundable. For tour and dinner cancellations please contact **Fred Rockenhauser** by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 at **farual@cox.net**, (480) 313-1625 or write to him at 2609 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206. Diners may be canceled up to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. After that date, no refunds will be processed until after the Convention. Tours will be refunded if there is no cost to the Convention. Hotel reservations should be cancelled **directly with the hotel** as they have a 48 hour cancellation policy.

**Town and Country  
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### **HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION**

A block of rooms has been reserved for RUAEA Convention participants. Reservations can be made online at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/eb44deef>. When booking online you can request the Royal Palm Tower, which is listed as a Premium room, either King or Double. The other option is a deluxe room which can be either in a Tower or Garden Lodging, again King or Double.

Reservations can also be made by calling Town & Country Central Reservation line at **1-800-772-8527**. Please refer to RUAEA when calling. Also, please keep in mind we have blocked these rooms with a guarantee. **Use only these methods to book the Hotel, to insure that our guarantee is satisfied.** Reminder: There is a 48 hour cancellation policy. Within 48 hours of arrival, a one night's room and tax charge will apply. You will need to cancel directly with the Hotel.

#### **Room Rate**

***\$109.00 + tax (Single/Double Occupancy)***

***\$129.00 + tax (Triple Occupancy)***

***\$149.00 + tax (Quadruple Occupancy)***

***This rate includes breakfast buffet for each guest per room per night in the Terrace Café  
Complimentary WIFI in guest rooms, \$2.00 a day - Parking with in/out privileges - Sorry no pets***

***Deadline for hotel reservation is Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014***

***These rates will be available three days pre and three days post-Convention based on availability.***

**Hotel Confirmation Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**RUAEA CONVENTION 2014**  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> - OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ALL ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE IN THE MEETING HOUSE**  
**CONFERENCE CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
Tuesday	September 30	12:00PM – 8:00PM	Registration/Late tour sales – Sunset Room
Wednesday	October 1	8:00AM – 8:00PM	Registration/Late tour sales – Sunset Room
		8:00AM – 6:30PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Sunset Room
		8:30AM	Old Town Trolley Tour
		9:30AM	Old Town Trolley Tour
		9:30AM – 3:30PM	Deluxe City Tour/Seaport Village
		9:30AM – 3:30PM	USS Midway Aircraft Carrier /Harbor Excursion
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Sunrise Room
		6:30PM – 6:45PM	50/50 Raffle – Sunset Room
Thursday	October 2	8:00AM – 8:00PM	Registration/Late Tour Sales – Sunset Room
		8:00AM – 6:30PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Sunset Room
		8:30AM	Old Town Trolley Tour
		9:30AM	Old Town Trolley Tour
		9:30AM – 3:30PM	La Jolla/Harbor Side Luncheon
		9:30AM – 2:30PM	Deluxe Zoo tour
		10:00AM – 4:30PM	Lawrence Welk Luncheon and Musical Show
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Sunrise Room
		6:30PM – 6:45PM	50/50 Raffle – Sunset Room
Friday	October 3	7:00AM – 8:30AM	Correspondents' Meeting – Stratford Room
		7:00AM – 8:30AM	Chapter Presidents' Meeting – Dover Room
		8:00AM – 6:30PM	Registration/Late Tour Sales – Sunset Room
		8:00AM – 6:00PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Sunset Room
		8:30AM	Old Town Trolley Tour
		9:30AM	Old Town Trolley Tour
		9:00AM – 11:00AM	Executive Committee Meeting – Dover Room
		9:30AM – 3:30PM	Deluxe City Tour with Harbor Luncheon
		9:30AM – 3:30PM	USS Midway Aircraft Carrier /Harbor Excursion
		12:00PM – 4:30PM	Board Meeting – Dover/Stratford Rooms
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Fiesta Get Together – Sunrise Room
		6:30PM – 6:45PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Drawing
Saturday	October 4	8:00AM – 11:00AM	Registration on Request
		8:30AM – 9:30AM	RUAEA Business Mtg. – Sunrise/Sunset Rooms
		10:00AM – 1:00PM	Benefits Panel Mtg. – Sunrise/Sunset Rooms
		1:15PM – 3:15PM	Benefits Breakout Mtg. – Dover/Stratford Rooms
		5:30PM – 7:00PM	Cash Bar before Banquet – Tiki Pavilion Courtyard
		7:00PM – 10:00PM	RUAEA Banquet – Tiki Pavilion Courtyard

