



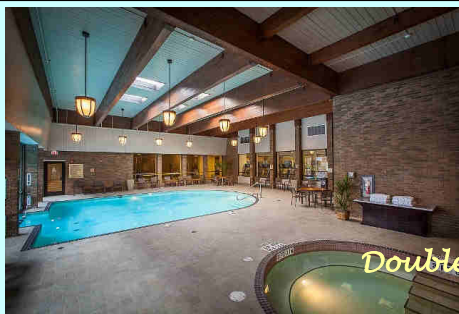
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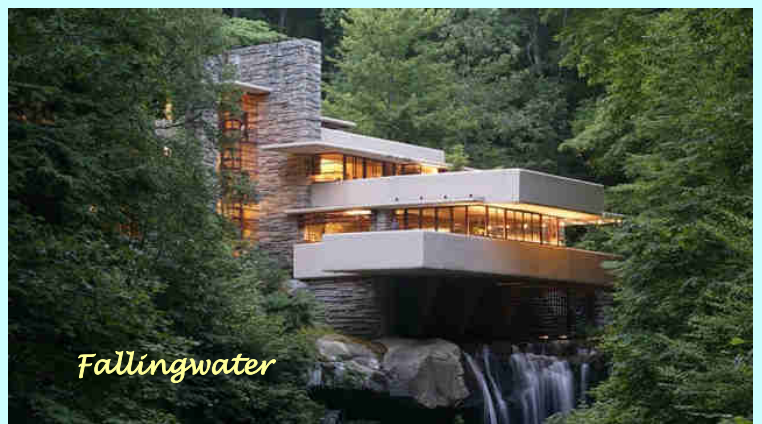
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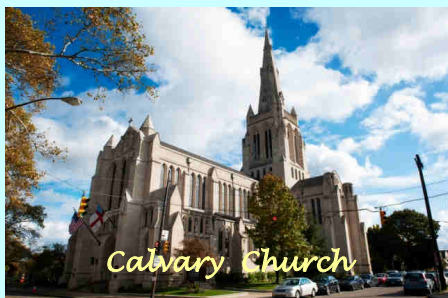


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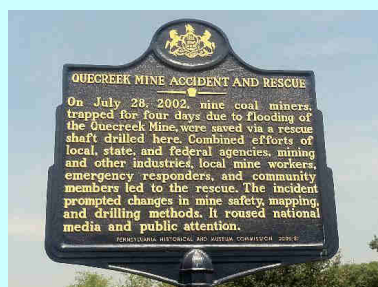
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# RUAEA CONVENTION 2015 ISSUE

# GENERAL NEWS

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### Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hi Folks,  
As it states, this is the Convention Issue of our Newsletter. Please read it over and consider attending the Pittsburgh Convention. Note the inexpensive hotel rate and the tours we offer. This is a good chance to vacation in a great City and State. I hope to see many of you there.

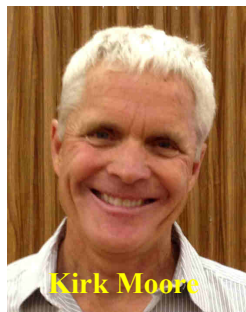
Another item on our agenda soon is the election of our officers. Please consider running for a position in RUAEA. If you are interested, please contact me or your Regional Director, or **Ron Bertacini** who is a past President and election chair. We can explain what is involved with each position to help you decide which may fit you best. Being active in RUAEA is a rewarding and fun experience that I believe you would enjoy. Help keep RUAEA alive and active. Volunteer to help out by running for a position in our next election or future one.

Hank Gosselin  
RUAEA President

### Employee Travel Center - Spring Pass Travel Newsletter

The Employee Travel Center has created a spring pass travel newsletter located on the Travel tab on Flying Together. Look for the summer edition in the near future.

### Pass Travel Update from Kirk Moore Survivor Pass Travel



Kirk Moore

What happens to your pass riders when you die? Besides being very sad, they will get to keep "some" pass travel privileges for a certain amount of time. Here's a synopsis:

- Retiree's Spouse/ Domestic Partner: May continue to travel at priority SA2R. They are eligible to fly until remarried or a new domestic

partnership is established. Note: If an employee (who is retiree eligible) dies, their spouse travels at SA1P for the first 30 days, then at priority SA2R thereafter (until re-married or a new domestic partnership is established).

- Dependent Children: Fly at SA4P until they attain age 26.
- Currently Certified Parents: Fly at SA4P for three years.
- Currently Registered Enrolled Friends: Fly at SA4P for 90 days.

Existing Vacation Passes may be used thru the specified travel eligibility period or the original expiration of the Vacation Pass, whichever comes first. Survivor travel is **not** valid on United's alliance partners, code-share partners or other airlines (OA). Survivors may utilize the myUAdiscount leisure travel program during their eligibility period.

For complete Survivor Travel Information in pdf format: <https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/content.jsp?SID=Travel&path=/Integration/documents/survivorPolicy.pdf>.

Questions and Answers about Survivor Travel: [https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/content.jsp?SID=Travel&path=/Integration/links/QA\\_survivorPassTravel.jsp](https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/content.jsp?SID=Travel&path=/Integration/links/QA_survivorPassTravel.jsp).

### How to update retiree personal information



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Click on "Your Benefits Resources (YBR)" under the "Benefits" banner on the "My Info" main page. You will be taken to the Aon Hewitt page (be patient, it takes a moment to load). There you will see your health care and billing information. At the top of that page you can click on "Your Profile" to select and view your "Personal Information". Some changes can be made on that page, but other changes (such as name changes) will require a call to the Employee Service Center 877-825-3729.

**myUAdiscount tickets and Mileage Plus upgrades** ~ One of the best features of using myUAdiscount tickets (besides the confirmed seats, 2 free bags, and 20% discount) is accruing Mileage Plus miles (if you sign up for a MP account). Once you accumulate enough miles, you may be eligible for free upgrades to economy-Plus or a premium cabin. Some pass riders have not been able to use their miles to upgrade on myUAdiscount tickets. This might be because the fare they purchased does not allow it. If the computer won't let you upgrade, call United reservations and ask why. The ETC is currently working to consolidate the purchasing of myUAdiscount tickets and using MP miles to upgrade into a single process; stay tuned.



### FAA letter demonstrates healthy safety dialogue



News media are reporting on a confidential letter from the FAA to United that the *Wall Street Journal* obtained. Contrary to the way it's being described, this dialogue with the FAA shows that United's Safety Management System (SMS) is working the way it's supposed to. Additionally,

the Journal erroneously reported that the FAA had raised its level of oversight on United. This is not the case - FAA's level of oversight remains unchanged from years past.

According to an FAA spokesperson, "*The FAA's letter to United was a routine communication about issues arising during our evaluation of their voluntary disclosures. United already has replied to the letter.*"

Over the last 13 months, United voluntarily reported 12 compliance issues to the FAA. The company can't share the nature of these infractions but wants to assure you that they don't represent a threat to the safety of United's employees or customers. United also provided the FAA with a full outline of its corrective actions.

These communications are part of a healthy and open safety dialogue between leaders, employees and the FAA. As a result of this dialogue and United's commitment to the FAA's SMS program, information sharing and collaboration on safety issues are as transparent as they have ever been. This environment of openness has contributed to the advances in safety across the industry in recent years.

United leads the global airline industry in developing and implementing solutions to the safety hazards that air carriers face. The FAA has validated United's SMS program at Level 4, the highest level attainable. In March, United submitted its application to transition United from the voluntary SMS program to the mandated program.

### Onboard systems have layers of protection



Recently, an individual claimed that he was able to manipulate aircraft systems while in flight. This is a clear violation of United policy and federal law. United has decided it's in

the best interest of its customers and crew members that he not be allowed to fly United.

But could a passenger really affect United's flight control systems from his or her seat? United is confi-

dent the answer is no. United has multiple layers of security and redundancy built into the onboard systems, not only to guard against hackers, but to keep a power surge or malfunctioning component from affecting other systems.

United takes security seriously, and the company welcomes input from experts who raise concerns in a constructive way. United along with Boeing and Airbus continually evaluate threats and United adapts its security measures to stay ahead of those who would seek to harm the company.

### So Simple from Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

Our 11 year old grandson was with us for a sleep over and I showed him my So Simple column and I asked him which recipe I should share this month. He instantly said Potato Chip Cookies. When I asked why he said, "*because people are surprised when they eat them*". Hope you enjoy the

"surprise" taste.

Potato Chip Cookies

1½ cups flour

1 cup powdered sugar

1 cup butter

1 egg yolk

½ cup chopped nuts

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup crushed potato chips

Cream butter and sugar. Add egg yolk and vanilla, blend. Gradually add flour and fold in chips and nuts. Bake 350 for 12-14 minutes. Roll in powdered sugar while cookies are warm.

### Flight 93 Memorial Chapel



I spoke recently with Bishop Ramzi, upon his return from a mission. He advised me that repairs to the damages in the Chapel are finished and all bills have been paid. The

Chapel is in great shape. Good news. Thanks to all who have been a part and donated.

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



## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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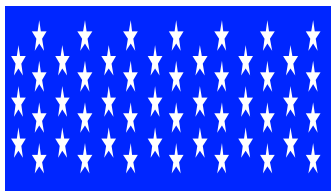
All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note:** *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), 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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Another great time was had by our group this month! We met one week later this month since our President, **Bob Schwartz**, does taxes and could not meet on April 13<sup>th</sup> (2 days before end of tax season!). We met Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, in our usual hangout spot; Cubi Bar Café in the NAS National Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL. We had 22 attending this month! They were **Mike & Carla Burke, Bob & Carol Dorsey, John & Myrl Eisinger, Conrad Hamilton, Bill & Carol Hayden, Rick & Carol Herrick, Park & Billie Learned, Ray & Mai Owens, Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, and Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey.**

Everyone was thrilled when **Park & Billie Learned** walked into our meeting. They have been unable to attend for well over a year because of health problems. They both looked wonderful and we hope this will mean they can attend the meetings once again. We missed them so much while they were unable to attend. Welcome back, **Park & Billie Learned** ☺ ☺

Members unable to attend this month were: **Jessie Arnold** had a conflict, **George & Denny Atteberry** are in IN until Oct., **Bill & Ann Delavan** were in NC baby-sitting grandchildren for their Marine family, **Bob & Bev Heinrich** because **Bob** wasn't feeling well, **Doug & Edna Horne** due to **Edna's** health issues; **Joe & Monica Leonard** as **Monica** had tickets to go to Monroeville, AL to see the play, "*To Kill A Mockingbird*" and **Tommy & Sande Zander** could not attend today but plan to be in our area for May's meeting. We are all anxious to see them again.

After our meeting was called to order by our President, **Bob Schwartz**, we began the meeting by drawing our raffle tickets. **Bill Hayden & Barbara Serra** sold the tickets. **Park Learned** drew the winning ticket for **John Eisinger**, who was thrilled. We had eight chocolate chip cookies extra and winners were **Mai Owens, Ed Southworth, Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey, Barbara Serra, Yvonne Schwartz, Mike Burke, Bill Hayden and Carla Burke.** If you had one of these cookies, you

would understand why we are all thrilled when we win an extra one!

After the raffle excitement calmed down, **Park & Billie Learned** were welcomed back after their long absence due to health issues. We all hope they will be able to be at a lot more meetings now since they have been part of our group since the beginning in 2010. We hope their health problems will continue to improve.

No corrections were needed to the Treasurer's Report or the Minutes that were emailed out.

**Yvonne Schwartz**, our secretary, told about an email she received from **Mary Winkler**, a UAL Retiree, asking if our **Park Learned** was a pilot. I replied to her that no, our **Park** was not a pilot but I would tell him about the email. He told us that the pilot that **Mary Winkler** talked about was his Father! We had quite a discussion regarding the email and about how **Park III** (our Park), and his Dad, **Park Learned, Jr.** both had long careers with United. It truly is a small world!

June Birthdays are **Charley Pritchett** (24<sup>th</sup>), and **Steve Wilkey** (30<sup>th</sup>).

July Birthdays are **John Eisinger** (2<sup>nd</sup>), and **Judy Hebl** (25<sup>th</sup>).

Discussion then began regarding **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz** moving from our area and the offices of President and Secretary had to be filled. There were a lot of reasons given why different members felt they could not take a position but after a long while, **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** volunteered to do the newsletter each month but none of the other secretary parts and finally **Conrad Hamilton** was coerced into being our President. It was finally decided that the Secretary position would be discussed next month to see what areas could be eliminated and what had to be done. Our Vice-President, **Bill Hayden**, volunteered to make the reservation each month for the meeting at the Cubi Bar Café.

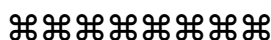
(Yvonne speaking, "*I never thought filling my position would be so difficult as I never thought of it as being a big job. I just love our group so much that I loved doing what I do and wish I could continue with it. I'm praying someone will step forward next month.*")

We welcome visitors to our meetings anytime you are in our area. Our members live between Ft. Walton Beach, FL and almost to Mississippi so if you are coming to the Gulf Coast, please give us a call or send us an email and plan to join us at one of our great meetings. Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 11:30 AM in the Cubi Bar Café in Naval Aviation Museum, NAS Pensacola, FL.

#### Calendar:

**June 8** - 11:30AM Meeting at Cubi Bar Café in National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL

**July 13** - Same as above



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Our Birmingham chapter met on a very rainy Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Seasons 52 restaurant, The Summit on Highway 280. Because of the weather, our group was smaller than usual. Those attending were **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, **Joe & Jane Jones**, **Keith & Charlotte Gibson**, **Joe Duncan**, **Bill Preston** and **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**.

Birthdays for April are **Keith Gibson** and **Carol Wilbanks**, and an anniversary was celebrated by **Ken & Beverly Yeager**.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Joe Duncan**. We meet every second Monday at 11:30 a.m. at an area restaurant and invite all United retirees to join us. For information, please call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

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The Azures enjoyed a lovely lunch on the patio at Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy in Peoria, AZ. I think **Joe Hopkins** took reservations for 41 members. We had separate tabs so people could order as many margaritas as they wanted (haha). What a beautiful day for eating lunch out on a covered patio! And, then a few of us stopped back at **Pat & Ziggy Butkiewicz's** house for some "coolers" after the luncheon.

**Mike Richards** and **Don Brei** announced that they would take over the open Board positions as President and Vice President of the Azures. The Board, also including **Joe Hopkins** and myself, then met on April 28 to discuss venues for the 2015-2016 season. New restaurants were discussed and agreed upon. So now it will take a matter of reserving those venues and deciding on dates. We all agreed that we could meet on other days besides Saturdays for our Azures luncheon meetings. So that's what we will be looking at.

Happy Birthday to our June celebrants. Again, I'm in Illinois and don't have my list, but, rest assured, I will give honor to those May and June celebrants at a later date. I guess I need a computer lesson or two.

The Azures will have a summer break in meetings/

luncheons until October when we will again meet at Beardsley Park in Sun City for our annual picnic. Our **Sally Ellingworth** reserved the Ramada and the Board will decide on the meal service. After the summer months, it is delightful to meet in the coolness (?) of October and enjoy a picnic with friends.

**Lowell & Pat Neal** are still in Arizona waiting on their grandson's wedding and another granddaughter's graduation. Just FYI: Nice green grass in Huntley, Illinois and cooler temps. **Carol & Vic Liltz** are planning the trek to Huntley at the end of May for a few months for a "cooling off" from the Arizona heat.

Thanks to **Tom Heidecker** for giving me **Pam Paliwoda's** name and phone number as a potential member of the Azures. Pam and her husband, **Jim**, are residents of Goodyear, AZ. Pam and I had a nice phone conversation and she said that she'd be interested in joining the Azures in the Fall when we resume our luncheon schedule. Pam is a retired flight attendant and it will be good to meet her and Jim and welcome them into our chapter.

On a Special Note: Any ex-ORDCS or OPBOP employees interested in going to the Chicago Skyliners luncheon at Chandlers in Schaumburg on June 22, please email **Connie Russo** at [mich4mitch@aol.com](mailto:mich4mitch@aol.com) for reservations information. We will be celebrating Mitch & Connie's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary after the luncheon at Chandler's bar. The luncheon is \$20.00/person.

Note: Vic says the only thing bad about retirement is you can't pick your vacation and you only get paid once a month.

#### Calendar:

**June 2, 16 & 30** - Breakfasts at Coco's, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ – 0830. Call **Sherry Muoio** at 572-4828 for reservations.

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We're having pretty nice weather here; not too hot yet, so hope you're out and about and enjoying yourself. We're still getting together for breakfasts each month at the Black Bear Diner on the fourth Friday of each month, so hopefully, you'll continue to mark your busy calendars, and join our friendly and great group of United retirees.

The June breakfast is on the 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:15 a.m. at the Black Bear Restaurant. The address is 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert. Please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know that you will be attending a couple of days before. She can be reached at (480) 396-3317,

or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). She needs to let the restaurant know how many to plan for.

