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The Seattle convention will be over by the time RUAFA members read this issue. We missed all of you who were unable to attend this year. A report on the convention will be published in the July RUAFA Newsletter. A big THANK YOU to Hank Gosselin, General Chairman & all the committee members who helped make this a successful convention.

GENERAL NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By the time you read this the annual convention, 2004 hosted by the Seattle Emerald City Slickers will be fond memories. Pictures in next month's Newsletter will highlight some of the attendees & activities. In last month's Newsletter, Jim Fauber reflected on key happenings during his term as Pres. I wonder if people like Tom Plunkett, Charley Field, Charlie Urback & others had any idea what they started, almost 30 years ago, when they founded RUAFA.

Our world as a United Airlines retiree has certainly changed over this time - especially in the last 2 years. Our membership, especially the more recent retirees, have put our feet to the fire & demanded that we - RUAFA - play a stronger role in representing retirees' interests & concerns. Your Board of Directors & Officers have addressed this and responded over the last year and a half. In the most recent Board of Directors & Officers meeting they unanimously approved formally changing the role of RUAFA to include being "an advocate for retiree causes & concerns". This change is profound. It dictates that RUAFA truly represent retirees in matters that affect them. It suggests a stronger RUAFA presence & representation in WHQ. It suggests more effective communication, especially through RUAFA's website.

This change was an item of business in the annual business meeting in Seattle. The membership voted on it. (I don't know the outcome of that vote, as I am writing this before the convention.) If the membership approved this change the new Officers & Directors have new marching orders. To carry this out effectively and efficiently will require the support of everyone in RUAFA. The major challenge of your new Officers & Directors is to continue and maintain the

benefits, features & strengths of RUAEA that we have experienced and enjoyed over the years; and to develop & incorporate the additional role defined for RUAEA. We will keep you informed on these developments and will be asking for your support and help.

As I mentioned earlier, I wonder if the people who founded RUAEA envisioned the vital and vibrant organization they founded. What is your vision of RUAEA in two years? Five Years? Together we need to share our vision. Together we can make it happen.

Marlin Lade
President, RUAEA

UPDATE - MEDICAL INSURANCE NEGOTIATIONS - April 24, 2004

As we have mentioned, we are kept up to date on the process of the negotiations but not the content or details. (We have received many e-mails from retirees with suggestions, comments & concerns. We have passed these on to our team.) Mort Wax, our representative on the Salaried & Management Committee, gave us the following update on the process: Benefits consultants for all of the committees met together to develop a consensus approach to subsequent negotiations with the company. On April 30 the Salaried & Management Committee participated with our legal counsel, financial advisors & benefits consultants to review this.

The Salaried and Management consultants will refine our approach. We assume the other committees will do the same.

On May 5 there will be a joint meeting of all committees in Chicago to review & hopefully approve the consensus approach for negotiation.

On May 6, legal counsel will meet with United's legal counsel to establish the timetable and framework for negotiation.

In Bankruptcy Court, the Judge approved United's request for a delay in its submittal of its Business Plan to June 30, 2004. By then there should be a decision by the ATSB on the application for the loan guarantee. This provides more time for our negotiation and resets the timetable; i.e. delay in the Business Plan filing from May 21 to June 30 will delay the Judge's decision date from June 18 to the last week in July.

Specifically related to post-medicare medical insurance plans, many of you have seen the EEOC decision that companies have a unilateral right to terminate them without age discrimination issues. This has not yet been addressed by our committee. Potentially it could have an impact on the negotiation.

(Mort will give everyone a comprehensive review & update at the annual convention in SEA on May 29. That is too late to include in the June Newsletter.)

Marlin Lade
President - RUAEA

FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

The United Airlines Historical Foundation annual scholarship program deadline is coming up very soon. Children & grandchildren of all employees, retirees, deceased employees & retirees, regardless of nationality, are eligible. Time is running out - the deadline is June 15. For details & more information visit the UAHF website at: http://www.uahf.org/scholarship_program.htm. This is an opportunity for United's family members to get help for their children and grandchildren.

Jim Fauber
Past President, RUAEA

UNITED ANNOUNCES SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION TO MEXICO, THE CARIBBEAN & CENTRAL AMERICA

United announced that it is again bolstering its international portfolio with service to new destinations in Mexico, the Caribbean & Central America, in time for winter holiday travel. Service is scheduled to begin in Dec, subject to approval of government operating authority.

United plans to offer new Mexico service to Cozumel, Cancun, San Jose del Cabo, Puerto Vallarta & Ixtapa.

Caribbean service will include Montego Bay, Jamaica; Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; and St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles; and additional service to Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

United will also launch Central American service from Chicago O'Hare to San Jose, Costa Rica. United currently serves San Jose, Costa Rica; Cancun, Mexico; San Juan Puerto Rico, Grand Cayman (seasonal service); St. Thomas, Aruba and Bermuda.

Flight times, frequencies & other additional information will be made available upon receipt of government operating authority.

WORLD AIRLINE FUEL COSTS TO RISE BY 8 BILLION DOLLARS

Airlines that fly internationally are expected to pay 8 billion dollars more for fuel this year than in 2003, the International Air Transport Association reported. The international airline industry is projected to post 3.2 billion dollars in profits in 2004, but fuel prices are driving up costs just as business is starting to return.

TED GOES INTERNATIONAL, APPLIES TO SERVE PUERTO VALLARTA; UNITED APPLIES TO SERVE COZUMEL

Ted is preparing to fly south of the border. United, on behalf of Ted, has petitioned the U.S. Department of Transportation for authorization to fly seasonal service between Denver, CO & Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

If approved by DOT (Dept. of Transportation), Ted will serve this market daily between Dec. & April with its distinctive A320 aircraft. Ted planes have 156 seats with an expanded Economy Plus section of 66 seats & 90 seats in United Economy.

United also has applied for authority to serve the market between Chicago, IL & Cozumel, Quintana Roo, Mexico, with thrice-weekly seasonal service between Dec. & Apr. If the application is approved, we will use a mainline A320, with 12 United First seats and 126 United Economy seats, on this route.

ANNOUNCED NEW INTERNATIONAL ROUTES

United will begin Beijing-San Francisco & Chicago-Osaka service in June. United also announced this week that it will be the first U.S. Commercial carrier to provide service to Vietnam, implementing daily San Francisco-Ho Chi Minh City service via Hong Kong as soon as the necessary regulatory procedures have been completed by the relevant Vietnamese and U.S. government agencies.

Congratulations on another successful RUAEA Convention!

Our sincere thanks to RUAEA for inviting the Credit Union to participate. We enjoyed meeting the membership & sharing important financial information. As a member-owned financial cooperative, Alliant is committed to offering our members & their families the financial advice & services they want & need. We provide a wealth of information on our website at www.alliantcreditunion.org.

Credit Union Website - Your Financial Education Resource
www.alliantcreditunion.org

Through partnerships with BALANCE Financial Fitness program & MEMBERS Financial Services, the Credit Union offers educational information on a variety of financial topics directly through its website.

MEMBERS Financial Services

The MEMBERS Financial Services section offers nearly 130 articles relating to personal finance. Sample articles include "Checking up on your Insurance", "Calculating your Retirement Withdrawal" and "Financial Planning for Retirees".

Click on Products & Services on the Alliant homepage, and then Investment Services to reach the MEMBERS Financial Services page, where you will find the Education Center.

BALANCE Financial Fitness

BALANCE is a national financial service company dedicated to educating consumers about wise money management & credit use.

Click on the BALANCE icon on the Alliant homepage for access to an abundance of financial information & tips, including money management, debt management, housing counseling, credit report reviews & links to government & consumer websites. The BALANCE site also features an extensive financial article library on investing, taxes, fraud, small business, spending & saving, & more!

For family members researching auto & home buying, planning for the future, or looking for general money management information, point them to the Credit Union website for help.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS: Chapter reports for July are due in Denver by Fri., June 4, Aug. reports by July 6, Sept. reports by 8/6. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX is 303-780-5667 - Attention: Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name on the top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to Jo Madden, RUAEA Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delays.

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA

PHOENIX AZURES

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Hello RUAEA from the Azures of Arizona. We are really enjoying a wonderful spring time. Weather is beautiful, lots of sun & blue skies.

On Apr. 17, we met at Luke AFB for our annual cook-out. In attendance were 58 members & guests. We welcomed the following guests of Bob & Norma Lutziner: Marilyn & Al Smith of Angels Camp, CA. It's been a while but Enza Scarso's brother Joe joined us too. We enjoyed a wonderful day for a cook-out. The day was warm, the BBQ was hot, but we had a great breeze. Our guest speaker was Adrienne Rankin, a civil archeologist based at Luke. She gave us a slide presentation showing the work & picturing the sites in & around the state but primarily in the Goldwater bombing range. She & her volunteer staff work with Luke AFB & 21 Indian tribes. Their goal is to preserve all prehistoric sites to learn about the ancient tribes & customs in this area & to preserve sacred ground and artifacts. Thanks to Mel Hofer & Col. Lisa Wagner for arranging Adrienne's presentation.

The following members continue to need our support & prayers. Horst Heinig continues with his chemo. Joan Aaronson was able to join us for the cook-out but is still on the mend from her broken hand & arm. Sally Illingsworth is still recovering from her surgery, but it was great to see her at the cook-out. George Klick had another surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. You can send him a card at the following address: 14730 W. Merrell St., Goodyear, AZ 85338. Our condolences to Olive & John Crowthers on the passing of her mother, also to Chris Trana on the passing of her brother.

Congratulations to the following June anniversaries: Tuffett & Chuck Sharp - 55 years, and Mel & Mildred Hofer - 61 years.

On Apr. 27 we had 24 attendees at our bi-weekly breakfast at Coco's. Welcome to our newest members Ken & Rose Schmidt. Ken retired from ORDMM. For those of you who are NOT on the regulars list & plan to attend the breakfast meetings at Coco's, you must call in advance. Please call Pat Butkiewicz before 5:00 p.m. on the Mon. prior to the breakfast; her number is 623-935-9235.

The June breakfast schedule:

Jun. 8 - Coco's

Jun. 22 - Coco's

Our luncheon activities will take a summer holiday. We will not have any luncheons/outings until fall. The following is our proposed activity dates - mark your calendars.

Calendar

Oct. 16 - Beardsley Park - Picnic

Nov. 13 - Luke AFB - Thanksgiving luncheon

Dec. 11 - Luncheon - Briarwood Country Club

If there are any RUAEA members in the West Phoenix area that are not members of our local chapter & want to join the Azures please contact me (Sherry) by e-mail (address above) or by phone 623-572-4828

Be happy. It is a way of being wise.

Happiness adds & multiplies as we divide it with others.

TALL PINES

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Our Tall Pines monthly luncheon was held at the Plaza Café on Apr. 27 with 14 members present. We had an enjoyable lunch & a mixture of lively conversation, ranging from Blues music (with an original rendition by Chuck McCoy), e-tickets which Lynn McCoy will be the first among our group to use & the Risdon's rail trip to Washington, DC in the very near future.

Calendar

Jun. 22 - Annual Potluck

Jul. 27 - Picnic - area park to be announced

Aug. 24 - Barbecue at the Tomasics'

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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On Mar. 18 the Tucson Roadrunners hosted the All AZ Luncheon in Casa Grande. There were 177 AZ retirees present for the event which is held every Mar. Weather-wise, it was one of AZ's "brag about days". I think everyone had a good time.

On Apr. 15, 23 Roadrunners toured the Rodeo Museum which is very interesting. We saw many old buggies that have been used time & again in movies as well as many items steeped in AZ history. After the tour of the museum, we enjoyed lunch at the China Olive restaurant which was excellent.

Sadly the Roadrunners lost another member in Mar. when Lou Hibbs passed away. His services were held on Mar. 13.

We had to say "good-bye" to members Clay & Julie Waller in Apr. They sold their Tucson house & moved to Walnut Creek, CA to be closer to their children.

Rose & Ed Piper celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in Apr. They have moved to CO to be near some of their children, but we still claim them as members & more importantly, as friends.

ARKANSAS

"THE NATURALS"

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What goes around, comes around - I am now back as Pres. of our little chapter. Marge Fason & I founded "The Naturals" in 1990 with 8 people - Roz & Bill Gaddes, Bill & Ann Carson, Marge & Ed Fasone & Roy & Evelyn Nilson. Roz (much loved EXO nurse back in the '50s & '60s) became ill & moved back to IL to be with family. She has since passed away. The Fasones moved to FL & are doing fine; we keep in touch via e-mail. The Carsons are still with us & are feeling great.

Shortly after the beginning, Bud & June (Johnston) Millard and Bob & Lo Piggott came aboard. They are still with us and active in the chapter. Currently we have 25 members, having lost some after UA pulled all UA Express flights out of Little Rock after 9-11. They show no signs of serving the South again. Some of us are using SW Airlines to CHI or Mesa Airlines to Dallas to get around.

Our Apr. 13 meeting hosted by the Carsons was lunch at New China Buffet; the food was delicious. An optional activity after lunch to visit Garvan Woodland Gardens was canceled because a number of those present had visited these Gardens recently. They reported the tulips, azaleas & dogwoods were gorgeous, as well as all the other displays in the Garden.

Our next meeting will be in June; details announced later.

CALIFORNIA

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We thank Jack & Eleanor Cunningham for hosting the April luncheon at the Elephant Bar & Grill in Goleta. There were 22 members & guests in attendance. Bob & Marcia Stanger brought Bob's mother, Isabel, & we were able to extend early good wishes for her upcoming birthday.