# **RUAEA 2014 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

## **Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

### ***Old Town Trolley Tour - \$33 pp***

**Tour#1 operates on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8:30 a.m.**

**Tour#2 operates on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.**

**Trolley Returns to Hotel from Old Town Station at 3:15 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.**

This is a “make-up your own tour” adventure on a fully narrated open air trolley that makes a 25 mile loop of San Diego. The 11 stops include Old Town Historic Park, San Diego Harbor, Seaport Village, Horton Plaza, Gas Lamp Quarter, Coronado, Balboa Park, and Little Italy. You can get on and off at whatever stops interest you, then catch another trolley at 30 minute intervals to continue the tour. If you don’t get off, the tour is 2 hours in length. **Trolley returns to the hotel only at above times.** Other return times would be on your own. The all-inclusive price per person is \$33.00

### ***Deluxe City Tour/Seaport Village - \$50 pp***

**Tour #3 operates on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

The group will travel aboard comfortable, climate controlled motor coaches. The tour has a step on guide with narration. We will first proceed to Coronado, with a stop at the Coronado Beach with time for photos. The link between the city and Coronado is the iconic Coronado Bridge, giving travelers a terrific panoramic view. Later, we will travel through the heart of Downtown San Diego, including the Gas Lamp Quarter. There will be a one hour stop at Seaport Village; with its many venues and one-of-a kind shops along the Boardwalk overlooking the harbor. You will be able to purchase lunch at one of the many restaurants. Next stop will be the Bob Hope Memorial, depicting him talking to a crowd of service men and women. On the way to Shelter Island, we will stop at a replica of the ship “San Salvador”, the ship that the explorer Juan Cabrillo sailed in his explorations. Then we travel to Cabrillo National Monument and Fort Rosecrans with a sweeping view of the harbor and the Pacific, looking south all the way to Mexico. There will be time to explore on foot, and garner stunning photo ops. The all-inclusive price per person is \$50.00.

### ***USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum, Two hour Harbor Excursion Cruise, Box Luncheon - \$67 pp***

**Tour #4 operates on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 - 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

The group will arrive at the USS Midway and board together at 10:00 AM. (No Lines!) Each person will receive a light weight audio set, allowing the group to fan out and enjoy their favorite exhibits. The Midway celebrates its tenth anniversary this year as the most visited U.S. Navy ship museum in the world. The ship is handicapped friendly, with elevators and park benches throughout. At noon, we re-board the coach and proceed a short distance to the harbor excursion, and enjoy a two hour cruise, complete with box lunch, dessert and beverage. We pass by five U.S. Military installations, and just prior to mooring, pass by the mighty bow of the Midway, for yet another rare photo opportunity! The all-inclusive price per person is \$67.00

**All tours depart from the front portico area of the Hotel. Please arrive 20 minutes before your scheduled DEPARTURE**

# **RUAEA 2014 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

## **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

### ***Old Town Trolley Tour - \$33 pp***

**Tour#5 operates on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:30 a.m.**

**Tour#6 operates on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.**

**Trolley Returns to Hotel from Old Town Station at 3:15 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.**

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### ***La Jolla Tour, Stephen Birch Aquarium, Tom Ham’s Lighthouse Restaurant - \$69 pp***

**Tour #7 operates on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 - 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

The tour begins at Mount Soledad, La Jolla, located 900 feet above sea level, with a 360 degree view. A one-of-a-kind Veteran’s Memorial show cases this park. There will be time to explore on foot and take pictures. The tour will proceed along the coast through La Jolla, observing sea life, from flocks of pelicans to seals, and sea lions. Our next stop is the Stephen Birch Aquarium. This Aquarium has a sweeping view of the La Jolla Riviera, and the Pacific Ocean. The exhibits are colorful and unique, with sea creatures from around the world, and locally. The group will have an hour to explore on their own. Lunch will be at “Tom Ham’s Lighthouse” restaurant, located on Harbor Island, with another outstanding view of the harbor, and the city skyline. The room is private for our group, featuring a varied buffet of several luncheon choices, including dessert and beverage. The all-inclusive price per person is \$69.00.