We had 48 people attend our yearly picnic at the Crescent Run in Mesa, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. Everyone enjoyed visiting with one another and being entertained with guitar music during the afternoon. As usual, the food was delicious, along with the special cake for dessert. No one went away hungry!

We talked about the All-Arizona Luncheon, which we will host next March. We already have a committee picked out and they're making plans for a great event. The Fantasy Flight is definitely scheduled for Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the airport. Keep picking up items needed for the children as you are out and about this summer. The children are between the ages of 5 and 7 years old. Items needed are socks, gloves, hats, stadium-size fleece blankets, stuffed animals, trucks, and Barbie dolls, plus any small shampoo or lotions. If you accumulate items, give them to **Peg Snowdall**, who will gladly store your items in preparation for the Fantasy Flight. **Ginny Rockenhauser** was busy, as usual, taking pictures of everyone for our archives. She does an excellent job!

It was nice seeing **Buss & Pat Nicholaisen** and **Bob Hallden** back with us after their illness and also **Liz Wilson**, who has moved to an assisted living facility. Also, **Bonnie & Roger Veillette** brought their daughter, **Michele Brown**, as their guest and **Pat & Buss** had their daughter, **Susan**, with them. It's always nice to see many smiley faces. Thanks **Shirley & Ron** for the great picnic!

The April 24<sup>th</sup> Breakfast had 16 members attending. We couldn't meet in our regular private room this time, so we made the meeting "short and sweet". Our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, is in charge of the summer breakfasts while **Shirley Claggett** is away. We were brought up-to-date on **Bud Hubbard**, heard **John Tiefel** got married and moved to Las Vegas, and that **Doreen Cloud's** mother recently passed away. We hope all is going well for everyone. We are fortunate to have **Tony Ribeiro**, who is our Sunshine person, to keep sending cards to our members when in need; even though he, himself, has health problems.

One of our members, **Pinky Kubiak**, had a hole-in-one at Sun Lakes Country Club early in April. Congratulations, **Pinky**, that's terrific! Not too many people make that achievement.

Make your plans to attend the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania September 23 – 26<sup>th</sup>. The committee has made plans for a lot of activities and places to see, so it should be a great convention. Pittsburgh is noted for the "Best Places in the World to Visit in 2015" and "Best All-American Vacation City", so it sounds like a winner to me. The Convention issue is included in this month's RUAEA Newsletter. We defi-



nately want to have a wonderful turn-out for this convention. It should be a lot of fun.

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! We have four couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries; they are **Buss & Pat Nicholaisen** (6/6/53), **Barb & Paul Paymaster** (6/6/89), **Molly & Bill Norwood** (6/18/60), and **Larry & Gayle Stanley** (6/21/69). Congratulations to each of the four couples!

#### Calendar:

**June 26** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd., in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), with your reservation by Wednesday, June 24, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

**July 24** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

**August 28** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner



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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pines Chapter!

Our chapter is taking the summer off so there will be no meeting/luncheon for the months of June, July and August.

The next meeting will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup> and may be held at a different location. All members will be reminded by a message from our friendly caller "Don".

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**Marcy & Ed Degan** hosted the April's luncheon at Hi-Flautin Western Grill, it was attended by 25 Roadrunners. Absent from the festivities was **Ed Kokot** (recovering from surgery) and **Pat & Rich Dilallo** due to illness.

The "Green Valley Girls" made an appearance with **Marian Dietrich** winning part of the 50/25/25, **Pete Lopez** winning the other half.

On January 1, there will be a change in the Roadrunner officers and RUAEA correspondent. At the June meeting, I expect to be overwhelmed by the people volunteering to take on one or more of the positions. I don't

think an extension of the present terms is an acceptable alternative.

Anniversaries ~ **Loretta & Wayne Norman** (June 6), **Alice & Pete Lopez** (June 15), **Carolyn & Frank Di Santo** (June 17).

Birthdays ~ **Pat Dilallo**, **John Bennatts**, **Wayne Norman**, **JoAnn Livingston** and **Phyllis Potsic**.

#### Calendar:

**June 18** - Luncheon at Guiseppes, 6060 North Oracle, Casa Blanca Plaza. 11:30 Hosted by **Pat Carera**. Contact Pat on her phone, do not use email address, (520) 797-0243. No mañana, give her a weeks notice for seating location (inside or outside).

**July 16** - Hosted by **Merrit & Carolyn McGlothlin**, location disclosed in July newsletter.

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Our meeting was held at the Radisson Hotel in Santa Maria. Our lunch room had an open view to the airport's runway that gave us all a great feeling of our relationship with the airlines that never left us.

There were a total of 13 attending. We missed **Bob Wagner** although **Mike Zoldak** said he thought he would be well enough to attend, but he has had medical problems that kept him away. Also, **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham** were missing because Eleanor had slipped in a grocery store and cracked her pelvic bone. That put her in the hospital. We also missed **Esther & Bob Bartlett**. We were happy to see a long time member, **Kathy Shurtleff**, and her mother, joining us.

President **Mike Zoldak** opened our meeting by presenting an idea to supplement our treasury. He suggested during the 50/50 drawing, we would buy 1 ticket for \$1, 6 tickets for \$5, or an arms length for \$10. Some of the ladies would be at a disadvantage, so **John Stilwell** volunteered since his arm out reached everyone. Needless to say, our treasury increased by a substantial amount. Since the **Cunninghams** were absent, and they won the 50/50 most of the time, this gave others a chance. As chance would have it, the **Rybars** won.

Treasurer **Marcia Stanger** handed out our new membership roster. She does a great job in keeping the roster up to date as well as the treasury books.

**John Stilwell** told us that after checking out our luncheon location at the Radisson, he learned that there

will be no commercial aircraft flying out of Santa Maria after May 4<sup>th</sup>. There were enough flights to LAX and SFO that made it convenient for those living on the Central Coast. The schedule at San Luis Obispo airport has been reduced to two flights a day to SFO and LAX. The advantage of flying out of Santa Maria was the free unlimited parking. I don't know of any other airport that allows that.

John told us of his trip to Spain, he was on a tour that included a total of 39. One story he told, was about two young people that paid \$1000 a piece for the final soccer game tickets. I missed the town that the game was being played in, but I assume it was Madrid. The fact was that they were still in their teens, but very devoted fans.

In the last newsletter, on the back page was an article about the Boeing Stratocruiser. When I worked for NWA, they had such a plane. Working at MDW, we had radio contacts with the flights, and very seldom did a day go by without some flight had to shut down an engine. They would finish their flight on three engines which got to be routine. I asked **John Stilwell** if he remembered that airplane. It appears that this was the largest engine built and he said that UAL had the same problems as NWA. What surprised John was when I said one night, I received a call from a NWA trip going from DTW to MSP. He called in an emergency due to a missing engine. I called the MDW tower for a frequency so he could be routed to MDW. After landing, the engine was missing, in fact it fell off the plane and is somewhere in Lake Michigan.

As for you avid golfers, as Dean Martin once said, if you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt.

We are now looking forward to our next meeting hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger** on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

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**Jan Keck** was our hostess for the Desert Sunbirds' April Luncheon. Forty two Sunbirds and guests dined at Francesco's Café in Rancho Mirage. Our choices were; Cobb Salad, Vegetarian Torpedo, Philadelphia Cheese Steak Sandwich, Hot Chicken Parmigiana Wrap, and a Spaghetti and Ravioli Wrap.

**Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan** brought a friend from Australia, **Nancye Hesketh**, a Qantas employee. Our second guest was **April Silis**, invited by the **Kellerhals**. Jan met April while serving on Jury Duty on the same trial.

President Mike reminded everyone that "dues are due", now, as the Roster will be coming out in May. Mike also mentioned the name, "**Clay Lacy**", a retired UAL Pilot, who runs his own Aviation Company out of Van Nuys, CA. I remembered the name, so I did some research.

**Clay Lacy** joined UAL in January, 1952, and retired #1 Seniority in 1992 after 40+ years, based in LAX his entire career. He started "Clay Lacy Aviation" in 1968, based in Van Nuys, CA. It was the first "Executive Charter Company". He now has 76 aircraft in his company, has filmed more than 3,000 projects for the military, feature films (stunt work), and TV. He has at least 54 film credits and 29 speed records under his belt.

Clay has been an Airline Captain, Military Aviator, experimental test pilot, air race champion, world record setter (distance), aerial cinematographer, and business aviation entrepreneur. Quite a resume!

Congratulations to our only Anniversary couple this month ~ **Alan & Gail Wayne** (27 years on May 22<sup>nd</sup>).

**Patti Sica** won the birthday lunch. In the 50/50 raffle, two \$50.00 prizes were handed out to **Marge Lenz** and ... yours truly. An extra prize in the drawing - a bottle of wine, was won by **Mike Bailardo**.

### Calendar:

**July 8** – Hosted by **John & Maureen Schultz**

### **SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**



### **GOLD DIGGERS**

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Lake of the Pines Clubhouse, Auburn, CA. This was hosted by **Sonda Sandstedt** with assistance from **Ann & Phil Frank**. We had 47 Gold Diggers and no guests. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked **Sonda** and the **Franks** for hosting.

### Officers Reports:

*President* ~ **Orville Harshbarger** reminded us that next month's meeting will be with the Solano Flyers.

*Vice President* ~ **Len Haubl** thanked **Frank Dellinger** for filling in for him the last couple of months. We are still looking for hosts for the following months: October and December. There will be no meeting in September because of convention and November because of Thanksgiving. Our May luncheon will be at Buckhorn Steakhouse Restaurant in Winters, CA hosted by the **Szekretars**. This luncheon will be a combined luncheon with the Solano Flyers.

*Secretary* ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for



April: **Dale & Dorothy Volker** – 59 years; **Len & Laverne** – 57 years; **Lee & Shirley Francis** – 42 years; **Ray & Lorna Andrejewski** – 18 years. **Harold Esola** led us in singing the Happy Anniversary song.

*Treasurer* ~ **Judie King** was not with us but her husband, **Ronnie**, gave our Chapter's balance.

*Roster Chairman* ~ **Jack Raynor** has the new rosters with him today.

*Sunshine* ~ **Angie Dellinger** told us that **Gail Opdahl** is in intensive care (she has now passed away) and **Margie Fulkerson** is in ICU in hospital in Grass Valley; and we are glad that **Dan Figueroa** is back with us.

*Historian* ~ **Stephanie Norton** has received the bulletin from the funeral of **Vic Drumheller's** service.

*RUAEA VP Of Conventions* ~ **Ron Bertacini** reminded us of the upcoming convention in Pittsburgh, PA on September 23-26<sup>th</sup>. The convention package should be out around May 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Calendar:

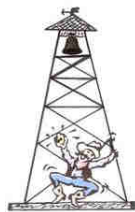
**May 27** – Luncheon with the Solano Flyers at the Buckhorn Steakhouse in Winters, CA, hosted by **Charles & Martha Szekretar**.

**June 24** - Luncheon at Ginger's in Roseville.

#### HANGTOWN MINERS

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Hello to all you Miners! We missed seeing you this month. Not having our monthly meeting in April left a big hole in the month. A big Thank You goes to **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** for setting everything up at Camp Virner for us.

Looking through our roster, I see April was the month that was chosen by three Miners for their wedding. Congratulations to **Bill & Linda Dinette** (44 years), **Bill & Jane Gibson** (47 years) and **George & Connie Rivas** (58 years).

For May, **JR & Rosemary Heier** will be hosting our luncheon at Casa Ramos in Placerville. May 11<sup>th</sup> (day after Mother's Day) is the date. This month you do not need to send in your choices and money ahead – you will order what you want from their menu and pay for it on your own. In fact, Rosemary doesn't even need to know if you will be there! Of course, we look forward to seeing every one of you!

#### Calendar:

**May 11** – Meeting at Casa Ramos in Placerville, hosted by **JR & Rosemary Heier**.



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##### RETIREES

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I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful spring weather with blooming trees and flowers everywhere, despite the water shortage due to the fourth "drought" year in California. I am writing this from Boise, Idaho, where I am visiting with my daughter for the week. They have no water use restrictions here, but I can't help being mindful of it when I wash the dishes and take a shower. They have canals that they fill with the winter runoff each year, and they are all full.

Reporting on our last luncheon/meeting, we held it at the Quail Inn at Oakmont Golf and country Club with their awesome view of the golf course and Sugar Loaf Mountain just east of it, still green from the seasonal rain. We enjoyed a very nice luncheon, hosted by **Pat Ortega** and myself (**Mary Wilson**). It was a beautiful sunny day and the tables were decorated by the Oakmont Golf Club staff with vases of pretty spring flowers shown off by a bright mirror and crystal gems placed around the centerpieces. There were 32 members and guests attending; we had a pleasant time visiting while the staff got the room and buffet ready for us. The buffet was wonderful and generous including both a tasty Tri-tip steak and Chicken Marsala entrée dish along with veggies, garlic mashed potatoes as well as two great salads and a nice dessert. They always feed us well there and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the food.

President **Larry Wilson** opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking **Pat Ortega** and me for hosting the luncheon. He discussed the newly changed bylaws, compiled by **Brandon Maus** and reprinted by him; they were agreed upon by all present, and adopted. A few copies were handed out and there are copies available to all who want one. Vice President **Jerry Underhill**, besides providing us with the nice wines for the raffle, announced our guests for the day: **Lee Trevelyn** and **Lynn Cassil**, guests of **Barney & Claire Hagen**; and **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, guests of **Nick & Maria van Kruining**. They seemed to enjoy visiting our group, and in fact have visited several times before. We are glad to have them with us.

Treasurer **Oscar Chambers** reported on the finances. We have a healthy \$338.39 in the general fund and a nice \$383.36 in the Charity fund, for a total of \$721.75. He encouraged us to give to the Charity box to increase our balance, and there was \$49.00 added then during the luncheon; raffle ticket purchases were also encouraged!

**Barney Hagen** says he has no new updates to report for the travel passes, but **Larry Wilson** told that he was able to take advantage of the 20% discount pass per Barney's instructions about getting on the UAL reservation site. He was also awarded the Pre TSA check status to use when flying standby to bypass the lengthy TSA screening. I took advantage of this when flying up here to Boise last week!

RUAEA Western Regional Director **Roger Casterline** told us about his recent trip to Pittsburgh, PA, for a RUAEA meeting and was able to stay at the Double Tree Hotel. He said he met a couple of people there and encouraged them to join our local group and to join the "Big RUAEA" to receive information about the National RUAEA in the monthly newsletter. The big message from the conference is that we still need to grow all the local retiree/past members of the UAL and Continental Airlines employees clubs.

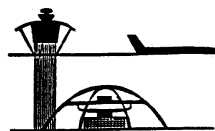
Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** was still on her traveling vacation to see her family, but we hope to see her at the next luncheon in May. Secretary **Mary Wilson** took her place to announce the one birthday of April, who was **Les Cary**; he was not present and there were no anniversaries to celebrate for this month.

I was able to find a few airline related jokes on the internet with **Larry Wilson**'s help, and we had one joke provided by **George Schwind** which everyone enjoyed. Verda would be very proud of us! She often sends out the greeting cards for the chapter, but instead **Joanne Huhn** sent out a "Get Well Card" to **Sheila Legnitto**, who is reported to be not feeling too well, and is at home. We hope to hear more about her condition at the next luncheon.

We finished up our time together by reading off the raffle tickets for the nicely wrapped bottles of wine brought by **Jerry & Barbara Underhill**, and the equally decorative See's Candies, brought by **Ron & Joanne Huhn**. **Larry Wilson** closed the time by telling us that the next luncheon will be held at the "Villa Restaurant" in Santa Rosa, on May 14<sup>th</sup>, hosted again by **Pat Ortega** and myself, with the assistance of **Barbara Underhill**. Until then, have a Happy Spring!

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I would like to share some notes and emails that came to us from ReLAXers members who were unable to attend our luncheons.

A note from **John Bateman** apologized for not be-

ing able to attend the February luncheon. He mentioned that they had retired from UA in 1988, about 26 years ago! He sadly advised that his good friend, **Lee Buhr** (SFOLM) passed away sometime during the Christmas Season. They hope to visit with us soon.

**Charlene Walker** is planning on moving home to assist her mother for awhile. Her new address will be: P.O. Box 125, Springville, CA 93265. She was sad that she did not get to deliver her usual bundle of toys for the Vista Del Mar children; but plans to continue her routine next year. Charlene also advised us that there are now, no BFL-LAX flights.

A friend not heard from in a long time, **Charlene Takeguchi**, sent a check for her dues and a little extra for whatever and wherever it was needed. Thank you for your kindness, it is gratefully accepted.

A lovely note came from the "Frozen North" of Pennsylvania where **Phyllis Easley** lives. She hopes some day to fly out and spend some time with friends from her past years at United in departments of RR, SS, and ATS. That would be great!

**Rowe Prideaux** and I had a little chat and he said he'd attempt the long drive in soon. He loves to drive; he's been doing it since he was 16!

