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## GENERAL NEWS

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### “A CAPITAL EVENT”

The Convention will be over by the time RUAEA members read this June 2006 issue of the newsletter. A report on the Convention should be published in the July newsletter. A big THANK YOU to Hank Gosselin, Bernie McNamee, Co-Chairmen & all the committee members who helped make this a successful Convention.

### UNITED OFFERS SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Do any students you know need a little extra cash once school's out? Encourage them to apply with United & get airline experience while earning money. United now is recruiting high school & college students for summertime, temporary, full- and part-time Ramp & Customer Service positions in the US to supplement the existing work force during this heavy volume period.

All qualified candidates must possess a valid driver's license, be able to work shifts, weekends & holidays. Age requirements vary by position; please refer to specific job descriptions for age information.

The benefits of seasonal employment are many for students who can:

- Earn money during school breaks. Students may return on Thanksgiving, winter, spring & summer vacations;
- Receive paid, on-the-job training;
- Look forward to future internship or permanent opportunities at United;
- Receive travel privileges for the student & eligible family members;
- Take advantage of Credit Union opportunities, including ATM, Visa credit card, savings account, free checking; and
- Enjoy “College Plus” membership – receive a congratulatory 10,000 Mileage Plus bonus miles upon graduation.

Interested students should apply online now at [united.com/careers](http://united.com/careers), “Search College Jobs.”

### VISION COVERAGE AVAILABLE NOW!

By now you should have received vision coverage information from VSP—the nation's largest provider of exceptional eye care coverage. The information included instructions on how to enroll, when to enroll, how to pay for the benefit & how to use the benefit. Please note that the VSP enrollment period is May 15 through – June 9. If you choose to enroll, your election will be effective July 1, 2006 through Dec. 31, 2007 (18 months). If you don't sign up by June 9, your next opportunity to enroll in vision coverage is Fall 2007 with a Jan. 2008 effective date.

VSP participants can take advantage of high-quality vision care at reduced prices. Routine eye exams, prescription glasses, contacts, & access to VSP's large network of doctors are just a few of the great benefits you will be able to enjoy.

For information about the VSP benefit, visit [vsp.com](http://vsp.com) or call VSP member Services at 1-800-877-7195. For questions regarding enrollment & payment, contact AdminAmerica at 1-866-896-1273 or visit [www.enrollvsp.com/united](http://www.enrollvsp.com/united).

## CONSOLIDATION OF AIRPORT OPERATIONS & CARGO

United Airlines is consolidating airport operations & cargo into one organization that will be led by Scott Dolan. This is part of continuous improvement efforts & will enable United to further streamline operations, drive efficiencies also produce additional cost savings. As part of this move, UA will be eliminating an officer position currently held by Larry De Shon.

Alex Marren has been named VP – Operational Services, which includes systems operations control, dispatch, & operation analysis, in addition to responsibility for the operational aspects of United Express & Ted.

## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE

This is an update as to what's happening in the office of late. We now have a full five (5) day office staff. This is, of course, when they are not traveling. That's the nice part about being retired isn't it? I guess I'm preaching to the choir on this one.

As our editor Jo Madden is not always in the office we have arranged for her to have a separate phone line. If you would like to talk to her you can reach her directly at (303) 780-5035. If she is not there you now can leave a voice mail for her to get back to you. As a majority of the calls that come in have to do with membership issues, she will no longer have to answer our calls when she's busy getting the newsletter ready to go to print.

Our secretarial staff's number has not changed. It is still 303-780-5022. Should no one be available to answer your call, you can also leave a message on the phone. This way you can get in contact with whom you really want to talk to.

Just a reminder, if your call has to do with articles in the newsletter, or you just want to talk to Jo, give her a call at the above number. If your need is to talk about back issues, your status as a member, or any questions dealing with the membership, please call the secretaries at (303) 780-5022. The secretaries are normally there between the hours of 9:00 AM & 3:30 PM MST. When you do leave a message, please remember to leave your **phone & file number** so we are able to address your question when we return your call.

If need be, you can reach Virgil Gooselaw, our Newsletter Manager, or me at (303) 780-5027 or our home phone numbers as shown on the back of every newsletter.

Best Wishes to All,

Howard Tress

Membership and Support Manager



**United Airlines Historical Foundation**  
"Preserve the Past, Inspire the Future"

## PACIFIC AIR TRANSPORT (cont.)



PAT's routes from a Jan. 6, 1926 Portland, Oregon newspaper.

Pacific Air Transport's "1926 First Annual Report" stated, regarding Sept. 15, 1926's first day flights: *"Such was the simple, yet dramatic, beginning of a new era in rapid transit on the Pacific Coast."*

The first C.A.M. #8 northbound flight departed Los Angeles at 12:01 a.m. with stops at Bakersfield, Fresno and San Francisco. This flight returned to L.A. via Fresno & Bakersfield, arriving at 5:00 p.m.

The first southbound flight, piloted by Vernon Bookwalter, departed Vancouver, Washington's Pearson Field at 5:25 a.m. carrying 100 pounds of mail from Seattle and 84 pounds from Portland.

At 8:38 a.m. Bookwalter landed in Medford & exchanged the mail for ten mail pouches flown from San Francisco by A. D. Starbuck, R. B. "Pat" Patterson making the return flight to San Francisco.

Bookwalter departed Medford at 9:20 a.m. and landed in Vancouver at 11:30 a.m. to an enthusiastic crowd of 6,000, including Oregon Senator Robert Stanfield, Portland postmaster Jones, Portland mayor Baker and the Portland chief-of-police.

Following the ceremonies, Grover Tyler flew the M-1 to Seattle, arriving at 1:30 p.m. with one Portland mail pouch and five from California.

Southbound Seattle mail was transported by train to Vancouver until Washington state airport & beacon lighting installation was complete. PAT ceased using Pearson Field when Portland's Swan Island airport opened in 1927.

The first airfields used by PAT were Naval Sand Point Airstrip (Seattle), Pearson Army Field (Vancouver), Newell-Barber Field (Medford), Crissy Army Field (San Francisco), Fresno Airport, Bakersfield Airport and Angeles Air Mail Field (37<sup>th</sup> & Angeles Mesa Dr., Los Angeles).

In Jan. 1927 PAT carried its first two passengers, by Aug. 1927 - 216 passengers had flown. The fare was \$132 for the 18-1/2 hr. flight - Seattle to L.A.

By Marvin Berryman, from the DENTK UAHF library's book "Vern C. Gorst - Pioneer and Granddad of United Airlines" - Gorst Publications

## **UAHF DISPLAY AT "WINGS MUSEUM"**



More photos of this Exhibit & the Traveling Exhibit see the "UAHF

Displays" album at [community.webshots.com/user/dawson30](http://community.webshots.com/user/dawson30)

This United History Exhibit was installed in the "Wings Over the Rockies Museum at Lowry" April 13, 2006. It will be in their "Colorado Aviation Historical Society Heritage Hall" for five years, with semiannual updates.

The first exhibit is "The Pioneering Years 1926 - 1933", updates will follow the United Eras sequence of UAHF's second-floor display at DENTK.

Sara Dornacker provided an "original" 1930 Stewardess uniform from WHQ's collection.

Laura Coats and Nancy Goodyear fitted this double-breasted uniform, cape & cap onto the mannequin. Marv Berryman acquired a mannequin base and fitted the head to an existing torso.

Marv created the poster-graphics which were then printed by DENTK's Multimedia dept. Terry & Howard Tress assisted in planning the display.

We owe UAHF director Tom Goodyear "Many Thanks" for his hard work on this exhibit and in acquiring the United Traveling exhibit.

Mail your tax-deductible contributions and donations of United Memorabilia & Artifacts to: UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207

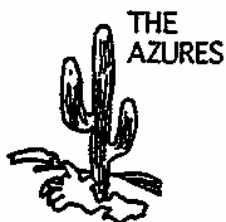
Visit our website at: [www.uahf.org](http://www.uahf.org)

## **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

Chapter reports for July are due in DEN by Tue. June 6, Aug. report by 7/6, Sept. report by 8/4. Reports may be sent by e-mail [ruaea@aol.com](mailto:ruaea@aol.com) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ARIZONA**



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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast

meetings please call Mary Toeppen before 4 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list (you know who you are) need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Mary at 623 214-1504 or Sherry.

The April 25 breakfast had 24 members in attendance. Elsie Dikeman was in attendance & is doing well from her recent surgery. If Elsie is any indication of our prayers & well wishes, then they certainly do work. Harry Fraser is home recuperating from a bad fall off a ladder at his home. He was treated at Boswell Hospital & released. No broken bones but lots of bruises & sprains. Chuck Sharp & Horst Heinig continue with their chemo therapy, it is great to see them at our breakfast meetings. Dick Aaronson continues to recover from his heart surgery, is out & about in Pebble creek.

May 18 Pat Paulson had hip-replacement surgery, we will keep you posted on how she is doing.

We had 63 in attendance at the cook-out at Luke AFB. Food was excellent as always. No one could complain that the steaks weren't done as we did the cooking! We are looking for a friend or relative that is a member of the Luke AFB officers club. This person, if willing, would be our sponsor to the two luncheons we typically schedule each year. If we cannot find another sponsor willing to attend the meetings and hand in the attendance sheets, we will be looking for new locations for our luncheons. Please contact any of the Azure officers if you know someone who would be interested in helping us at LUKE.

We will begin our luncheons again in the fall. Oct. will be our next event, it will be at the # 7 Ramada in SCW off Beardsley Road. There will be more info to follow on the plans for next season.

We will continue to meet bi-weekly at Coco's throughout the summer.

#### Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00 AM - Location - 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell road

#### **June 6**

#### **June 20**

#### Fall/Winter Luncheons

Oct 14 - Pizza Party at Ramada #7, Beardsley Park SCW

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The Re-Uniteds finished <sup>up</sup> the season with their annual picnic held at Red Mountain Park; 40 attendees enjoyed a fine weather day, wonderful picnic fare & good friends.

Officers for the new year were announced: Jim Zarek - Pres., Hank Falk - VP, Jo Anne Gaudio - Secretary, Carol Hinckel - Treasurer. Jim is already working to plan next year's calendar of events.

We welcomed back Rita Zarek & Tony Ribaud, who are both looking great after serious illnesses. Jeanne Benton also returned. It was good to see Judy Preston who was a guest of Jim & Rita Zarek.

At our last breakfast meeting, we were happy to see Loretta & Ed Dawes who have just returned from HWI. Also Oscar & Olga Aguila returned after a year's absence.

We will continue to meet during the summer for breakfast once a month.

#### **TALL PINES**

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Our retirees met on April 25 for luncheon at Coco's.

Welcome back to Jeff Lewis who has missed several luncheons - it was good seeing Jeff again.

We had a short discussion in regard to the RUAEA Convention in May. It appears that there will be no one attending from the Tall Pines group this year.

Hope to see a larger turn out next month - we miss your smiling faces!!