### ***Lawrence Welk Lunch and Theater Tour - \$79 pp***

**Tour #8 operates on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 - 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

The Lawrence Welk Resort is located forty miles east of San Diego in Escondido, CA. The resort is expansive and beautifully manicured. The group will first enjoy a delicious buffet, complete with a carving station, a vast array of choices, dessert and beverage. A short distance from the dining area is an intimate theater where the presentation of the musical “Oklahoma”, will be performed. The music and cast are always “Broadway Musical” equivalent! The all-inclusive price per person is \$79.00

### ***San Diego Zoo Tour - \$61 pp***

**Tour #9 operates on Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 - 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

The San Diego Zoo was established in 1916, and is one of the most extensive zoos in the world. The group enters together with no lines. Everyone will enjoy a narrated zoo tour aboard a double deck bus. Later they can return to their favorite exhibits. The zoo is also home to rare Chinese Pandas, many of whom were born here at the zoo. An aerial view of the zoo canopy is provided on the Sky Tram, a gondola that seats four people, for an excellent viewing and photo ops. Lunch is on-your-own, with over a dozen food venues to choose from. The all-inclusive price per person is \$61.00.

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**DEPARTURE**

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# **RUAEA 2014 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

## **Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### ***Old Town Trolley Tour - \$33 pp***

**Tour#10 operates on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:30 a.m.**

**Tour#11 operates on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.**

**Trolley Returns to Hotel from Old Town Station at 3:15 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.**

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### ***Deluxe City Tour, Harbor Side, Luncheon, Cabrillo National Monument - \$71 pp***

**Tour #12 operates on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 - 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

The group will travel aboard comfortable, climate controlled motor coaches. The tour has a step on guide with narration. We will first proceed to the Coronado Beach, with time for photos. We traverse the expansive Coronado Bridge, giving travelers a terrific panorama view. Later we will travel through the heart of Downtown San Diego, including the Gas Lamp Quarter. Then there will be an hour stop at Seaport Village, with a chance to browse the many one-of-a kind shops overlooking the harbor. Next stop will be the Bob Hope Memorial. On our way to Shelter Island, we will stop at a replica of the ship “San Salvador”. Lunch will be at the famed Bali Hai Restaurant, in a private room overlooking the city skyline. A delicious buffet, with dessert and beverages is included. Then we travel to Cabrillo National Monument and Fort Rosecrans, viewing the Pacific, looking south all the way to Mexico, with time to explore on foot, and garner stunning photo ops. The all-inclusive price per person is \$71.00.

### ***USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum, Two hour Harbor Excursion Cruise, Box Luncheon - \$67 pp***

**Tour #13 operates on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 - 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

The group will arrive at the USS Midway, and board together at 10:00 AM. (No Lines!) Each person will receive a light weight audio set, allowing the group to fan out and enjoy their favorite exhibits. The Midway celebrates its tenth anniversary this year as the most visited U.S. Navy ship museum in the world. The ship is handicapped friendly, with elevators and park benches throughout. At noon, we re-board the coach and proceed a short distance to the harbor excursion, and enjoy a two hour cruise, complete with box lunch, dessert and beverage. We pass by five U.S. Military installations and prior to mooring pass by the mighty bow of the Midway for yet another rare photo opportunity! The all-inclusive price per person is \$67.00

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# ***FIESTA FRIDAY MENU***

**Friday Evening, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

***Subsidized by our Alliant Amigos***

**Tortilla Chips with Fresh Salsa**

**Chicken Skewers with Pasilla Sauce**

**Dry Snack Trail Mix**

**One (1) Margarita P/P**

# ***SATURDAY BANQUET MENU***

**Saturday Evening, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Green Valley Salad Topped with Tomatoes, Carrots and Cucumbers,  
Italian or Ranch Dressing**