**Lois Hamilton** had visiting friends during the last luncheon; but will see us soon.

We send loving thoughts to those not able to attend; **Olga Jean Barnes, Barbara Smith, Linda Muche, Herb & Betty Kopp** and all those others not able to fight the battles of the freeways.



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The month of May was a busy one for us at Resans. We had our Spring Fling Luncheon with the best ever attendance of forty seven! Among those were several new attendees from Continental. We are so happy they have joined our group. The Mexican Buffet at the Tortilla Factory in Old Town was one of the best. We were seated on the patio and had a great view overlooking San Diego and the Harbor.

**Louis Semon** won the 50/50 and many gifts were given out. The wine was, of course, the first to be selected.

There were no Birthdays for April.

I have a change in our leadership to announce. **Betty Tomaino** remains as President; **Debbie Taylor** has accepted the position of Vice President and **Louis Semon** is now taking over as Treasurer. Barbara is continuing on as Secretary. As our membership is continu-

ing to grow, our goal is to be more efficient in carrying out our duties to Resans members, hoping to keep it the best group ever.

**Donna Capps**, one of our members from CO, was unable to attend our luncheon as she was receiving a "Volunteer of the Year" award at Scripps Green Hospital. We congratulate her on her dedication. She also tells us that she has a granddaughter attending Medical School to become a doctor.



**Deborah Richardson** has been visiting with her family in Kwang Chou, China. While there, Deborah travelled with her sisters through Viet Nam, and Angkor Wat, Cambodia. Deborah is also an accomplished artist and has a show of her paintings at Spanish Village in Balboa Park. This is going on while she is trying to adjust to jet lag!

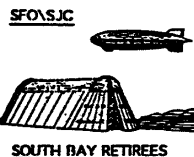
We are looking forward to a good breakfast in June and hope to see everyone there. If you are going to be in the area please drop in and join us for our monthly breakfast held on the first Thursday of the month.

#### Calendar:

**June 4** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. (619) 226-0255.

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Last month, May, 1927 Lindbergh made the first solo transatlantic flight. We, too, have members who will also be crossing the Atlantic, but not solo. **Rosemarie & Bill Reichard**, are taking a Viking Cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. What a fantastic way to experience some European countryside and culture. **Ann & Keith Olthof** are going to Amsterdam to join a celebration of Keith's sister's 65 Wedding Anniversary. They are hoping to do some "touristy" travel in addition to visiting with family. **Karen & Bob Devlin** have returned from a trip to The Emerald Isle. **Sally & Tony Urso** are traveling, not across the ocean, but across the continent. They are looking forward to their granddaughter's wedding in Cancun, Mexico. They will be enjoying the blue hues of the Caribbean, the luxury of a resort, and, hopefully, getting the opportunity to tour some Mayan Ruins.

June is traditionally the month for weddings, and several of our members will be celebrating. We wish a Happy Anniversary to **Dot & Don Boyer**, **Claire & Lloyd Eber**, **Josie & Charles Esqueda**, and **Darleen & Gary Ikeya**.

Happy June Birthdays to **Christa Boyce**, **Barbara Brown**, **Jay Cacioppo**, **Sam Cramb** and **Ella Sousa**.

We were disappointed to hear that **Ella & George Sousa** and **Russ Currier** required a little health maintenance. We want to send positive and healing wishes and hope to see them at our Annual Picnic on June 16<sup>th</sup> at Vasona Park in Los Gatos to compete for those BINGO prizes.

In addition to Industry Updates, President **Dave Garland** inquired whether we would be interested in getting shirts for our group bearing our SFO/SJC logo. People appeared receptive so new shirts could be a "distinct maybe". **Maureen Snyder** gave us all a chuckle when she informed us of some details about the wearing (or what is *not* worn) of the kilt, which has become identified with the whole of Scotland. **Geneva Schaller's** granddaughter, **Lexie**, has been a frequent guest at our breakfasts as of late, and it is always a treat to have extended family in attendance at our breakfast meetings.

**George Midwin**, our featured member this month, was born in Milan, Italy, and raised in Stockton, California. He says that he wanted to work for United Airlines (UAL) after taking a 20 minute ride in a DC-3 when UAL came to the Stockton Airport in the late 50's. George has his Aircraft & Power plant (A & P) License and his Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from San Jose State University. However, his life took twists and turns before he accomplished his goal of being employed by UAL where he had an (almost) 39 year career.

George was in the Army as a helicopter mechanic for 3 years, and spent 2 years in Vietnam, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. He worked as a Longshoreman. He worked at a Cherry Brining Plant. Cherries are sold as fresh, frozen, canners or briners. Briners are made into Maraschino, glaze, or ingredient cherries. (Now I will always think of George when I drink an Old Fashion!) George also worked at NASA Ames on the Convair 990 Aircraft which was used for the Kuiper Airborne Observatory. This project precluded the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) which was one of George's special assignments while working at UAL. As if this was not enough of a variety of experiences, George got his private pilot license and also operated a "Handyman" Service.

George began working in July, 1975 for UAL as an Aircraft Mechanic at SFOOV until 1980 when he became a Supervisor until 1989. George then became a Maintenance Operating Manager at OAKUM until 1993. Then, in 1993 he became a SP Production Controller



until 1998 when he worked as a Safety Rep. In 2003 his job was as a Maintenance Training Supervisor. In 2005 he changed to Project Management "C" Checks. In 2011 George became an Assistant Planning Manager until his retirement in 2014 from SFOOX.

In addition to the SOFIA assignment which was a joint venture with NASA and mentioned previously, George had a variety of other special projects and assignments during his years at UAL. He was a Team Member of the Indianapolis Maintenance Center Development; he acted as a "LEAN" Project Lead for SFOOV, and was an offsite Maintenance Manager for DC-10 "C" Checks and Overhauls. UAL implemented an environment system to identify and control contaminants, thus subscribing to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). George is ISO Trained and Certificated for UAL's Maintenance Base. He coordinated a UAL Commercial, featuring John Travolta, but the commercial never aired. George also coordinated the effort to have a 747 fly during The Fleet Week Airshow. Since 1996 George has been the Family Day Planning Chairman. Since retirement, George has volunteered with the Patriots Jet Team Foundation that has performed at the area's Fleet Week, and at the UAL Family Days. In the March RUAEA Newsletter SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY article, George announced that the non-profit group, Patriots Jet Team Foundation will be opening a school in aviation & they are looking for volunteer teachers and mentors. George expressed an interest in the History of Japan's secret World War II Weapon - Balloon Bombs! George revealed that he had an experience in a Hot Air Balloon (not a Balloon Bomb), but his first trip ended in a crash landing!

George's wife, Julie, worked as a nurse for 42 years, and she, too, is retired. She likes painting, and art history, particularly the history of Italy. Like George, Julie enjoys traveling. For example, last fall, (see November, 2014 RUAEA Newsletter) they experienced a memorable trip to Tuscany. George expressed an interest in lighthouses, so I would venture a guess that visiting those are on their itineraries.

George & Julie have a son and daughter. Their son works for UAL at SFO as a Ramp Serviceman. George and their son share an interest in Indy Car Racing, and had the opportunity to sit and talk with Mario Andretti at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Their daughter was formally on the Professional Volleyball Circuit. They have a 7<sup>th</sup> grade grandson who lives in Australia.

One of George's UAL's memories is traveling on United's Inaugural Flight to Moscow - A Trip to Remember!

#### Calendar:

**June 16** - Picnic at Vasona Park, Los Gatos

**September 23-26** - Re Unite in Pittsburgh



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**Jack & Rosie Walls** hosted our April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Pine Tree Restaurant in Sonora, where we had a lovely lunch in a private room (so our noisy laughter did not disturb other diners). Rosie said we had 30 members attending. After our pre-lunch laughter, President **Bobby Wood** opened the meeting with a prayer followed by a welcome to our guests, **Pat Scoble** (Bob's wife), **Ally Carpenter** (Eleanor Wood's granddaughter) and, one of our favorite guests, **Kennedy Kiss** (Eleanor's great granddaughter, under a year old). The group really seems to enjoy having a baby to play with! It was a joy to see **Hans Weber** back again as he has been traveling.

**Sandy Brooks** passed out updated 2015 rosters.

President Wood wished **Joe Schwirian** happy birthday, and noted there were no April anniversaries on our list.

Under Old Business, President Wood thanked **Barbara Edkin** and **Sandy Brooks** for preparing and sending out the newsletter while he and Eleanor traveled.

Under New Business, President Wood shared a letter he had received from **Bob Scobel** stating **Berno Dronkers** (SFO Maintenance Records) and **Robert A. Fulkerson** (Engineering Maintenance Planner) had died. Some of the members had worked with both of them and shared memories.

**Bob Blair** shared his experience traveling on Delta in their "comfort seats", which allowed him extra leg room. The agent booking their seat suggested he use his Capital One points to book it (so he picks up points on his card), then use the same card to pay the bill, which allows him to make the most of the credit card usage. He didn't know if it would work with other cards.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** reported a balance of almost \$400.00 with all bills paid. He contacted the outstanding \$50.00 sympathy donation recipient and was told to make it a donation to the group. The thanks of the group for the donation were expressed.

The usual raffle was held as the meeting closed and we slowly dispersed to travel back into the "real" world.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month (our next meeting is May 14, 2015) but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Bobby Wood** (209) 541-1910 or [bobby7004@msn.com](mailto:bobby7004@msn.com), for meeting information and reservations.

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Our April meeting was in a new location and a beautiful day with 27 in attendance! We welcomed back **Ken Price, Tracey Blanchard, Russ Kennedy, Bob Sample** and **Lou & Cheryl Kinkaid**. The **Bouskas** are on an extended cruise, but should be back next month. We miss them!

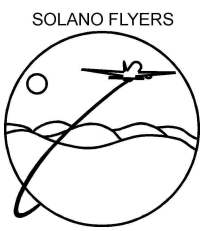
We voted, by a large majority, to return to the Old Spaghetti Factory next month.

**Carol Parks** brought wine and candy and **Jan Soderstrom** contributed wonderfully scented handmade soap for our 50/50. **Ken Price** won the \$\$\$\$.

Our meeting schedule is as follows:

- **May 11** – Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord (Todos Santos Park location)
- **June 8** – our Annual Picnic at Diane and Manny's home.
- **July** – no meeting.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month and 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. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.



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### **Submitted by Harold Mitchell**

April 8<sup>th</sup> found the following members at the Benicia Grill in Fairfield: **Robert & Michiko Allen, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Eugene Boyce, Robert & Ellie Ewald, John Francis, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Stewart McCale, Louis Pell, Allan & Peggy Pochop, Diosnel Perez, Ben Reed, Frank Uhl, and Robert Zirzow**. Guests were **Larry & Phyllis Snively**, from Pahrump, NV.

Birthdays are celebrated this month by **Diosnel Perez, Robert Ewald, Rudolph Arsaga, and Stewart McCale**.

Anniversary ~ **Robert Zirzow**, & wife, 48 years.

We have members with dual membership with the Solano Flyers and the Sacramento Gold Diggers. The Gold Diggers have scheduled their meeting at the Buckhorn restaurant in Winters on May 27<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that we change our meeting date of May 13<sup>th</sup> and join the Gold Diggers. Members voted and approved the meeting change.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Stewart McCale**.

June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will find us back at Denny's restaurant in Vacaville at 11am.

Informational: Medical Radiation used in medical imaging is a known carcinogen. As many old units have out dated scanners, with higher radiation than the newer units, therefore, new or old unit doing the scanning? No patient should ever avoid an imaging test if really needed, but many of the scans the doctors order serve little if any medical purpose. "Is this test really necessary?"

## COLORADO

### DENVER

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We have had a busy Spring with the Spring luncheon at Cinzetti's on April 15<sup>th</sup> and our monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. I think we all welcome the arrival of "good" weather. Now we can just enjoy the snow covered mountain peaks from the comfort of our 70 degree or better days.

Our luncheon was enjoyed by 57 smiling faces. We had our choice of multiple Italian buffet items and I don't think anyone left without feeling full. We had a guest speaker at our luncheon. **Steve Jaquith**, United Managing Director for DENO. It was great to have an active employee join us. He gave us some details on the progress for Denver airport. United has renegotiated the fees for the airport which put the costs more competitive with other carriers. They are also planning on remodeling the B concourse and realigning the necessary real estate. On the other hand, United has extended their lease for the airport until approximately 2025. **Steve** relayed to us how important our past work history has helped United to become a successful airline. We had a total of 29 actual UA/CO retirees attend and we added the years that they had been employed. It averaged over 33.7 years. **Earl Horner**, DENC, had the most years with 44 years. **Bob Duensing**, DENTK won the 50/50 raffle and donated it back to the chapter.

Our breakfast had a total of 38 guests present. **Tom Goodyear** announced the upcoming "Wings Over the

Rockies” barbeque in August, date - TBD. He is looking for volunteers to assist or host the picnic. **Don Lefurge**, retired CO and **Tom** have done it for a couple of years. The picnic is welcome and open to all retired airline personnel. Last year the number of CO retirees outnumbered the UA retirees. Can we do better this year? It is a great time looking at the aircraft, eating, and renewing friendships and airport memories. Please join us.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of **Al DeWoody**, DENTK, retired manager flight simulator maintenance. **Steve Hayes**, DENCS had a short illness and passed. **Barbara Chapman**, DENRR & DENCS passed away. No illness was announced, which is always good news.

We had a new guest at our breakfast, **Yumi Trujillo**, CO retiree from the crew desk. She is the wife of **Gary Trujillo**, DENMM. **Tom Goodyear**, DENOO and **Marv Berryman**, DENTK shared with us with interesting history from the UAHF (UA Historical Foundation). Pilots in the 1930 carried their weapons. In a 247D aircraft, the emergency notification was flares. Also, a picture of pilots who wore shorts as part of their uniform was shown.

**Sharon Burbank**, IADCS inquired who may be interested in participating in an AARP Driver Safety Event. Upon completion of the course, insurance companies may offer a discount. We would love to have more participation.

Our 50/50 drawings were won by **Don Burbank**, DENMM who won twice; **Tom Goodyear**, DENOO; **Walt Hansen**, DENMM; **Jim Ogden** DENFF; **J Pech**, DENTK, and **Bob Roebuck**, DENFF. Our usual winner, **Charlie Hassler**, DENMM, did not win, but he was surrounded by winners. Must have spread his luck around!

#### Calendar:

**May 16** - DENMM breakfast at Gala Gardens

**June 6** - Chapter breakfast at DENTK 9am

**August** – “Wings Over the Rockies” barbeque

### FLORIDA

#### CITRUS GROUPERS



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The Citrus Groupers of the Villages, Florida held the April meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Legacy Restaurant, Nancy Lopez Country Club. Sixteen were in attendance including two first timers, both of whom joined our chapter: **Ed Bader**, Exec Chef DCA, and **W. Dennis Hamm**, ORD RAMP SVC.

After a great lunch, Pres. Brick opened our meeting by having all stand for The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Both of our new members were asked to give us a brief background as to their respective careers. A few items of business were discussed. RUAEA Regional Director **Don Nellans** gave us an update on the upcoming RUAEA Convention to be held September 23-26 in Pittsburgh. Next meetings to be held on May 28 and June 25.

The winner of our 50/50 drawing was **Don Nellans**. The Meeting was closed by Pres. Brick. The Citrus Groupers send best wishes to all of our fellow retirees.

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact President **Ralph Brick** at [brick-ralph@cox.net](mailto:brick-ralph@cox.net).

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19 Sand”Dabs” turned out today for our luncheon meeting. We said the pledge and then **Bobbie Rieck** said a beautiful prayer honoring the National Day of Prayer. We sang Happy Birthday to **Frieda Coughlin**, **Bud Gammill**, **Lillian Moddle**, **Bill Lowry**, and **Robert Taylor**. Wedding anniversaries were celebrated by **Dick & Frieda Coughlin** (57 years) and **Gloria & Dennis Marcantoni** (44 years).

President **Dick Coughlin** was in great comedic form today. In timely fashion, he shared information about the origin of Cinco de Mayo Day. (Honoring mayonnaise? Really?) Then he sprinkled in a few senior jokes. His UAL report included many topics including the fact that we are carrying 13 Major League Baseball teams this season, our fuel bill is 36% lower than the same period last year and Jeff Smisek got another raise.

Treasurer **Penny Logan** gave her report. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Bud Gammill** and 2 Mother’s Day gifts were won by **Frieda Coughlin** and **Karen Gammill**. Congratulations to them all!

**Juanita Ritt** shared the sad news that her son William Karten, 57 years old from Pittsburgh, PA was killed in March in a car accident. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and William’s family.

We ended our luncheon with a 10 question quiz about 1950’s music. It was fun to dust off the cobwebs and remember the good old days.

#### Calendar:

**June 4** – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL





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The Real McCoys met on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Happy Cinco de Mayo everyone! A huge congratulation to Pres. **Rich** and First Lady **Cathy Llewellyn**, celebrating their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today! A toast to many more happy years together.