#### Calendar:

**June 27** - Luncheon - Coco's - 11:00 am

#### **ARKANSAS**





## **"THE NATURALS"**

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A small group of "Naturals" met at Tranquillo's Restaurant in our Village for a nice lunch. Before our meal, Evelyn reviewed info sent by our Regional Director (Carol Faust) which advised that the Midwest Region was too large & 3 chapters (TYS, ATL & AR - The Naturals) will be spun off effective June 1. We will be joined by 3 other chapters from the Northeast Region to form a new Southeast Region. Our new director will be Bruce Broderson, of ATL.

Also effective June 1, our chapter will welcome a new president, Linda Nichol, email: [fleur-dalin@sbcglobal.com](mailto:fleur-dalin@sbcglobal.com). Tele: 501-922-3428. Diana Huffman has agreed to continue as Treas. & June Millard will handle the membership list. We are grateful that these 3 ladies are willing to serve our chapter.

Our next meeting will be hosted by Linda Nichol in June. Phone or email her for particulars if you plan to be in our area towards the end of June. It has been fun for me to have been Pres. of this chapter for the past 2-1/2 years. With UA emerging from bankruptcy with all the resulting changes, it hasn't been dull! -- Evelyn Nilson

## **CALIFORNIA**

### **CENTRAL COASTERS**



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Our April 19 meeting was attended by 22 members at the Pismo Beach Moose Lodge hosted by Bob & Pat Wagner. We couldn't have wanted a nicer day after all the cool & rainy weather we have been having - it was a clear & sunny day. The Wagners raffled off a gift for the men & one for the

women. They always go overboard as hosts; we appreciate their efforts. Bob & Pat will be heading for IA again to visit relatives & friends but should be gone for only 4 weeks this time.

Bob Wagner invited his friend Mr. Freddie (he won't tell us his real name) who attended last year. He also enjoyed all the festivities. He plans on attending next year.

Wilma & Garver Sandy did not attend again this time. I received a note from Wilma that Garver is having leg problems due to a spinal condition & is unable to drive at this time. She will keep us posted. They were sorry to miss our meeting since they would have celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary also they enjoy coming to the Central Coast. Congratulations Garver & Wilma. Get well Garver so you can come again soon.

We missed Ken Bake. His house got flooded again and we weren't sure if he is still treading water or holed up in some motel.

There are two birthdays we will be celebrating. Yul Soward just did 96 years young, Isabelle Stanger (Bob's mother & our favorite guest) will be 93 in May. We all should be as active as these two.

Where-in-the-world is John Stilwell? To our surprise he & his wife Barbara showed up. It seems John was working with Polar Airlines in Prestwick Scotland. He was approached by an old friend & was told he was needed to do some inspections. I don't know how long it took him to accept the offer, but he enjoyed the time he was there & never put on a pair of sunglasses. His wife, Barbara, stayed home; she admitted that 2 months separation was too long. Either two weeks or else she goes along next time. John said that this airport was built during WWII & is being used by several airlines that handle freight only. There was the oldest golf course in the world nearby called Prestwick Links, however John never had a chance to play.

Mike Zoldak told us that Retirees can now park at the SFOMB for 21 days free. There is special parking areas for retirees, but if they are full, we can also park elsewhere. Good to know also the price is right.

John Stilwell signed up early for the convention in DCA: Because he was number 5, they sent him \$35, which he gave to our treasurer. Thank you John for your generous gift, you know it will go to a good cause.

Bob & Esther Bartlett took a cruise to the "Mexican Riviera" on April 25. She promises to take lots of pictures; I'm sure there will be stories.

Jack Cunningham couldn't let the meeting end without a few words. He & his wife Eleanor flew from LAX to JFK to catch a cruise from NY that made several stops with the furthest being San Juan. He said everything went well but he did say that he was able to list on P.S. (Premium Service) & the service was great. They were able to fly back FC, the food & drinks were like old times. As for the cruise, he did say that it was full with kids every where even coming out of the port holes! They arrived at JFK on Easter & the terminal was deserted. Needless to say this made their entire trip wonderful. Jack also shared a poem that he still remembers from 1942 that cannot be printed here.

Pres. Bob Stanger shared some news regarding the Health Insurance; make sure the premiums are paid or else the insurance will be dropped. He received an invitation to attend several of the meetings in DCA during the Convention. Because he will not be able to attend, John Stilwell will represent him & our chapter. Thank you John.

We have a conflict of dates for our Oct. 18 meeting. It was voted to move the date to Oct. 25, a week later.

Trivial question: When did the first Air Force One debut? Answer: In 1944, when a C-54, "The Sacred Cow" was put into service for President FDR.

Next month's Trivial: What is the shortest non-stop commercial flight in the world?

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#### Calendar:

June 21 – Meeting - Blacklakes Golf Course.  
Hosts – Marcia & Bob Stanger.

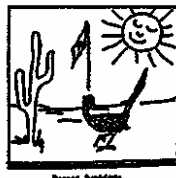
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The Brazen Raisins' May meeting was hosted brilliantly by Dick Shryock. Don Nessling presented Curt Follansbee a Varney

Airlines plaque representing the four airlines which formed into United Airlines. Curt told of his experiences where he & other copilots offered help to baggage handlers whenever they stopped in Fresno; he was shocked to learn that one baggage handler had been laid off due to their efforts. Don also added more information regarding the 4 airlines which evolved into Boeing & later became United Airlines. Dick Shryock conducted a "nostalgia" quiz which totally stumped almost everyone.



#### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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*Submitted by Elaine Aggson*

Marge Lenze was hostess for our April Meeting at the Olive Garden in Palm Desert. 35 Desert Sunbirds enjoyed lunch on the patio on a beautiful Spring day with temperatures in the low 80's. After a long absence, we were pleased to see Edna Fanucchi, Vic Swanson, Claire & Louise Staples, Gwen Craven & Scoobi Wolfe. All are in good health - looking great. Al Pennington had his new cochlea implant - not turned on yet - takes some time for hearing to return. Jenny says we'll have to be careful what we say about him now as he will be able to hear us! Miriam Osgood was a late cancellation as she was not feeling well. Lynda Davis won the free birthday lunch, Vic Swanson went home \$50 richer after winning the 50/50. We were saddened to learn of the death of Kathy Hanneman Thorne who passed away in France after a long battle with cancer. Although only a member of our group for a short time, many of us worked with Kathy in LAXCS & knew her for the wonderful person she was.

#### Calendar:

**June 14** – Hostesses – Joyce Bossio & Miriam Osgood - (951) 925-1008 or [jbossio@verizon.net](mailto:jbossio@verizon.net)

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*I have few regrets about the things I've  
done but many about the things I haven't  
done.*

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## **THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**

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Our March luncheon was held at Elks Lodge No. 2103 in Carmichael, CA, hosts were Bill & Donna Dews.

**Our Co-Presidents, Harold & Colleen Esola** thanked Bill & Donna Dews for hosting the luncheon with 91 members & 2 guests in attendance. Guests were Bonney Randal & Phyllis Haden, guests of Charles & Margaret Dinsmoor.

Two of our distinguished members, Francis (Rosie) Rosenthal & Dick Robinson passed away recently. Rosie died April 21, he had recently moved back to Sunnyvale, CA from LAS. Many remember the trivets he made with his wood workmanship; he made about 1,000 of them. Rosie was past Pres. of SFO Area Retirees. He was president of that group 3 different times. He was also a member of several other RUAEA retiree groups.

Dick Robinson was one of the founders of the Gold Diggers. He was also its 2<sup>nd</sup> Pres. & was active in the Gold Diggers since its inception. Dick planned Gold Diggers Christmas party at Beale Air Force Base for many years.



Redwood  
Empire  
Retirees

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The April meeting was held at La Gare in Santa Rosa. Pres. Norm Burnett thanked Bernice & Charlie Anderson, the hosts, Jan & Grover Blackburn and Diane & Mike Quinn who assisted.

VP Patrick Cadden introduced the guests: Lee Trevelyan & Clem Shanahan, guests of Barney & Clare Hagen; Jim & Janice Baer, guests of Tim & Kathy Staples; Don & Valerie Halsey, guests of Jan & Grover Blackburn; Prudy Wilcox, guest of Ted Bell; and Karen Walker, guest & daughter of

Corinne Geppert. Patrick announced that hosts were needed for Sept. & Oct. We need different members to volunteer because the same members are having to step in over & over again. If you have never hosted before, ask members who have hosted before to assist you. Most members would be happy to do so.

Anniversaries reported by Sunshine Lady Verda Burr were: Bill & Helen Furber, 65 years, Garver & Wilma Sandy, 60 years. Notes were sent to the van Kruinings, Betty Boehme, & Zepha O'Kelly. Notes were received from Helen Ferber, who hopes to be at the next meeting; the Sandys: Garver is having leg pain which keeps them close to home; Zepha has been in the hospital with pneumonia. Dan DeFord was the winner of the Birthday Lunch.

### **THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:**

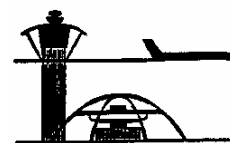
**Y'A KNOW, SENILITY ISN'T THAT BAD!  
YOU KEEP MEETING NEW FRIENDS ... AND  
YOU CAN HIDE YOUR OWN EASTER EGGS.**

### **Calendar:**

**June 8** - Brando's, Petaluma - Dan & Judy DeFord  
**July 13** - TBA, Novato - Joan & Oscar Chambers  
**Aug. 10** - Picnic, Anderson Grove - Verda Burr & Her Staff

### **Re-LAX-ers**

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**Ken Barmore** advised that his wife, Barbara Tilt Barmore passed away Dec. 10 '05. In his note, he said they met in SEA in 1946 where she was a "stewardess", he was a co-pilot. They were married for 58 years & 11 months. His address is R.K. Barmore, 3581 Coyote Cny., Soquel CA 95073-3034. I am sure those of you who remember him will want to send condolences.

**Mary Ann Mueller** lost her son-in-law on Feb.9. He was only 37 yrs old & was stricken by a heart attack. Condolences can be sent to Mary Ann's daughter, Julie & family, 5732 Kapana Chawla Ct., El Paso, TX 79934.

**Kathy (Hannemann) Thorne** passed away in

April at her home in Bordeaux, France. Her husband, Martyn, daughter Noelle & sister Lin were with her. She was cremated and her remains were interred in Greenwich, CT. Martyn asked for no flowers or cards, but perhaps a short personal note might be appropriate: Martyn Thorne, 27 Impasse Nougereau, Izon 33450, France.

**Ellis Pohlman** writes that he has moved to a retirement living apt. in LAS - absolutely loving it. Contact: Montara Meadows, Cedar 254, 3150 E. Tropicana Av., LAS 89121/ 702-434-5698

**Alice Lopez & Pete** are moving to Tucson. She thinks her email will stay the same. At [trekkersforever@comcast.net](mailto:trekkersforever@comcast.net).

Oct. 31-Nov.1: We'll be opening the new season for the Palm Springs Fabulous Follies. Our tour will include charter bus, overnight at Holiday Inn in downtown PSP, theater matinee, dinner, a tour 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Living Desert Museum in Indio, bus driver & baggage handling tips. If you are not a member, call or email & I'll send you a flyer. If you don't get an immediate answer don't panic. I'll be at the convention beginning the 24<sup>th</sup>, then a family thing in FL, home on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of June.