***Choice of the following:***

**Rosemary Scented Grilled Chicken Breast  
With Wild Mushroom Sauce**

***Or***

**Herb Crusted Salmon  
With Citrus Beurre Blanc and Herb Garnish**

***Or***

**Beef Short Ribs (\$4.00 Surcharge)**

**All served with Herb Roasted Potatoes & Fresh Seasonal Vegetables**

**Dessert**

**Fresh Baked Bread Presentation**

**Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee & Tea Service**

**Wine available for purchase during dinner by the Bottle**

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## **Transportation Information**

You can travel to virtually any city in the world to and from San Diego. Nearly 600 daily flights provide nonstop and connecting services to major domestic destinations and across the globe. To access the flight schedule to SAN, check out their website [www.san.org](http://www.san.org) and follow the prompts to “Complete flight schedule”. This is updated monthly by the airport. By now everyone should be familiar navigating [flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com) for travel plans and opportunities. Don’t forget UA discount, whereby you receive 20% off a confirmed fare.

## **Ground Transportation**

Shuttle ~ **Super Shuttle** vans and buses operated by off-airport companies are a popular and convenient transportation option. Shuttle service is available at the Transportation Plazas across from Terminals 1 and 2. From Terminal 1 you must cross the sky bridge, and take either the escalators or the elevators to street level. From Terminal 2, use the pedestrian crosswalk conveniently located outside the Terminal 2 Baggage Claim Area to access the Transportation Plaza. United Airlines flights arrive at Terminal 2. Super Shuttle does offer UAL retirees a discount. This must be booked online either through [flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com) or on [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com). The discount code is YUS68 and it can be booked OW or RT. For parties of 3 or more, a cab would be easier and about the same price. For instructions on driving to the Hotel, please check their web site [www.towncountry.com](http://www.towncountry.com).



Last, but not least, I would like to thank all who have helped in the planning of this year’s convention. From selecting the site, the tours, events and meals and making this Convention issue possible, it certainly is a group effort. So join me in thanking the following;

***Co-Chairs – Betty Tomaino and Hal Klobe***

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## 2014 San Diego Convention Registration Form

**\*Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014\***

**\*The deadline for Convention Registration is August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014\***

**(Please Print Clearly)**

Member's File Number			Department Retired From:		
Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)	
Street Address:					
City:		State:	Zip:	Phone:	
Spouse Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)	
Guest 1 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State	
Guest 2 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State	
Guest 3 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State	
Guest 4 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State	
Email address (to be used for receiving Convention updates or Tour information changes)					

### **Instructions:**

1. Complete both pages of this Convention Registration Form.
2. Check your choices for dinner entrée and tours. Make certain you record the correct number of people attending each event. Please indicate Guest # on meal and tour choices.
3. Make certain the Member's **file number is entered at the top of the form** and the total number of people is indicated for the ***non-refundable*** Registration Fee.
4. Seating at all events will be **random**. Each table seats 10 people.
5. No credit cards can be accepted for payment of convention events.

Date – 2014		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
<b>Registration Fee – Non Refundable</b> <b>***Fee Required for each Attendee***</b>					<b>\$12.00</b>	\$
Fri., October 3	Fiesta Friday				\$7.50	\$
<b>Banquet</b>						
Sat., October 4	Grilled Chicken				\$37.00	\$
Sat., October 4	Herb Crusted Salmon				\$37.00	\$
Sat., October 4	Beef Short Ribs				\$41.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =						\$
Total balance of tours from <b>Page C-12</b> =						\$
<b>Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check</b>						\$

**Make Check Payable to: 2014 RUAEA Convention**

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to: **2014 RUAEA Convention,**  
c/o Fred Rockenhauser, 2609 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206. Email - [farual@cox.net](mailto:farual@cox.net)

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**2014 Convention Registration Form – Page Two**  
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**Tour Registration**