Our Regional Director, Bob Owens, came & gave us an excellent report on the latest happenings with UAL & RUAEA. Joh & Barbara Stilwell brought their son Jason & his friend, Julie Joy. Bob Policastro came as a guest & left as a member. Glad to have you with us, Bob. Dana Noyes came later on, after getting Bill settled at home after his recent double knee replacement. He is doing very well & we will see him at the next luncheon. Josephine Price is recovering well at home after a hip replacement.

Bob & Marcia Stanger will host the June 16 luncheon at the Black Lake Golf Resort in Nipomo.

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Don Nessling hosted the Brazen Raisins' Apr. meeting alone, as Donna, Sunshine Lady, was under the weather. Loyal member & dear friend Francine Anderson had passed away & the members observed a moment of silence in memory of Francine. Dick Shryock read a note from Bob Cuff thanking the BRs for their hospitality on his recent visit & including a peculiar quote about the value of UAL stock under any plan of reorganization.

It was reported that Don & Elaine Fahrni are moving to AZ. Curt Follansbe stated that the deluge of flight tickets he had been receiving had stopped, apparently through the efforts of Bob Cuff. Ray Harm, Pres. of the San Joaquiners, had sent an invitation to the Brazen Raisins to join the SJers at their May meeting at Castle Air Force Base in Merced.

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In lieu of our Apr. meeting, Desert Sunbirds opted to attend a performance of the Ramona Pageant in Hemet. Set in the Ramona Bowl in the San Jacinto Mountains, this beautiful outdoor musical is performed annually for several weekends in Apr. & May.

Those of us who live in the Palm Springs area, ever oblivious to anything but sunshine, headed to Hemet armed with sunscreen & warm weather attire. Approaching the Banning area we were confronted with cold winds & pouring rain which got increasingly worse as we neared Hemet. Those living in the Banning area arrived prepared with foul weather gear. Tom Tischler had a huge plastic bag with enough gear for a 2-day campout! Totally unprepared, Palm Desert residents, the Kellerhals & their guests stopped at the Salvation Army Thrift Store to get some warm clothes. The group assembled in the parking lot of the clubhouse of Joyce Bossio's complex to await the bus to take us to the Bowl. A rain-soaked group boarded the bus & upon arrival were ushered to a ranch house where we were served a Mexican lunch. (This was supposed to be an outdoor buffet!) After lunch we awaited a decision as to whether the show would go on (it's never made until show time). To the relief of all, the show was cancelled. Although disappointed none relished the idea of 2 ½ hours in the elements. No refunds are given, but tickets are replaced for a performance next year, so we'll try again. The show in its 81st season is the longest running outdoor play in the U.S. & has only been cancelled a handful of times, so we think our odds are good for next year.

Newsletter Editor, Miriam Osgood was disappointed she was not well enough to attend the show, but happy she will get another chance next year. She is making progress on the road to recovery, gaining a bit more strength each day.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREES

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The Apr. meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 8th at Michele's in Santa Rosa's Railroad Square. The handmade bouquets were unique & very pretty, thanks to Wilma & Garver. There were 43 members & guests present.

Pres. Ron Huhn called the meeting to order. He extended many thanks to the hosts Norm & Ann Burnett & co-hosts Garver & Wilma Sandy.

He introduced Terry Crowley & David Pyle of Cruise One Travel. David is a former United employee. They described their agency & how they search for the lowest rates for both interline & regular travel. They have a no service charge policy when booking with them. Their toll free number is 1-800-676-9998.

V.P. Naomi Tolf introduced the guests: Ron & Patti McDuffy, guests of Ron & Joanne Huhn. Treas. Nick van Kruining reported on the state of our accounts. All is well.

Please remember to send in your dues!!! Mail dues to Nick at 857 Glen Miller Dr., Windsor, CA 95492.

Sunshine Lady, Verda Burr, was a ray of sunshine in an already sunny day. There were 7 birthdays, & the winner of the luncheon was Marion Gaevert. There were 5 anniversaries. Hearty congratulations was sung to all. Cards were sent to Jan Kramm, Sal Ortega & the O'Kelly's. Corrine Geppert is in a brace from neck to hip due to a ruptured vertebrae. Her son is staying with her. Her son-in-law is suffering from brain cancer. Best wishes for better health to everyone.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *Life is not like a box of chocolates. It's more like a jar of jalapenos. What you do today can burn you tomorrow!*

Special note from Judy DeFord. Please send Judy an e-mail at djd4d@sbcglobal.net. She is compiling a list for our group so we can reach members quickly. Thank you.

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Bernie Carroll has returned home where she has 24-hour excellent home care. She is quite weak, but in body only - the same ol' Bernie spunk! She loves cards & phone calls at 276-96 N. El Camino Real, Oceanside, CA 92054 - (760) 966-1194.

Peg Ballagh called Sec'y Donna just to catch up. She & Art haven't been able to attend functions a/c Peg is still suffering from severe shingles. (19249 Nashville St., Northridge, CA 91326).

Charlie & Margaret Barnard were at the services for Lou Gawenda & reports are that Charlie is feeling & looking great, although still having chemo treatments.

Phil Muelrath had a short hospital stay a/c his diabetes was giving him troubles, but he's home & feeling OK.

It was really great to see Helen Moore (who's had an awful back problem), Sally Drummond (with her portable O2 supply) & Marge Mitchell all at the Apr. luncheon.

Barbara Crees reports that Jerry is getting along after 2 knee replacements, but she is maddeningly slowed down with arthritis in both her hands & hips. Here's hoping something miraculous can help her get rid of those problems!

Barbara Whelpton's husband, Hugh, died in his sleep on May 2. Condolences can be sent to her at 5 Honeysuckle Ln., Irvine, CA 92614 - (949) 733-8436. Dede Utzinger's mom had a massive stroke and passed away on May 1.

I am sure all the ReLAXers extend sincere & deep sympathies and/or best wishes for speedy recoveries to all these folks. If you need addresses or phones for any, just contact me.

Mainliner Club Store may open somewhere in T7 or 8, which will leave it inaccessible to retirees unless you can get an employee with an airport badge to escort you in. One service of the club has been the availability to purchase discount tickets for So. CA attractions & movie theaters. There are several other sources fairly near LAX where these tickets are available at about the same price as at the club, one of which can handle mail orders. Let me know if you need such tickets & I'll get you the details.

Credit Union location at LAX: Contrary to rumors, the Credit Union/LAX is not moving. It is in the west end of the old air freight building - free parking - public access. That's a relief!

LAX Parking - Still the same, but worth mentioning as we have "new" retirees each month. Lot D is the one near 96th St., part of public Lot C, the one UA pays for when you're an employee. Trams to Term's 6, 7, 8 (only) every 10 to 20 minutes, 7 minute ride. Newbies - FYI - you now have to pay, but worth it at \$30 for one month, plus 5 days. If \$30 sounds high, try Lot E, a part of Lot B on 111th St. Trams to all terminals every 10 to 20 min.; tram stops are in Lot B, about 20 minute ride. This one goes for \$15. Two ways to get tags - 1) I'll do the leg work, but add \$2 per mailing. 2) Go to the 5* office on World Way with airline ID. (Note - airline ID may be required at entry or exit of lot - you never know when!) Call me for details and/or maps.

Travel coming up. Come join the ReLAXers Aug. 16-18 for a trip to Mesquite, NV & to gamble a bit then enjoy a terrific evening performance & BBQ dinner at the Tuacahn amphitheater in Ivans, UT, near St. George. I'll be happy to send a flyer. Check out www.tuacahn.com

Calendar

Jun 10 - luncheon

Aug. 12 - annual steak fry in El Segundo Park

Aug. 16 - tour to Mesquite and Tuacahn

ReSans

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A lovely Spring Fling was enjoyed by 58 ReSans members at the Bali Hai Restaurant on Shelter Island. We all shared in the delightful company, fun and camaraderie of visiting with our retiree group.

Our Pres., Marian Owens, graciously welcomed all members, and a special welcome was extended to all of our new members, who were invited to stand & introduce themselves. Marian opened the meeting with a heartwarming prayer.

We had 2 lucky folks win the 50-50 raffle. Kayce Ward & Barry Constantine were the lucky winners of \$45.00 each. 2 lovely wine baskets were won by Kit Fogleman & Peter Criscione.

In late Aug., a picnic with ReSans & Clipped Wings is planned. The site will be Tecolote Shores next to the Hilton on Mission Bay. Picnic tables, shade & rest room facilities are all available. Luncheon will be provided, but you need to bring your own drink. Also, please bring a dessert to auction off for the benefit of Special Olympics. Fliers will be mailed to all members sometime in July.

Bob Owens reported briefly on the ongoing pension review negotiations & said that the judge is scheduled to make a ruling on or about June 18.

In response to a question on United memorabilia, we were informed that the person to contact is Barbara Hansen at WHQ.

Calendar

Aug. 2004 - Potluck Picnic on Mission Bay with ReSans & Clipped Wings

Oct. 2004 - Halloween Party at Fireside Restaurant in Escondido.

Lindbergh Alumni Groups - First Thurs. of month - Contact Bill Lindsay

UNITED AIRLINES

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Since we are such a large group we thought it would be a good idea to have a couple of our members greet people as they come in (just like Wal-Mart), especially new members & guests. We started with Aubrey Bliss & Ginger Dahlberg who were our Greeters for the Apr. meeting. Next month look for Mike Mewkalo & Jerry Milner to welcome us with a smile.

Our Treas., Eugene Walter & his wife Carol Walter, our Membership Sec'y, could not be with us today so Co-2nd Vice Pres. Monte & Mary Ann Monson gave their reports. Monte gave the Treas. report (we are solvent) & Mary Ann the Membership report. There were no new members this month but visitors Duke & Alice Kennedy of Hawaii were introduced & congratulations were given to Milt & Carol Peterson who celebrated their 55th anniversary this month.

Our condolences go to the family of Mary Evelyn (Evy) Busby who passed away Apr. 22. Cards can be sent to her daughter, Joyce Green, 1633 So. Norfolk, San Mateo, CA 94401. I sent "Thinking of You" cards to Elizabeth Bennauer & Joan Jervis who have not been able to be with us for awhile & a card to Chet Collins, our former treas., who recently has his pacemaker replaced. Later he suffered a minor stroke but he is at home & is improving.

1st V.P., Bob Taiclet, asked if everyone enjoyed the Chinese Luncheon. The response was so good we may make this an annual event. Bob thanked Kitchen Coordinators, Vera & Walt Kina, for all their hard work.

Ernie Bloom, airport volunteer, reported that we should not give out Companion tickets for flights to Frankfurt, London or Sydney at this time. Flights are full & there have been problems. If a Companion is listed for a flight on a certain day & they are unable to get on any flights to their destination on that day, then they must re-list for the next day. The employee or retiree who gave them the Companion tickets must re-list them. If you don't make a flight, don't assume your name will be rolled over to the next flight. Check at the podium to see if you are listed for the next flight. Agents are very busy & may forget. (I speak from experience since this happened to us one time.) Be sure your Companions are informed. There is an inexpensive cafeteria at SFO for UAL employees or retirees located across from Carrousel 6. You will need ID, but don't bring a lot of luggage, it is a small room.

Marie Tilson introduced Shirley Campbell who will be her replacement as our new Local Newsletter Editor. Marie has been writing our quarterly newsletter since 1995. She thanked Betty Bliss, Jane Bingham, Eloise Bailey & Margaret Reelfs, who help sort, label & mail the newsletters. We want to thank Marie & her crew for doing a great job all these many years.

For our program today we were entertained by 2 of our favorite musicians, Tibor Horvath, on violin & Yelena Savchenko on the piano. They play beautifully together & Tibor entertained us with some of his jokes.

Travel info: If you want to travel there may still be spaces on the Canada Atlantic Coast trip, Oct. 3-12. Give Ginger a call at 650-345-5548 or e-mail gingersfo@aol.com. for this trip & information on other trips.

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Singles Club: 1st Mon. ea. mo., Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce - 650-593-7328.

Retirees General Meeting: 1st Mon. ea. mo., business meeting 11:30 a.m. at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Greetings to all our UAL friends & colleagues. Welcome to Spring. For us lucky retirees now that those nasty taxes are taken care of, we can get back to some serious PLAYING. Speaking of playing - ever wonder what happened to Dave & Nancy Walb. We finally welcomed them back to our Fri. morning breakfast on Apr. 23. They've been off to So. America on a 16-day cruise celebrating their 40th anniversary. Had a great time & now on to the next 40 years.

It's official - Bill & Rosemarie Reichard have joined our group. Happy to have you with us. Dee Carlson is doing much better. Nice too have you back at breakfast on the 23rd. Otto Schaller is back in rehab. We miss you Otto. Get well soon. Lucille Bourquin was back at breakfast on the 23rd. Her arm is out of the cast. No more falls - that's an order.

Ever wonder who stays married over 50 years. Here's a few:

Willard/Ethel Olson - 54 years

Lew/Nancy Bacheller - 59 years

Jim/Alice Shelton - 52 years

Bill/Carol Copley - 52 years

Garver/Wilma Sandy - 58 years

Russ/Joanne Currier - 54 years

CONGRATULATIONS! Go out & celebrate & dance the night away. You deserve it.

Tony Urso is waiting for all of us (or at least 50 of us) to get signed up for the June picnic. You'll have a great time (at least we did last year). Let's get signed up & turn in those checks.

THANKS to LaDonna Eggert for taking notes in my absence. "Outstanding Job."

Calendar

Weekly breakfast meeting each Fri. morning at: Holder's Country Inn, 998 Deanza Blvd., San Jose, CA at 7:30 a.m., meeting at 8:20 a.m. For more info contact Pres. Bill Copley, 408-725-8420.