#### Calendar:

**June 8** – Luncheon at Petroleum Club in LGB -- flyers out 5/12

**Aug 10** – Annual steak fry in El Segundo.

**Oct. 12** - Luncheon (location t.b.a.)

**Oct 31 - Nov.1** – Tour to Palm Springs for Fab. Follies.



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Our Spring Fling was held on May 11; this is our combination Spring Fling & Annual Election of Officers.

**Obituary:** We are deeply saddened to inform you of the passing of Robert F Griffin, who died March 27 at his home of a long-term heart condition.

Bob & his lovely wife Shirley celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on Aug. 6, 2005. Bob

served with the U.S. Navy & Navy Reserves, dedicated 42 years of service to United Air Lines, as an instructor, trainer, manager & supervisor, retiring in 1983.

He was involved in many community activities, to which he generously donated his time & effort, also was a member of RUAEA & the ReSans Chapter.

His wife, Shirley, of San Marcos, 2 sons, 2 daughters & 7 grandchildren, survive Bob. He will be greatly missed.

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Finally, a day without rain. It was a little cool for the April 24 meeting but at least it is starting to feel like spring. Our Historian, James Goodwine, announced that this month our organization is 44 years old. Where did the time go? We had another milestone this month. We want to congratulate Ozzie & Virginia Schmidt who celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Membership Secy., Carol Walter introduced our two new members, Frank & Marie Mitchell, which now gives us a total of 537 members. Later Frank told us about his trip to Europe. He said Europe is a good place to travel if you are handicapped, especially the trains, where they were upgraded to 1<sup>st</sup> class. There were many handicapped rest rooms available but were locked. They were told they had to have a "golden key" but no one could tell them where to get one. He asked us if anyone had information on how to obtain a "golden key".

Sadly I have to announce the passing of 2 of our members. Francis (Rosie) Rosenthal left us on April 21. He had been our Pres. in 1996 – 1997 & again in 2002. You may send condolences to his wife, Zelma Kibler Rosenthal at 1225 Vienna Drive, #265, Sunnyvale, CA 94089. We also lost Ingrid Evens, who passed away suddenly. She



retired in 1990 from the Oakland personnel office. Cards & letters may be sent to her husband, Paul, at 2505 Outrigger Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577.

One of our Board Members, Jerry Underhill fell from a ladder (or as he told it, the ladder fell out from under him), shattered his wrist. He made it to the meeting but it is going to take awhile before he is completely healed. He already had one surgery, but may have another one later on.

Pres. Ralph Trullinger warned those of us with computers to be aware of phishing messages from supposedly legitimate sources asking for social security numbers or bank numbers. Don't give out personal information on line. Ralph explained the formulas used for calculating the checks, that some of us received, from Computershare. He also told us that the checks must be cashed within 6 months of the issue date.

Ginger Dahlberg announced that new passport legislation should be in effect by Dec. 31, 2006. This will require carrying a valid passport on all travel to & from Canada, Mexico, Central & South America, Caribbean & Bermuda. This includes cruise ship stops. It takes time to get a passport so if you are planning a trip to these or other areas you should apply for one as soon as possible. Be sure your passport is valid at least 6 months past the time of your planned trip.

The program today was "Nadia & the Beledi Dancers" who entertained us with Middle Eastern Dance or Belly Dancing. The history of this dance goes back at least 1000 years. Everyone in the family danced, men, women & children, with the men & women dancing separately. When a boy became of age he moved from his Mother's group to the men's group. Belly dancing is a good exercise as it uses almost every muscle in the body. Some of the women became involved in the dancing to get back into shape after having a baby. It was a "fun" program that we all enjoyed.

Travel info: Ginger Dahlberg said there were a few inside cabins available on the *Iceland/Greenland Transatlantic Cruise*, Sept. 22 - Oct. 7, on the Star Princess. There are also seats available on "A Country Christmas", an old fashion Christmas in the Smoky Mountains, Dec. 6 - 11. Several people (male & female) are looking for roommates on this trip.

If you would like to celebrate CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS on a beautiful cruise ship you are in

luck. There is a *Mexican Riviera* round-trip from SFO, Dec. 23, 2006 - Jan. 3, 2007, on the Dawn Princess. There is one more, "Vietnam - Cambodia Mekong River Cruise", Feb. 13-27, 2007. This is a popular trip & is limited to 63 people, so Contact Ginger at 650-224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) for these trips.

Betty Garner has a day trip, "Flowers Galore", Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> in SFO. This includes lunch at "Pompei's Grotto" & a visit to the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park. A fall Yosemite trip is planned Oct. 11 - 13 with lodging at the Chukchansi Resort. Yosemite should be beautiful in the fall. Call Betty at 650-355-4195 for more information. Her email is [garnerbee@yahoo.com](mailto:garnerbee@yahoo.com).

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. ea. mo., business meeting 11:30 am 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.

SFO/SJC



SOUTH BAY RETIREES

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Stan Kolman filled in for Pres. Garver Sandy several times this month. Garver is still recovering from the effects of his fall.

We were truly saddened by the death of Francis (Rosie) Rosenthal, a member of our group for many years, he recently moved back to the Bay Area. Our sympathy to his wife Zelma, & his children.

Our sympathies also to Lew Bacheller, whose sister recently passed away. Her husband was Mel Ford, who worked for United Airlines in the test cell.

Dwayne Howze is ill again, a spot on his lung. Our wishes for his recovery. LaDonna Eggert was back from her bout with pneumonia.

Visitors on April 28 were Len & Laverne Hauble. Len is now the Treas. for RUAEA Northern CA.

April 25 was our bus trip to the Culinary Academy in SFO where we had lunch, followed by

a tour of the Presidio.

Food at the Culinary Academy was excellent & the Presidio tour, conducted by a Park Ranger who described the historical significance of many of the buildings, was also extremely worthwhile. Marion Gaevert, who had initially organized the trip had sciatica & was unable to go with us. LaDonna Eggert & Marian Swanson took over; did a great job.

We had one mishap, of course no fault of the organizers – the bus blew a tire on the return trip on the Junipero Serra freeway. A replacement bus was quickly on its way, so we made it back without further trouble.

Three awards, engraved pen sets, were given out this month. One was to the Garver Sandys, who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 20.

Gene Eggert received an award from the chapter on April 14 in appreciation for having been the founder of our chapter (he was the 1<sup>st</sup> Pres.), & for supporting it through the years.

On April 21, award was given to Pete Bilisch, one of our original members. Among his contributions was founding the Toys for Tots drive, serving as Treas. for the chapter, travel advisor, & starting the first Mystery Trip.

There is still time to sign up for the June 15 picnic. Contact Tony Urso, (408) 264-8580.

#### Calendar:

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. mornings at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot). San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts at 7:00 am, meeting convenes at 8:20 am. We welcome all fellow retirees to join us. Please contact Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548, for more information.

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50 members & guests attended our meeting in Ione, held at the Rides & Rods Restaurant. Hosts: Bob & Joy Blair. Bob received quite a write-up in the local newspaper congratulating him on his recent donation of a number of birdhouses to the

#### Inter-faith Food Bank

Doug Daniels is recuperating from recent back surgery ... A speedy & continuing improvement Doug!

Jane Silvers is well again, looking good & most likely looking forward to a check-up trip to Reno.

So good to have Bob & Kirsten Buckholtz with us from Lodi as well as Al & Betty Ostin from Pioneer.

Pres. Guy Hoffman, had information on the latest regarding United. Most interesting is their plan to hire 4000 new workers in the near future

#### Calendar:

**June 8** - Meeting to be held in the Sonora area hosted by Larry & Pat Magee.



#### EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our April meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> with 30 attendees. The Italian buffet was delicious & we plan a repeat. Better weather (finally).

We welcomed back Sue Donner, Mary Jane Gordon & Poldi vonMuhifeld. Rich & Georgia Bouska returned from Italy the day before and gave us a wonderful presentation on their trip (even with the jet lag).

Diane Griego gave a presentation on "Suitcases for Kids" which is an organization in the Bay Area that collects suitcases for Foster & displaced children. Kathy Cleberg who heads this organization was at our May 8 meeting to collect suitcases also told us more about this wonderful group. The guidelines are really simple ..... on wheels, no broken zippers or duct tape & clean. She also accepts backpacks & duffel bags. She would prefer if they are medium or small (none of those huge cruise bags which we all bought years ago).

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:15 to 12:00 noon. Lunch & business matters from 12:00 on. No need for reservations, just come. A reminder that our annual picnic will

be held on June 12. We will need an idea of how many to order from the caterer. Thanks from Howard.

Our May meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> with 30 attendees.

We welcomed back Manny Kessler.

Ed Bingle celebrates his 90th birthday this month, we presented him with a card and a resounding version of Happy Birthday.

Warren Bartlett gave a short presentation that should interest those of us who love to cruise. His agency is now able to book Carnival Cruises at the interline rate! Email him at [WarrenBart@hotmail.com](mailto:WarrenBart@hotmail.com).

A reminder that our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic will be held on June 12. Hard to believe how it has grown from when Vilma & Sam Patrick began organizing it.

Kathy Cleberg from Suitcases for Kids was our featured speaker & was very inspiring. These are donated to Foster children who have nothing in which to carry their belongings. Many thanks to all of you who contributed suitcases, duffel bags & tote bags. We filled her van. If there are any other groups in the Bay Area who are interested in participating, feel free to email her at [KCleberg@aol.com](mailto:KCleberg@aol.com).

She will come to your meeting also take the suitcases. They need diaper bags, backpacks, duffel bags, sport bags & suitcases (new or "very gently used"). If you prefer a cash donation, 100% of donated dollars go directly to purchase items for the foster children. For those of you without internet, just call me (Diane Griego), I'll be glad to give you any information you need.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time 11:15 to 12:00 noon - lunch & business from 12:00 on. No need for reservations.

#### Calendar:

**June 12** – Picnic at Pleasant Hill Park - 147 Gregory Lane - Pleasant Hill

**July** - (no meeting)

**Aug. 14**

**Sept. 11**

**Oct. 9**

**Nov. 13**

**Dec. 11** - Christmas party & Toys for Tots

## COLORADO

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The May 3 breakfast at the Flight Training Center cafeteria was attended by 46 retirees. Butch Reichow was a first-timer – also joined RUAEA that day.

Chapter Pres. Tom Goodyear announced the retirement of Captain Brad Thomann, Managing Director of United Airlines Flight Standards & Training Center, presented him with a membership application to RUAEA, wished the best in his new career as Executive V.P. of Training and Operations at Alteon, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Boeing Aircraft Company.

Betty Bumberer (Walt's wife) recently had major surgery – now recuperating at home. Address: 3081 Wheeling St., Aurora, CO 80011-2020. Al Malleck also was a hospital customer, now at home: Address 702 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Brighton, CO 80601-3212.

Jean Flanagan (Jim's wife) had pneumonia, recuperating at home, address: 1390 Dahlia St., Denver, CO 80220.