Date – 2014	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Wed., Oct. 1	Old Town Trolley Tour	1	\$33.00				
Wed., Oct. 1	Old Town Trolley Tour	2	\$33.00				
Wed., Oct. 1	Deluxe City Tour/Seaport Village	3	\$50.00				
Wed., Oct. 1	USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum, Two hour Harbor Excursion Cruise, Box Luncheon	4	\$67.00				
Thurs., Oct. 2	Old Town Trolley Tour	5	\$33.00				
Thurs., Oct. 2	Old Town Trolley Tour	6	\$33.00				
Thurs., Oct. 2	La Jolla Tour, Stephen Birch Aquarium, Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant	7	\$69.00				
Thurs., Oct. 2	Lawrence Welk Lunch and Theater Tour	8	\$79.00				
Thurs., Oct. 2	San Diego Zoo Tour	9	\$61.00				
Fri., Oct. 3	Old Town Trolley Tour	10	\$33.00				
Fri., Oct. 3	Old Town Trolley Tour	11	\$33.00				
Fri., Oct. 3	Deluxe City Tour, Harbor Side, Luncheon, Cabrillo National Monument	12	\$71.00				
Fri., Oct. 3	USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum, Two hour Harbor Excursion Cruise, Box Luncheon	13	\$67.00				
Sub Total from this page (Enter on <b>Page C-11</b> )							
<b>RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION</b>							

The deadline for registration is August 31<sup>st</sup>, so if you register after that date, your name may not make the deadline to be published in the Directory

**Please inform us of any special access or accommodations for any tours you are booking.**

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If it's time to renew your Membership, your Newsletter may contain one of the following Red Messages:

**"IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP."**

**"DISREGARD THIS MESSAGE IF YOUR DUES ARE ALREADY PAID".**

**"YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL EXPIRE UNLESS YOUR DUES ARE RECEIVED."**

**"PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR DUES PAYMENT AT THIS TIME."**

**"DISREGARD THIS NOTTICE IF YOUR DUES ARE ALREADY PAID."**

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## United Airlines Historical Foundation



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25 years of United Stewardess uniforms (l. to r.):  
**Carol Roos 1930, Carol L. Smith 1933, Ruth Warren 1936, Connie Ammon 1937, Norma Banks 1939, Nancy Riley 1941 and Aldys Holmes 1955.**

In May 1955, United Airlines saluted Stewardesses on their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On May 15, 1930 the United Airlines predecessor, Boeing Air Transport, pioneered a "sky-going career" by employing eight young women on its San Francisco to Chicago route.

Ellen Church had presented her idea to Boeing Air Transport's San Francisco Division Traffic Agent, S.A. "Steve" Stimpson - and Stimpson passed the idea along to a "somewhat dubious" Boeing management.

Following temporary approval, Miss Church recruited seven other nurses as "Female Couriers" for the flights. Passengers liked the innovation from the start and additional "stewardesses" were then hired for other United Air Lines routes.

By 1955 United Airlines' blue-clad "Sky-girls" totaled 900 and approximately 10,000 Stewardesses flew the domestic and international airline routes of other carriers.

The first stewardesses had no specific instructions other than to "make themselves useful". They "tidied" the cabin; served coffee, sandwiches & apples; answered passenger queries regarding weather, geography and aeronautics.

Training was informal - United Co-Pilots briefed the new stewardesses on their duties and the newcomers supplemented this information with whatever they could pick-up from the more experienced "Sky Girls".

In 1938, United opened its first "stewardess school" at Chicago. In 1947, the school was moved to Cheyenne - where 500 girls were graduated in 1955.

During the Silver Anniversary Celebration some 1,500 current and former United stewardesses attended luncheons in Boston, New York, Washington, Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Seven of the "Original 8" attending the luncheons were: New York ~ **Ellen Church**, Chicago ~ Mrs. **Harriet Fry Wisner**, Denver ~ Miss **Margaret Arnott**, San Francisco ~ Mrs. **Cornelia Peterman Tyson**, Mrs. **Jessie Carter Bronson**, Mrs. **Inez Keller Fuite** and Miss **Ellis Crawford**.

*Marvin Berryman DENTK A/V Retired - Excerpted from the May 1955 issue of "United Air Lines News".*

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