SAN JOAQUINERS

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50 members & guests attended this meeting at the Golden State Restaurant & Saloon in Ione. The Blairs were hosts & Bob was showing his new birdhouses as prizes - lucky are the winners. This good attendance figure was due mainly to the number of guests as follows: Bob & Ginger DuMars, Don & Dixie Powlesland, Charlie & Olive Panza, Don & Gloria Herman, Al Lienberger, Robert & Ronne Tourville, Harry & Carolyn Hoffman, Jack & Maggie Hamilton, Mike Siltan, Al Svore, Harry Wieland, John & Margie Coffee & Dave & Betty Palumbo.

George Gemberling, treas., reported \$942.08 plus \$1020.00 for the Al Haynes Fund.

Special guest speakers were Frank & Mary Ann Tortorich. Subject was the building of the pioneer wagons used to cross the Plains to CA, noting especially the difficulties of working with the heavy iron wagons. Very talented craftsmen they were. Mary Ann demonstrated some of the clothing worn by the women. We are lucky to have present day duds attractive & comfortable!

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The El Diablos of the East Bay held their Apr. meeting on the 12th with 41 members & guests. We now meet at Marie Callender's Restaurant & everyone seems to enjoy the change. It was good to see Fred & Barbara Brown back.

We had a most informative presentation on Retirement Investments, Social Security, IRS Distributions, Dividend Income, Interest Income and much more. Our guest speaker was Richard Seel. He offers Senior Citizen discounts on tax preparation & is very familiar with United Retirees. Our thanks to Bill & Nancy Boyle for inviting & recommending him, as they have been clients for some time. His phone is (925) 771-2171 and is located in Pleasant Hill.

Just a reminder that our Annual Picnic will be held on June 14. We will meet at a new location this year (lots of changes)....it is located on the corner of Gregory Lane & Cleaveland Rd. in Pleasant Hill. We have outgrown our old location. The parking is much easier. The walk to the picnic tables is very close.

More details at the May meeting. We will distribute a very good map at that time.

A tip for those of you "cruising" out of SF. One block from Pier 35 is a garage that caters to cruise lines. It costs \$12.00 for a 24-hour period. You can drop off people & luggage at the pier and make the first left onto Kearny & than left onto Francisco - check in early because it can be quite congested on the Embarcadero when a cruise ship is leaving. My family & I took a cruise on Celebrity last month & it took advantage of the garage.

We had a lively discussion of the "ticketless travel", otherwise known as E-tickets starting May 5. One less thing for we & our spouses to worry about when we travel!!! Good news. Just remember, however, that companions still need a paper ticket.

We meet on the 2nd Mon. of each month at Marie Callender's - 2090 Diamond Blvd. in Concord. Social time 11:30 - 12:00. 12:00 on to order & conduct our business matters. No reservations needed. Ed Lewis will send a reminder to all of you with e-mail, so make certain your e-mail address is up-to-date. For those of you without computers, Howard will call to remind.

Calendar

Jun. 14 - Pleasant Hill Park

COLORADO

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Denver Mile Highers had their monthly meeting at Park Hill Golf Course. There were 55 retirees & friends in attendance. First-timers were Bob & Teresa Ott. Welcome & join us again.

Doug Colbert & Ginger Tomsen addressed the group on different retirement plans.

Imme Barrows gave us an update on Jo Madden's condition.

The next breakfast will be June 2 at Park Hill Golf Course (35th & Colorado Blvd.) at 8:00 a.m. For directions call Tom Goodyear at 303-696-7001.

Our annual catered picnic will be held July 21 at Heather Gardens Blossoms Banquet Room & Patio, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way. \$12 p/p, Social Hour 11:30 a.m. - lunch 12:15 p.m. Send checks payable to RUAEA - Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211, phone 303-477-2918. Deadline 7/17.

Lois Dick had surgery 4/19. Now recovering at home. Address: 8585 W. 67th Pl., Arvada, CO 80004-3236.

Calendar

Breakfast 1st Wed. ea. mo., 8 a.m., Park Hill Golf Course, (35th & Colorado Blvd.). Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions - 303-696-7001 - Picnic details in column.

FLORIDA

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Our April 22nd meeting took place at the Whispering Pines Park. This meeting was not too well attended because some members were away & some were ill. Frank Wood had minor surgery & is recuperating at home. Paul Wiczorkowski is hospitalized but we have no further details.

The Nardones will travel to Destin & the Dullens to Dallas next month.

Our June meeting will take place at 11:30 a.m., at the Tierra del Sol Restaurant, 806 San Marino Dr., in the Villages. In July we will meet at Las Lomas Mexican Grill, 724 U.S. Hwy. 41 South Inverness, at 11:30 a.m. For those who do not like Mexican food, they also serve American.

Since I will be at the Convention in Seattle, there will be no report next month.

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We had a small but nice group for our last luncheon meeting of the season. 22 Pelican Drop-Ins had lunch at Sabal Springs Golf & Racquet Club on May 7. Pres. Carrie Belluso started the meeting with the singing of "God Bless America". She thanked Tom & Marilyn McNabb & Terry & Joan Gilkison for the work they do for the Pelican Drop-Ins. Sally Sciple announced the May birthdays. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to them.

Our speaker for the meeting was Tom Oringderff, a Life Link Volunteer. He has had a kidney transplant & talked about his transplant & organ/tissue donation & transplantation in general. It was a very interesting talk & discussion. There were many questions that Tom was able to answer first hand.

Along with 50/50 we had many other prizes. In addition to the regular prizes, Rip Patasini brought 3 bottles of wine & 3 mystery packages. Harry Walton brought another chopping block that Sally Sciple wanted to win for several meetings. This time she won it!

Lolita Bauer reports that Fred had developed shingles on top of his "new knee" which was operated on, on Mar. 9. Marilyn McNabb is happy with the pressure, but not with her vision from her eye surgery on Apr. 1. Carmen Kersly states she is feeling better after a bout with sciatica nerve that lasted for 6 weeks. Harry Good reports that he is sorry to miss the last luncheon of the season but Delores will be having her left knee replaced on the day of the luncheon. They hope to be at the breakfast meetings. Buz Sawyer is now recuperating at his son's home in Tampa. We wish all the sick members a speedy recovery.

Terry & Joan Gilkison just returned from a delightful 14-day cruise on Holland America through the Panama Canal.

The breakfast meetings will start on the first Fri. in June, July, Aug. & Sept. at 9 a.m. Post cards & e-mail will be sent for the place & directions.

Calendar

1st Friday of the mo. Luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf & Racquet Club (Oct.-May). Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.). For more information call or e-mail: Marilyn McNabb (239) 482-3882 (Fort Myers) - UALMKE@aol.com; Joan Gilkison (941) 637-9367 (Punta Gorda) - jgilkison@comcast.net; Carrie Belluso (239) 481-1440 (Ft. Myers) - Tutupapa1@aol.com.

THE ORLANDO

REAL McCOYS

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The May meeting was called to order by V.P. Sid Edelman. Sid requested a moment of silence for C.B. Davidson who passed away this month.

Minutes of the sec'y's report were read & approved. Treas.'s report was read and approved showing a balance on hand of \$1,130.25. Charlotte LeGrand reported that we gained 7 new members at our April picnic. Attendance for today was 46 members & guests. The guests were: Dan Davidson, Verna McCafferey, Ted LeGrand, John Wiseman, Joe & Betty Ashburn.

Sharon Leighty reported that she had visited the Central Florida Children's Home Thrift Store in Sanford. She said the store is very large & well maintained. She brought us new lists of things the children can use to help us with our next drive. She also reported on a wonderful art exhibit at the Orlando Art Museum at Mills & Prinston.

Sid reported that Marlin Lade was elected as Pres. of RUAEA. Way to go, Marlin. Ken Buchman reported that he and his wife are moving back to the Cleveland area. We will miss you.

Calendar

Jun. 2 - "Golden Corral" on Semeran Blvd. (Rt. 436) 3 miles north of the Airport.

Jun. 20 - "Orlando Ale House", 4:00 p.m. in the Waterford Lakes Shopping Center

THE SAND DOLLARS

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It was a gorgeous FL day, Apr. 8, when 35 members & guests attended our annual picnic-by-the-Bay. Every year, Gretchen & Dick Bulin arrange to have the outdoor barbeque area at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron available to our chapter. It is always a huge success. The ladies prepare scrumptious salads, casseroles, veggie platters, & of course, desserts. Dick Bulin & Charlie Johnson are the renowned grill-masters & nobody went away hungry.

Our pres. Tim O'Donnell gathered everyone together to discuss our agenda for the remaining months. We conducted a survey to see how many of us are actually year round residents of FL. To our amazement, it is a majority of Sand Dollars. We kicked around what to do during the summer months. Several great suggestions were made.

Our pres. thanked everyone for the various dishes & desserts, and most of all his thanks went to Gretchen & Dick for hosting this event.

He went on to tell us about retired Captain Al Haynes and all the terrible problems, he has encountered since retiring. A unanimous show of hands agreed to contribute \$100 out of our club treasury to him.

TAMPA BAY

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Mike Rice opened the meeting at Buddy Freddy's for 37 attending members. Mike announced that there were 6 new members added last month, bringing the total of paid members to 96.

Terri Breslin announced that John Hargraves & Lete Arnold are engaged.

Dick Reidl announced that there will be no Newsletter in Aug. The June Newsletter will be a little late due to the Convention.

All agreed that the picnic at Anderson Park was a great success. Beverly Alderdice extended thanks to her whole team including Mary Martin who counted every one of those 250 jelly beans. Glen Farley guessed the number correctly, but was not there when the winner was announced so the egg full of jelly beans was given to the next best "guesser", Paul Mabus. Loretta & Mike Marvett won the quiz. Bob Taylor won for having the most years of seniority. The games & quizzes played after the picnic were arranged by Mary Martin. We want to thank all that were able to stay & participate. Jon Wilkinson has arranged for the Oct. picnic to be held in the same place as this picnic was.

Terri Breslin announced that Bob Gaul had bladder surgery & she has sent a get well card to him.

Shirley Nehls passed away on April 16 in Michigan. Her husband Olin died earlier this year on Jan. 22. Sympathy cards can be sent to: Nehls family, 2661 Rubbins Dr., Howell, MI 48843.

Mike Marvett then discussed the West Coast Luncheon.

Terri Breslin told us that the Christmas Luncheon will again be held at Spartan Manor on Dec. 6; cost will be \$14.25 p/p. Details, including directional map, will be in the June Newsletter.

Mike Rice asked for an alternate to represent him at the Pres,'s breakfast at the Convention as he would not be able to attend. He will announce at the June meeting who actually went in his place.

Bill & Jean Linehan said they were diligently working on the pictures in the History book.

Calendar

Jun. 7 - Mo. meeting at Buddy Freddy's, Hwy. 19 in Holiday at 10 a.m.

Jul. 5 - Mo. meeting at Buddy Freddy's, Hwy. 19 in Holiday at 10 a.m.

THE VILLAGES

AIRLINE RETIREES

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The Apr. meeting of the chapter was a picnic at the Mulberry Recreational Center on Sat. the 17th in the Villages. The weather & grounds were beautiful, but very small attendance. Those who participated had the opportunity to learn & score shuffleboard & bocci ball. Knowing the rules & proper scoring methods was very important. On the court next to ours we heard all the noise & one partner on the last shot placed two of the discs in the kitchen which reduced the score immediately by 20 points. Needless to say, they did not win. We found that both shuffleboard & bocci ball requires talent or a lot of practice to score well. Jerry Bell was the official for the shuffleboard tournament.

A Jumboair trip is planned to a private, gated, airplane community in Ocala where John Travolta lives & flies his B707. It is open to the public once a month for a carriage tour & lunch. A group of the Airline Retirees plan to go next month when it is available.

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For most of us it started out with rain on our drive over to Honoka'a, to have our luncheon/meeting at Tex's Drive In. It turned out to be a beautiful day after all. We had 14 members in attendance & we also welcomed a new member, Merle Bensema & his wife Linda from Hilo. Everyone was treated to a plastic Easter egg filled with candy.

Our "Toys for Tots" box is filling up. We want to thank everyone for his or her participation. We found out we will have to bring all of our gifts to HELCO by mid-Oct., so our Oct potluck out at the Old Kona Airport will be our last chance to collect gifts.

We had extra gifts donated to our raffle; the luck winners were Anny Medve, Merle Bensema & Ed Dawes. We sure do appreciate those donated items. Rose Wilson won the "free lunch", & Loretta Dawes won the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations to all our winners.

We are looking for anyone interested in joining our group who has retired to the "Big Island". Please give us a call at (808) 966-7886 or e-mail us at the above address.

Pres. McMahon asked a couple members to give us the story of their career at United. It was very interesting to hear about their many years of service.

Calendar

Jun. 17 - Daniel Thiebaut's, Waimea

Jul. 15 - Luquin's Mexican Restaurant, Pahoa

Aug. 19 - Aloha Angel Café, Kainaliu

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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Good turnout for our meeting on May 3 - lots of nice people, friendly people, remembering, perhaps, more friendly times. Prexy Ron Haman opened the meeting, saying he'd keep his business remarks short, since our guest speaker was with us & would be talking to us shortly. He reminded us of the several upcoming events for the month ahead. Word from Bud Peters who is busy counting pledges to the Muscular Dystrophy Walk-a-Thon, is that the May 1 event was a huge success in all respects. Other walks are coming up on the 15th in Twin Falls and Blackfoot. With 600 walkers in Boise alone, they are sure to meet the total goal of \$100,000 for the combined events. He asked Ron to convey his thanks to the GEM's bakers, who provided approximately 1,400 cookies. Ron said he had copies of the "E" travel letter, for anyone needing one, adding that the current issue of the Newsletter explains it very well.