This secretary/correspondent was in AMS following a 14 day Transatlantic Cruise, so my favorite recruit, **Tracie Ruffolo**, penned the minutes for me. There were 38 members and guests, Rich & Cathy's granddaughter, Nikki and her friend Chris, at the Golden Corral for lunch. Apparently, it was casually mentioned that the meeting would be short because I was not present? Really now, that hurts.

Pres Rich thanked **Linda Agnello** for taking him to the hospital last month during the picnic. She stated that it was only because no one else wanted to be President that she did it! Gratefully, he is doing just fine now.

Today's winner of the 50/50 raffle was **Angel Montalvo**, congrats Angel!

May Birthdays include **Jerry Hill** (5/5) and everyone sang; **Bob McNeill** (5/29) and **Pat Hernandez** (5/30), **Mary Starzynski** (5/5), **Cathy Llewellyn** (5/15) and **Susan Ulman** (5/29).

As an aside, the meeting started after lunch at 1407 and ended at 1422. Maybe Rich hit the nail on the head.

Calendar:

Lunch at the Golden Corral, 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm

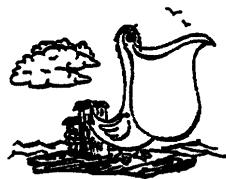
**June 2**

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**August 4**

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May 1<sup>st</sup> was our last meeting until October. All our members go hither, thither, and yon for the summer. Hope all have a great time and come back revitalized in the Fall.

Attending were **Rosemary Blake**, **Maxine Brown**,

**Bill & Margie Burg**, **Ed & Judy Clarke**, **Gary & Janice Crittenden**, **Jerry & Peggy Kliner**, **Bee McCarthy**, **Craig Meilahn**, **Paul & Ingrid Olson**, **Jerry & Sandy Pryde**, **Pat Reid**, and **Diane Roberts**.

Special thanks to **Ed & Judy Clarke** and **Sandy Pryde** for filling in for the Burgs in planning the steak fry. A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to **Maxine Brown** for obtaining our use of Picnic Point at the Landings for the afternoon.

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month October through April at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits in Cape Coral



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President **Beverly Alderdice** opened our meeting with a greeting to the mothers in the group. Our attendance was down a bit. We missed some of our regulars. **Elsie Morris** was welcomed back after being away with her volunteer work.

The **Fusinas** had some big days this month. **Volrie & Don** celebrated their anniversary on May 22 and Don's birthday was on May 13. **Bob Lindstrom** also had a birthday, May 16. Congrats to all!

There was not too much traveling so far. **Bob & Janis Lindstrom** are continuing their camper trips throughout Florida. Their aim is to visit all of Florida's state parks. So far, they have completed 2/3 of them. Their last was Koreshan State Park which is near Ft. Meyers. They found it to be very interesting since it had lots of history concerning the Koreshan religious group.

Bev asked if we knew anyone who would like to speak to the group. She has a few in mind for our Fall meetings. She mentioned that one of the people in her bowling league is 100 years young. Young she is since she is still driving and her bowling game isn't that bad either. There's hope for all of us.

We're taking June and July off so our next meeting will be August 3. Our September meeting will be on September 14 since the first Monday is Labor Day. And, as a reminder, our Fall picnic is in October. This picnic is a freebie for all paid members. Make sure your dues are paid so you can enjoy our fabulous barbeque luncheon.



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Our regular meeting was cancelled since our annual picnic at Dubois Park in Jupiter will be held on May 13 and we thought it necessary to have a Newsletter for this month for Birthdays and Anniversaries and the like. Our next Newsletter will discuss the picnic and how the weather treated us this year. Any news items that President **Al Popek** should pass on to us at the picnic will also be noted in our next Newsletter.

**Vicky Snyder** has been having a problem with her knee and has not been able to attend meetings so we want to send her our best wishes for a quick and speedy recovery.

The Birthdays for June are **Janice Popek** (6/1), **Tom Kolibab** (6/5), **Ron Brodis** (6/12), **Sharon Kolibab** (6/12). Happy Birthday to all! The Anniversaries are **Frank & Mary Jane Wise** (6/11) and **Arnold & Doris Lasko** (6/20). Anniversary wishes to both couples!

Remember to Laugh, Love and Live, the clock is ticking, don't wait to do the things you want to do, do it today. Yesterday is history and tomorrow is unknown and today is the present even though it is not gift wrapped.

### Calendar:

**June 3** - 1230PM Luncheon/Mtg, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL  
**July 1** - 1230PM Luncheon/Mtg, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL  
**August 5** - 1230PM Luncheon/Mtg, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

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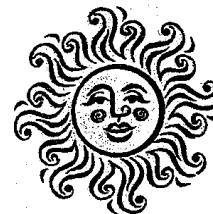


Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to [HNL RUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNL RUA@gmail.com) and we will email you the details.

We look forward to seeing you in United's 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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A small but mighty group gathered for breakfast last month and good conversations, as always. Present were **Denny Snyder, Shirley & Rick Dempsey, Marilyn Taylor, Marlene Croghan, Carole Bell, Palmer & Bob Sarnoff**, and **Carol & David Adams**.

**Denny** shared that his Cessna 172 passed its annual inspection. **Marlene's** son, Jerry from Tennessee, visited for a week in March. Jerry retired from army and government positions. **Bob**, an architect, is completing a project for the Maui teachers federal credit union in Wailuku. It's a remodel of the original project completed in 1995.

**David & Carol** are just back from the second camping trip this spring with our Good Sam Club friends. This was a particularly beautiful setting, overlooking the Snake River. In March we drove to Albany, Oregon to see our son. Rodney enjoys the company he has worked for since January. The celebration of my birthday was very special, as our daughter Shauna was able to meet with the three of us. I could not have asked for anything more!

It seems that I end up clipping a lot of newspaper articles. I recently ran across one I'd saved from last year. Its title: Penn Stohr Sr. Was One of Idaho's Most Admired Fliers. Thought you might find these tidbits interesting: Penn Stohr Sr., Idaho's most famous mountain pilot, learned to fly in 1923 in a Curtiss JN-4 "Jenny" under the tutelage of Nick Mamer of Spokane, a pioneer stunt flier who performed in small towns all over the Pacific Northwest. When World War I ended, sev-

eral thousands of these planes were declared surplus. This gave young pilots a chance to buy a plane of their own for a few hundred dollars. Even as late as 1920, a million or more rural Americans had never seen an airplane, much less flown in one. It was then that the age of barnstorming began, with air shows booked into small towns all over the country. Stohr, like most of the others, started this way until he got steady employment working for Johnson Flying Service of Missoula, MT. Bob Johnson, himself a pioneer mountain pilot, established branch bases in Boise, Cascade and McCall in the 1930's. Stohr and Johnson were among the 15 pilots who flew the mail into Boise's riverside field to help celebrate National Airmail Week, May 15-22, 1938. In February 1943, Stohr rescued five crew members of an Army B-23 bomber that had gone down on the edge of Loon Lake in a rugged mountain area north of McCall. This was only one of his many rescues and mercy flights. Stohr died near Townsend, Montana, on June, 1959, when the Ford Tri-motor he was piloting crashed on takeoff. Idaho honored Penn Sr. in 1992 with his induction into the Idaho Aviation Hall of Fame. His photo and citation are in each of the state's main airports.

#### Calendar:

**June 10** - 11:30 - Black Bear Café, 1731 S. Entertainment Ave.

### ILLINOIS

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June is busting out all over! And I don't mean my pregnant cousin, June. I mean the beautiful month of June. Month of brides and it's the month with the longest sunlight. The trees blossomed beautifully in Illinois this year. The dogwood, cherry and apple trees were so very colorful. Up sprouted the daffodils, jonquils, peonies, and roses, pretty as ever, as if to say, *"We'll show you, ugly winter, we are back and we are beautiful!"* I promised I wouldn't buy any flowers until after Mother's Day, but weakened after walking through Costco and Menards. I can't be trusted where flowers are concerned. So, welcome little June, we are going to enjoy you thoroughly! Hope you never leave.

Now for our breakfasts, at our Northside gathering, there was only one table full of merry makers. But, they forged on and had an exceptionally good time. **Mary**

**Szabo**, fell on Good Friday walking to the Jewel, and cut her forehead on the right side, along with getting a slight black eye. **Mary** only needed a butterfly dressing and is doing better now, but never did get to the Jewel. **Arlene Malachuk** went on a Caribbean cruise. **Ginny Vlach**, **Helen Cauwels** and **Mary Szabo** traveled very stylishly in **Al Broderson's** new Dodge Grand Caravan to the May Northwood Loonie's three day meeting in Manistique, MI. By now, he figured out half of all the bells and whistles on that car!

**Pat Kalicki** had a spinal steroid shot and is finally free of pain from a pinched nerve. **Jim Sommerfield** took his son and granddaughter to the Museum of Science and Industry. They enjoyed the U505 submarine and the United 727 exhibit. That plane has been up, hanging from the ceiling, since the 90's, and is still impressive. It's not to be missed. **Toni Van Kampen** and her husband celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on a Netherlands River Cruise in April. Congratulations on 30 happy years together.

**Bonnie & Ed Meyer** welcomed their 10<sup>th</sup> granddaughter in April. Teresa was 8 lbs and 8 ozs and joins three brothers and a sister.

Thank you to **Helen Cauwels** and **Ginny Vlach** for getting this info for me. I was home with contusions and a fractured nose after I fell on those cement little balls that you see on the sidewalks to protect the handicapped from falling. Yep, fell on those little buggers. Be careful with those little SOB marbles. I'm better now, just like **Mary**. Takes a lot to get us "50 shades of gray" ladies down and laid up.

It's Cub's Game time again! Yeay! **Helen Cauwels** is selling tickets for a Cubs/Atlanta Brewers game on August 21, 3:00 start. Tickets are \$16.50, lower grandstand, third base side. If interested, send a self-addressed envelope to Helen at 909 E. Kenilworth Ave., Apt 421, Palatine, IL 60074-6834. Her phone number is (847) 358-8634. Make your check payable to Chicago Skyliners, and write your file number and phone number on the check. This offer is open to retirees, family and friends. They'll be sold on a first come, first served basis. There is no limit how many you can get. You can catch the Pace Wrigley Field Bus from the Schaumburg or Lombard Transportation Centers. 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. Maybe some of you out-of-staters would like to come in for the day and see the game and our beautiful skyline!

At the Southside breakfast, we had 13 retirees. **Helen Cauwels** gave out info on the PIT convention September 23-26, and for the Cubs game. She sure gets around, doesn't she?

Cash raffle winners were **Bill Brookins**, **Marge Schmitt**, **Perry Pahl** and **Gwen Brookins**. Our Jam



guy, **John Pasakarnis**, brought in his specialty jams for the raffle. Winners were **Mary Szabo**, **Ginny Vlach**, **Helen Cauwels**, **Tom Hurley**, **Perry Pahl**, **Bill Brookins**, **Marge Schmitt**, **Marge Caliendo**, **Al Broderson** and **Gwen Brookins**. Just about everybody went home in a jam. **Bob Pearson** celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in April. Congrats on your longevity. Living with adventurous **Agnes** must keep you young.

Some of our friends that passed away this month are **Richard Penman**, ORDMM, a great guy and very fine mechanic, **Don Johnson**, IAM rep, **Robert Heise**, ORDCG, who worked Cargo, **Glenn Kasteis**, from EXORA. From ORDFO, Capt. **Ray Brice**, who was very active in ALPA, a leader in Aviation Safety, won many awards, and was considered a Pilot's pilot. A very sad loss from CHIRR, **Dawn Brzezowski's** parents both died. Her father died from liver failure, and then her mother died of pancreatic cancer, only three days later. Dawn's address is 674 E. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016. Our sympathy to all who have lost loved ones. Some deaths from those that shared our past, Percy Sledge, 74, "When a Man Loves a Woman", Ben E. King, 76, "Stand by Me", Jane Meadows, 95, wife of Steve Allen, Stan Freberg, 88, comedian, Chicago's Archbishop Frances George, 78, Illinois' governor, Dan Walker, 92, Richard Dysart, 87, from "L.A. Law", Nigel Terry, actor, Suzanne Crough, 52, Tracy from the "Partridge Family", Sawyer Sweeten, 19, a twin from "Everybody Loves Raymond", Jimmy Gunn, 66, and Doug Buffone, 70, both Chicago Bears, Jim Fanning, 87, Cubs player, band leader Ray Charles, Jean Niditch, 91, founder of Weight Watchers, Mary Doyle Keefe, model for Rosie the Riveter, and Dave Goldberg, 47, tech exec, who died falling off a treadmill. Who said exercise is good for you? Thank you all for the music and entertainment you brought into our lives.

#### Calendar:

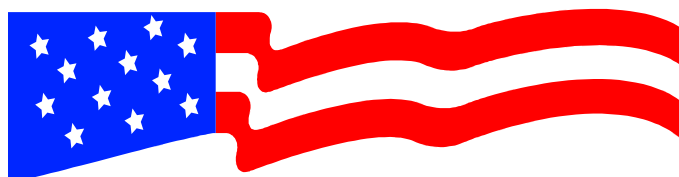
Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**June 10**). Second Wednesday of the month.

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

**June 22** - Summer Luncheon, Chandler's Restaurant, (Schaumburg Country Club) Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL

**August 21** - Summer Baseball Outing, Friday, Cubs vs. Atlanta Braves, 3 p.m. **Helen Cauwels**, (847) 358-8634.

**September 23-26** - 2015 RUA EA Convention in PIT



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April Showers bring May flowers and, this year, a few tornadoes around the region. I know I am really looking forward to the daffodils in my front yard! And ... in spite of the intermittent showers, we had a pretty good attendance.

Birthdays ~ **Shary Johnston** (May 28). Anniversaries ~ **Mario & Margaret Bregante** (May 20).

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No meeting, no meeting news! However, I forgot to mention the Progressive name picked at the last meeting, **Tim Snyder**. Tim wasn't present, so the next progressive is now \$60. Be there to win!

Our own **Bill Betters**, past Nor'Easter President has been under the weather of the Friendly Skies lately, in and out of hospitals and at this writing, back in. Those who know Bill can send cards to his home. 171 Atlantic Ave., Marblehead, MA 01949. **Norma** will be sure he gets them. Bill & Norma are regular meeting attendees, except for as of late. Get better Bill, we miss you!

We here in New England are really glad for the arrival of spring after this past exceptional winter. However, the months of March & April are anything can happen months. So far, were still looking for spring. We hope for the best but are prepared for the worst. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, we got 3" of snow, the 11<sup>th</sup> the first day of spring and on the 14, it was 71 degrees.

June's birthdays ~ **June Alberino**, **Bruce Casassa**, **Susie Dolgin**, **Marie Dwyer**, **Francis Mathews**, **Anthony Postale Jr.**, **Charlie Staula** and **Dick Vee**.

June's anniversaries ~ **Patti & Bob Austin** (41 years), **William & Norma Betters** (56), **Gerald & Margaret Peters** (59), **Helmut & Patricia Umbley** (50) and **Richard & Delores Woodworth** (55).

#### Calendar:

**July** - Picnic; date & place to be announced

## MINNESOTA



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The April gathering of the Lites was windy but mild; everyone has noticed that in recent years the wind in MN has really been a factor in the weather comfort. Why is it windier lately? Another perplexing conundrum for the weather weenies to ponder. It doesn't matter ~ the Lites show up no matter what Ma Nature hands out and April 11<sup>th</sup> was no different. 29 stalwarts and one guest came to eat and visit.

We were glad to see that we hadn't scared off **Linda Phillips** after her first visit. Actually, we were surprised but gratified to see that she hasn't boogied off to Florida already to escape our lovely climate. We welcomed **Nancy Cunnien**, mother of DEN Customer Service Rep **Patrick Cunnien**. She got acquainted with **Mary & Jim Brennan** while waiting on standby recently. You know how it is ~ you get to chatting with others who are also waiting to see if there's going to be a seat left for us beggars and pretty soon you know all about their lives, kids and favorite past times. Not only had her son once worked at MSP but she lives in the next-door suburb! **Mary** invited her to join us on Northern Lites day and bless her, she came! We had a nice conversation with her and hopefully she'll come back again. After all, employee's parents are part of the UAL family, too.

Speaking of the **Brennans**, they had a trip from you-know-where coming back from Kona this year. Took them four days and the last leg was in a rental car. Remember last month when I said that MSP's traffic is up 3.7% but the number of planes is down 4%? Hmmm!

**Rosemary Soltis** spent much of the winter away from MN, also. As a matter of fact, she was enjoying life in Kona in a building two doors away from the **Brennans**. After **Jim's** game of golf, he'd join the ladies on the lanai for a glass of wine or scotch. Tough duty but *someone* has to do it.

We're saddened by the passing of **Cal Alderman** in mid April. His health hadn't been good for some time and we'd missed his and **Dorothy's** presence at lunch. He was one of our all-time good guys. Condolences may be sent to Dorothy at North Ridge Care Center, #324, 5500 Boone Ave. No., New Hope, MN 55428.