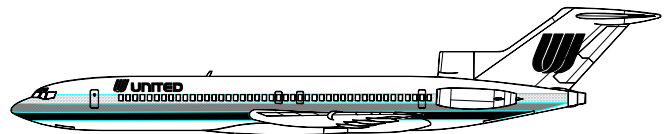
John Sausen had open heart surgery; address: 3770 S. Tempe Way, Aurora, CO 80018./

The Mile-Highers' picnic will be held July 19 at Heather Gardens, Blossoms, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO. Social hour 11:30 AM, lunch (picnic) 12 Noon – \$12.00 P/P. Send check payable to RUAEA – Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211, phone (303) 477-2918 – Cut off date 7/14/06.

#### Calendar:

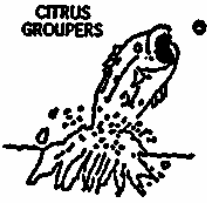
Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans.

**July 19** – Picnic. Details in column.



## FLORIDA

### CITRUS GROUPERS



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The Citrus Groupers met on April 27 at the Whispering Pines Park for a picnic. Unfortunately the weatherman had predicted rain, therefore, few people attended. We were lucky, it did not rain. Those who came had a good time.

Charlie & Lydia Wirth just returned from a cruise. Charlie got a bad cold on the last day before coming home. On the bright side he won a certificate for an additional 101 days of cruising on the ship.

#### Calendar:

**June 22** – Meeting at 11.30 AM at the Tierra Del Sol restaurant, 806 Marino Drive in the Villages.

**July 27** – Meeting at 11.30 AM at the International Buffet 2259 N. Citrus Ave. (Hwy 27) next to Wal-Mart in Leesburg.

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May 3, the Golden Corral in Orlando played host to our monthly Luncheon Meeting with 35 members present.

Our thanks to the many members who gave donations for the Central Florida Children's Home.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Air Force Association "Flying Tigers" conducted a memorial service on May 27 in Arlington National Cemetery for D.T. Francis, the late husband of our Dee Francis. Our thoughts & prayers are with Dee & her family.

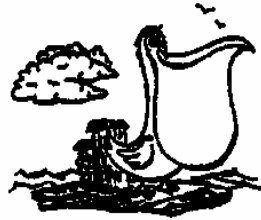
I look forward to seeing all of you at our regular Chapter luncheon meeting.

#### Calendar:

**June 7** - Meeting – Wed. at the Golden Corral - 2328 S. Semoran Blvd. – Orlando at 1:00 p.m.

**Oct. 11 - 21** - Spectacular Sights of Scenic Arizona Featuring Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta.

### SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PELICAN DROP-INS



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There were 13 Pelican Drop-Ins at our first breakfast meeting of the summer season on May 5 at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers. Perkins management always gives us nice private room & we all enjoyed breakfast together. John & Nancy Danius were there, Nancy is doing very well after her surgery. It was nice to see Ann & Fred Dillon looking so well. We have a new prospective member, Richard Sanderson, who enjoyed meeting some fellow United Retirees. Richard retired from Baltimore, is now living in Fort Myers, he is a member of RUAEA.

Marilyn & Tom McNabb have been on a driving trip to TN visiting family, on to Milwaukee to visit more family. They plan to fly to UT to visit friends before returning to Fort Myers.

#### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-April)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (May-Sept.)

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*We should acknowledge others, not  
simply to get something in return, but  
because it's the right thing to do -  
because it makes them feel good.*

## **THE SAND DOLLARS**

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The Sanddollar chapter met on April 12 at Troyer's Dutch Heritage Restaurant in Sarasota for our monthly luncheon with 27 members in attendance.

We welcomed James Vedral, who retired from LAX, & Alvina Valencourt. Dick & Gretchen Bulin attended after a short absence. We sang happy birthday to Marion Deckrow, Michael Marvett & Sandy Lacey who were celebrating birthdays.

We were briefed by Bill Stubbs (DENCs) about his bout with Guillain-Barre syndrome. Gretchen Bulin told us she was doing better. Art Chiles is now under Hospice care. On a very sad note, our Pres., Pat Trice, lost his wife Betty to cancer, all Sanddollar members offer our sincere condolences to Pat & his family. We lost a dear friend & will miss Betty, her caring ways & dedication to this chapter.

Sunshine Lady Betty Johnson suggested we choose one place for our summer meetings as a lot of our members will head North for the summer months. This will be decided at our next meeting.



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Buddy Freddie's, Holiday FL

We had no new members nor any guests at our May meeting. Changes of the bylaws were accepted by the members present.

Jim & Pat Hottel will represent the Tampa Bay Chapter at the RUAEA Convention in Washington. Edith Polito will represent the Secy.; 15 other members plan on attending this convention.

We thank Bill & Jean Lenihan for bringing pictures from past events for all to enjoy. They also had a fantastic display at our picnic in April.

The annual dues of \$5.00 for each member are due June 1. Dues must be paid by the Aug. meeting or the member will be dropped from the membership list for this year. Dues can be mailed to Mike Rice, our membership chairperson at 8230 Sugarbush Dr., Springhill, FL 34606. Phone 352-683-9087.

Terri Breslin, over the last couple of months, has sent get-well cards to Shirley Epperd, who was in the hospital with heart problems & Ann Morse who had cataract surgery. She also sent a card to Marilyn Lade, who in turn sent her a "thank you" note for the thoughtfulness of the chapter. Terri also had a card at this month's meeting for all to sign for John Hargraves who has been under the weather, so everyone was surprised to see him at the meeting. Therefore he happily received his card in person.

We were all reminded that volunteers are needed to help with our next picnic in Oct. and our Christmas Luncheon, which is to be held Dec. 4 at Spartan Manor in New Port Richey.

### **Calendar:**

**June 5** – Meeting – 10:00 AM Buddy Freddie's in Holiday, FL - 10:AM

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Now that the nasty old tax season is over for another year, we can concentrate on the "more funner" things to do. This summer a lot of you are planning for visits from kids & grandkids, maybe a glamorous vacation or just stayin' at home relaxing – the thing us retired folks do best. We had a fine time on the Palm Beach Princess on May 1. Now that the tourists have gone home, the ship was almost empty – just like our own yacht. We had a guest from Germany join us who had a great time watching us retirement crazies have fun at the slots. Food was excellent. I don't know what our Pres.



Allan Popek has but, as usual, he was a winner. Allan & Janice Popek, along with Diane & Ron Brodis attended the Convention.

Our last meeting of the season will be June 6 at our normal place, Johnny's. We elect our officers at that time. We take a breather in July and Aug., so the next meeting will be Sept. 5, also at Johnny's. Let's all hold special thoughts for those who are not feeling so well.

A blonde joke might cheer members: Two blonde students are at a newsstand, see a newspaper with this headline: "12 Brazilian Soldiers Killed." One student shakes her head at the sad news, turns to her friend: "How many is a Brazilian?" Until next months' newsletter.

#### Calendar:

**June 6** - Regular 11:30 luncheon meeting at Johnny's - Election of officers

**July & Aug.** - Vacation

**Sept. 5** - 11:30 luncheon meeting at Johnny's

### IDAHO



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Sharon Kolins welcomed 25 members & guests to our meeting at JD's restaurant in Meridian on Apr. 1. Bill Jones introduced his guests: Luann Lyon & George Mateer.

Charles & Shirley Perkins said they arrived home in mid-March, after two wonderfully-warm months in AZ. They had traveled more than 5,000 miles, but were glad to be back in ID.

Mike Holbrook spent a week in S.E. Utah, instructing back-country flying out of Bluff. Students came from all parts of the U.S. He will spend the summer doing similar training in Idaho's back-country, involving 75 different airstrips in remote parts of the state's canyon country.

Shirley Law is a charter member of the Women in Military Service Memorial, located at the Arlington National Cemetery. Her name & photo are on display there. Shirley served the U.S. Navy. This is quite an honor, & most deserving.

Bud Peters reported that the Muscular Dystrophy Walk in Boise was another big success for the organization this year. The route had to be altered slightly because of the Boise River flooding of the Greenbelt (a paved path along the river), but all went as planned. Bud explained that he has a new volunteer job with the BPD. He patrols the Greenbelt Sat. evenings. In the cool weather, he uses a golf cart. When it's warmer, he rides his bike. He says it's a far cry from being a dispatcher for an airline, but he loves doing it.

The Frank Schell Golf Outing is at River Birch Golf Course in Star on June 5.

We were pleased to have Marilyn Taylor back with us. It was her first breakfast with us since knee surgery in Dec.

Ron Dietzler is now "regular" at our meetings, since retiring (for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time) from a hospital job.

Ted & Ann Pumphrey say "hello" from Gooding. They plan to be with us in June. Ann works part time at a bakery, & is literally "rolling in dough."

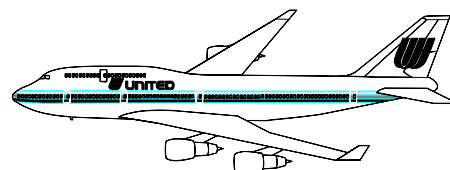
Bob Smith has completed his chemo & radiation treatment, & is looking great.

Purchasing a RT ticket is not a guarantee that one's plans will be fulfilled, as Ned Yundt found out trying to get to PHL. Her son was being honored in celebration of his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as pastor of a New Jersey church, & Ned was to be a surprise guest at the luncheon. The BOI-DEN flight was full, everyone sat patiently on the plane waiting for take-off. After an hour plus, the dreaded word "mechanical" was announced. A part had to be flown in from SFO to fix the problem. In the meantime, the last BOI-DEN flight had left, & there was no way out of BOI until the next morning. This would have put Ned in PHL in the late afternoon, long after the festivities were over. A once in a lifetime event was history, but she was told it was a wonderful celebration, & included a few NJ dignitaries.

#### Calendar:

**June. 5** – 9 a.m. breakfast meeting at JB's in Meridian.

**July. 3** – 9 a.m. breakfast meeting at JB's in Meridian.



## ILLINOIS

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It was great seeing Ken Goetz & his wife Gloria attend the April Northsiders breakfast. Ken was laid up at home with a cold after returning from a recent trip to North Carolina. A nice crowd attended the April breakfast as many talked about their plans for the convention.

Also in April the Southsiders had over 20 attend their monthly breakfast during the rainy weather.

We hope everyone that attended the Washington Convention had a great time. Be sure to watch for exciting convention photos in future issues to come.

Once again we will have our June *Food Collection* for spring at the Northsiders Breakfast. Canned goods & paper products are appreciated.

Congratulations to Ginny & Frank Vlach on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Celebration.

### Calendar

**June 14** – Breakfast with the Northsiders Group – 9:00 a.m. Artemis Restaurant – Golf and Busse Roads. in Mt. Prospect, IL.

**June 14** – Northsiders Breakfast *Spring Food Collection*

**June 27** – Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

## INDIANA



### INDY RACERS

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The weather has turned absolutely beautiful; it's very hard for me to be inside writing this letter

... So here I sit at my computer when all I really want to do is get into my whirlpool tub, relax & rest. This is what I call dedication ... or is it stupidity?