Ron welcomed guests of Louise & Ossie Haugen, Virgil & Fern Janke. Hugh served UAL & Capital for 40 years, retiring from LAS & now living in Henderson, NV.

Ron then introduced Sue Paul, Executive Director & co-founder of the Warhawk Air Museum in Nampa. Sue explained how the museum is growing & showed slides of the various displays & activities. She explained that the emphasis is on educational programs for teachers & school children. Thousands of kids visit each year, it is not unusual to have several hundred go through the facility in a day. Photos projected on a screen depicted the UAL exhibits, numerous historical WWII aircraft, Air Force uniforms, communications & survival equipment, target kites, even a Norden bombsight, & thousands of memorabilia. The museum has one of the finest collections of women's military uniforms in the nation. There's even a collection of dolls in uniforms. In addition to the static displays, they have a number of "visiting" aircraft (still flying), including in part a Wildcat, Corsair, P-51, B-25. You want to see a real Victory Garden? Visit the Warhawk.

By all reports, the Boise Little Theater trip was quite successful. Everyone had a good time.

Richard & Doreen Hardy offered "Greetings from Indiana", where they still live, but assured us they were still looking around the Boise area for a retirement

home. Some one of these days, they'll be writing to their friends in Carmel, saying "Greetings from Idaho, home of the GEMS."

Margrit Robertson was the only person who mentioned flying anywhere, & that was to FL to visit her sister. She said the flight DEN-MCO was completely booked both ways on Ted. She spoke highly of the "new" airline. When asked about Dave, she explained that he spent the week with daughter Susan in scenic McCall, ID.

Shirley Law entertained daughters from Austin, TX, Laurel Brown & Linda Richardson. Both have children of their own, and herself a grandmother.

Ned Yundt is still collecting money for Warhawk display cases, but with an added incentive. With each donation, she gives the donor a numbered coupon. The stubs are then put into a bowl, & a winner is drawn. Wouldn't you know that the first number drawn would be Louise Haugen, who had donated a bowl of growing spring flowers for the occasion. A second drawing found Margrit Robertson to be the winner.

Calendar

Jun. 7 & Jul. 5 - 9:30 a.m., breakfast at Holiday Inn on Vista Ave. in BOI.

Jun. 14 - Golf Outing. Tee time: 12 noon.

Aviation Logic: *You must be a mechanic, if you know what JP4/JP8 (Jet A) tastes like.*

ILLINOIS

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It was a real surprise on St. Patrick's Day because there was a nice turnout. The menus always are excellent & the conversation was enthusiastic. It was great saying welcome to Lillian & Roe Mallstrom who had returned from their annual escape to Mexico & seeing Helen & Tony Stefanos who took time from the onslaught of the coming tax season, hearing from Larry Fagan who is now teaching in TX, greeting Mary Gray, Shirley Mullin and a call from Pat Schaeffer letting all know that she & Hohn are building a home in FL & plan to be there this coming autumn...terrific.

May PEACE somehow, someway prevail.

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135 Chicago Skyliners continue to turn out each month for their monthly visits for breakfasts. Last month Southsiders had about 30 who attended & Northside had over 100. Everyone seems to enjoy our quarterly luncheons & outings arranged by the Skyliners Committee.

The Southside reports: Joan Masterson's daughter Lisa Marrow came as a visitor. Both Deloras & Virgile Schnarre attended breakfast. We welcomed Carmen & Javier with smiles after they attended their nephew's wedding in Mexico, with a side trip to LAS. Helen Collins recuperated quite well after her hip fracture in Mar. Marge Caliendo happily won at the breakfast raffles for her first time.

First-timers for the Northside were: Melanie Hoeffner, Carol Garibotti, Darlene Felske, Pat French, Sun Lehee, Lance Albert, Maria Leslak, Nelson Wong, Vern Palmer, George Miclke & Diane Nelson.

Phyllis & George Kordecki wrote about a trip they promised their 10-year-old grandson, Nick, to anywhere United flies. His choice was Beijing, which he had studied in school. They visited historical sites that included the Forbidden City, Tiam Square & the Summer Palace & even saw the Panda Bears at the Beijing Zoo. They enjoyed the "luge ride" up & down from the Great Wall.

Norma Damm wrote that she has moved & wants all her United friends of 20 years in Marketing (EXOPS) to be informed. Her new address is 1225 Luther Lane, Apt. 165D, Arlington Heights, IL 60004, phone (847) 253-3856. She hopes to receive calls from friends when they are passing through ORD.

Gerry Bernert underwent surgery during Apr. Get well cards can be sent to her at 8206 Gerson Dr., Wonder Lake, IL 60097.

Fred Kinzer's wife called to inform me that her husband fell & broke his left hip. This will end their plans for their trip to the Convention. Cards can be sent to 31 West Dempster, Des Plaines, IL 60016.

Thanks for the many calls & letter received on the passing of Fred Grindol of Rolling Meadows last month. He will be greatly missed.

Over 100 retired & active pilots were honored at a recognition luncheon at Chicago's Museum of Science & Industry last month. These dedicated people have volunteered their time to give daily tours of the 727 Take Flight Exhibit, which is on display 364 days throughout the year. On your next visit to CHI stop by the museum to see how aviation has really changed.

Join us for the Chicago cares Serve-a-thon on June 12. The Chicago Cares Serve-a-thon is the largest single day of community service! Join over 800 United employees, retirees, family & friends, along with thousands of volunteers who are each making a difference by painting, planting and beautifying our city's schools, parks & social service agencies. Our retirees can volunteer to work at varied tasks available. It's a great time for us to go out into the community & give back to those who are in need.

Mary Szabo is one of 2 retirees & 46 United employees that Glen Tilton honored from around the world at a luncheon in recognition for their contributions to community service organizations through the *United We Care* Employee Volunteer Program. Tilton thanked each recipient & told them that their volunteerism has become an integral part of our corporate culture and our ongoing efforts to establish an image for United as a model corporate citizen. Neil Denton, from the Mountain Region, was the other retiree who received recognition. Our thanks & congratulations to these retirees and all the winners.

June 24, our 2nd luncheon of the year will be at the Stonegate Conference Center in Hoffman Estates that will include a Murder Mystery Play. One of us could be involved as a suspect to a crime in the play. Seating is limited. Flyers will be sent to you for your registration. Closing date for reservations is June 16.

Many retirees & employees from over 100 United Communities & 17 international locations joined in Take Your Community to Work Day in Mar. Our mentors gave first-hand exposure to careers in the airline industry to over 4,000 students worldwide. The students were elated to have an opportunity to act as a pilot, flight attendant & customer service agent. It was a busy day to give students a chance to spread their wings. As one student so eloquently said, "Thank you United for showing me that destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice." Thanks to everyone that came and helped out as mentors.

Calendar

Jun 12 - Annual *CHICAGO CARES* Servathon - leaving WHQ to Soldier Field at 7:00 a.m. and returning at 4:00 p.m. Call Debbie Bridges at Unitel 847-700-6814 for info.

Jun 15 - Northside Breakfast - Artemis Restaurant, Golf Rd. and Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL, 9:00 a.m.

Jun 24 - Luncheon & Murder Mystery Play, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch. Play begins with lunch at the Stonegate Convention Center, Hoffman estates, IL

Jun 29 - 10:00 a.m., Sally's Pancake House, 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL

Jul. 21 - Downtown Chicago Group - Trader Vic's, 11:30 a.m., Palmer House (French Quarter)

INDIANA

Chapter Name and Logo
are pending

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**New
Chapter**

Our 2nd meeting of the start-up Indy Chapter of RUAEA was held at the Paragon Restaurant. 54 retirees & their significant others were in attendance. After a delightful & reasonably priced lunch. Chris Johnson (Pres.) called the business portion of the meeting to order.

Treas. Hannelore Brabo, gave a financial report which was laid out in a very professional manner. After recent expenses, we had \$11.71 in the kitty & collected \$61 in "meeting" dues. (Bill Gates look out, we're catching up with you.)

Charles Theiss presented his newly designed Indy Chapter logo. Charles also recommended our motto be, "We are now retired - we are United." It was also suggested to come up with a name for our new UAL retiree chapter. 3" X 5" index cards will be distributed at the next meeting, each member come up with a name & the members vote on one. (You can bet "Indy" will be in the name.)

Our chapter is keen to establish a Lobbying Committee. This committee will be in contact with local Indiana Government, including the Legislature, Governor & Mayors, regarding UAL Retirees' concerns. Bob Johnson, Ray Horgan & Mike Quilter have volunteered to be part of this important committee.

Also discussed was the Pension Bill as approved by the House of Representatives, the Senate & signed by President Bush. Mike Matlack & Ray Brabo are to check out the Pension Guarantee further & report back to the membership.

Ray Brabo (VP) suggested a Golf Committee. Tony Bates volunteered to head this committee. It's mission: to arrange local golf tournaments with RUAEA members, not only in Indiana, but nationwide.

Chris Johnson also advised all members to sign up for Dale Harper, a UAL retiree in CA who keeps UAL retirees well informed of what is going on with United & especially the retirees. His e-mail address is dtharper@inreach.com

We were very pleased with the management & quality of food at the Paragon Restaurant, so (currently) all of our meetings will take place there. The address is: 118 S. Girls School Road, Indianapolis, Ph: (317) 271-3514

Calendar

Jun. 12 - 2 p.m., Paragon Restaurant

Jul. 10 - 2 p.m., Paragon Restaurant

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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11 Escapees gathered at PAPA Vino's, thanks to our host Patty Gates. We welcomed back many snowbirds & some proud grandmas passed around pictures of some very cute babies. Romanita Jenkins questioned why health care cost so much more, when you go on Medicare, which of course no one had an answer.

May 19 many Escapees went to Door County to join the Loonies on their 3-day semi-annual affair. This is a guaranteed fun time with a very friendly loving group.

We have 20 Escapees heading for SEA. Many of us disappointed that Glen Tilton will not be speaking at the banquet, which we were all looking forward to. One of our Escapees, not to mention any names, predicted this would happen

before it was ever announced; maybe she has a crystal ball. Looking forward to renewing many old acquaintances in SEA.

Calendar

First Thurs. of month; location varies; please call or e-mail.

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NORTHERN LITES

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30 Northern Lites & 1 guest met on a bright but windy day in April for lunch & visiting. The management of the Old Country Buffet told us that our meeting room was reserved for a different group, which sent our pres.'s blood pressure soaring. Many of our group had already found places in the main dining room & were into their meal, when Lee Storlie announced that he'd convinced the manager that he'd made a mistake, so plates & belongings were gathered up & transferred to the meeting room. It was explained to our guest that such fire drills are not the norm.

The Sec'y was contacted by an ex-UAL city ticket office employee about a new venture he & his partner have started. It's an interline cruise company. He sent flyers to distribute to those attending our meeting. Most of the flyers were gone in no time at all, so perhaps there will be some cruises in the future of some of our members.

Jim Simon & Nel Brawner are spearheading a petition effort in their county in WI for property tax relief. Barron County is purported to be the highest taxed county in the state, even surpassing Milwaukee County. Good luck to them!

Connie Glattly & her guest, Judy Tauer, have been involved in a petition drive in their county in MN, hoping to force a vote of all tax-paying residents about the location of the new county seat facilities which will be built in the coming years. The county is 55 miles from north to south. Presently the county seat is located only 6 miles from the southern border. Any need for court or county government services entails a long drive for over half of the county's residents.

The absence of Wes & Bette Briest was noted, as they regularly attend the monthly lunches. Little did we know that Wes was undergoing rotator cuff surgery that day. He's back at home now, faithfully doing his exercises to regain range of motion in his shoulder.

Well wishes were conveyed to Frank Ehr by everyone on Lee's cell phone. A get-well card was circulated for Bob Johnson. Clyde Anderson should have new knees by now. Rich Glattly is back to normal after his heart began beating at a different rhythm.

Calendar

Lunch at the Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 and Robert St. in West St. Paul, 2nd Wed. of the month at 11:15 a.m.

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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What a gorgeous day for our luncheon at House of Hunan with 44 attending. Food was delicious & their service is great. Dick Weak brought Pete Carlentini & he became a member. Please add to your roster. Pete Carlentini, 822 Pierce, Omaha, NE 68108, phone 341-6414

Our sympathy goes to Arnie & Shirley Mahoney in the loss of Arnie's brother, Harold.

Also in the obituaries was Merlyn Nelson (Mert) who passed away Mar. 28. He was lead mechanic at Eppley for 33 years. Also Ron Grear passed away the end of Mar. He was Manager of the Eppley Airfield for many years. Ron also headed up the golf tournament sponsored by Eppley. It was for all airlines.

I called Cy Buell at home and lo and behold he answered. Said he had been home about 2 weeks. He is still using a walker, but said he could take a few steps on his own.

Calendar

Jun 8 - (note the date). Picnic at Chalco Hills, hosted by Mahoneys & Bradens

Jul. 6 - Piccolo Pete's hosted by Tony & Jacki Sortino

Aug. 3 - Malara's hosted by Dick & Marilyn Weak

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The Luncheon Meeting that was held on April 13 was attended by 48 people; the meal was good but the dessert could have been a lot better.

We have 2 brand new members joining us: Rosie Rosenthal & Zelma Kibler both are UAL Retirees; also both are very involved in retiree activities. Rosie was SFO Retiree's Club Pres.; Zelma was SFO Pres. & our System UAL Retirees Pres. & probably has more duties that she is fulfilling right now. By the way, they just got married on Sept. 30 in LAS & purchased a house at 1475 Westwind Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89146 where they live.