**Diane & Lee Storlie's** granddaughter, Brooklyn, about whom much has been written in this column over the years, is now a sophomore in high school and attending an AAU-sponsored hockey camp this summer. She's the only female athlete there out of 160 kids and

she plays goalie. Can you imagine? They're pretty proud of her.

**Lee** makes a practice of touching base occasionally with some of our colleagues who we haven't seen in a long while and he chatted recently with **Gerry Jarrett**. Although **Gerry** lives in our next door state, Wisconsin, he's found it difficult to make it to any of the lunch meetings. His health has degraded and he is no longer able to do the logging he so enjoyed. Trapping has had to be curtailed some, as well.

Soon the reminiscences started about fishing and hunting trips of yore with **Gerry** and some of our other friends who have gone on to a brighter side. One story fed right into another and soon all of us were chuckling. Good times.

Those of us who will have attended the Spring event of the Northwoods Loonies will report back on our experiences as Yoopers in Manistique, MI for the July newsletter. Everyone looks forward to those gatherings of many old friends plus a few new ones. **Clyde & Doris Johnson** are the hosts this time.

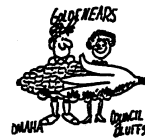
Oops! After the raffle, **Sonja Gunderson** had that little black cloud over her head again. She tries to leave it in Wisconsin before coming to lunch, but sometimes it comes with her.

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 7433 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) west to Bielenberg Dr., left to Currell Blvd, left to OCB.

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We had a nice group of 32 at B&G's. We welcomed 3 new members: **Pam Ziebarth, David & Lodine Christiansen**. **Pam** is a retired Flight Attendant and member of the Clipped Wings, and is also Treasurer of RUAEA. Welcome to each of you. Our 25/25/50 winners were **Denny Pierson** and **Arnie Mahoney** each receiving \$15.00.

With sadness, **Kathleen Much**, 87, passed away April 8. Services were held April 14 at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church. Our sincere sympathy to her family. **Kathleen** worked as secretary for UAL in the 70's and retired in the early 80's.

Some of you inquired as to what **Syd Greenstreet** did while working for UAL here in Omaha. Here is what he told me. He started with UAL April 22, 1946 (almost 69 years ago) and was located in the small brick

building which was the airport. His job was dividing his time working the reservation and ticket counter areas. After two years, he started on the ramp and later took the job of training new hires. He transferred to San Francisco in June, 1955 doing the same job as he was doing in Omaha. **Syd** retired 9/1/80. He was born January 12, 1917 which makes him 98.

May Birthdays ~ **Larry Nollette** (7); **Van Van-Houten** (9); **Linda Chapman** (22); **Ed DeLong** (24); **Andy Vassios** (29).

**Keith Cornish** wants to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. He is doing very well after having a valve replacement and bypass procedure. **Keith** is now going to rehab twice a week.

An invitation has been issued to all United/Omaha employees to attend our June 9 luncheon at Cooper Farm. We, as retirees, want them to know we care as they will all be losing their jobs here in Omaha. We hope to have a good response.

**Van VanHouten** was lined up for knee surgery, but he fell before he could have it done. Now he has to take 4 weeks of therapy before they can do surgery. **Van** will be a young 95 on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Calendar:

**June 9** - Cooper Farm, hosted by **Cary & Toddy Manson**

**July 7** - Place - TBD, hosted by **Betsy Anderson**

**August 4** - Fernando's, Blair, NE, hosted by **Patty Shook**

**September 1** - Fish & Game, Lake Manawa, hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**

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Thirty-three members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal at our April luncheon. We are so fortunate to have found Arizona Charlies' for our meetings. The food is delicious, and Catering Manager, Jean Delano, attends our every need. Thanks to **John & Leila Albert** for finding this meeting place. President **Rosemarie Restivo** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and welcomed members and guests. A returning member, **Charlotte Anderson**, was welcomed back after a long absence. She had had open heart surgery, and we had not seen her for a long time. We were happy to see **Andy & Hessie Wright** also. Treasury report and min-

utes from previous meeting were read by **Christine Earl**. Pending nomination of **Jeanne Rolland** as secretary for our Chapter was brought before the members. She was unanimously voted in. That will take a big load off **Christine Earl**; thanks for volunteering, Jeanne!

RUAEA Rocky Mountain Director, **Sharon Burbank**, continues to stay in touch with our Chapter, and we look forward to a visit from her some time.

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of **Steve Hayes** (DENCS) and (LASCS). He was a warm and funny person, and trained me on the ticket counter in Las Vegas. Condolences to his family and many friends. We also received word of the passing of **Josephine Antonucci**; a long ago member. Her husband worked at SFOPD.

Get well wishes to **Georgia Rutkowski** who had nerve laser surgery on her knee. **Elizabeth Sobroso** had surgery on her tongue to remove cancerous ulcers. **Shirley Popp** is having heart problems. Get well wishes and prayers continue for **Leila Albert**.

**Eleanor Vasko** announced birthdays and anniversaries for May and June; **Willie Bullinger**, **Georgia Rutkowski**, **Arlene McCroy**, **Max Miller**, **Margie Klaus**, **Jeannie Rolland**, **Chris Czaplewski**, **George Fox**, **Mary LeChevallier**. **Chris & Woody Earl** celebrating their anniversary in June.

Monies from the 50/50 raffle were won by the **Miller** brothers (**Clint** and **Max**) and **Bruce Dunkle**. Menu for the June 9<sup>th</sup> luncheon was voted on, and meeting ended.

Silverliners continue to meet every other month; second Tuesday, at Arizona Charlies' on N. Decatur Blvd. Contact one of our Board Members if you can attend some time.

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There were 14 members at our April meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

Reservations for the Plaza Pavilion at Bartley Ranch County Park have been made for our August summer picnic, the reservation date is Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have not been out there, you may want to stop by and check it out. As we get closer to the date, we can check member interest in having a docent available for a tour of the various buildings and exhibitions at Bartley Ranch.

An April birthday was celebrated by **John Barlow**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Jim Wagner**.



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The Garden Staters held their April meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Snuffy's restaurant in Scotch Plains. The meeting was opened by President **Frank Warzocha**, with a flag salute. A moment of silence was held for **Josephine Glydon**, the wife of **Joe Glydon** of EWR ramp service, and **Sal Insera**, of EWR dining. It was good to see **Gene Boyer** again, who has reported that his wife **Angie** is feeling a little bit better, that's always good news. **Gene Enfield** gave our financial report, and it looks like we are slowly getting back to normal. **Phil Steinbacher** won the 50/50.

Next month, our meeting will be very close to Memorial Day. Therefore our president has asked that all veterans bring in any memorabilia that they may have collected along their long journey into the military. He also suggested that if any of our members have any hobbies that they would like to share with the rest of us, it would be a good time to do it. Our next meeting will be on May 27, 2015 at Snuffy's restaurant in Scotch Plains, at 12 PM sharp.

*"It's not how much you have that makes people look up to you, it's what you are!"*

## NEW YORK

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Seemed like old times (finally) when we gathered for our April luncheon, our first in six months! Of course, none of us aged a bit! We also welcomed two brand new faces to our fold.

**Marie Blackwell** retired from EWRCs in 2005. She hasn't slowed down at all with three part time jobs. She substitute teaches pre-K through high school, quite a feat. She also works at a Chevy dealership, as well as volunteering at Catholic Charities. When does the woman sleep? She has found time to travel to Paris, Barcelona, London, Las Vegas, and Orlando, all economy plus, mostly exit row.

**Karen Johnstone** retired from sales as an executive

assistant in 2012. She had started as a flight attendant based in NY in 1972. In 1995, she began working for the Regional VP, Dan Walsh. After the 9/11 reorganization, she relocated to the sales office where she stayed through the CO merger. At the end of her tenure, when her job was eliminated, she had worked for **nine** different managers, very resilient lady. Once retired, she spent her time being a loving care-giver for her mother. Karen recently enjoyed the Viking River cruise, Romantic Danube. She flew r/t EWR-MUC, took a train to Nuremberg for the embarkation, and disembarked at Budapest. She said it was a perfect trip, sightseeing by day, and serenely floating down the Danube at night. Wunderbar!

**April King** enjoyed a trip to Atlanta. Concerned about the loads, she got a backup ticket on DL-easy online, Etkk, done in 5 minutes. She said the agent at ATLCS is concerned about the flight reductions at that station. Although she missed Tara, she did tour other Civil War sites, homes and forts. The highlight of the trip was watching dolphins in the ocean, just feet away. Not quite as charming was seeing an alligator in the Okefenokee swamp.

**Jeanne Leo** was just back from her annual excursion to Palm Springs. While we were suffering from frost bite in the frozen tundra of the Northeast, she was experiencing 100 degree temperatures, as well as the uneasiness of the rumbling of an earthquake underfoot. Quite the tradeoff! She and her husband, **Phil**, enjoy their condo on the 17<sup>th</sup> tee, and next year, plan on spending 3 months enjoying the desert. It did take them 3 days to get to LAX, but on the bright side, they did get Bus/First on their return.

On her trip to Israel, **Betty Williams** experienced what she called a "life-changing event". As she stated, seeing Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, and Jericho was eye-opening. They are such significant locations for both historical and religious reasons. She felt very safe on her tour, and there were many other groups. She flew DL with her group, instead of trying to standby on UA. She said the 2 777s EWR-TLV are always full. She also traveled to DEN, but on her husband's AA passes, as UA to DEN is almost impossible space available.

**Audrey Smolik**, having just returned from her Texas family gathering, was about to embark on her biennial Portofino escapade. The highlight this year will be a trip to see the Shroud of Turin.

**Nora Fitzpatrick** traveled to MIA for Christmas, where she has a condo. She's contemplating selling it, as she doesn't use it as much as she'd like. Of course, after this winter, maybe she should reconsider.

Our president, **Marge Segal**, (she's held the office since the inception of Guys and Dolls in 1992 - kind of like a Supreme Court justice!) stated the obvious - the

lack of Guys. She suggested that our new attendees join RUAEA. She also promoted the convention being held in her revered hometown - Pittsburgh. We will be collecting dues at our next luncheon on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Calendar:

**June 2** - 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 was sitting at the bar in Rick's, when in walked Humphrey Bogart -oops- my mistake. It was the Milleridge Inn and none other than **Ed Forhane** who entered, here with his lovely wife Julia, all the way via plane, train and taxi from Seattle, as guests at our May luncheon. What a nice surprise. That made a total of 33 present for the day. I am happy to report that our guest last month, **George Riggi**, is now a bonafide member. Welcome, George!

**Joe Lilly** had hip replacement and is home recuperating. **Ursula Koch** had surgery on both sides of her neck and is doing OK at home. Our prayers for full recoveries.

A name correction for **Mary Levine's** husband. It's **Jordan**, not John, so much nicer. They're the ones who were in Tanzania. She was chosen as one of the "Best Doctors" in NYC.

A nice honor tonight at 7:00PM at Citi Field, as Sir Knight of Columbus, **John Klos**, presents Colors at the Mets game. It's too bad I didn't know about it earlier. I have two championship 1969 mugs and I have had this crazy idea of filling them with holy water and sprinkling them around the bases at Citi Field. I'm sure John is just as glad as I didn't know. Go Mets!

**Ed Pozzi** reports that 90% of our LGA hangar is now demolished. What next?

Winners of 50/50: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Jim Richardson**, 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Carol Maley Davis**, 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Margaret Hansen**. I didn't get the 4<sup>th</sup> name, sorry! Big winner at Empire Casino in Yonkers is **Pat Hannon** for \$15,000. I thought he'd buy my margarita but he was a no-show today. I heard they made a mistake dating the check so he and **Sue McElen** had to go back to the casino for a correction. Any excuse?

Next meeting is June 3. July 1 and August 5 picnics at Wantagh State Park. The chefs do a great job, so keep those days open.

Calendar:

**June 3** - Milleridge Inn.

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It's April 8<sup>th</sup>, really it is! Happy Spring to everyone! But it's hard to believe, because the calendar tells us so, but the temperature doesn't! No matter the weather, we're always ready to get together with our friends. This month, 71 of us gathered at Mahle's Restaurant in Westlake. Some of us may remember going there many years ago but it was located in Brunswick. A good restaurant can move, but they can't hide from us. We want to thank **Gene & Jacki Craig** for taking care of the arrangements from booking the luncheon, collecting the monies, and keeping track of all the little things that make it all go smoothly for the rest of us.

This month we enjoyed a delicious buffet including chicken, scrod, and ice cream pudding dessert. Before our meal, **Dave Placko** led our group in prayer.

After lunch, everyone gave their full and undivided attention to **Dave Placko** as he conducted our 50/50 drawing. This is probably one of the reasons we love to come to our luncheons, besides the good food and our friends. This month's winners were **Steve Pytel** and **Lois Walter!** Congratulations!

It was great to see **Judy McKnight** back with us again and feeling pretty good. President **Dolly Taucher** informed us that **Sharon Garrah** is not doing well, and like many others needs to be kept in our thoughts and prayers (Sharon passed away on April 28<sup>th</sup>.) Also mentioned was the passing of non-member **Charlie Ferrand** who lives in Florida and passed away on February 14<sup>th</sup> at the age of 97.

'Tis the Season ~ Dolly reported that in the past month, there have been many reports of fraudulent tax returns being filed. Also of people receiving phone calls from (supposedly) IRS wanting money now. She said, "Don't fall for it. They don't work that way. You will first receive a letter."

Wishing a very "Happy Birthday" to all of our April babies. With us this month was **Len Friedel**, **Barb Wachs**. Yes, they stood so that we could sing "The Song". We wish all of you a very healthy, happy special day.

We acknowledged all wedding anniversaries in April. With us this month was **Len & MaryAnn Friedel** (51 years), **Steve & Lee Rak** (52 years). Congratulations to all!

*\*Sometimes you must be silent in order to be heard.*

Regarding our luncheons, if you find that you will be unable to attend, please notify the host for that month as soon as possible, even if it is the morning of the luncheon.

Calendar:

**June 3** - Rose Hill Restaurant, located in Seville (just 4 miles south of Medina), hosted by **John & Carrie Kercel**.

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We were delighted to have 80 folks join us for our lunch meeting in April. We also had two non-eaters. **Bill Keys** brought two guests, his son **Craig** and friend **Eva Pina**, a not yet retired 45 year UAL employee. We were also joined by **Don & Sybil Davis**, not yet members but long time employees.

Fortunately, we only have one death to report this month. **Carol Mitchell's** husband, **Don**, passed away March 23, 2015. He died at home in Vancouver, WA in the care of the wonderful hospice team from Kaiser and his wife, Carol, and sisters, Kaye and Shelly. At Don's request, there will be no service.

Sick List ~ **Jane Futrell** is doing well and was able to join us for lunch today. **Paul Fatooh** had recent heart surgery, but is recovering nicely. **George Taylor** recently fell, breaking a hip, he is now recuperating at the Fairlawn Care Center

The planned trip to the Museum of Flight has been arranged for June 17 & 18. Those committing to the trip had a brief meeting with **Jack Hooper** immediately following the general meeting.

This month, we had a guest speaker, Colonel Joe Williams, who gave an overview of the USO in general and more specifically its history in Portland. He started by recognizing our local hero **Bill Keys** who was recently honored at Portland's Fleet Week, where he received a standing ovation from Admirals and Generals. Facts about the USO: President Roosevelt proposed what became the USO in 1941, when he requested a non-government organization to support military and their families. Six organizations, the YMCA, the YWCA, Traveler's Aid, the Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, and Jewish Charities, came together to create the USO. The local Portland chapter closed in 1973. Approximately 4 years ago plans were initiated to bring

a USO chapter back to PDX. With lots of persistence, and the help of an article "*What would Bob Hope do with PDX*", by reporter Steve Duin in the Oregonian, those plans succeeded, and on June 9, 2014 a USO chapter was opened at PDX on the Mezzanine level. It served over 3400 during the first 6 months, is fully staffed by volunteers from 0500 to 2100, and kept open by donations. Two of our members currently volunteer and others expressed interest in doing so.

No one in attendance had an April anniversary.

April birthdays ~ **Jerri Blodgett** (72), **Nancy Hooper** (70), **Inge Pempeit** (78), **Patty Cox Hollosy** (71), and **Dennis Cline** (67).

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door prize - **Louise Robillard**, Men's Birthday - **Dennis Cline**, Women's Birthday - **Jerri Blodgett**, and 50/50 - **Linda Tracy**.

**Dee Boelter** provided our table decorations this month, and the person at the table with the birthday closest to our meeting date got to take the decoration home.

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon

**June 10** - Social

**July 8** - Social

**PENNSYLVANIA**

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Our spring meetings finally got going on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion in Essington at 12:30. Thirty people attended for the opportunity to catch up with our dear UAL friends. We also learned about the yellow dot program sponsored by PennDOT. It is an information program about storing medical data in the glove compartment for ambulance personnel in case of vehicle accident or illness while in the car. **Everrett Bell** won the 50/50 and I luckily won the free lunch.