The April meeting was very informative as the Hendricks County Chief Deputy Prosecutor, Stephenie LeMay-Luken, educated us about one of the fastest growing crimes of the 21<sup>st</sup> century ... identity theft. Electronic technology is great but its made stealing information lots easier for the identity thieves. We learned so many helpful hints to reduce the risk of becoming a victim, far too many to mention in this newsletter. I strongly suggest to the other RUAEA chapters to call your local Prosecutor's office to see about having someone come & present the facts about ID theft.

The month of April held so many good & happy things such as Warren Allan marrying my aunt, Gail McConnaughey on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. They had a very large wedding, most of the Indy Racers attended. I was the matron of honor, my husband, Ron, was Warren's best man. We all had a great time ... good food, good drink & good friends! April also brought illness to our Pres. Wanda Bryce. She spent much of the month in the hospital recovering. After such a long stay, she was sent home only to return to the hospital again due to overall weakness.

June 12 is our next meeting, June 17 is our annual picnic. The picnic will be held at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville. Meats & drinks will be provided but we ask that you bring a side dish from home to share with the rest of us. Please mark your calendar for the picnic.

July 19 is our bus trip to the Argosy Casino in Lawrenceburg, IN. The trip includes a light breakfast served on the bus, lunch at the casino or a restaurant on the way, 4 hours of casino time, wine & cheese served on the bus on our drive home. Sounds great to me, I am going! Our July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at our regular place & time. For further info on the Argosy Casino trip, contact me or Wanda Bryce at (317) 821-8862.

We all wish the best to Jerry & Claire Byle as they have tossed their winter coats away and headed for their new home in Tucson. We will miss them greatly.

The Indy Racers meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd. in Plainfield. The meeting begins at 3:00 but we do

have access to our room at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting. We welcome all new members and would love to have you join us. See you there!

Calendar:

**June 12** - Meeting

**June 17** - Indy Racers Picnic

**July 10** - Meeting

**July 19** - Argosy trip

**MASSACHUSETTS**

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For those of you unsuccessfully trying to reach Mercedes Hersom this past month, she has been bouncing back & forth between her new home in NH & her old home in ME. Between commitments in ME, trying to sell property, she has been busy. Her cats have seen more of the feeding visitors than her!

Our Snow Birds, Jane & Jack Regan and Pat & Bob Austin having escaped winter, are now back in New England. Hope to see them at our next meeting.

Talked to Jack Casey who hasn't been able to attend meetings for a while. He recalled a story when he, George Mavreles, Fran Matheus, Merc Hersom & other retirees were planning our chapter. Jack surmised we could be getting retirees from all of New England & asked to consider the name Nor'Easters. We know the outcome. Jack advises he sometimes meets for breakfast with fellow retirees from BDL, the first Wed. of the month.

The Nor'Easter convention attendees were Bill & Norma Betters, Convention Assistant VP & Secretary; Bill & Marie Dwyer, sold raffles; Paul & Mary Ward, worked registration; Frank & Janed DeStefano, worked tours; Carleen & Bruce Eddy, Carleen attending Chapter Presidents meeting; Don & Kathy Latter, Don just enjoyed; Jack & Nancy Casey, Ron & Joyce Heisler and Jim & Sue Yip.

A reminder, meeting info is now being sent via e-mail. Please remember to advise your secretary when you change your e-mail address or Internet carrier. Don't be left out, keep your address current! Our meeting this month will be different & promises to be most enjoyable.

Calendar:

**June 27** - Boston Duck Tour & Lunch

**Aug.** - Sixth Annual Summer Picnic

**MICHIGAN**

**GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES**

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18 Escapees gathered at La Shish in Dearborn May 4 including guest Gloria Knott Schurman. Gloria worked in DTW in 1965; at the moment is our newest escapee along with Peggy Chesney, a.k.a (Drylie) (Halestad). Lil Burger co-hosted for Gerri Wimhurst, who was unexpectedly out of town. Lil found the job was completely painless, just as I promised. African Violet center pieces were taken home by some lucky winners.

Our June meeting will be delayed a week because of the convention. It will be the Escapees 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, born in 1995 with 17 bodies in attendance. My how the time flies.

Now with heavy heart, we learned that Loralie Kennedy has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. She will be going to Ann Arbor to see a specialist to determine further treatments. No other information at this time. Please keep Loralie in your prayers @ 17486 Stanwich St., Livonia, MI 48152- 3426

Calendar:

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



## NEBRASKA

### GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 46 who attended our brunch/lunch at Justin Tyme. Thanks to Marva & Emery Dickerson for hosting. Harold Rowe celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 31.

Ed Brown was hospitalized at Immanuel for about a week, then was transferred to the Life Care Center of Omaha. Ed was taking dialysis treatments 3 times a week. On April 7 he had returned to the Center after his dialysis treatment, went to the dining room to eat, came back to his room, went to the bathroom where he suffered a heart attack & passed away. Graveside services were held on April 11. This was a complete shock as he had been feeling so good & was to go home the next week. Our sincere sympathy to Marianne.

Mel Harrison said Bill, who is now in the Nebraska Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, would be evaluated to see how he is progressing with rehab.

Jake Hutchinson called, I asked him how he was doing; he suffered from macular degeneration; however, he can still drive so hopes to make it to our picnic in June.

Dave Letts said that Betty Burke passed away, her service was March 15. She originally worked in OMA, then transferred to SFO Reservations.

Paul Steuri had carpal tunnel surgery on his right hand April 26.

### Calendar:

**June 7** – Picnic at Chalco Hills - That is a Wed. as we couldn't get the shelter on Tue. Hosted by the Mahoneys & Bradens

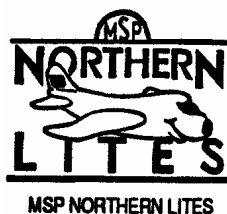
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***When you offer compliments, not  
only do you make someone else feel  
good, but you get to feel good too.  
It's an immediate payback.***

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## MINNESOTA

### NORTHERN LITES



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In mid-March, we were pleased to have 28 show up for lunch & were happy to see our pal, Rosemary Soltis (MSPSS). She wasn't expecting to give an update on the Company's progress, but we squeezed every drop of info she had out of 'er. We keep hoping she'll kick over the traces & join us in retirement, but she's still having too much fun at the job.

Pertaining to the Twin Cities market, new service by United Express non-stop to IAD gives good connections to the East, Southeast & Europe without having to struggle with an ORD connection, too. The aircraft hold 70+ & the loads have been good. Don't forget, although we come at the end of the standby list on UAX, there's NO SERVICE CHARGE!!

In the not-so-good department, "Mort" Morton fell recently & broke his kneecap. Now he has a bionic one with screws & pins in it and is recuperating in a care center in Sioux Falls. Notes would be appreciated, I know. His address is 7215 So. Hoffman Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57108.

We are saddened to report the passing of Dick Haver, long-time sales rep for our area. Unfortunately, I don't have info for his next-of-kin.

Thanks to Malcolm McCann, late of LAXCS & PDXCS, I have info about tours & activities in the Mt. Hood/The Dalles area of OR. If anyone is interested, I'll be happy to send copies of most of the brochures & lodging info he sent. If you've NOT PAID YOUR DUES, though, you'll get a bill for postage & handling!

The annual picnic will be held at Lyle & Sonya Gunderson's in Baldwin, WI on Wed., the 16<sup>th</sup> of Aug. More information will be forthcoming.

FYI ~ the updated address list is available at the lunches or by mail.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Report:

April's meeting was attended by 35 members & 2 guests: Joe & Arlene Kelley's granddaughter, Jinnae, & Connie Glattly's friend Mary Lou

Ketchmark. It was a beautiful spring day with temps about 70; April 2006 was the warmest in 91 years in the Twin Cities.

Those planning to attend the Loonie's Spring Fling were looking forward to it in mid-May, by now it's just another pleasant memory. Our travel to the event will have taken us to Sault St. Marie, Michigan which knocks on the Canadian border in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. For a few days we were "Yoopers" (short for "U. P.-ers"). Our thanks to Don & Hope Hayden for hosting another wonderful Loonie event!

OK, everyone, here's the deal. The annual picnic is in Aug. this year, not July. The Lyle Gunderson's have generously offered to host it again at their estate in Baldwin, WI. The lunch will be catered, but attendees must bring a snack or dessert, your choice of beverage, lawn chairs & a couple of white elephants (you know, those things that gather dust in your house that someone gave you as a gift?) There will be no meeting on Aug. 9th! The cost of the catered lunch will be deducted from the chapter treasury, so anyone showing up who hasn't paid their dues yet this year either has to pony up their money or go hungry. It should be another fine time of visiting, eating and drinking.

A flyer will go out in mid-July to those on our mailing list with details & a map. If you do not receive it or think you're going to be in the area at that time & want to attend, please give me (see above) or the Gundersons (715-684-3930) a call & one of us will get a map out to you.

Our old pal, Ken Schimmels, has had tricky surgery. We want him to know that we're all thinkin' good thoughts & wishin' him well for a speedy recovery. He & Donna are members of the Oregon Dew-ers, but he worked with us in Minnesota for many years.

The Glattlys had another abandoned clutch of wood duck eggs (15 this time!), but the local Audubon Center is incubating them as an educational project. More next month.

#### Calendar:

Lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of every month (EXCEPT Aug.) at 11:15am at The Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 and Robert Street in West St. Paul.

**Aug. 15** - Annual picnic, Lyle & Sonja Gunderson's in Baldwin, WI

## NEVADA

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Our April luncheon/meeting was enjoyed by 49 members & guests. New member is Tony Bates, retired from INDFF. Guests were Nelma's mom Olivia Cox & Pat Cicco, Felix Cicco's brother.

"Easter bonnet" theme with winners; Lois Fox, most original; Willie Bullinger, most beautiful; Winnie Stone, craziest.

Evelyn Bluiett spent time in the hospital, so did Bob Morvick, both attended our April meeting, are doing better.

These are the persons that passed away: LASCS retiree Betty Wendell; SFOEP retiree & LAS past Treas. Francis (Rosie) Rosenthal in the Bay Area; Baldor Ziel's mother end of April in Brazil; our Pres. Chris Czaplewski's brother in Reno.

Our subsequent meetings are on 8/8 & 10/10.

#### Calendar:

**June 13** – Luncheon Meeting - 11:30 am. Place: The Ellis Island Village Pub, 4178 Koval Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89109 Phone: (702) 733-8901

**Aug. 8** – Meeting

**Oct. 10** - Meeting



### RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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The Treas. balance as of April 17, is 746.01. Please send renewal dues to Mary Withers or me. There were 22 members in attendance at our April meeting.

The Wagoners plan to attend the Convention. RUAEA is working with UA & the insurance company on the recent cancellation of the group



policy. Those that received checks from the legal firm had an error in their issue number but most banks have accepted them.

John & I will be checking out several alternative picnic sites for voting on later this year by the membership: Rancho San Rafael, Spooner Lake, Idlewild, & Manzanita Park off Lakeside. The cost for Sand Harbor will be \$200 next year so the membership will have to decide whether to continue going there or try somewhere else. More details later.