We had a senior investment presentation by Mr. Matthew Cox with some discount for the UAL Retirees if they need handling of Living Trusts or financial investments.

Now a sad notice: T.W. Silveroli passed away on April 12.

Zelma Kibler will attend the RUAEA Convention Sec'y's breakfast in place of Baldor Ziel, Secretary of this chapter.

Calendar

Jun. 8 - Luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m. at The Ellis Island Village Pub, 4178 Koval Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89109, phone (702) 733-8901

NEW JERSEY

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The meeting of the Gardenstaters was held on Mar. 31 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting. A moment of silence was held for those that have passed away & have been in the hospital. Jimmie Washington's wife Peggy had a stroke.

Violet Etler read the minutes of the Feb. meeting. There were no corrections. John Murray gave the Treas.'s report. On the social events John reported that Hunterdon Hills Playhouse will be July 14, a summer musical, \$45.00 p/p, including lunch, dessert bar & show. A golf outing is being run by Bob Stickle. It will be sometime in the summer.

For those who don't know it, the Lummis Building was torn down in the United Parking Lot; this area will be used as an additional parking lot. Letters are needed for parking & riding on the United shuttle bus.

There have been some United Airlines articles about companion tickets & interline tickets. Retirees' medical coverage will be increased by July in the cost of benefits. More details will be forthcoming.

The meeting of the Gardenstaters was held on April 28 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. Pres. Richard Confer, opened the meeting. A moment of silence was held for those that have passed away & been in the hospital. Bob McTigue passed away & Lorraine Sharkey (wife of Connie Sharkey) had a gallbladder operation.

Everyone should have received a letter from United that there will be no more paper tickets. Effective May 5 all reservations must be made via Skynet or telephone & you must be listed.

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72 members & guests attended our May meeting at the Millerridge Inn. Welcome applause greeted new members Geraldine Gruenthal & Paul Breisacher (Smith for short). Both retired from JFKFF. Our guests included Nadine Cordez, niece of Mabel Bittar & Yvonne Guella and Denman Diehm, brother-in-law of Gladys Diehm.

Joe Totaro started the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag & a moment of silence for Kathleen Hannon, wife of Pat Hannon, who passed away last month. Condolences & prayers to Pat & his family.

Don't forget our sick & disabled. A little note and/or a phone call will cheer them: Mary Butera, recovering from knee replacement - 718-357-6061, Joe Musynski, home after his hospital stay - 718-445-6295, Dan Mahon, back surgery - 516-593-4337, Ursula Koch, open heart surgery - 516-431-0128.

"The Metros" received thank you notes from Mabel Bittar, Charlie Kaczinski & Joe Musynski for the basket of fruit, each received at home after their hospital stay.

14 couples have wedding anniversaries in May: Veronica & Don Allen, 58 years; Marion & Mike Cardacino, 56 years; Marie & Anthony Manfre, 55 years. The chapter celebrated Marie & Tony's anniversary with a specially baked cake. They did a no-show, sorry to say, so we ate the cake & cheered the couple.

Joe updated the members about "E" travel & reminded them to keep the stubs to confirm service charges.

Charlie Kaczinski told the Metros, about 125 mechanics being called back to work in SFO & some flights crews also.

Roy Portelli just returned from a 3-week trip to Italy. He told us of his adventures in Turin & Sicily. Turin was very warm, so he didn't take a heavy jacket on his 10-day tour of Sicily, where he froze. The temperatures were reversed, warm up north & cold down south.

Good seeing Nell Napolitano's smiling face sitting in her usual seat at the monthly meetings; also Dan Duran looking dapper as ever.

Jimbo Richardson & his Kathy became grandparents for the 1st & 2nd time last month! Twins.

Calendar

Jun. 2 - Monthly meeting, 12 noon, Millerridge Inn.

Jul. 7 - Annual "Metro" picnic at Wantagh Park, \$15.00 p/p. Come early for coffee & donuts. Catered by "The Chefs", Charlie Kaczinski & Paul Cohen.

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The Ohio Buckeyes met on May 5 at Pacino's in Strongsville. There were 66 people in attendance. Our hostess & host were Judy & Perry McKnight. The food & company were excellent. Thanks again for a great job.

We acknowledged 7 May anniversaries: Vic & Betty Taylor marked their 57th anniversary. Andy & Mary Striegl are celebrating their 54th anniversary. Congratulations to each & every one of you.

Some of our members are still experiencing health problems. Bill Gatesman has a disease called Macroglobulinemia. It is a rare cancer that causes his system to produce too much protein in his blood. He will be starting his chemo treatments shortly. He still is unable to have visitors but welcomes phone calls as well as cards. His address is: 55 Barrett Rd., Apt. #426, Berea, OH 44017-1641, phone 440-239-0670. I spoke with Eleanor Neth. She has just finished 29 days of radiation. She still has 1 treatment of internal radiation. She will then start chemo. She & Cale would like to thank each and every one of you for your phone calls & cards. If at all possible they are planning on attending the July picnic. Helen Horvath is adjusting nicely to living at Bradley Bay Nursing Home in Bay Village. Adelene Kowalski's treatments are coming along. She hopes to be at the July picnic. We hope that George Werner is feeling better. Our Pres. mentioned at the meeting that Emily Robinson is in the hospital. Our thoughts & prayers are with each of the above members as well as with their families. Cards were sent to the above members.

Elma Jess wanted to thank our club for the donation to the Kidney or Heart Association in memory of her beloved husband Robert Jess. The cards were greatly appreciated. Andy Tubbs & his family wanted to thank the members for the cards as well as donations to Bethany Baptist Church in memory of his beloved wife, Mary. The chapter also received a Thank You for the donation of \$400 from the National Foundation For Transplants, in honor of Capt. Al Haynes' daughter Laurie Arguello.

Our Treas, Dolly Taucher, was nice enough to give us some tips regarding the IRS. If you receive a letter from the IRS stating that you owe them more money, QUESTION it. She gave us some examples of problems which denoted that the IRS had made MISTAKES. Since so many tax payers are now e-filing, the IRS doesn't need as many people in that department. Those people have been reassigned & are now performing audits. Consequently, more audits will be performed. Dolly stressed **Do not assume that they are right!** She reminded us that as a taxpayer, **pay your fair share & not one penny more! Fight for your rights!**

We have requested that cell phones be turned off or put on vibrate. Guess whose cell phone went off right after she mentioned for the second time that the

IRS is not God? I wonder who was on the line. Who was its Dolly---? Thanks again Dolly for your valuable information.

Our pres. wanted to remind us to send your form in early for the July 7 picnic held at Albion Woods Reserved Picnic Area. Remember to bring a place setting for 8-10 people & a covered dish. Coffee will be provided. The members must bring additional refreshments. She mentioned that she has received the tickets for The Eleventh Annual Northfield Night on Aug. 11. Please feel free to invite your friends, family, etc. Make your reservations as soon as possible.

Contact John Taucher if your e-mail address has been changed. John does such a great job of keeping all of us abreast of the latest news & he wouldn't want to leave anyone out.

Calendar

Jul. 7 - 12:00 p.m. at Albion Woods Reserved Picnic Area in the Mill Stream Run Reservation in Strongsville. Please send your form in as soon as possible so we can get an accurate head count & know how much chicken to order.

Aug. 11 - 6:00 p.m. at Northfield Park. Gates open at 5:45 p.m. Races start at 7:00 p.m. & end around 11:00 pm. Cost is \$20 p/p, pre-paid.

Sep. - Sweetwater (TBA)

Oct. - Old Schoolhouse (TBA)

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Pretty baskets of potted flowers on the luncheon tables greeted everyone at the Apr. meeting that was held a week late, but it seemed that no one was confused by the date change. The early social hour at our meetings is a big hit, & since there was no official speaker this month, and with the short business meeting, a lot of the group stayed afterwards to engage in more conversation. It's great to see the fellowship in our chapter. We welcomed new members Richard & Frieda Marley. Richard retired from PDXMM.

Jack Hoage & Cherie Maltese are both battling cancer & need you to remember them in your thoughts & prayers. Cherie was well enough last month to go to Reno with her siblings where she was a big \$\$\$ winner. No other illnesses to report for Apr. Just goes to show that living in the Northwest does have some advantages.

The picnic committee is busy getting ready for the July event that will be held at the North Clackamas Park located off I205 at the Milwaukee exit. I will have directions to the park in the next issue, & printed fliers with more information will be available at the Jun. & Jul. meetings.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mon/Wed/Fri (503 249-4142 & 4143)/ Anyone with UAL can avail themselves of these services & the staff is always willing to assist with information & listings.

Calendar

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR unless noted otherwise.

Jun. 9 - Schedule TBA

Jul. 14 - Annual Picnic

Aug. 11 - Schedule TBA

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Our Apr. 12 luncheon had a nice turnout of nearly 60. It is encouraging to see more & more retirees reunite at our luncheons. We all have so much to share with each other as we have spent practically a lifetime together.

Congratulations to Bernie McNamee, Pres. of The Independents, & his wife Mona who just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

A sad note to report is the passing, Apr. 6, of Ron Lindemuth, retired Load Planner PHLOO. Ron passed away suddenly on the golf course as he & fellow retiree, Ken Meadow, were making plans for our annual golf tournament. Ron was an active retiree chapter member. He will sorely be missed.

Vivacious newsletter correspondent, Dee Burrs, is recuperating from a hip replacement. She is doing fine & expects to be out dancing soon. We missed her at the luncheon.

Jim Weeks is improving from his kidney operation. We wish him well.

We were honored to have Randy Canale, Pres. & General Chairman, District 141, IAMAW as our guest speaker. Randy was kind enough to update us, as of Apr. 12, on the status of United's proposal to increase the cost of medical benefits for retirees. He advised much of the information has been made available on the District 141 website & hotline 1-800-411-6069. Randy advised the next step in the process is to try & reach a consensual agreement with the company.

Randy went on to say that not all retirees are represented by the unions; for example, ALPA has a separate group representing their retirees. The IAM, with the largest group of retirees, & the AFA are represented by their unions. The bankruptcy judge appointed a Salaried & Management Team to represent their retirees. It was encouraging to hear that a coalition within United of its labor unions plus salaried & management as well as other industries & corporations, lobbied for pension legislation which was passed & recently signed by President Bush.

Randy advised in 1997, United pensions were funded to 110%. They decreased 40% by 2003. The Senate recently voted to secure our pensions & give a 2-year recovery period where companies with under-funded plans would not be required to make 100% of the additional contributions required by law. This measure protects employees' pensions in the worst travel recession in our history. Randy commended the Senate & Congress for taking this step.

Calendar

Jun. 14 - Lunch at the Ramada. Longwood Gardens visit immediately following lunch. See Joe Brad for tickets, \$12. Transportation is on your own or carpooling from the Ramada is available.

Sep. 13 - Annual Golf Outing, Chesapeake Bay Club, 1500 Chesapeake Guld Dr., North East, MD. Memorial service on the 9th hole honoring Ron Lindenmuth.

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The convention will have come & gone by the time you read this I'll do my best to update you next month. The Pit-Stoppers will also have had our May luncheon which I will also recap next month.

We were all surprised to hear of the sudden departure of the PIT Station Manager, Walt Benham. Best of luck to you Walt.

More & more I've certainly appreciated the great means of communication the newsletter has provided. What a pleasant surprise to hear from Cheryl Wentz Pelke (former BUFCS). Cheryl is the daughter of Dick Wentz - one of my first supervisors in PIT, back at merger time. Cheryl said her dad is recuperating in FL from a broken hip. We all wish you well Dick.

Our prayers & best wishes go out to John Crooks. John is still undergoing treatments & I'm sure John & Bea would like to hear from their many friends - 10 Elco Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108, phone 412-859-3575.

Condolences go out to John Maltempo on the recent passing of his sister-in-law. John's address is: 5 E. Steuben St., Oakdale, PA 15071.

Condolences also to Vic & Joan Ference on the recent passing of Joan's mother - a dear, sweet lady who attended many of our functions. Cards can be sent to: 133 Convair Dr., Moon Twp, PA 15108.

I would be remiss if I didn't wish our good friend Sam McDermott, a happy 90th birthday. You're still a good looking guy Sam, even though you tied with Frankk Murdock in that category. Sam's address: 37 Newgate Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15202, phone 412-766-5419

Calendar

Jun 15 - Pirates vs. Anaheim

Jul. 16 - Annual Picnic, Robinson Park

Sep. - Capital Airlines Picnic.

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It always seems like a good day when good friends get together over a good meal & the rest of the day is still ahead of them. On Apr. 15, a baker's dozen met at the Cracker Barrel for just such an event.

It was especially nice that Jerry & Joanie Kozik of Schaumburg, IL could join the group for breakfast while spending a few days with the Barrs. Jerry retired Mar. 31 from OPBIM (Operations Planning Inventory) on the Day-of-Departure Desk after a 38-year career with United. He is probably fairly typical of so many other capable & hard-working individuals who have tried their best to keep UA going in recent years.

Calendar

Jun. 17 - 10 a.m. EDT, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, Exit 373 off I40-75 on Campbell Station Rd., Farragut

Jul. 15 - 12:30 p.m. EDT, luncheon to be hosted by the Adkins, with details to follow

Aug. 19 - 10 a.m. EDT, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, Farragut.

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On Apr. 21, 27 chapter members met for coffee & donuts.

We still remember Claron & Virginia Pratt, 2 of our earliest chapter members. He had died a few years back; she followed him in death on 3/18/04.