Our sympathy to the families of **John Diehl** and **Jim Willoughby** as their loved ones and our friends recently passed away. Remember our sick with cards and phone calls. They include **Frank Acquarola**, **Tom Lyons**, **Frank Egges**, **Dick Ems**, **Al Edwards**, and **Jim & Barbara Fanto**.

Our last meeting for the summer is June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Hotel in Essington at 12:30. Plan on coming with us to Pittsburgh on September 23-26 for a fun filled convention.



## PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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How time flies, here we are into the month of June. The RUAEA convention package is ready for you and so are we. Here's hoping you're making your plans to Re Unite In Pittsburgh. We promise you will have a good time.

Speaking of good times, a group of the Pit-Stoppers met last month to welcome a visit from **Art Todd**. Art has had a series of ailments and looks well on the way to being himself. Art and I celebrate the same birthday (I won't say who's older). For those of you who missed him this go round, Art is planning another trip "home" in October.

The Pit-Stoppers' next luncheon is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>, we should have a good turnout since the weather is cooperating now.

The Newsletter certainly does a good job in helping to reacquaint with ole friends. I received a phone call from **Thomas Teets** recently. Tom read about the upcoming convention and expressed a desire to try to attend. For those who remember Tom; he started his career with PCA at the Allegheny county airport; his travels brought him to Erie, PIT and BWI where he retired after serving 38 +years. Tom especially wanted to say "Hi" to **Ed Yauch**, **Sully Russ Miller** and **Phyllis Smith** to name a few. Tom currently resides in Fairview, PA.

Our June Birthdays are **Verna Alex** (7<sup>th</sup>), **Bill Alex** (12<sup>th</sup>), **Jean Wolfe** (20<sup>th</sup>), **Phyllis Smith** (22<sup>nd</sup>), and **Jim Weber** (24<sup>th</sup>).

Anniversaries were celebrated by **Jeri & Bernie Juth** (2<sup>nd</sup>), **Ken & Jean Wolfe** (18<sup>th</sup>), and **David & Gwen Detwiller** (22<sup>nd</sup>). Congratulations to all!

Remember RE UNITE IN PITTSBURGH!

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President **Dave Jones** conducted the April 14 and May 12 luncheon meetings of the Emerald City Slickers, Seattle chapter of RUAEA, at the Burien Elks Club. **Dave** announced his retirement as president, effective by

the September meeting, and encouraged volunteers for the position to step forward. We send a vote of thanks to **Dave** for his 3 years of leadership and innovative ideas.

**Tom Holford** also is leaving his enforced post as interim editor of *Contrails*, the chapter newsletter. Though he had resigned at the end of 2014, we appreciate **Tom's** extra help in getting an abbreviated "Meeting Notice" out to members during the early part of 2015. We can't function without a newsletter and urge anyone with minimal computer skills to consider the editorship. Kudos to **Tom**!

The Slickers also give a hearty round of thanks and applause to the rest of our organizational team: Vice President and *Contrails* Coordinator **Phyllis Bowman**, Secretary **Carol Soffel**, Treasurer **Jackie Stenger**, Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk**, Membership Secretary and Luncheon Coordinator **Mary Luke**, RUAEA National Newsletter Correspondent **Gay Liesse**, and Sunshine Person **Virginia Dice**. **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl** faithfully collect the remaining book donations after each meeting and donate them to libraries or hospitals. It has been another year of exceptional service from our volunteers. Three Cheers!

The chapter welcomed **Fred & Bonnie Frey** as new members. **Fred** is a retired SeaTac ramp service lead. They came up from Olympia to join the group.

**Brent Wood** drove down from Mill Creek in April to renew acquaintance with other retirees. Besides its being a long drive, **Brent** hopes to find a retirement job and may not always be able to attend regular luncheons. We were glad to have him once, anyway.

Plans for the Northwest United Retirees Museum of Flight and Everett Events have been formulated and registration is due. Attendees from the Oregon Dew-ers will join members and guests of the Emerald City Slickers for two days of United Airlines-related activities in and around Seattle. We look forward to welcoming RUAEA Past President **Ron Bertacini**, his wife, **Barbara** and RUAEA Newsletter team members **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** from California.

Activities on Wednesday, June 17 include a tour of Seattle's Museum of Flight followed by a social hour and dinner at the Ramada Limited in Tukwila. Thursday's, June 18 events will be held at Paine Field in Everett, north of Seattle, and will include tours of the Boeing Factory, the UA Restoration Center, and Paul Allen's Heritage Collection. Admission fees and meal costs apply.

**Dave Jones**, himself a docent at the Museum of Flight, distributed schedules at the April luncheon and asked to have reservations for events returned to him via e-mail, snail mail, or in person at the May meeting. If you need additional information or want to register for any/all of these events, please e-mail **Dave** at [jones807@gmail.com](mailto:jones807@gmail.com) ASAP. That includes members of



our local chapter who have not yet signed up. Space is limited for some events, so get your name on the list now. Time is of the essence.

**Bob Howard** will accept reservations for the annual Seattle United Airlines Retirees Golf Tournament (current employees and retirees' guests welcome) until Thursday, June 11. The event will be held at Foster Golf Course in Tukwila on Wednesday, June 24 with first tee time at 10 a.m. Entry fees are \$33 for seniors (62 years and older) and \$38 (under 62). Cart rentals (not included) are \$14.50 per rider. Fees include the fund for prizes for team and individual competition, which will be distributed immediately following play. Prizes will be awarded for KP's Men and Ladies Front and Back Nines and Long Drives. Scramble format will be used, with a minimum of 2 drives per player. For more information and/or to register for the tournament contact **Bob** at [bobnhoward@gmail.com](mailto:bobnhoward@gmail.com), including your e-mail address and phone number for notification of tee times. Again, this is short notice with an imminent deadline, but we'd like to have you join the fun.

Everything you've read in this column is hearsay or the result of e-mail correspondence, as your correspondent missed the April meeting herself, having spent the day at **Ed Liesse's** hospital bedside, where he was quickly recovering from a total knee replacement (his second knee) the day before. He was home after 2 nights and began outpatient physical therapy the next week. Things sure have changed in the joint replacement field!

The Seattle chapter does not hold regular meetings during June, July or August, but we urge you to participate in the June events noted above, reports of which will be included in this column over the summer. Information on the first meeting of the new season – second Tuesdays from September through May with a December bye – will be published.

#### Calendar:

**June 17-18** – Gathering of Pacific NW UAL Retirees

**June 24** – Annual Retirees' Golf Tournament

**June thru August** – No Summer Meetings

**September 8** – Luncheon - TBD



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#### Submitted by Theresa Reisennauer

When we arrived at The Harvester Restaurant in beautiful downtown Spangle, the staff had prepared for an unknown number of visitors, somewhere between 10 and 20. Ladies who are seen rarely were there. **Nadine Logsdon-Bogart** drove up from Walla Walla. **Edie & Bob Clark** drove nearly the same distance down from picturesque Ione. **Laney Wilson**, who lives right in Spangle, came and it was a delight to see her as well. The **Shoops**, **Ken & Myrtle**, **Les & Vera Graham**, **Nada Morse**, and **Jerry & Edna Teft** rounded out the United family. David and I were there with my sister **Celine** and her husband **Fred Brown**. **Bob Williams** had hoped to resolve transportation issues but was not able to do so. Travelers, **Sharon & Gary Holmes** and the **Bennets** are on the road and were sorry to miss. Other commitments affected the **Kayles**, **Shiremans** and **Storeys** ability to attend but all extended their regrets with a hope to get together for the next dining out.

This new thought of a luncheon worked well for all the attendees. As usual, the food was excellent and the conversation lively. The **Clarks** indicated they will try to arrange another August gathering up in Ione. Looking forward to that and any that can be arranged.

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#### Submitted by Linda Scriven, Dulles Loungers President

Upcoming events on June 10 - special picnic at the Barrel Oak Winery, cost is \$10.00. Wine will be available to order by the glass or take home a bottle or two. Menu is being planned. We hope as many of you that can make it will come. We would love to get a pretty good count this month if at all possible and last day for reservations will be by Friday June 5. Mail check to **Cathy Gilbert-Silva**, P. O. Box 77, Delaplane, VA 20144. Cathy is going thru a lot of preparation for this, so if at all possible, the earlier you make your reservation, the easier it is for us.

**Bob O'Roark** has advised there will be a gathering of retirees from all over our area to meet at The Flying Circus in Bealeton for the October 4<sup>th</sup> Air show. It would be fun, put this on your calendars and we will remind you of this again.

Who's who in the news ~ The Dulles Loungers had a wonderful surprise visitor at the April Meeting - **Jan Koca**, a friend from the past DCARR (Hangar 8) days and the DCARR McLean Office. Jan is residing in Whitestone, VA. Her husband passed away early this year and her children wanted her to come to Northern VA for a while but she is itching to get back home. Thank you, Jan, for coming to visit us. She retired in 1984 or 1986. Good to see her. This proves we have had many and some of the best friends (and lasting friendships).

**Lucy Chatelain** is home from rehab. She is still receiving some visiting rehab at home. She sure is inspirational in her attitude. She had a broken hip and ankle. She was in the hospital at Thanksgiving and then to rehab till just now coming home. She is getting around her house with her walker and some help from her good friends and church friends. 7208 Van Ness Court, McLean, VA 22101.

**Nancy Fisher Byerly** called yesterday to let me know she was to the Dr. and has been diagnosed with Breast Cancer. It is in the early stages and the prognosis is fairly good. She is going to have a biopsy followed by 7 radiation treatments. We can all support her by sending cards. She just recently retired and moved. Her new address: 235 Edgewater Rd., Saluda, VA 23149, (804) 758-2984 home, (703) 927-4242 (cell). We wish her the best results at the end of this journey. We are all with you Nancy.

**Patricia Shimp** (IADSW) has been under treatment and care for MDS Myelodysplastic Syndrome for over 2 years, she had a bone marrow biopsy recently and the results revealed acute leukemia. Recently, she entered Prince William Hospital to undergo inpatient chemotherapy treatment for the next month. Please keep her in your prayers, your thoughts and hearts with love and hope. I know she would love to hear from you - cards may be sent to (flowers are not permitted): Prince William Hospital Room, 8700 Sudley Road, Room 2115 (Patricia Shimp). Manassas, VA 20110. We are told she would welcome visitors at the hospital. She may be in treatment but a visit would be more than welcome.

I believe **Lyn Craven** is on her 1<sup>st</sup> trip since she lost her leg last year. She and her husband were planning on sailing out of the Baltimore Port. We wish her much success on her 1<sup>st</sup> trip. We hope this gives her the sense of freedom. Your cards through her ordeal have been so warm and keeping her spirits up.

Thank you to all Dulles Loungers members for making our ill members feel a little better with those cards.

**Rose Nigro**, 78, of Kenosha, Wisconsin passed away from a heart attack on Sunday, May 3, 2015. She was born in Kenosha on Oct. 8, 1936. She was a licensed practical nurse for 10 years. Later, she was employed by United Airlines for 30 years. She started her career with United in 1969 in Milwaukee in Air Freight and retired from Dulles in 1999. She was a member of the Dulles Loungers, active in RUAEA and attended many RUAEA conventions. Rose will be missed by her many friends, especially **Lucy Chatelain**.

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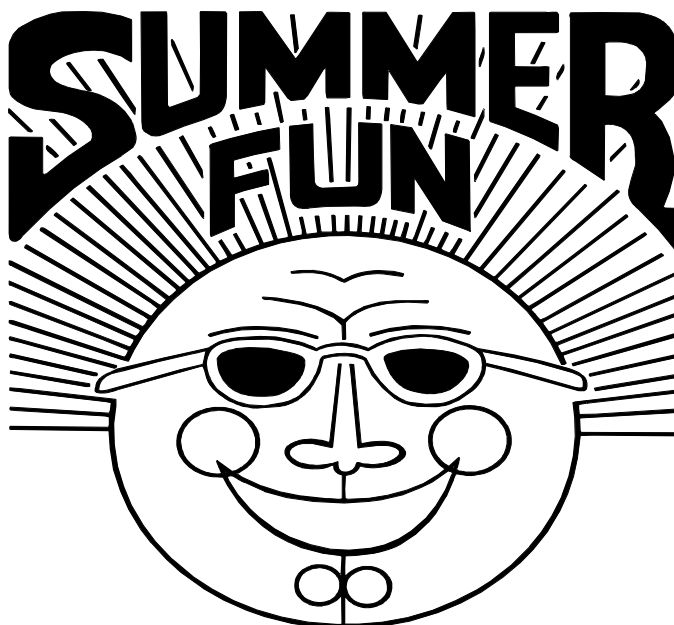


Hello RUAEA:

I hope you had a wonderful spring, finally. Summer is just around the corner and that is always filled with fun, family and friends. Enjoy the trees, flowers and your gardens that Mother Nature so gracefully provides for us.

Please remember we are always looking for leads in new membership. So, if you come across a former, retired or current Flight Attendant, please let me know. They can be from United or Continental.

I am going to Washington, D.C for a retiree luncheon to meet prospective members for DCA and BWI. In addition, we now have a contact in Charlotte, NC for a potential Chapter. We are trying our best to keep UAL/CO employees together for fun and philanthropy. Join us!



## NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **April 2015**:

Barnes, Francis, SFOPD, 4101 Limestone Drive, Antioch, CA 94509  
Briscoe, Kenneth, 2212 Thurman Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90016  
Clayborn, Charles, SFOPD, 10546 Merriman Road, Cupertino, CA 95014  
Martinez, Nellys, ORDCU, 6328 W. Bloomingdale, Chicago, IL 60639  
Shareef, Abdul, DENCG, P. O. Box 7304, Denver, CO 80207  
Spalla, Darlenee, HDQPP, 3061 Hillside Ct., Darien, IL 60561  
Stecker, Valerie, ORDRD, 5915 W. School St., Chicago, IL 60634  
Tober, Alan, HNLCS, 98-1023 Kaonohi St., Aiea, HI 96701  
Wilson, Roy, SFOKA, 8147 Oldfield Rd. Apt. 4, Huntsville, AL 35802  
Windmuller, Anne, NYCSS, 975 Woodfield Road, West Hempstead, NY 11552



## CONTRIBUTIONS

The association acknowledges contributions to the postal fund from the following members:

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **April 2015**:

Amparo A. Arriola, Joseph T. Bain, Carol Bare, Jim Barnett, Nancy J. Bessenbacher, Geneva Brenton, Herman O. Bressler, Linda A. Brubaker, John M. Burgess, La Verne M. Burke, Anthony Caputo, Vic A. Carnevale, Les M. Carscadden, Helga L. Cobb, Charles T. Cole, Harvey J. Collin, Richard E. Cornman, Ricardo Corpuz, Antoinette B. Crandall, Burton Dietel, Elaine M. Dore, Tanya Y. Duvall-Haubein, David W. Dyer, Eugene R. Eger, Edward L. Ellis, Thomas E. Emborsky, Mary Ann Fazio, Sean Foley, Irma Furtney, John A. Gage, Jeanne Garcia, Wanda Garofalo, C. Sam Geiger, Richard G. Gerk, Otto Gierstorfer, Cathy J. Gilbert-Silva, Robert K. Gillman, Diane K. Glenn, Louise J. Glesener, Vernon E. Green, Jo Ann Greenwood, Taketosji Handa, Maureen Harte, Joyce E. Hendricks, Lois E. Hewelt, Mari D. Hirjak, Shelley A. Hofmann, Diane L. Hrdlicka, Berdina E. Hyson, H. R. Ingram, Joseph Kalata, Patricia A. Treatie Karwoski, Lyn M. Kerns, Robert C. King, Robert Kivlehan, Louis Kravitz, Carol L. Kuhn, Joan P. Lane, George Lanzaro, Harold T. Leach, Victor H. Liltz, Clarence W. Casey Lowery, Jean Pol Mahieu, Arlene A. McGuire, Connie A McManus, Nancy W. Meyer, Edith B. Morse, Gloria P. Odendhal, Alex Pabich, Ronald J. Paluch, Bonita M. Pearson, James Pelletier, Francis A. Pellizzari, Herbert M. Petitt, Patricia A. Reid, Barbara B. Roberts, Eloy Rodriquez, Barbara J. Rogers, Julianne E. Rosen, William W. Schuster, Marjorie Segal, Joyce Siason, Evelyn Slyter, Mary Lou Sorensen, Pascal C. Soriano, Lodene M. Spanola, William C. Speicher, Joan Patricia Pat Spilotro, Alfred A. Sutherland, Henry A. Szal, Pamela G. Takacs, Juanita J. Taylor, Thomas A. Teets, Susan J. Thornton, Jack Tinney, Janet S. Todd, Kay A. Towns, Bill Traub, Anthony F. Tricoli, Gerry F. Troppe, John B. Viering, Ronald A. Wallace, Jerome A. Watnemoe, Myrtle C. Wehman, Mary Ann Weifenbach, Janet G. Weith, Lois Anne White, Morris Wiener, Herule L. Wikstad, Herbert C. Wilbanks, Ronald W. Wilkerson, Gerald C. Williams, Charlene K. Williams, Erwin Wyr.