The second meeting at Austins went without a hitch. The service has been excellent.

We are mentioned in the "Food Source", the newsletter for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada as a "major food donor", group category for our contribution in Dec. (170 lbs).

### NEW JERSEY

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The Gardenstaters met on April 26 at "The Willows", 1013 N. Washington Avenue, Green Brook, NJ 08812. Pres. Dick Confer announced that some of the Clipped Wings members from New Jersey were in attendance: Mary Bush, Janet Kirwan & Diane Johnson. They donated one of their cook books & a United License Plate Holder as door prizes

The annual Newark Airport Career Expo was held May 10 & 11. United Airlines retirees are the only ones that help out. The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from the Newark area were invited, there were all kinds of airplanes displayed & the children were given special passes to board them. Marty Etler obtained a F15 from the National Guard & a C5 from the Air Force that were on display.

Violet Etler thanked Lena Confer for taking the minutes & sending them to RUAEA while she was unable to attend the meetings. John Murphy has a list of free programs for the Garden State Art Center if anyone wants them, they are available, John will show you how to obtain them. You have

to get there very early to get seats near the front. Dick also has copies available for the other airlines & the discounts they provide also how to go about in obtaining the tickets for them.

A vote was taken on whether to stay at the Willows or to return to Snuffys as our place for meetings. The vote was overwhelmingly for the Willows. It is \$15.00 for the meal but we get much better food and service.

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Our May luncheon was held at Frank Sterle's Slovenian Country House, in downtown Cleveland. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that John & Carrie Kercel hosted this event. There were 64 in attendance. Dave Placko's cousin Joanne Hriber was a guest. We welcomed Jack & Carol Hirz into our Chapter.

Pres. Carol Hacker is back from her cruise. We were glad to hear that she & Ray had an enjoyable time.

Jeanette Long is now at home from the hospital recuperating. She is passing the time away reading. She would love to hear from fellow members. Her address is: 6870 Oakwood Rd., Parma Hts., OH 44130-3735. Telephone no. (440) 884-3281. Take care & hope to see you soon Jeanette.

Eleanor Neth is at home. She is starting another series of Chemo. Cards would be greatly appreciated. No phone calls please. Her address is: 4162 DeRussey Rd., Collins, OH 44826-9777. Continue to keep Eleanor & Cale in your prayers. She is such a great lady.

Long time member John "Bud" LeMasters passed away on April 7. Condolences to his wife Lucy & son, Buckeye members Tom & Sandra LeMasters. We will continue to keep you in our prayers.

On April 8 Ellie Durbin passed away. Per her wishes her body was donated to Science.

On April 18 Mark Gatesman lost his long &

courageous fight for life. Thank you Sharon, for always taking my calls & sharing the latest info. on Mark. Thank you Bill (brother) for also keeping us abreast of Mark's condition.

Chapter member Ralph Bruggeman informed us that Tom Barker retired CLERR (non-member) passed away on April 18.

This year we have lost many dear friends in our Chapter. We will always remember them with fond memories. Please continue to keep their family members in your thoughts & prayers.

We had several birthdays & anniversaries this month. Andrew & Mary Striegl celebrated 56 yrs, Victor & Betty Taylor celebrated 59 yrs. Congratulations!

There will be no meeting on the first Wed. in June. Nancy Carter has planned a lovely overnight trip to Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada on June 22 & 23.

Our next regular meeting will be held July 13 at Albion Woods Reserved Picnic Area. Please mail form in the packet to Dolly & John Taucher if you will be able to attend. They need to have a head count, to make sure they order enough chicken. Hope to see you all.

Pres. Carol Hacker asked that I remind you that on Aug. 9 will be our Thirteenth Annual Northfield Night. Feel free to invite your family, neighbors, and friends to this fun filled event.

#### Calendar:

**June 22 & 23** - Niagara Falls, ON.

**July 13** - Albion Woods reserved Picnic Area, Strongsville. 12:00 p.m. & eat around 12:30 p.m. This is a Thurs.

**Aug. 9** - The Thirteenth Annual Northfield Night.

### OREGON

#### OREGON DEW-ERS

Portland

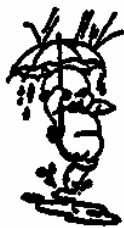
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A friend told me the other day her mother always told everyone that anyone from Oregon (let's include our neighbors from Washington too)

should never leave the state in May. The flowers & plants are in full bloom and the color display is just too glorious to leave this time of year.

Chuck Falbo was the big winner of the Easter Hat Parade at our April meeting. He won by wearing his old navy "bonnet". Drawing a name of the participants out of a hat chose the winner.

The Memorial Garden at the PDX UAL freight building is in need of people who are willing to give a few hours of their time in maintaining the grounds. The garden was established in memory of those who perished on UAL Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001. Please contact Inge Pempeit if you would be interested. She can be reached at the travel desk, if she isn't there, please leave your name with whoever answers, Inge will return your call.

One of our members, Wesley Briest, from MN had surgery this month. He is the only one on our Sunshine list this month. I guess this is an indication our chapter is either a very healthy group or no one is calling Lois & Merle Pitman to let them know of an illness. The Pitmans telephone number is (503) 635-5341.

Rance Ishibashi has volunteered to chair the Picnic on July 12 at North Clackamas Park. He has contacted Noho's Hawaiian Café, they will do the catering. At this time no firm price has been set for the meal, but Dave Smith felt it would probably be \$10 P/P. The meal will include 2 entrées, salads & other items to be announced later. There will be flyers at our June meeting, plus I will include any new information in the July newsletter.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 and (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls from outside our (503) area code please use 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing and load information.

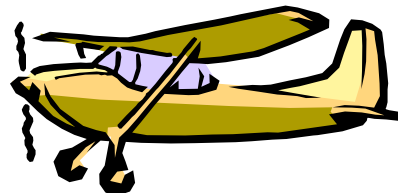
#### Calendar:

Meeting at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

**June 14** - TBA

**July 12** - Annual Picnic, North Clackamas Park

**Aug. 9** - TBA





### **OUR CLUB**

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While spring was trying to break winter's extended grip, 21 OUR Club members gathered at Wild River Brewery & Restaurant on April 7 for good food enjoyed in the midst of great company. We were pleased to welcome visitors Denise & Marty Farian from Eagle Point, OR.

Several members had recently returned from trips to FL & Maui, had some interesting, funny & hair-raising tales to tell. Others are looking forward to attending the RUAEA convention in Washington, DC.

We missed Barbara Hickox, who is facing a lengthy recovery from a leg infection and knee surgery. All the best thoughts & well wishes are with her.

The June luncheon & business meeting is tentatively scheduled for TinTin Buffet in Medford at noon on June 2. Please call or email Jane Frincke for more information about OUR Club & updated details regarding the June luncheon.

#### **Calendar:**

**June 2** – TBA

**July 7** – TBA, hosted by Jim and Jane Frincke

**Aug. 4** – TBA

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

#### **THE INDEPENDENTS**

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April 24 the executive committee met at the Edwards home. Present were: Kathy & Al; Pres. Joe Brad; VP Bernie McNamee; Treas. Tom Lyons; Marge & Frank Eggles; Shirley Roberts & I.

Frank Eggles, Chairman of the Memorial

Committee, sent out a thank you letter to everyone who donated to the flight 93 Memorial fund. To date, we have raised \$1500 for the fund. Memorial services will take place at the site on Sun. Sept. 10, 2006 & Mon. Sept. 11. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragedy. For those planning to attend the service, we will have a bus leaving from the Ramada Inn, International Airport – PHL. Arrangements will be made for those staying overnight in Shanksville, PA. Donations can still be made to the Independents c/o Tom Lyons, Treas., 800 Hampshire Road, Drexel Hill, PA 19026.

Joe Brad compiled a list of names of deceased PHL employees. Their names were read at the May meeting.

Joe will contact the Ramada to try to arrange an indoor picnic for June.

Tom Lyons discussed the annual golf outing. More information to follow.

We had 26 retirees attend our May 8 Memorial meeting. Pres. Joe Brad offered the blessing then we said the Pledge of Allegiance. Treas. Tom Lyons, gave the Treasurer's report; we are still receiving donations to the Flight 93 Memorial. There was no speaker today.

Past Treas. Frank Eggles, reported that we are planning to run a bus trip to attend the services in Shanksville, PA. for Flight 93 to be held on Sept. 10 & 11. We will need 40 people to fill the bus. We estimate it will be about a 5-hour trip each way.

As this was our annual Memorial meeting, Cards were placed on each table containing the names of PHL employees that are deceased. Each attendee stood & read names from the cards that they drew.

We bid a fond farewell & safe journey to Otto Gierstoffer who sold his house & will be moving to Mission Viejo, CA to be near his son & grandchildren. Best wishes Otto, you will be missed.

#### **Calendar:**

**June 12** – General Meeting – 12:30 PM at the Ramada Inn.

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*There are three things that grow more precious with age: Old wood to burn, Old books to read, And Old friends to enjoy ...*



## **PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS**

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By the time you receive this newsletter the convention in Washington, DC will be over, but details about the festivities will appear in the next edition. I'm writing this from my hospital because of my broken leg. Guess I was jealous of the attention Bernie's got with his knee replacement.

I'm sorry to report that our Treas. Jo Kuehn was recently hospitalized. I'm sure she would enjoy hearing from her many friends. Her address is: 2823 Phillips Avenue, Glenshaw, PA 15116.

Pat (Treatie) Karwoski also spent some time in the hospital recently, but she's doing fine, now at home. Warm wishes are always welcomed. Treatie's address is: 1900 8<sup>th</sup> Av., Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

PIT STOPPERS are looking forward to our annual picnic, July 14, which is our most popular event of the year! It's always GREAT to visit with out of town members. Remember to sign-up early because it's a catered affair!

PIT STOPPERS welcome Greg Prewitt the new United Pittsburgh Station Manager.

## **TENNESSEE**

### **TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS**

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Our breakfast group met at Shoney's on April 20. We welcomed Carol Faust (Regional Director) & her husband to our gathering. Carol updated us on the new regional breakdown. Our new director will be Bruce Brodersen from the Georgia Dixie Flyers. We will miss Carol & Bob; however, we look forward to meeting & working with Bruce. In our prayers this month is Tom Shipe who is battling another round of cancer. After our usual gabfest, some of us departed for shopping, others headed on home.

## **Calendar:**

**June 15** - 9:30 EST, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 374 off I-40/75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**July 20** - 12:30 EST, lunch to be hosted by Bill & Terry Taylor (865-408-1453). Location to be determined.

**Aug. 17** - 9:30 EST breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

## **UTAH**



### **THE SALT LAKERS**

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On **April 19**, 25 chapter members met at the Murray Heritage Center for coffee & donuts that were, again, donated by George Dalton. Thanks, George, for the sweet treat!

We welcomed members who do not visit too often: Frank Christenson, Doug Roberts, Norm/Shirley Scown, Kiyoko Olsen, Clair Anderson, Mike "Kris Kringle" Brown, Lila Maughan & Pat Byrne. It was good of them to come.