Geo. Dalton reported that Anne Smith is back home & enjoying life in much better health. SFO retiree Audrey Postman dropped a line to SLC's chapter sec'y to wish Anne a speedy recovery; she & Anne had worked together in SFORR. Audrey also mentioned her good friendship with Mary Card.

Clair Anderson & Keith Tronier donated money to the local chapter's postage fund, as reported by Treas. Bill Ottman. Bob Faydock was the raffle winner.

We welcomed Dick Dahl who told a couple of funny stories about his career with UAL; the first one was about "how he was hired". The second one, "how he got almost fired through no fault of his". He also mentioned that, in 1961, SLC retiree Ray Stott was his LASPE interviewer.

At the 2003 CHI RUAEA Convention, the Murdocks purchased a video, titled: "Soaring Through History", a recounting of United's proud *flight to great heights* since that beginning date of Apr. 6, 1926. WHQ's archivist Barbara Hanson & Kurtis Production (©1998) co-produced the tape. It covers 70 yrs. of United's history with past & recent interviews with various presidents; it also includes clips of a very young W.A. Patterson. The hour-long video is a very professional presentation of United's history.

For the Aug. Sugar House Picnic a new caterer needs to be found: our long-term catering lady, Betty Wright, retired to take care of her ailing husband.

Down Memory Lane: The "*United Air Lines News*" of April 1956 was like RUAEA's Newsletter to today; it offered a glimpse of the activities at UAL cities on its nationwide system. For SLC, the following was listed: "*.....Happy News. Tom Ward, Evelyn Howe, Kris Maughan, and Nola Sears are coming back to SLCRS to help with the summer rush. Also welcomed back after a long absence is Madeline Latimer Geher, returning to the Tix Crt. Other new additions to the counter are Grant Beutler from EKOGX and Roger Jones from SFOPG...*"

Calendar

Jun. 16 - Potluck, 12 noon, Island View Park, Centerville, UT

Jul. 21 - Lunch, 2 p.m. - (to be announced later).

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Meeting held at Locks Point Restaurant April 15. 23 were in attendance including guests, Elizabeth Hathorn, Carol Christenson, Eunice Lindsay & Janice Haney, daughter of Zeke Prahiem. Pres. was not present, so V.P. Bob Collins conducted the meeting. Treas. Claire Karlson mentioned nominating committee formed for election of new officers, election to be held next meeting, May 20. Jokes were told by Bob Collins & Bob Riggs.

Hosting the luncheon was Vi Hildebrand. Flower plant & small rabbits won by Riggs, Collins, Gilbert Chasey & Eunice Lindsay. A discussion about the Pension Reform Act took place. Hosting the next luncheon will be Jane Williams. If interested in attending, please call (757) 490-7326. We meet the 3rd Thurs. of every month except June, July & Aug.

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Lance & I hosted the May get-together at the downtown Olive Garden. It seems to be a favorite to many retirees. We had a great turnout. We were fortunate to have Tom & Pat Harvey, our NW RUAEA Director, attend. By the time you read this they will officially be Mr. & Mrs. Harvey. They were married May 1. Congratulations to a very special couple.

Willi & Frank Storey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Apr. 24. Congratulations to 50 years. We wish them many more. They are not by any means the winners of the longest years of marriage. Les & Vera Graham will celebrate their 58th anniversary on June 19, just 4 days after Les turns 79 years young on June 15. Warren & Fran Smith will have 58 years in Dec. 2004. Les looks much younger than his years as does his lovely wife, as does Warren & Fran Smith. They all enjoy life to its fullest.

It had been a very long time since we had seen Jim & Dorothy Jones as Jim works on Sat. Tom & Mary Sullivan were new members & guests of Bob & Edie Clark of Ione, WA and Cal & Kathy Shireman. Everyone had a great time. All had a lot of catching up on the events of the past 3 months.

There was a lot of discussion about the medical coverage that is changing due to United's bankruptcy. It will be an added expense to many retirees. The new E-tickets were also discussed.

May was hosted by Gary & Sharon Holmes & was held at the Prospectors Grill in Airway Heights. The food was great as well as the number of retirees. It was the first dinner for Roger Tompkins. At last I got to meet him as well as Laney & Rick Student. They make a great addition to our currently great retirees. Les & Vera Graham couldn't attend as they had to help with Bloomsday, Spokane's 7-mile marathon. Our hosts participated in Bloomsday the next morning, & in checking the newspaper, their finishing time was very good. There were approximately 40,000 runners this year.

Cal & Kathy Shireman didn't make it as Cal was having a lot of discomfort with his back. Bill & Lois Stookey were present for the first time in several months. Del & Donna Toppell attended as Del had just returned from celebrating his mom's 97th birthday at her home in Canada.

Gary & Sharon Holmes are taking a short trip from Denver to Alaska. In their motor home too!

Laney Wilson, Skip O'Halloran, Ed Meadows, Dave Reisenhauer and the Teffts from Hayden Lake were all able to attend. Warren & Fran Smith were unable to make it this time. We look forward to seeing them in June.

June is being hosted by Ken & Myrtle Stoop at their home at Shelly Lake which is east of Sullivan Road in the city of Spokane Valley. It will be buffet-style.

Everyone is to bring their own meat to B-B-Que. They will be contacting you with details in plenty of time to get ready to enjoy another good time with friends.

July is tentative to be held at the home of Bob & Edie Clark in Lone. They will let you know when & what time & what to bring. If it is not possible, another place will be chosen.

Aug. is being hosted by Paul & Marlene Bennett at their home in Chewelah, WA. They hosted an event last year & many of us now know how to find them. They will be calling you in plenty of time for those of you who need directions. It will be potluck. They will supply burgers & much more & everyone is to bring a favorite dish to share.

When the convention is over Lance & I are going to Victoria for 4 nights. It will be my first trip to Victoria. It should be beautiful the first few weeks of June.

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On the 14th of April, 81 members & guests of the Dulles Loungers gathered for good food & friendship at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA.

We did not have a guest speaker, but the conversation flowed freely everywhere!

Pres. David Cox reminded us that the "Annual Pig Pickin" & Picnic is scheduled for June 12 at 1 p.m. Your checks for \$10.00 p/p need to be given to or mailed to D.Cox, 8902 Sudley Rd., Manassas, VA 20110. This is always a wonderful event & many reunions take place on the back lawn at David & Tina's home!

We recently learned of a wonderful trip that Dutch & Kerrie Schneider took to the Peoples Republic of China. They joined a Viking River Cruises tour. They will never forget the thrill of walking along the Great Wall, seeing the awesome "Terracotta Soldiers" and enjoying a cruise on the famous Yangtze River. The Chinese people were really friendly & they enjoyed patting Kerrie on the head, to feel her curly hair! There are still many Chinese who have never seen a Westerner. The tour group drew crowds wherever they traveled. The food was fantastic everywhere & the hotels & cruise ship exceeded their expectations. Dutch & Kerrie highly recommend this tour to anyone looking for a memorable vacation. Feel free to contact them at ELS1986@Comcast.net.

Another Dulles Loungers pair traveled to CA in March & covered a lot of ground. Valerie & Donald Jones flew to SAN to visit their daughter Camilla. They continued on to Balboa Park Seaport Village, Point Loma & even visited some homes they had previously lived in years ago! The 10-day trip concluded with a visit to Chula Vista Wildlife Refuge & other birding reserves.

The Spring Basket was won by Maren Hodson, a delightful basket of goodies!

Calendar

Jun. 12 - Annual "Pig Pickin" & Picnic, 1 p.m., home of David & Tina Cox, 8902 Sudley Rd., Manassas, VA 20110, Tel: 703-368-7696.

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- Retiree-**BENTLEY, David H.**, SFO, on 4/6/04, husband of Dolores 359 Melrose Pl., Naples, FL 34104
- Retiree-**BYERS, Frank A.**, EXO, on 3/10/04
- Spouse-**DOUGLAS, Elvira M.**, on 3/20/04, wife of Allan, DCA, 3601 S. Taylor St., Arlington, VA 22206
- Retiree-**FRANK-HANSEN, John**, PDX, on 4/22/04, husband of Bodil 19432 Westling Dr., Oregon City, OR 97045
- Retiree-**GILMORE, Paul C.**, OAK, on 4/20/04
- Retiree-**GREVER, Jeanne W.**, LAX, on 3/31/04
- Retiree-**GRIFFITHS, James R.**, SFO, on 4/6/04, husband of Patricia, 6444 Galletta Dr., Newark, CA 94560
- Retiree-**GRINDOL, Fred E.**, EXO, on 3/30/04, husband of Marilyn, 2407 Fulle St., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
- Retiree-**JOHNSON, Richard R.**, SFO, on 3/16/04, husband of Patricia, P.O. Box 474, Twain Harte, CA 95383
- Retiree-**JOHNSON, Robert I.**, SFO, on 4/15/04, husband of Jennie, 10626 St. Paul Ct., Northglenn, CO 80233
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- Retiree-**McPHERSON, Ralph E.**, EXO, on 3/13/04
- Retiree-**PANNELL, Susan L.**, SEA, on 3/28/04, wife of Dennie, P.O. Box 715, Packwood, WA 98361
- Retiree-**RAINEY, Larry H.**, OAK, on 3/22/04, husband of Susan, 1328 Hamlet Ct., Tracy, CA 95377
- Retiree-**RIGSBY, Raymond E.**, SFO, on 4/21/04, husband of Jean, 1575 Miller Ave., San Jose, CA 95129
- Spouse-**SAVAGE, William C.**, on 3/22/04, husband of Patricia, EXO, 705 Bordeaux Ct., Unit D, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
- Retiree-**SILVEROLI, Trieste W.**, FAT, on 4/13/04, husband of Mary, 7107 Honeysuckle Ct., Las Vegas, NV 89119
- Retiree-**WALKER, JR., Thomas L.**, SFO, 3/31/03
- Retiree-**ZUT, Cornelius N.**, SEA, on 3/31/04, husband of Joan, 2172 Point Mallard Dr., Henderson, NV 89012

LETTERS

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

E.J. LeClair, 84 Mailloux Ter. Dracut, MA 01826

Thanks for the red stamp reminder! Thought I would beat it this year. Ed recently fell twice in son's yard. Now it is too painful to stand & walk. After all kinds of tests, docs have come to conclusion the pain is caused by diabetes. He's now in therapy to get him to walk again without pain. Docs are getting his diabetes under control. He also has injured ribs from the falls, quite sore but improving.

The newsletter is great in keeping Ed informed on UAL happenings. He looks forward to receiving it each month. Life for him certainly has changed since his stroke of Sept. 2000! Thanks a million for the great newsletter. (This letter written by Marge LeClair.)

Dick Chadwick, 7215 Via Amparo, San Jose, CA 95135 chaddo@aol.com

I appreciate the fine newsletter you put together and now really enjoy the website. The Internet is most useful to Donna & me since we spend half our time at our San Jose, CA home & the other half at our Hawaii home on the Big Island.

Donna & I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 29. Lucky us, we get a luau in HWI & a party in CA!

Thanks for taking up the gauntlet against losing retiree benefits. I retired with 48 years with United. Sometimes it seems more than that long ago; the company has changed into a new SOMETHING. Not the proudest moment in our history.

Don (Zeke) Draheim, 2401 Number Ten Ln., Chesapeake, VA 23323

The past year was very normal - until Isabel came to visit. I came out fairly well - a tall pine tree came down in the front yard. It pulled down the electric & phone wires, as well as the pole they were attached to. The whole combination blocked my driveway. I enjoyed a wilderness campout for 2 weeks right in my

own house. No lights - no phone - no water (well water, electric pump) & a blocked driveway. My daughter was more fortunate; she kept me supplied with water, ice, groceries & candles. Lots of people had severe damage with trees on top of & through the roof. Lots of damage everywhere - so all I had was inconvenience.

Let me add my thanks to all of you for your work in publishing the newsletter.

Myriam Lubin-Tashima, P.O. Box 232, Lomita, CA 97017

Thank you for the very informative newsletter you send. It makes me feel part of the group in my feelings to so many issues.

Right now I have a comment on our travel changes. Not only do they take a long time to process any overcharges (some 4 months) but I receive now a note saying the amount will be credited to my account rather than refund me. This is very annoying since this is the third billing that has been over-charged and the money is held without being refunded.

I would like to hear comments from other members as well.

Kathryn E. Mazzola, 570 Sequoia Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024

My big thanks to you & your crew of volunteers for your ongoing efforts in making the newsletter possible. It's a communications link that keeps our retirees together & informed -- an important benefit to all of us.

Julie Felix, 4105 Kensington Ave., Detroit, MI 48224-2727

Thank you for all your hard work on the newsletter. You do such a great job - it's a wonderful way to keep informed.

It's still hard to believe I don't have to set the alarm anymore. I have only been retired since June 30 & keep expecting one day to receive a call from UA saying my vacation is over (or I've used all my DAT days, or something). Life is so great when every day is Saturday!

Right now our home is "for sale". In a few months we'll be moving out of state. We've been busy cleaning out closets & drawers, trying to decide what will go with us & what goes in the garage sale pile.

Speaking of "out of state" - there doesn't seem to be a local retiree group in New Mexico. I know there must be other UA folks out in the Land of Enchantment. Let me hear from you; maybe we can get a group together. I don't have e-mail, but drop me a note at my Detroit address.

Well, it's time to go read another book - or have a glass of wine - or both!

Roosevelt White, 3699 Staunton Dr., Youngstown, OH 44505

With the way 2003 closed I thought I would mail early to avoid the Red Stamp in case I get thoughtless.