*Thank You!*

# 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 – **Brecht, Milton L.**, on 3/11/2015, DENGQ, husband of Julia Brecht, 2000 Dayton St. Apt 106, Aurora, CO 80247

Retiree – **Dewoody, Aubrey (Al) L.**, on 4/20/2015, DENTK, husband of Donna M. Dewoody, 8038 W 111<sup>th</sup> Ave., Broomfield, CO 80020

Spouse – **Garrah, Sharon L.**, on 4/28/2015, wife of Bernard T. Garrah, IADAD, 43248 Kipton Nickle Plate Rd., Lagrange, OH 43248

Spouse – **Loux, Laura N.**, on 3/29/2015, wife of Donald M. Loux, SFOCS, 80325 Jasper Park Ave., Indio, CA 92201

Retiree – **Maloney, Phyllis M.**, on 3/16/2015, SFOPB, 1929 Audubon St., New Orleans, LA 70118

Retiree – **Moore, Jack**, on 1/14/2015, LAXFO, husband of Joyann Moore, 9 Bark Cherry, Littleton, CO 80127

Retiree – **Nigro, Rose D.**, on 5/3/2015, IADFH, sister of Alex Nigro, 1907 25<sup>th</sup> St., Kenosha, WI 53140

Retiree – **Penman, Richard R.**, on 4/7/2015, ORDMM, husband of Delores V. Penman, 502 B Foxglove Circle, Sun City, FL 33573

Retiree – **Reed, Sally A.**, on 4/17/2015, SFORR, wife of Patrick J. Reed, 265 Elder Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030

Spouse – **Rice, Duane W.**, on 12/31/2014, husband of Linda A. Rice, SEARR, 6080 SW Glenbrook Road, Beaverton, OR 97007

Retiree – **Sherfick, Donald E.**, on 4/29/2015, DENTK, husband of Charlene A. Sherfick (Deceased) 13691 E. Marina Dr. #303, Aurora, CO 80014

Retiree – **Stoughton, Chancey E.**, on 4/16/15, JFKFO, father of Joyce Johnson, 88 Bruce Rd., Red Bank, NJ 07701

Spouse – **Williams, Robert J.**, on 12/9/2014, husband of Charlene K. Williams, MIASW, 5627Wirona Trail, De Leon Springs, FL 32130



## 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  
7401 E. MLK Blvd.  
Denver, CO 80207-2433  
[marthagoose@comcast.net](mailto:marthagoose@comcast.net)

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

Barbara Atkinson, Nancy Bessenbacher, Birgit Cuda, Sondra Conner, Steve Connors, Bernard Eilers, Shelley Hofmann, Diane Hrdlicka, Lyn Kerns, Carol Kuhn, Melvin Manning, Connie McManus, Hale McPhee, Nedra Morgan, Bonita Pearson, Barbara Rasmussen, Sheila Rowan, William Schuster, Lodine Spanola, Helen Stinnett, Kathleen Towns, Jerome Watnemoe, John White, Charlene Williams, 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.)*



**Jan & Joann Butler, 811N First St., Knoxville, IA 50138**

Just a note to say how much we look forward to reading the Newsletter each month.

We had quite a year last year. We were blessed to go on an Alaskan cruise with some dear friends (He is a retiree of CO.) After that, we visited other family and friends on our way home.

Unfortunately, we spent October, December and January in Texas. Our son had Hurthle Cell Carcinoma, a rare form of thyroid cancer. He had an emergency tracheotomy put in October. The day after Christmas, he was paralyzed from the chest down and suffered terribly. We were grateful that we were able to spend time with him. He was 53 years and 2 months old.

**Barry Constantine, 3049 Via Romaza, Carlsbad, CA 92009**

Keep up the good work on the newsletter. I really enjoy it. This time I have a valid excuse for being late. We had a flood in our kitchen and have been living out of boxes for 3 months. Now we are all busy getting back to normal. The project went from January 28 to April 15. What an experience!

**Colin Cooke, 23 Edgecliff Ter., Yonkers, NY 10705**

When I left Florida, I swapped my car for a home paint job, dropped my driver's license and phone. Ahhhh!

Two months from my 91<sup>st</sup> birthday, I have been asked by several people how I do it, still walking, thinking, etc. It is a mystery to me. I tell them that old age is the final illness and we have to accept it. A neighborhood MD, impressed by his elderly patients I'm sure, told me everyone should die at age 70 and miss the last years of suffering.

I recently received a letter from **Bernard Simon** of Pacifica, CA, formerly of Pan Am and SFORQ. He asks if I remember **Harold Pon**, also of SFORQ (Radio/Instruments). He drove his van down from SFO to Pacifica; he is 96 years old and for better or worse, will soon be taking his driver's test again. It is true that we elderly are really stuck without a car. In my case, my son or his wife takes me.

March was not my best month apart from the bad weather. Going to the restroom, one morning after three cups of tea, I discovered I had carelessly put my long johns on backward. There followed some controlled panic and trashing around like a bucking bronco till I recovered my sanity.

A week later, I was bothered by hair in my right eye; so I put on my glasses. It was not the eyelashes but a drooping eyebrow. Unfortunately I had to take off the glasses to get to the wild eyebrow with scissors. Sadly when it was over I had cut off half of my eyebrow.

I am surprised to find in a local flower shop that the USA is now importing daffodils from Europe. We can't grow our own? That's a long expensive distance to send cut flowers. No wonder we have a trade imbalance. It has been a long cold winter and it is still cold in Early April but the white, yellow and mauve crocuses are in bloom here in NYC.

I saw the dentist yesterday and he tried to talk me into an implant for \$3500 but he eventually "sacrificed" his work for \$3000. I told him that I had a molar implant seven years ago by a Harvard trained MD, DDA in Florida for \$1500. He smiled and said "but this is New York".

I recently read an article in the NY Times that disillusioned me. The bankers at JP Morgan are to pay \$99 million for Graft, in rigging prices for the Foreign Exchange market. Twelve other banks are included. I asked a former long time NY Stock employee for comment. "*The 99 million is their profit for three months*". Something is out of whack here, I think. If I were a Legislator, I'd make bankers take a lie detector test twice a year.

277,000 homes in NY had their gas and electric shut off in 2014, according to AARP. I think the country has a problem; you name it. Keep up the good work RUAEA. Incidentally, the first time I saw the acronym, RUAEA, I thought it was a tropical disease about which I know quite a bit.

**Marty Etler, 15-12 El Mary Pl., Fairlawn, NJ 07410**

One of the perks of working for an airline, is that you can travel all over with only a minor charge for your flight and even get reduced rates for hotel accommodations and rental cars. Violet and I traveled far and wide.

One of our trips was flying to Denver and renting a car from Hertz. After driving all through Colorado, South Dakota and Montana, we were to turn it into Boise, Idaho. From the Black Hills to the Badlands to Mount Rushmore, we wound up at the little Bighorn state Park in Montana. As we entered the road to take us around the battle of little Bighorn, better known as Custer's last stand, we saw a few Buffalo by the administration building. Violet, of course, said I have to take some photos. When we rounded the road we now saw thousands of Buffalo, and they were all over the road. We finally worked our way along the road until we came to a dry gulch, where we saw wild mules, donkeys, and jackasses. Apparently they were brought in by prospectors looking for gold and subsequently set free. Again Violet said I have to take some photos and then, proceeded to click away. It was then I saw one big jackass coming toward us and I told Violet to get back into the car, which she did and quickly rolled up the windows. The beast came over on Violet's side of the

car and then came around and looked directly at me at my side of the window. I then heard a crunching noise on my side of the door. I could see he crunched along the door, kept on going along the left fender right up to the headlight. As soon as I had a chance; I get out of the car to see what had just happened. To my amazement there was a set of teeth marks all the way down this brand-new Plymouth Barracuda, and my first thoughts were are we going to get hollered at. When we returned the car to hertz in Boise Idaho, I was asked "was there any damages and did everything go okay?" I broke into a smile and said, everything was all right, except your car was bitten by a jackass. She looked up with a startled expression and said what? I said it's too complicated to explain you better come out and take a look. She said "*now I've seen everything. Too bad that jack-ass, didn't go down the right side. Actually those teeth marks looked pretty good!*" P.S. There were no charges for the damages.

**Joe Hegner, 46 Essex Dr., Little Silver, NJ 07739**

I retired in 2001 after 45 years and 45 days in the "Friendly Skies". You folks do a sensational job in putting out a wonderful publication, the final link in the United connection.

One of the letters from a fellow retiree summed it up very nicely. He stated "*he worked at a time when glamour and romance of commercial aviation was at its pinnacle*".

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

It is always exciting to hear about so many of my friends who moved to the Palm Springs area. What a busy group they are. **Carol Pacquin**, you keep winning! One day I will accept Carole's invitation to attend one of the meetings in Palm Springs. I look forward to it.

Kennedy and I are doing fine. We still don't do much traveling by air because of the small planes going out of Tampa. What a drag. We are thankful, however, for the Tampa-Houston route which allows us to easily get to Nicaragua and Columbia. We are making a trip in May to San Andres, to visit relatives of Kennedys. Also we are doing a short cruise in summer. We are hoping we don't have a hurricane. Also in September we are planning a trip to California.

I am nine years cancer free this September and look forward to next year.✂



# 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**

1-877-825-3729

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

**United Pass Line (1-866-359-3727)**

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

**Employee Travel Center**

1-877-825-3729

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

**Flying Together Help Desk**

1-800-255-5801

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

**New United number: 877-825-3729 (International use: 847-825-3729)**

This is a new, centralized number for employees/retirees to reach United. After calling the new number, **select option #2 (for retirees)**

**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) <http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

**Medicare Hotline 1-800-633-4227**

**Express Scripts (Pharmacy Benefit Administrator)**

1-800-864-1425 (open 24/7)

**VSP Vision Care (Pacific Time)**

1-800-877-7195 (M-F 6AM-8PM, Sat 7AM-8PM, Sun 7AM-7PM)



**Welcome to the 2015  
RUAEA Convention  
Pittsburgh, PA  
September 23 - September 26**

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# **Welcome to the 2015 RUAEA Convention**

RUAEA and the Pittsburgh PIT-STOPPERS would like to welcome all of you to this year's Convention. There is a lot to pack into this wonderful time of year, 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). We encourage you to bring friends and family to this great city for the fall foliage, tours and camaraderie we all share at the Convention.

Most of our Convention activities will be held in the Duquesne Room - our Hospitality Suite. Registration will be staffed Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 PM until 6:00 PM. On Wednesday and Thursday, the hours will be 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM; on Friday, 7:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Also on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Late Tours Sales hours will be 7:00 AM to 10 AM and on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon 2:00 PM to 5:30 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.

## **Please see schedule of events for late tour sales hours on Wednesday – Friday.**

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 Pittsburgh 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 each evening. We have some exciting social events planned for these evenings. Note there is a one hour Double Tree hosted beer/wine event on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

The RUAEA Banquet will be held on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> in Salons A-B-C. We will not be offering table assignments this year. Our dress code for this evening will be Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional, so bring all your friends and grab a table.

We have a wide and varied selection of Tours; Pittsburgh Highlights, Flight 93 Memorial along with Quecreek Mine Rescue Site, and again with Fallingwater, Heinz History Center, Pitt Nationality Rooms, Pittsburgh Cabaret Show & Lunch, plus transportation to the city for sightseeing on your own. Many tours fill up fast so register as early as you can!

## **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. They have two different scarves and hope to have both available. Proceeds go to their philanthropic group - Special Olympics.

There are a number of restaurants in the area to which the hotel shuttle will transport guests based on availability of drivers and vans. A list of those restaurants will be available in Hospitality Suite. We are planning as part of our tour program a dinner at a prominent restaurant located on Mt. Washington, with a spectacular view of downtown Pittsburgh.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Convention at [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com) or **Ron Bertacini** – VP Conventions at [bertacini@surewest.net](mailto:bertacini@surewest.net). We are always looking for volunteers to staff registration, hospitality and raffles. If you are interested, please fill out the information on the first registration page. Let us know what date and times you are available along with contact information and someone from the Pittsburgh Committee will be in touch.



# **Pittsburgh 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. Final bidding on these items will close at 6:15 PM on Friday and winners will be announced at 6:30 PM. 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, Duquesne Room at 6:30 PM. The drawing for the Special Raffle will be held Friday at 6:30 PM. The special raffle will feature Hilton Honors Points and a NFL Football autographed by Joe Namath. 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 as sales end each evening at 6:15 PM.

## **CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MEETING**

**Hank Gosselin**, RUAEA's President, invites all Chapter Presidents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in the Stephen Foster Room. Please RSVP to **Diane Webb** at (630) 963-3806 or [dgwebb334@hotmail.com](mailto:dgwebb334@hotmail.com) prior to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

## **CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING**

**Francis Domaratius**, Newsletter Manager, invites all Newsletter Correspondents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in the George Washington Room. Please RSVP to **Francis** or **Veronica Domaratius** at (916) 789-0422 or [ruaenewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaenewsletter@surewest.net) by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

## **RUAEA BOARD MEETING**

This meeting will take place on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM until 4:30 PM in the Stephen Foster Room

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

This meeting will be held on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM in Salons A-B-C. The state of affairs of RUAEA and the 2015 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 September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM in Salons A-B-C. We would ask if you have questions for the ETC (Employee 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 Ohio, Monongahela, and Interstate rooms for anyone with individual questions or concerns.

## **REGISTRATION**

Your meal selections and tours are listed on pages 11 and 12. 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 [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@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>, 2015 at [farual@cox.net](mailto:farual@cox.net), (480) 313-1625 or write to him at 2609 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206. Diners may be canceled up to September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. 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 72 hour cancellation policy.**

# The Retired United Airlines Employees Association

September 23-26, 2015



## DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh-Green Tree

Please join us for The Retired United Airlines Employees Association convention at the DoubleTree Pittsburgh-Green Tree. Located just 2½ miles from town with easy access to the North Shore, River's Casino, PNC Park, The South Side, Mt. Washington and Station Square.

### Hotel Amenities:

- ❖ 460 guest rooms
- ❖ FREE Parking
- ❖ FREE Airport Transportation to/from Pittsburgh International Airport
- ❖ Indoor/Outdoor Swimming Pool
- ❖ New Fitness Center facility with state of the art equipment and Whirl Pool
- ❖ Season's Restaurant, Champion's Lounge, Bistro Market Place
- ❖ Reservations can be made by calling 800-222-Tree. Please mention the Retired United Airlines Employees Association to receive the discounted rate of \$112 + tax. Credit card number is required to guarantee your reservation and is required at check in to cover incidentals.
- ❖ Check in: 3:00 pm and Check out: 12:00 noon – There is a 72 hour cancellation policy and also an early departure charge. Please read requirements when making your reservations.

Reservations must be made by 8/28/15 to guarantee the Convention rate.

For online booking please find the link at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

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

**Airport Transportation:** The Hotel will be offering complimentary shuttle service from the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport to the Hotel. For pick up at the airport, call hotel from the baggage claim area. The Hotel recommends that each individual that needs to secure transportation back to the airport to please pre-register by signing up at the front desk upon arrival. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and not for group pick-ups. Check with bellmen if you have any questions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call **Ron Bertacini** at (916) 788-0468 or **Marilyn Marcy** at (703) 968-8269.