Tony/Dorothy Brown stayed home - Dorothy was suffering from a bout of flu.

Hank Bons was successfully treated for a blood clot to the lung & was his old healthy self again, much to the delight of everyone.

Shirley Scown had her left shoulder replaced in "pure steel" - she was as cheerful as ever, seemed to have no discomfort. She even joked that she might set off a whole set of alarm bells at airport checkpoints!

Missing at the meeting was chapter VP Betty Davis who is recuperating from a bad fall; she is nursing an injured knee; according our latest tel. conversation, she is coming along fine.

This correspondent visited 3 chapter members: Leoma Williams; Marge Ringer & Bob Faydock. Leoma & Marge are always glad to see a familiar face. When, however, checking in at the East Ridge convalescent home to inquire about Bob Faydock, one of our 20-yr. chapter regulars, the nurse advised that he had died a couple of days

before: pneumonia. A memorial service was held on 4/24.

Our chapter editor, Art Scott, advised earlier that he would be absent & enjoying some vacation time in Moab.

Aletha Cannon, cheerful as ever, was accompanied by daughter Shirlene Kohnlein who has turned into a welcome “regular” driving her mother to our monthly meetings.

Bill/Shirley Ottman were off to St. George to look after their undamaged home in an area that had been flood-ravaged in 2004. Let’s hope that the 2006 snowmelt will not touch their homestead, now fortified by local disaster programs against another flood. In 2004, 4 of their immediate neighbors lost their houses to the then-raging waters of an otherwise harmlessly meandering desert river.

In the “good news dept.”: Thayne Turgeon, son of RUAEA & MAL members Judy/Bob Turgeon, has returned home from the war in Iraq, uninjured. Welcome back, Thayne!

#### Calendar:

**June 21** – Potluck, 1pm, Island View Park, Centerville, UT

**July 19** - Lunch - 2pm Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W. Bountiful, UT.

### VIRGINIA

#### TIDE WATER SEAGULLS

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Meeting held at Lock Point Restaurant in Chesapeake with 14 in attendance. Guests included John Williams, son of Jane Williams. 2 Guests with the Washingtons - friends from Finland. Conversations with them gave us a brief understanding of that country.

Vi Hildebrand opened the meeting by asking for nominations for office for 2006-2007. No response. As usual, old timers at the airport had jokes & talked about good times. A lot of laughs. Pat Gieger was congratulated on the delivery of her

25<sup>th</sup> grandchild.

Sponsoring the luncheon were the Temples with many table decorations – later raffled off.

Sick calls included Bob Collins & Paula Keys.

If interested in attending our next luncheon, please call Vi Hildebrand at (757) 482-3445.

### WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



#### EMERALD CITY

#### SLICKERS

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This is Cinco de Mayo weekend (May 5); opening day of boating (May 6) on Lake Washington with college crew racing & the last weekend of snow skiing at Alpental on Snoqualmie Pass 90 miles east of SEA. Spring has finally arrived with summer coming in June.

Our April luncheon was held at the Yankee Grill in Renton with 55 attendees hosted by Lu Gardiner, Ginger Phelan & Carol Soffel. Though it was crowded, also because its sister restaurant suddenly closed with one week notice, the service & food made up for it. We had more door prizes than usual.

Vi Gray introduced herself as a restated member because of a long bout of medical problems. She is still using a walker for balance & walking. We were reminded of the golf tournament June 21 at Allemore Golf Course.

Bob Brumfield attended a reunion for people who worked at Idlewild/Kennedy Airport in the 50/60/70's area. They had to change to Washington DC area as we have only 2 flights a day into IDL/JFK now. Bob said 60 some people came, with the furthest away from China. She went into teaching after leaving UAL& has lived there for 20 years teaching English – love the people & culture.

Bob will also speak at our Convention in DCA later in May.

Geri Shippe who started in SEA, then SLC, DEN, PDX & retired – but camped out practically at LAXRR – now retired for a few years. She moved back to SEA as she wanted to be closer to



her sons & grandchildren. She's had a bad time since last Oct. with a pulmonary problem – hopefully on the mend now, between friends, family & her beautiful lilac point Siamese cat. Calls are welcomed (425) 821-8341.

Jan Karagas is quite ill – Address 7734 Forest Dr. N.E., Seattle, WA 98115.

Sally Watt Keenan, former in-flight & chief in-flight in SEA passed away May 2, 2006. Address: 1600 43<sup>rd</sup> East #208, Seattle, WA 98112.

Don't forget our Travel Desk Mon./Tue./Wed./Thurs. 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM PDT. Local (206) 433-4218; outside (206) toll free # 1 888 826-3375.

#### Calendar:

**June 21** – Retirees Golf at Allenmore Golf course

**Aug.** – Picnic, details later.

**Sept. 12** - Fairwood Golf & C

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Our Annual Pig Roast is fast approaching - we can't wait! This year, it will be on June 17, at the home of David & Tina Cox. Each year we gather for good food, company plus many fun door prizes. Almost everyone walks away with something. Our group is particularly diverse since we have at least one member from each department of UAL. The ages are as varied as the former careers.

We are sorry to tell you that Bob Commerce, a retired dispatcher from IAD, passed away on March 28. Bob was well loved. His sense of humor was wonderful, I am told that often he sent cards to his fellow "loungers" with return addresses (such as "San Quentin" or "Buckingham Palace") that reflected that humor & sense of mischief. His daughter, Margie, resides at 38665 Purple Martin Lane, Hamilton, VA 20158.

Another IAD dispatcher, Bob Ullman, suffered a stroke on March 19. He is dealing with numbness on his right side also a speech impairment, but is improving daily. Get well cards can be sent to his home at 33345 Kaylee Way, Leesburg, FL 34788-3833.

Two of our members recently had knee

replacement surgery. Millie Bowers (DCA & IAD CS) had some complications, so stayed in the hospital longer than anticipated. Cards for her can be sent to 59 Rutherford Circle, Sterling VA 20165.

Gloria Odendhal (IAD CS) had a faster recovery - probably due to some excellent nursing. Her dear friends from CS (& fellow Loungers), Camilla Warner & Judy Dunlap, both downplayed their roles, but we know that their help & time were invaluable to Gloria. Best Wishes can be sent to Gloria at 307 Bridgewater Ct, Fredericksburg, VA 22406.

Sheila Mitchell (UAL Res) is at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore undergoing treatment after having brain surgery. Her home address is 46565 Harry Byrd HWY, Apt 216, Sterling, VA 20164

Jake Phillipoon's wife (he was IAD ramp), Charlotte, also had surgery & a slow recovery. We hope that she is better soon. Their address is 4330 C Cannonridge Ct, Fairfax, VA 22033

Our prayers & best wishes are with you all.

Two of our Dulles Lounger couples recently returned from a trip to Egypt. Hank & Gale Heuser and Dutch & Kerrie Schneider really enjoyed their latest adventure together; had wonderful tales to share. Here is what they told us:

*"We spent 5 days in Cairo, then 8 days aboard a cruise ship on the Nile, finally the last 2 days back in Cairo. Everybody had a grand time in Egypt & all of us truly enjoyed seeing the awesome Pyramids. We were able to partially climb up one pyramid, then climb down into another. We started out standing up, but as we went in further, the shaft became lower & lower! Since Dutch is a bit over six feet tall, he really struggled during this trek. Add to this that we were walking down an area about as wide as a normal staircase with people also coming up from the bottom. So, we became intimately acquainted with strangers as we passed one another! There was no ventilation down there. The air was hot & heavy from all the people. If we had known what we were going to encounter, we might not have tried it out. At least we can now say that we've been IN & ON a pyramid.*

*The temples & tombs are more interesting than what they seem like on the television. All of us learned the stories behind the beautiful buildings also how to read the scenes on the walls. Egyptians were every bit as artistic as the Romans & Greeks. Even the ceilings were painted like the*

sky with silver stars scattered about. Most of the paint is now gone, since these places were built over 3000 years ago, but inside (and in protected corners), you can still see the vibrant colors. We watched a "sound and light" show at the pyramids one evening that brought life to the old stories ...

Cairo is a rather dirty city, its citizens don't really care about fixing up their own homes, much less the town. Very few flowers or trees. Not because it's hot or poor there, but because the Egyptians don't spend money & time on "frivolous" things. They are too busy seeing how much they can swindle from each other -- & us! The vendors would call out "Two dollars for this shirt". When somebody went over to see the shirt, & agreed to pay the \$2, the seller would immediately say that he really didn't mean American dollars but rather Bahraini dollars, now he was owed twenty American dollars! Then came the haggling. The vendor attached himself to the buyer with Velcro & would not leave their side until he wore them down. As we walked from different sites or went down the streets of the Bazaar, the crafty vendors would stand in front of us & try to put hats or bracelets on us while saying the item was merely a "token of friendship". Once the vendors got their item on somebody in the group, they would hit them up with "Just give me a little something for this". Oh, these people knew every trick in the book. Even the ones who were contracted by the tour company tried to cheat. We would complain to the guides, then the vendors would behave for a while. But tomorrow they'll do it again! The Egyptian people were so friendly to us (and our tourist dollars) that we never felt afraid -- except for those vendors!

And the hands out for Baksheesh (as it is called in Egypt) or tips were endless. The men were especially incensed about having to "pay to pee". Every restroom had a person waiting for his or her tip just so we could go in. If we took a picture of one of the guards, he wanted us to pay him something. If a person inside the temple told us ten words about what we were looking at, he also wanted a little something. To go in we paid admission fees, then to go out we once again were asked to pay!

Driving in Cairo is an experience to remember as everybody gasped at least once during the trip. There are no stoplights in the city! There are lane markings, but nobody uses them. A road might

have 4 marked lanes with 6 cars & the tour bus next to one another. And the horns! Egyptians use them constantly to warn one another, to announce their presence, to yell at somebody, or to just say hello. We traveled mostly during the day, as night driving is extremely dangerous. No, not because of terrorists, Egyptians just don't use their headlights. They feel it is an insult to shine a light into the eyes of oncoming traffic. So, except for blinking to let others know they are there, they drive in the dark!

We did receive a wonderful surprise in one small village. The townspeople brought out trams (like those used by Disney) for us to ride. Then they proceeded to parade us through the town as the residents gathered to welcome us. At every street corner, traffic was stopped so our "procession" could continue. The trams had horns & bells & sirens that announced our presence. The drivers generously used them. People shouted "Welcome" & "Hello" to us. At the town's center, we left the trams & entered a large pavilion. All sorts of baked goods, drinks and snacks were provided free of charge. Then the locals put on a "folkloric" show. They showed us their different dances, songs & even had a pretend wedding. Although the performers were amateurs, they had such enthusiasm & energy you couldn't help but enjoy their acts. The town was spotless with a number of fountains & parks. Beautiful flowers were all over the place. About 4 years ago, a group of people decided that they needed to bring some pride into their community. They put up their own money & began to clean & improve the public areas. Then suddenly, they noticed that the locals were also cleaning up their own shops & homes. Pretty soon the town was sporting a new fresh look as people began to respect each other's property plus their own. We loved the village and could have spent longer than one night there.