From Aug. I have been recovering from water damage. We don't live in a Flood Zone, but heavy rains clogged storm drains around here, caused a wall of water to push a 4 ft. hole in my basement wall, leaving 2 ft. of mud in my basement, plus 6 ft. of water causing a bit of damage, which needed repair before the first snow. Insurance does not cover this type of damage. Lost 2 furnaces, 1 hot water heater, lots of equipment, luggage, typewriter. Refrigerator was floating upside down on top of all the water.

So before my mind goes blank (senior moment) I'll try to mail early.

Ruth E. Merriman, 25566 W. Ivanhoe Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084-2407

I am trying to avoid the red flag. Congratulations on a very admirable job you do to keep us informed. This month I have been retired 20 years and, oh my, what changes! We hope & pray for the best for everyone in the future.

Lew Brubaker, 9860 White Sands Pl., SE, Bonita Springs, FL 34135-6879

Another year & sure enough a year older!

Carol & I are in good shape for the shape we are in. Keep active playing golf & bridge, also this year our 4-man team won the bocci ball championship.

Thank you & your staff for keeping RUAEA news rolling out every month.

Jerome A. Watnemoe, 21205 E. Powers Ave., Aurora, CO 80015

I knew this would be the month with that red stamp on it. I am glad to pay the dues & some extra for the postage fund. The last 9 months have been very hard with the death of my wife on 7/3/03 but am starting to get it together again. I look forward to getting my issue each month & I will put my file number on the check!

Suzi Harrison, 2130 Upper Pack River Rd., Sandpoint, ID 83864

A heartfelt "Mahalo A Nui Loa" for our wonderful newsletter! Keeps me up-to-date on all the changes of our airline. Everyone - keep positive thoughts & prayers - we will survive! I enjoyed a riot-laugh-a-minute lunch with fellow HNL retirees, Celeste Reames, Maureen "Ollie" Torres, & (newly retired) Phyllis Okawa. I walked the "20th Anniv. Great Aloha Run" - 8.15 miles - in 2 hours, 10 ½ min.

Life is good. Be happy y'all! Aloha.

John Byers, 18502 Driftwood Dr., E., Sumner, WA 98390-9466

Thanks for the great newsletter; it is a good way to exchange information. Thanks for all the time & effort. My father, Kenneth "Kenny" "Hugh" Byers, retired in 1980 after 40 years of service. Dad hired into UAL as a Mechanics Helper in Cheyenne then moved to SEA where he became a Mechanic, Lead Mechanic, Flight Engineer, then a Co-pilot. Mom & dad moved to CLE when he was promoted to Captain. He retired in 1980 from CLEFO. He passed in 1996. I am sad to say my mother, Jane Byers, passed Mar.'04. Mom had gone to a restaurant after teaching a Sunday school class & was with my sister & other friends when she passed. She & dad enjoyed their many friends in the UAL family. I retired as a ramp serviceman in SEACG in 2001 after 40 years of service.

Elisabeth Armstrong, 570 Hampton Rd., #20, Southhampton, NY 11968-3019

It's my birthday month again and my 10 year anniversary of retirement. I am so glad to have flown in the "good old days" - 1959-1994, but hope all goes well & UAL gets out of bankruptcy this year. Thanks for the newsletter & keeping us informed.

Joseph Szabo, 8000 Paradise, South Lot 27, Mercedes, TX 78570

Like everyone else I would like to thank you for a great job with the newsletter. I have been retired 10 years this month. I started with UAL 11/18/68 in Detroit, MI, transferred to DEN in 1984. Retired 4/21/94, now live in the Tip of Texas, 250 miles south of San Antonio. It takes about 5 hours to San Antonio for us to fly on UAL. Feb. We flew to Maui for our son's wedding. On the way back we stopped in LAS. It was great. Our son still is with UAL. He works in PHX, AZ. E-mail is JFSRET@AOL.COM.

Bob & Helen Newberg, 9298 SE 170th Humphreys Loop, The Villages, FL 3216 (352-750-3602)

Thanks for the good job with the Newsletter. Helen & I enjoy them. Retired 9 years May 1. On May 8 we were married 50 years. Time flies. We have been living in The Villages, FL for 1 year. We love it here but still miss DEN "Arvada", CO. We go to the "Florida Citrus Groupers" meeting & the "Florida Villages Airline Retirees" meeting when we are home. We will be in Arvada, CO for our 50th anniversary. Say "Hi" to all.

Edward Brown, 1311 E. Lauridsen Blvd., Port Angeles, WA 98362

Thank you for keeping us abreast of what's happening with UAL. I hope we don't lose our benefits, as most people are on a fixed income.

After working for 46 years at UAL, let's hope for the best. Also hope to see some people from my past at the convention.

Vince & Norma Malena, 2894 Vandemark Rd., Litchfield, OH 44253

This has been the quickest "5" years of our lives. Retirement is great, with only a few hitches along the way. Like everyone, we hope UAL can get through this without any of us losing what we worked all those years for!

Harlen G. Crane, 7618 Cir. Pkwy., Sacramento, CA 95823-3407

Thanks for the reminder. Those birthdays seem to come around sooner every year. 80 years old this time, 20 years in retirement. Margaretta & I still enjoy life, do some traveling in our motor home, although we take shorter trips.

Thanks to all you folks that put so much time & effort into publishing the Newsletter. It's greatly appreciated.

**Jim Gallivan, 7618 Elderwood Ct., Cupertino, CA 95014
j.gallivan@att.net**

I've been retired for one year. This is so great I should have done it 40 years ago. (No comments from those of you who know me, please.) In a way, it is difficult to get organized; however, with the coming of spring in CA at least, I am ready to get to work? I plan to travel more in the coming year but there is painting the house (groan).

I am dismayed & saddened by what is happening to UAL. I agree with the others who are critical of the management of today (probably some blame goes to the previous management too.) I always thought that when we were making money by the bucket, we should have paid off some of our debt, instead of taking on more that couldn't be paid during a downturn in the economy.

The attempt to reduce medical & retirement benefits for those who are already retired is a travesty. I hope public & political pressure will reverse these asinine ideas. Not an uplifting note to end on, so I wish the best to all retirees.

Lois Bowns, 330 N. Howard St., Apt. 301, Glendale, CA 91206

A check for our postage because I'm a "lifer" member. Am pouring over the convention issue. I'll be there - haven't missed in 22 years!! See you all then.

Jim Pelletier, 279 Potters Lndg., Denton, NC 27239
Jpelletier@triad.rr.com (336) 859-3616

I enjoy the newsletter very much as it keeps me informed of where some of my friends are. I am coming up on 4 years of retirement. The time never went by so quickly when I was working! My computer was hit with one of those spams; I lost a lot of addresses, phone numbers & e-mail contacts. I would appreciate my info being published again so I can make contact with those great people whom I've had the pleasure of working with for 33 years at SFO.

Thomas Kishiyama, 1103 Cloudy Day Dr., Henderson, NV 89074

Thank you for the work that is involved in getting the newsletter out to retirees. As soon as I learn how to use my computer, I will get on the website list.

Last year was a bad year for me. My wife, Yayeko, had to have surgery on her small intestines in March. Complications arose; she had to have 5 operations in 5 months. It was just too much for her; she passed away in Sept.

Connie Lynch, 5500 E. Mansfield Ave., Denver, CO 80237

That time of year again (seem to be coming around faster each year). Having left United in 1976 there are fewer names I recognize, however, do enjoy reading about the activities of our retirees. So appreciate the effort and time put forth by the many volunteers that make RUAEA a vibrant organization.

Chuck & Audrey Gburek, 1605 Deerpass Rd., Marengo, IL 60152-8072

Retirement continues to be a blessing as Audrey & I are both in good health. No shortage of activity as we maintain our mini-farm & try to get some travel in as well. Hopefully our company will turn the corner this year.

Stephanie Ciarallo, 6252 S. Iola Ct., Englewood, CO 80111

Thanks for great newsletter. Am sending donation to keep newsletter going. Enjoy reading it and especially enjoyed an article in Feb. issue Duane Buckmaster of Oswego, OR. He is a good writer, would love to read more from him. He definitely has a talent.

Betty Archibald, 720 Santa Paula Pl., Boise, ID 83712

Thought I'd beat the red stamp this year! After sending my contribution to Uncle Sam the middle of my birthday month (April) who knows how much might be left.

At the expense of sounding like a broken record, once more I send my thanks to all of you good people who put together the great newsletter & get it to us each month like clockwork. What a commendable phenomenon.

Our Idaho Gems retiree group has been blest with outstanding leadership since day one. My thanks go to all of these good people as well!

How lucky can we be to be a part of this big, beautiful family?

Ruth Reiner, 7650 W. McNab Rd., Apt. 218, Tamarac, FL 33321

Always a pleasure receiving my RUAEA Newsletter. So very interesting, brings back the wonderful times I spent as Secretary in EWRSW. Many thanks to all the workers who put our Newsletter together.

Now that my children & grandchildren moved to Buffalo Grove in CHI, my husband & I look forward to spending a lot of our vacation time there. So much to see & do! I never mind waiting for our flight at O'Hare Airport, because I always manage to meet one of the flight attendance from EWKSW. We talk about the "good old days" & all the nice people we worked with.

Alice Belzer, 7740 W. Gypsum St., Tucson, AZ 85735-9039 (520) 578-1257

Getting a jump on you folks...haven't received my copy of the Newsletter with the Happy Birthday stamp, but as I realized another year has rolled around it was time to pay my dues.

Now I know why I moved to AZ when I get the weather report from back in the Midwest. Weather here is beautiful. We had some rain, but we are those crazy people who say, "Hurrah, it's raining." Newsletter is getting better all the time. Keep up the good work.

Donna Lynn, 535 Jansen Ave., Essington, PA 19029-1107

I haven't done much traveling since I retired 7 years ago. We just decided to take a trip to HWI with the granddaughter we've been occupied with since my retirement. We have purchased tickets on United. We didn't want to take a chance of getting stuck.

Virginia M Thompson (for J.O. Wright Thompson) 2056 Eucalyptus Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070-3724

How these birthdays do roll around so F A S T! I will celebrate my big NINE-0 this year. I am doing pretty well although I do not get around very swiftly, but am able to drive around to do errands. We are not able to travel very much any more. We enjoy getting the monthly newsletter & see what all of the other members are doing.

Marilyn Hallihan, 2803 N. Brighton Pl., Arlington Hts. IL 60004 maurice@mc.net

This year we bought a lot of new furniture in High Point, NC. We went to Furnitureland South, had a ball looking through their HUGE showroom. A salesperson stayed with us the whole time so we didn't waste time trying to find what we were looking for. After the sale, their customer service was excellent. A trip there is highly recommended, also think website is great.

We never would have gone there if it weren't for our travel benefits. We're grateful to United for every trip we've been on.

Harry Mitchell, 747 Bockman Rd., San Lorenzo, CA 94580-2903

Just passed another milestone. The end of this month April will be twenty years since my wife Nancy (SFOEG) & I retired from UAL/SFO. Just celebrated our Diamond Wedding in March, 60 years of enjoyable married life. Our 4 children & their spouses, along with our 10 grandchildren plus 6 great grandchildren, put on a wonderful party for us at the Masonic Hall in San Leandro, CA. We had 130 people there, many of them UAL retirees which also included our eldest son Frank who retired from UAL/SFOPI last year. Keep busy as Sgt. At Arms in The Royal Canadian Legion at the San Francisco Post 25. Sure enjoy the retiree Newsletter.

Orland Brown, 1675 E. Dorchester Ct., Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Last Sept. Pat & I decided to sell our house & get something smaller (new address above). It took 2 ½ weeks to sell our house with real estate help. They found us a buyer & showed us several houses for sale. The day that the buyers for our house signed for our house, the realtors took us to see a house that just went back on the market. We looked at it, liked it, so we put a bid in & it was accepted. We sold our house & bought another one the same day. We moved a half mile away from the house we sold. We have a much smaller yard & no swimming pool to take care of. We are still in the same retirement development, Highland Lakes on Tarpon Lake, a very nice place to live.

Our thanks to all who produce this fine newsletter.

Nick Hyland, 1820 Robin Whipple Way, Belmont, CA 94002

Retirement has been great. I do not have enough time to do the things I want to do. Is there a master list of all the UA retirees? Keep up the good work.

Editor's Note: No - a directory of all retirees is not available; however a Seniority List is available from retiree Art Shattock, 610 Arboleda Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024-4114. Enclose a check for \$3.50 - the list will be mailed to you.

Harlan Hughes, 3594 E. 115th Ave., Thornton, CO 80233

We just got back from AZ in time to catch up on the RUAEA Newsletters & see the "red stamp reminder". My wife, Bev, & I are moving back to the OMA area later this spring. We'll be living in Council Bluffs, IA to be close to family & are anxious to get reacquainted with our United friends there. We'll be sending the update on our address when we move so we can continue receiving the newsletter. Thanks to all the staff for a great job of keeping us informed.

Joe McCaughey, 104 Central Ave., Grenloch Terrace, NJ 08032

It only took 9 years but I finally got my dues in the mail before receiving the RED STAMP. I've been retired for a whole decade, but the calendar does not lie, seems like just yesterday. But as the saying goes, "Time flies when you're having fun."

No traveling this year except by car. Something is wrong with it as it seems to only stop at golf courses in the area. But the Spring rains continued into the summer, so even the golfing was limited.

Lost a great friend, co-worker & boss, Hank McGill, last Oct. just 4 months after his wife, Pat, was called home. Two beautiful people.

United seems to be progressing in their efforts to turn around the airline to a profitable & customer oriented company. The challenges are many & varied making the task that much more difficult. Thank goodness the purchase of the U.S.Air did not materialize; had it, there would be two airlines going out of business instead of one.