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

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# RUAEA CONVENTION 2015

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER 22 ~ 26

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Tuesday	September 22	12:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration/Late tour sales – Duquesne Room
Wednesday	September 23	7:00AM – 6:00PM	Registration – Duquesne Room
		7:00AM – 10:00AM	Late Tour Sales – Duquesne Room
		7:45AM – 4:45PM	Flight 93 Memorial/Quecreek Mine Tour
		8:00AM – 6:15PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Duquesne Room
		9:30AM – 4:30PM	Heinz History Center, Strip District, Ducks Land & Sea Tour
		2:00PM – 5:30PM	Late Tour Sales – Duquesne Room
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Duquesne Room
		6:30PM – 6:45PM	50/50 Raffle – Duquesne Room
		6:45PM	Mt. Washington Dinner Tour (return bus 9:30PM)
Thursday	September 24	7:00AM – 6:00PM	Registration – Duquesne Room
		7:00AM – 10:00AM	Late Tour Sales - Duquesne Room
		7:45AM – 4:45PM	Flight 93 Memorial/Fallingwater Tour
		8:00AM – 6:15PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Duquesne Room
		9:30AM – 4:30PM	Pittsburgh Highlights Tour
		10:00AM – 3:00PM	Bus to Market Square (return to hotel 2:45PM)
		10:45AM – 3:00PM	CLO Cabaret Show & Lunch
		11:15AM – 4:15PM	Bus to Station Square (return to hotel 4:00PM)
		2:00PM – 5:30PM	Late Tour Sales – Duquesne Room
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Duquesne Room & Patio
			Weather permitting – Sports Night
		6:00PM – 7:00PM	Hotel Hosted Reception Comp. Beer & Wine Patio
		6:30PM – 6:45PM	50/50 Raffle – Duquesne Room
Friday	September 25	7:00AM – 8:30AM	Correspondents' Mtg. – George Washington Room
		7:00AM – 8:30AM	Chapter Presidents' Mtg. – Stephen Foster Room
		7:00AM – 10:00AM	Registration/Late Tour Sales – Duquesne Room
		8:00AM – 6:00PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Sales – Duquesne Room
		8:30AM – 3:30PM	Pittsburgh Highlights North Shore & More
		9:00AM – 11:00AM	Executive Committee Mtg. – Stephen Foster Room
		10:00AM – 3:00PM	Bus to Market Square (return to hotel 2:45PM)
		11:15AM – 4:15PM	Bus to Station Square (return to hotel 4:00PM)
		12:00PM – 4:30PM	Board Meeting – Stephen Foster Room
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Flavors of Pittsburgh – Duquesne Room
			And Patio weather permitting
		6:30PM – 6:45PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Drawing
		6:30PM – 6:45PM	Silent Auction Winners Announced
Saturday	September 26	8:00AM – 11:00AM	Registration on Request
		8:30AM – 9:30AM	RUAEA Business Meeting – Salons A-B-C
		10:00AM – 1:00PM	Benefits Panel Presentation – Salons A-B-C
		1:15PM – 3:15PM	Benefits Breakout Session – Ohio, Monongahela, & Interstate Rooms
		5:30PM – 7:00PM	Cash Bar before Banquet – Grand Foyer
		7:00PM – 10:00PM	RUAEA Banquet – Salons A-B-C

# **RUAEA 2015 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

## **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Flight 93 Memorial - Quecreek Mine Rescue Site - \$81 P/P**

**Tour # 1 operates on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 – 7:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.**

Our motor coach departs to visit the Memorial where United Airlines Flight 93 crashed in the countryside near Shanksville, PA during the Al-Qaeda terrorists attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. This Memorial is a tribute to remarkable courage, honor and hope of the passengers and crew of United Flight 93, whose heroic actions thwarted the hijackers, tragically costing the lives of all on board that fateful day. We will stop at the Visitor Shelter, Memorial Plaza Wall and Walls of Names. Following our visit, we take a short drive to the Coal Miners Café for Lunch. Our next stop will be at the **Quecreek Mine Rescue Site** - In July of 2002, nine miners became trapped deep beneath the earth with little hope of survival. You are invited to visit the rescue site where you can walk right up to the shaft where the miners emerged from the dark cold mine after 77 hours of frigid darkness. Hear the story of the people personally involved in the rescue of the miners.

**Tour includes transportation, admission fee and lunch.**

### **Heinz History Center/ Strip District/ Ducks Land & Sea - \$81 P/P**

**Tour # 2 operates on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 - 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

The day begins with a visit to the **Heinz History Center**, located in the Strip District of Pittsburgh. The Heinz History Center offers an overview of the City of Pittsburgh and the industrial giants: Heinz & Westinghouse throughout the years. The Sports History Museum has an entire floor dedicated to Pittsburgh Champions, featuring the Stanley Cup Champions Penguins, Five World Series Championships Pirates and six time Super Bowl Champions, the Steelers. A special **2015 WWII exhibit** reveals stories behind real life “**Rosie the Riveter**” and a commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conclusion of WWII. Next we explore the **Strip District** in Pittsburgh. Cafés, bakeries and specialty shops make this the perfect place to enjoy **lunch on your own**. This afternoon we head across town and over the Smithfield Bridge to catch the **Amphibious Ducks Ride** that will show us another side of Pittsburgh. This WWII vehicle goes on land throughout town and in the water to explore the shores of the North Side. We cross the 6<sup>th</sup> street Bridge and drive by PNC Park, home of the Pirates, past the Heinz Field home to the Steelers, Carnegie Science Center and Rivers Casino.

**Tour includes transportation, admission fees and Ducks Ride**

### **Dinner at iconic Pittsburgh Five Star Restaurant - \$65 P/P**

**Tour #3 operates on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 – 6:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

Perched 367 feet above downtown Pittsburgh on Grandview Avenue, sits the storied Le Mont Restaurant, the place in town to see and be seen! The fabulous food competes for your attention with the breathtaking views of the illuminated city below! You will be transported to the restaurant for a three course dinner, consisting of salad, entrée and dessert. There will be a choice of mahi-mahi, chicken piccata or filet mignon and a separate cash bar located in your private room.

**Tour Includes “School Days” shuttle Bus transportation RT, Dinner including gratuity and tax**



# **RUAEA 2015 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

## **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **Flight 93 Memorial – Fallingwater - \$91 P/P**

***Tour #4 operates on Thursday, September 24, 2015 – 7:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.***

This is the same as tour 1 for the visit to the Flight 93 Memorial. Afterwards we will enjoy lunch at the **Oakhurst Tea Room**, known for its home style cooking located in the heart of beautiful Laurel Highlands. Our afternoon drive will stop for a tour of **Fallingwater**, the Pennsylvania Masterpiece of America's most famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. The house constructed between 1936 and 1939 was built over a waterfall. It became instantly famous and is today a National Historic Landmark. The house was designed for the Kaufman family, owners of a Department store in Pittsburgh as their summer home, escaping the "Smoky City" as Pittsburgh was known at the time.

**Tour includes transportation, admissions & lunch**

### **Heinz History Center/ Strip District/ Phipps Conservatory/ Nationality Rooms - \$77 P/P**

***Tour #5 operates on Thursday, September 24, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.***

This tour begins the same as tour 2 at the Heinz History Center. Then we are off to explore and have lunch in the Strip District. Cafes, bakeries and specialty shops make this the perfect place to enjoy **lunch on your own**. Our afternoon visits include the **Cathedral of Learning** and **Nationality Rooms** at the **University of Pittsburgh**. These 29 rooms provide a mini-tour of the heritage of Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. This will be followed by a visit to **Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens** - a great steel and glass Victorian greenhouse, which has been inviting visitors to explore the beauty and mysteries of plants since 1893.

**Tour Includes transportation and admission fees.**

### **Civic Light Opera with Buffet Lunch and Performance - \$60.00 P/P**

***Tour #6 operates on Thursday, September 24, 2015 – 10:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.***

You will be transported to the Pittsburgh Light Opera, one of the country's most prestigious non-profit theaters. There you will spend an unforgettable Thursday afternoon complete with a delicious buffet lunch and then a performance in the Cabaret. The Civic Light Opera was found in February 1946 and the Cabaret was introduced in 2004 at Theater Square.

**Tour includes transportation, buffet lunch and performance**

### **"School Days" Shuttle Bus to Market Square in Downtown Pittsburgh - \$10 R/T**

***Tour #7 operates on Thursday, September 24, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.***

Historic Market Square is the hub of Downtown activity. During weekday lunchtimes, office workers and downtown students fill the square. What makes Market Square special is the eclectic mix of old and new, from the Oyster House which opened in 1871 to restaurants that have just opened their doors. Market Square is people watching at its finest. The Pittsburgh Light Rail system, known as the T, is an easy walk away. This can take you all over downtown and beyond. Senior citizens who present a Medicare card at the time of fare payment are entitled to ride free on the bus, T or the Mon Incline at all times. **Tour includes round trip school bus transportation only Hotel to Market Square and return at time specified above.**

### **"School Days" Shuttle Bus to Station Square in on Pittsburgh's South Side - \$10 R/T**

***Tour #8 operated on Thursday, September 24, 2015 – 11:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.***

Station Square is where it's at in Pittsburgh. There are restaurants to satisfy every taste and budget. You can jump on a one hour scenic cruise on the Gateway Clipper, leaving at 12:15 and 1:30. There is also the Pittsburgh Tour Company, a unique double decker bus that offers 2 hour tours or tickets that allow on and off privileges. They depart at 11:15 and 11:45, allowing plenty of time to catch the return bus to the Hotel. Enjoy the dancing waters and all the sights and sounds of a vibrant waterfront.

**Tour includes round trip school bus transportation only Hotel to Station Square and return at time specified above.**

# **RUAEA 2015 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

## **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **North Shore Calvary Church, Andy Warhol Museum, Duquesne Incline - \$91 P/P**

**Tour #9 operates on Friday, September 25, 2015 – 8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m.**

Our tour includes the **Calvary Church** which is just as interesting and inspiring as any of the finest **Cathedrals in Europe**. Elaborately decorated spires, louvers, gargoyles, geometric designs, St. Andrews Crosses, angelic faces carved into the Cleveland bluestone and vaulted oak ceilings are just some of the architectural features that have captured the imagination of art critics and historians alike. The crowning feature of the building is the abundant **Louis Comfort Tiffany** stained glass windows. Our next stop is the **Andy Warhol Museum**, the global keeper of Andy Warhol's legacy, located on the North Shore. The Andy Warhol Museum is one of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh; the collection includes paintings, sculptures, unique prints and photographs covering his work as early as the 1940s to his Pop paintings of the 60's. **Lunch is included at (Steeler Hall of Fame) Jerome Bettis Grill 36** with a wonderful riverside view of Mount Washington and Point State Park. Another highlight will be our ride on the **Duquesne Incline** which offers a **spectacular view from atop Mount Washington**.

**Tour Includes: Motor coach, Andy Warhol Museum, Calvary Tour, Jerome Bettis Riverview lunch, Duquesne Incline & Mt. Washington View. (Departure: 8:30/ Return 3:30)**

### **"School Days" Shuttle Bus to Market Square in Downtown Pittsburgh - \$10 R/T**

**Tour #10 operates on Friday, September 25, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

Historic Market Square is the hub of Downtown activity. During weekday lunchtimes, office workers and downtown students fill the square. What makes Market Square special is the eclectic mix of old and new, from the Oyster House which opened in 1871 to restaurants that have just opened their doors. Market Square is people watching at its finest. The Pittsburgh Light Rail system, known as the T, is an easy walk away. This can take you all over downtown and beyond. Senior citizens who present a Medicare card at the time of fare payment are entitled to ride free on the bus, T or the Mon Incline at all times. There will be information in the hospitality room about Market Square attractions and the schedule for the light rail line.

**Tour includes round trip school bus transportation only Hotel to Market Square and return at time specified above.**

### **"School Days" Shuttle Bus to Station Square in Pittsburgh's South Side - \$10 R/T**

**Tour #11 operates on Friday, September 25, 2015 – 11:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Station Square is where it's at in Pittsburgh. There are restaurants to satisfy every taste and budget. You can jump on a one hour scenic cruise on the Gateway Clipper, leaving at 12:15 and 1:30. There is also the Pittsburgh Tour Company, a unique double decker bus that offers 2 hour tours or tickets that allow on and off privileges. They depart at 11:15 and 11:45, allowing plenty of time to catch the return bus to the Hotel. Enjoy the dancing waters and all the sights and sounds of a vibrant waterfront

**Tour includes round trip school bus transportation only Hotel to Station Square and return at time specified above.**

Please be aware that Tours 1,2,3,4 and 9 are operated in climate controlled motor coaches. Tours 3, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11 are operated in actual school buses. The trips in the school buses should be no longer than 20-25 minutes in duration.

There will be brochures available in the Hospitality room for the Gateway Clipper, The Pittsburgh Tour Company and various restaurants at both Market Square and Station Square. There will also be maps and schedules for the Pittsburgh Light Rail, which can take you around town for free, with a Medicare card.

# *Menu*

## *Flavors of Pittsburgh*

**Friday Evening, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*Subsidized by our Alliant Partners*

**Potato & Cheese Pierogies, Cabbage Pierogies, Sliced Kielbasa, Cole Slaw,  
Sour Cream, Mini Ball Park Pretzels with Cheese Sauce, Heinz Mustard &  
House Made Horseradish Beer Mustard**

## *SATURDAY BANQUET MENU*

**Saturday Evening, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Mixed Baby Greens, Dried Cranberries, Candied Pecans, Crumbled Feta  
with Cherry Tomatoes  
Balsamic Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing**

*Choice of the following:*

**Chicken Marsala, with Caramelized Onions & Marsala Wine Sauce**

*Or*

**Baked Salmon**

**With Beurre Blanc and Herb Garnish**

*Or*

**Beef Short Ribs**

**All served with Herb Roasted Potato Wedges & Fresh Seasonal Vegetables**

**Berries of the Forest Pie with Vanilla Ice Cream**

**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 & Highlights Information**

### **Transportation Information**

You can travel to virtually any city in the world to and from Pittsburgh. Nearly 400 daily flights provide nonstop and connecting services to major domestic destinations. To access the flight schedule to PIT, check out their website [www.flypittsburgh.com](http://www.flypittsburgh.com) 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. Other carriers serving Pittsburgh are Allegiant, American, Delta, Jet Blue, Southwest and Sun Air Express.

### **Ground Transportation**

The Double Tree provides complimentary shuttle service upon request. Call 1-412-922-8400. Super Shuttle and other vans and buses operated by off-airport companies are also available and convenient transportation options. All shuttle pickups are outside door number 8 in the baggage claiming area.

### **Highlights**

Remember the Banquet on Saturday evening includes a three course dinner and entertainment. This year we have the **North Star Kids**, a local group featuring Broadway music. Thursday night will be sports night so remember to bring your favorite team's jersey, shirt, cap or sweater. Attention ladies, on Saturday we will have a group of students from a local Cosmetology School do hair styling, makeup and manicures for free but please tip them ... sign up when you check in.

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;

***Chairperson – Treatie Karwoski***

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### 2015 Pittsburgh Convention Registration Form

**\*Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015\***

**\*The deadline for Convention Registration is August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015\***

**(Please Print Clearly)**

Member's File Number	Department Retired From:	Is this your first Convention?	
		Yes	No
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) Would you like your email address published in the Convention Directory (check one)			Yes No
Would you like to volunteer to assist in (check one)	Registration	Hospitality	Raffles
If yes what days are you available? (check one)	Wed. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thurs. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fri. 25 <sup>th</sup>

#### **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 – 2015		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., Sept. 25	Flavors of Pittsburgh				\$7.50	\$
<b>Banquet</b>						
Sat., Sept 26	Chicken Marsala				\$37.00	\$
Sat., Sept 26	Salmon				\$42.00	\$
Sat., Sept 26	Beef Short Ribs				\$42.00	\$
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: 2015 RUAEA Convention**

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to: **2015 RUAEA Convention,**  
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### Tour Registration

Date – 2015	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Wed., Sept. 23	Flight 93 Memorial, Quecreek Mine Rescue	1	\$81.00				
Wed., Sept. 23	Heinz History/Strip District/Ducks Ride	2	\$81.00				
Wed., Sept. 23	Trip to Mt. Washington and Dinner at Le Mont Restaurant	3	\$65.00				
Thurs., Sept. 24	Flight 93 Memorial & Fallingwater	4	\$91.00				
Thurs., Sept. 24	Heinz History/Strip Phipps Nationality Rooms	5	\$77.00				
Thurs., Sept. 24	Pittsburgh CLO show and lunch	6	\$60.00				
Thurs., Sept. 24	Bus to Market Square	7	\$10.00				
Thurs., Sept. 24	Bus to Station Square	8	\$10.00				
Fri., Sept. 25	Calvary Church/ Andy Warhol Museum/ Lunch at Jerome Bettis 36/ Duquesne Incline	9	\$91.00				
Fri., Sept. 25	Bus to Market Square	10	\$10.00				
Fri., Sept. 25	Bus to Station Square	11	\$10.00				
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. Buses into the city on Thursday and Friday are actual school buses.**

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As we all know, the cost-of-living is going up everywhere. In order for RUAEA to survive, we must raise our annual dues very, very slightly. As of **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 the annual dues will be \$27 per year Domestic, \$47 Canada/Mexico, and \$52 Foreign.** Only a two dollars per year increase. The major expense for our organization is the Newsletter. Your Newsletter staff feels the increase is realistic and minimal. Quite awhile ago, we asked our correspondents for suggestions regarding our financial situation and the small dues increase was mentioned. The Board of Directors delayed the increase as long as possible. It is now a necessity. We hope you consider the two dollars increase a bargain.

**Remember you can renew online with a credit card at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).**

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"Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future"



The man or woman who wore this "winged pin", carried this "card" and displayed this "plaque" on a home or office wall was one of air transportation's **"Royal Family"** - a member of United's **"100,000 Mile Club"**.

The club was organized by United in 1939 to recognize the air traveler whose repeated patronage and interest contributed to the growth and development of U.S. air transportation.

Each new member received a pin, a card and a plaque. Upon completion of 1,000,000 miles aloft,



a special membership card is issued and a "Million Miler" scroll is added to the plaque. By 1955 there were more than 10,000 Million Milers.

*By Marvin Berryman DENTK Ret. - from the October 1955 issue of United Airlines News*

Recently UAHF received donated items from **Beverly Strand, Eileen Tanaka, Grace Tiffany** from the Estate of **Hank Heintz, Elroy "Buck" Hilbert, Bob Phillips, Doug Colbert** and **Barbara Rich**.

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