All of you good people involved with getting the Newsletter to us can be very proud of your efforts & achievements. You are our ONLY link to United.

Be thankful for what we have - great memories of our years as employees of UA. I know I am!

Diane Good, 7185 Cleveland St., Bellaire, MI 49615

It's been 10 years since I retired; time seems to be going by much faster (probably I'm getting much slower.) I appreciate the newsletter. It gives me a good feeling to see my old friends finally getting to retire & enjoy life. I don't travel by air much anymore so I am surprised at all the changes when I do. Most of my travel has been by car to various places in the Midwest to attend Loonie meetings. They really are a treat.

Hal Grandchamp, 20591 E. Weaver Ave., Aurora, CO 80016

Appreciate all the information you provide retirees.

Missed my 6th season in Antarctica this year due to my colon cancer episode. My surgery went well & I am cancer free.

I will start my 10th year at Coors Field in April working for the Colorado Rockies baseball team. Stop by and say "Hello" if you are ever at one of the ball games.

George A. Paull, 6637 Spring Valley Dr., Alexandria, VA 22312
W4QXO@AOL.com

Another year gone by; United & I have seen better ones. After a nice winter visit to Bonita Springs, FL bad things started to happen. First it was a midnight ride to Fairfax Hospital in VA because I was having a lot of difficulty breathing. The emergency room doctors diagnosed pneumonia, treated me with a strong antibiotic. I was back home in 3 days. Then in mid-June, I once more had a midnight ride in the ambulance to Fairfax Hospital Emergency facility. This time it was chest pains that did not go away after I chewed 2 aspirins. It was a heart attack; unfortunately the tests showed that I was not a candidate for angioplasty or bypass work, so we are treating the problem with drugs. So, while recovering from the heart problem, building up strength, I did not have quite enough strength to avoid being pulled over by two large dogs while I was holding their leashes. They saw another animal; with their initial pull, I flew further than the Wright Brothers replica plane & I only had two dogpower. The result was a third trip to the emergency room to tend to a broken left wrist. SO, I am hoping United & I have better results in 2004 & that goes for all of the RUAEA workers & members.

Larry Moe, 6726 Bitterroot Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80918-7325

It has been 17 years since my retirement

My wife & I are trying to adjust to the high altitude of Colorado Springs. It is very different here after living in CHI area for almost 40 years. (Actually, I was born & raised in CHI, so we should add another 25 years to that.)

The highlight of our year was a trip to Decorah, IA for the 50th anniversary of my college graduation from Luther College. It was wonderful seeing 57 of my classmates (& spouses). The highlight of the weekend was a talk by former House leader Newt Gingrich. He is married to a Luther graduate.

Thanks to all of you in the office who work so hard to keep the rest of us informed. It may not always show, but we do appreciate it.

Bob Zimmer, 2970 Longridge Way, Grove City, OH 43123-8766

I have an issue that you may be able to resolve. A few months ago the retiree life insurance policy was changed from CIGNA to MetLife with a 33% increase in the premium. I called the retiree center; they said that they had just heard about it as well and a letter would be out soon. Several weeks went by & no letter. Further calls revealed no information. A call to CIGNA resulted in "call United". A call to MetLife resulted in "that's the cost". So I am still left with the original questions: Why the change from CIGNA to MetLife & the 33% increase?

Perhaps you can determine the answers & publish the answers in a future issue of the newsletter. I would think others have similar questions.

Paul Steuri, 17112 Chalet Dr., Omaha, NE 68123

We want to thank you for all the work you people in DEN are doing for getting the newsletter to us each month. We enjoy reading the news about our company & the people that I worked with. I am happy to be able to celebrate my 82nd birthday & my 21st year of retirement. In July, Humby & I had our golden wedding anniversary. We are doing pretty good, but our traveling time is limited.

I had one trip this year to CHI for United Airlines Food Services Management & Staff Reunion on Oct. 11 & 12 at the UA Training Center with 200 attending.

I want to thank Mike Fitzsimmons, Jack Costello, Bob Frye, Dick Arnold, Willie Reichmuth & many more who helped to make the reunion such a great success. Thank the chefs Willie Reichmuth, Dury Arquish, Carmine Maffei, Ernst Weber & their helpers for such a fantastic presentation of the delicious food. Those guys did a great job. It was great fun to be together with old friends.

If someone would like more information & have a program with the directory of the guests & invitees, send a self-addressed (60 cent) stamped envelope to: Mike Fitzsimmons, 3 Golf Center PMS Suite 124, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195, or e-mail MikeFitzsimmons@comcast.net.

Bill Robinson, 92460 Goldson Rd., Cheshire, OR 97419

At age 85 my pace has slowed to a crawl and/or limp, but the joys of retirement are alive & well. Doris & I continue to garden in our country acreage even though "half as much done in twice the normal time".

When I reached the age of 80 a few years ago I developed a corny philosophy which still applies: "If it doesn't fall off it probably aches. If it doesn't ache, it doesn't work anyway, so sit back & enjoy what you still have!"

James McMullan, 3921 Elston Dr., San Bruno, CA 94066

I was surprised & pleased to see my streaker story published in the newsletter, even got a nice thank you note from Ed Clay in Palos Verdes, CA. So come on you girls & boys, put that story you have been telling at parties & picnics down in print - share it with the rest of the family.

My spell check on this machine seems to have given up. It wasn't very good anyway, kept telling me things like OSHUN should be spelled OCEAN. I don't know how the staff will be able to select the best stories. Maybe random drawings?

Nancy J. Johnson, 20291 Foxfire Dr., Akeley, MN 56433-8273

Just got back from skiing those fabulous Rocky Mountain with daughter Julie & grandson Max. We spent several days of gorgeous spring skiing! Hope to take Max on the ski train next year.

Thanks for your continuing contribution by keeping all of us informed of retiree happenings. Look forward to the Newsletter each month. Realized how old I'm getting when the Captain on our last flight was a young man I had done his pre-employment exam. He did well so was a "good hire". Thanks again.

John Grember, 510 Park View Ter., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-9100

On my birthday I had major surgery for lung cancer. I'm doing fine now. I plan to be around for a while longer.

Hello to all I worked with from EXO Advertising & to you folks, keep up the good work!

Dennis DiDonna, 1817 Princess Court, Naples, FL 34110

I am writing you in hopes of understanding why no question has been raised by present United retirees of United's Management which is petitioning the Bankruptcy Judge to reduce the medical & other benefits which have been hard-earned by the United retirees. Am I the only one who sees a parallel with what has taken place with so many other companies in America? Does anyone else have any idea of what happened to the US Steel employees? I am not over-reacting to what management will ask, cajole & demand in the future. History speak for itself, the injustices forced upon the American retiree, if we just let it happen.

Does anyone think the airlines will be in a slump forever? With the return of the economy & the passengers, the airlines will flourish as before. We have all seen it over & over. When the passengers return, the economy stabilizes, growth returns, demand exceeds available seats, the managements will be heroes. They will be rewarded with a tremendous bonus plus stock option plans; however, the retirees will **never regain** what was forced upon them. Never....

C. Cromling, 3422 Martin Ave., Omaha, NE 68112-2639

The newsletter was very informative as usual. Your group does an excellent job keeping us up-to-date on the events that affect all of us. Many thanks for all that you accomplish.

I'm 79 years old, retired in 1985 at age 60 because of health reasons. I enjoyed 35 year with our company. Never thought that United would file bankruptcy. I don't understand how the company could be this deep in debt -

guess I don't see the big picture. Mr. Pat Patterson would be more shocked than I.

I have serious heart problems & Parkinson's disease. It is very difficult for me to write & don't do much better typing.

Haven't been on a flight for 5 years.

Tom Dunn, 6213 19th St., Zephyrhills, FL 33542-8707

2003 was a bad year for me. My wife Bea passed away 3/29/03 & I was in the hospital 3 times for minor problems. I'm back playing golf 5 days a week, occasionally shoot my age. I enjoy reading the newsletter. Keep it coming.

Clyde Satterfield, 9970 North Colony Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85737

Thanks for keeping us informed through the great job on the newsletter. My wife, Henny, & I spend the winters in Oro Valley, AZ & the summers in Aurora, CO, the best of both worlds. Both of us are in reasonably good health, hope things continue that way.

Caliope Polimus, 3242 SW 58th Ave., Miami, FL 33155

Together for Miami, FL, Lauderdale, West Palm retirees. At least once a year we retirees get- together for dinner. What fun for those who haven't seen each other. This year, again, we had it at the Marriott Marina in Ft. Lauderdale. 40 people attended. Many new names were added to the list. Past experiences & bankruptcies were the topics of conversation. Thanks to Harold Phillips who was the organizer. Here's to next year.

Robert D. Bauer, P.O. Box 821763, Vancouver, WA 98682-0041

We had a Navy reunion in New Orleans last Sept., had a good time as usual, but on one day we had an exceptionally good tour. It was to the D-Day Museum, which not only commemorates June 6, 1944, but all of the 124 other D-Days of World War II, representing all branches of the military. When you think about it, every campaign had a D-Day. All are covered in this wonderful museum. It's worth a trip to visit. Their website is www.ddaymuseum.org.

Thank you for another year of the RUAEA Newsletter.

**Nancy Meyer, 770 Pearson St., #804, Des Plaines, IL 60016-9219
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We've just returned from a relaxing few days on Oahu, now start the challenging process of downsizing as we move from home to condo living. We continue to stay near ORD purposely - making it easy to hop on planes to visit family & friends in all 4 corners of the USA!

Our new address is downtown Des Plaines, ½ block from where I spent my childhood, is above.

Lois Hansen, 2 South Regency Drive East, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Time for renewal & time to say thanks for the great newsletter. It's fun to see the names of my old co-workers from CHIRR & where they've settled in their retirement. Is there a list of names and addresses for the entire membership? We see the address for new members, how about the rest of the group?

I've been catching up on all those projects waiting for me while I worked. It's taking longer than expected due to a bum back, working on fixing that too. Then I have a list of places to visit - things to do. Anyone done any freighter cruises? Share your experience with me by mail at the above address, if you will. I've been enjoying the local retiree get-togethers. As so many retirees have said (I must agree) "I don't know how I had time to work."

Editor's Note: RUAEA does not print a membership directory

MEMORIES

Don Keim, 356 S. High St., Denver, CO 80209 sanderbut@aol.com

Like so many letters mention, it is nice to learn of those we have known over the years. I left Honolulu Sales to strike out on my own. After a 12-year absence I returned to Denver Customer Service & retired in 1997 with a combined total of 27 years. UAL has been good to me & like most of us I have concerns about current situations. It is a rather scary time for many of us retirees, not knowing what the financial future holds.

In the last newsletter, Jim Gerrity mentioned that it would be nice to have more "historical/special letters". Before United closed Burbank, CA we had flight 711, BUR/LAX leaving after midnight in a DC6. Many of the customers were enjoying the evening in close-by Hollywood & did not want the night to end. The bars would soon be closing. It seemed many showed up with no reservation & we generally got everyone on. One night I was writing 3 tickets for 711 & asked for the names. The gentleman gave me his & when asked for the other 2 names he hesitated. I told him I had to have the names. He walked out into the lobby to 2 ladies & came back with the names (?). How things have changed. Such were the sort of customers we had for flight 711. It was not until years later that I had to attend a meeting in LAS that I realized the city was not really such a bad place after all. (P.S. Between my UAL's, I was station manager for Aspen Airways at BUR for a period of time. The airport terminal had not really changed in 20 years.)

Charles T. Chapman, 6233 Gerds Dr., San Jose, CA 95135

A bit tardy with my renewal; my only excuse is being age 91 & having poor vision. The golf ball doesn't go as far as it did 25 years ago but quite a few things have changed including United Air Lines.

I retired in 1972; everything has gone up except my pension. I feel fortunate compared with some of the retirees that had a bundle of stock & saw it go down almost to zero - very sad.

Since I no longer drive I depend on the monthly newsletter to keep me informed.

Muriel (Conroy) Brennan, 1051 Hewitt Dr., San Carlos, CA 94070

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the staff who produce the RUAEA Association Newsletter. As a college English professor, I am impressed with the quality of the letter. Vincent & I both enjoy reading & being reminded of associations we had when we both worked at EWR & SFO. Vincent is 80 years old this month & has been partially paralyzed due to strokes & heart failures over the past 5 years. His spirits are still great, and we celebrated not only his birthday,

but also our 35th anniversary (You people at EWR said it wouldn't last!) and the birthday of our son who is now 33. They have been wonderful years. Vincent continued on with United until he retired. I went back to school finishing up with a Ph.D. in Literature & a subsequent college career. Life is beautiful, and while we, obviously, do not get to travel, we still enjoy every day of it.

Gordon Starr, 6479 E. Calle De Mirar, Tucson, AZ 85750
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Another year has come & gone and so much has happened. My wife Dora "tossed in the towel" last year which has made a dramatic change in our household, but for the better I might add. Being the AZ Director has kept us busy meeting with the other retirees in AZ. There are so many great people that are retired from UAL.

Pat Stompanato, 24058 W. Old Oak Dr., Mundelein, IL 60060-9553

I am so anxious to continue my newsletter, I am sending in my dues ahead of time. I hit my 10 years of retirement, enjoying every day. Frank & I were 11 days on Maui back in Oct. 2003. No trouble getting there or back, 1st class from LAX-ORD. Thanks United. Next our 47th anniversary going to SAT for 4 days, San Antonio, TX, never have been there.

Thanks for the great newsletter. We need to be in touch more than ever. Pray for our troops.

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