A total solar eclipse occurred while we were in Egypt. We were fortunate enough to catch a train to Alexandria to see it. We stood outside the Alexandria Library with about a thousand others to watch as the sun dimmed. We could actually feel it get cooler as the eclipse progressed! We saw all these people using pieces of silver paper to watch the sun. Gale asked where we could get a piece too. Alas, the little kiosk was sold out, however, the people generously shared their pieces with us. The kids around us were great. We began to talk with

*them (almost all Egyptians can speak some English besides their native Arabic) - we loved hearing their stories. The youngsters are very friendly to Americans; haven't learned the nasty tricks from the vendors yet!*

*Our Grand Circle travel partners were a diverse group, for the most part, rather nice. All were Americans from every corner of our country. Our guides were great, definitely knew their Egyptian history -- could explain it to us so we could understand too. They tried to give us help with vendors but they're so used to this behavior that they didn't realize just how distasteful it was to the Yankees."*

#### Calendar:

**June 17** – Annual Pig Roast

## NEW MEMBERS

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

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## OBITUARIES

Spouse- **BADER, Maria**, on 2/22/06, wife of Edgar, IAD, 620 San Marino Dr., The Villages, FL 32159

Retiree- **BALLOU, Edward F.**, SFO, on 3/19/06

Retiree- **BARGER, Robert H.**, ORD, on 3/24/06, husband of Ann, 130 Lake Region Circle, Winter Haven, FL 33881

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## LETTERS

We have received Greetings & Thanks for the Newsletter from the following members:

William Betters, Christina Daley, Eunice Langton, Rosemary Benedetto, Bill Hughes, Barbara Kaczmarek, Mel E. Volz, Lily & Ken Woehlck, Donna Cicco, Mike & Barbara Rice, Mary Keightly, Rita Sapko, Fred S. Wise, Erwin Peterson, Mary Platt, Ben Mallorca, Richard Little, Vincent & Anne Iuorio.

### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

*(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions expressed are not necessarily the convictions of the organization or the editor.)*

**Kim Sieren, 280 SE 37<sup>th</sup> Ave., Hillsboro, OR 97123**

I'm so glad I joined RUAEA as soon as I retired. You all do such a good job keeping us informed. I know a lot of X-F/A's that joined other

groups like Clipped Wings; etc. They are missing out on your great info.

A big surprise to me. I had a stroke on my left side. I can't hear; my fingers are curled on my left hand; I broke my glasses – so am going without. I've had an MRI; CAT scan so far. My neighbor has been buying my groceries & cat food. I feel way too young for this to happen. But my Mom & Dad both died of strokes.

I've notified a few retired F/A's but not all, some get this newsletter. You can reach me at the above address or call (503) 846-0409. I shake so bad it's hard to write.

I plan on beating this thing. I write everything on a calendar. I'm finally scheduled for my knee surgery as soon as all my wounds heal.

I have 2 wonderful cats – all black & they are my best friends. I haven't met any people since I moved up to Oregon.

**Doug Cowan, 40 Creamer Drive, Sayreville, NJ 08872**

I received the red sign on the April issue – realized that 10 years had passed since I retired. So much has happened. The reason I included a note is that I have to add my voice to the thousands of us who so much appreciate the work of the organization on our behalf, even more the news & memories contained in the newsletter.

In my own life I've had 2 operations since my last birthday, a hernia repair & artery grafts in my abdomen as well as an aneurism repair. All went well. We still get to travel extending our winter Kauai stay to 8 weeks this year. Among other trips we took a tour of China & Tibet which more than met expectations.

Here's hoping the new UAUA lasts long enough to take us on a lot more.

**Rhea Jaguszewski Joy, 32316 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington, MI 48336-1118**

My husband – Tom Joy & I both worked at United when it was FUN ... and it was an airline to be proud of!

We met & married via UAL, are retired spending our time between "home" & "second home" on a lake near Sears, MI.

Am glad to see our Newsletter providing real news to us retirees. Keep up the good work.

**James W. Wagner, 1750 Corleone Dr., Sparks, NV 89434**

Greetings to our dedicated crew in DEN. Your continuing efforts are much appreciated. We were out of town in March, so missed the red stamp. Better late than never.

Some may remember me starting a Flying Club, Sierra Nevada Flyers, Inc. a couple of years after retirement. This was at Nevada County Airport near Grass Valley, CA. The Charter Members, of which I was one, pooled our money & paid cash for a 1980 Beechcraft Skipper I located near Tulsa, OK. A retired UA mechanic, Ron King, & I ferried the airplane across the Southwest to CA. Our last fuel stop was Fresno, CA. Two Mexican fuelers greeted us at the fuel pump, asked where we'd come from. I replied "Tulsa, OK." They looked at that little 2 seat airplane, then back to us, said, "you gotta be kidding."

We had a core group of airline professionals that were enthusiastic & knowledgeable about how to maintain an airplane also recruiting of additional members was going well. Unfortunately, about 2 years into the Clubs history, a student pilot crashed the airplane on take off – the cause; "carburetor ice", which caused a complete engine failure about 200 ft. off the ground, off the end of the runway. All the signs were there, but this novice pilot just wasn't paying attention. The airplane was destroyed, but the pilot survived with a splint on one finger, plus some cuts & bruises. He was very lucky. Interestingly, the insurance company said that since the airplane was a total loss, the deductible didn't apply; we received full value for the airplane. The hapless pilot was told the only way he could continue to fly with us was to take the FAA written test & pass it. He didn't want to do that so resigned. Whew!

With a bank account stoked with cash we went out, found another Beech Skipper, a 1979 model North of Omaha, NE. This airplane was actually better than the first one, much lower time & in excellent condition. This time, to keep the weight down, I flew it back to CA alone. On my 2<sup>nd</sup> fuel stop the starter quit. I've never hand propped an aircraft engine before in my life. But, where there's a will, there's a way. I successfully hand propped the engine at the next 3 fuel stops (1 overnight), continued the trip with "1 deferred maintenance item." The first order of business, on

arrival at Grass Valley, was to install a new starter. The members love that airplane.

The original core group of aviation professional drifted away due to lost medicals, re-locations, bought their own airplane, etc. The people who were left were all good pilots but had no interests in maintaining the airplane. My wife & I decided to sell our dream house, downsize & move to NV. The Club folded from lack of interest 2 years later. I brought the airplane to Reno, NV., brought the maintenance up-to-date (Annual Inspection, etc.), advertised it for sale. The airplane, our inventory of parts & supplies sold very quickly (full price) to a buyer in Canada. The airplane was ferried to Yellowknife, NWT. So, I guess our Skipper has become a bush plane.

It was fun while it lasted. I'm 76 years old & looking for a new interest for what has been a very lively & enjoyable retirement. See you at the Convention!

**W. A. Shattock, 610 Arboleda Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024**

On my recent visit to DEN I enjoyed very much the Chapter breakfast, seeing & talking to people I hadn't seen for some time. I was also impressed with the Historical Foundation's display depicting UAL's growth from its very beginning. The models were outstanding. Tom Goodyear deserves a round of accolades for his persistence in rescuing the exhibit from the Storerooms of WHQ to its place of honor in the DENTK.

I want to remind the Membership that I still maintain the Seniority List. Before going into the SL there is one more thing I would like to see – that is a Treasurer's report. For the past few years all I've been reading is that "RUAEA is solvent". Does that mean we're making money or are we losing money? Periodically, I would like to see a more thorough report.

Now for the Seniority List – very simple, just send me your date of hire & you're included. Send info to address above, or if you're a computer buff, send an e-mail to me at [WAShattock@comcast.net](mailto:WAShattock@comcast.net). That's all there is to it. Should a copy of the List be desired, please send me a check in the amount of \$3.50 & it will be on its way.

I believe it would be feasible at this point to allay any doubts that may persist in the minds of some, to explain just where the \$3.50 goes to

reproduce & mail the List. Mind you, I'm no CPA so please bear with me:

Printing	2.00
Envelope	0.25
Postage	0.88
Paper	0.10
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	3.23

So there you have it – please don't begrudge me the 27 cents.

**Joan Palumbo, 65 Old Mill Rd., Manhasset, NY 11030**

With thanks to all who keep us up-to-date with UAL concerns.

Had a super time in LAX & looking forward to Washington.

My sincere appreciation to all.

**Dominick J. Rizzo, 1843 Hunt Ave., Bronx, NY 10462-3622**

Another year has passed us by which means it's time to renew. After 5 years of retirement, I still get pleasure in reading about our co-workers. We look forward to each month's meetings. It makes us very happy to see United is finally going in the right direction. Wishing everyone the best of health for another year.

**Bobby M. Isola, 23500 Cristo Rev Dr. Unit 405E, Cupertino, CA 95014**

Thanks so much for a great publication – I look forward to it each month to hear what is going with UAL, all the people, places & things. Thanks again.

**Judith W. Wright, P.O. Box 307, Harbert, MI 49115**

Thanks so much for your wonderful Newsletter. I enjoy reading about all the happenings around the system.

Thanks also to your wonderful folks who volunteer at the Travel Desk; I use it often,

**Lewis H. Brubaker, 9860 White Sands Pl., Bonita Springs, FL 34135**

Thanks to you & your staff for all your fine work on the Newsletter.

This month my 35<sup>th</sup> year of retirement, also Carol & my 60<sup>th</sup> year of wedded bliss.

I had a knee replaced & it is working fine.

Keep up the good work & keep UAL out of trouble!

**Evan F. Holly, 6535 Cypress Dr., Omaha, NE 68137-4273**

Thanks much for your great newsletter. Always enjoy the news & latest happenings with UAL. Sure hope the company continues to get on solid ground again, so far so good! Keep up the good work!

**Dale Jackson, 1020 Flora Vista Dr., Santa Barbara, CA 93109**

Thanks for the United Airline retiree info. We don't hear any news updates from the airline since UAL dropped our pensions. UAL doesn't want anything to do with retirees anymore, it seems.

Your updates are greatly appreciated.

**Leonard E. Bluebaugh, 1051 E. 88<sup>th</sup> Ave., Thornton, CO 80229-4575**

Thanks for all you do. Keep up the good work!

The newsletter gives us a connection to UA, our former fellow workers & friends.

**Gerri Adams, 2076 Michigan Ave. N.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33703**

Hard to believe that another year has gone by. But it has, I am happy to say it's been another good one. Thanks to the entire RUAEA staff for all that you do & a big thank you for the great newsletter. I love reading all of the letters from so many people I had the pleasure of working with in my 34 years with United.

As United entered bankruptcy I was very fortunate to be offered a wonderful job with the Transportation Security Administration at the headquarters office. I retired from United at my first official opportunity; my husband (Jim) & I moved from Tampa, FL (which we truly loved) back to Washington D.C. to accept the offer. (We had been in D.C. 20 years earlier with United – but never did we expect to go back). After almost 2 years at TSA Headquarters in Arlington, VA, an opportunity presented itself to become the Assistant Federal Security Director – Operations at the Tampa International Airport. It was a dream come true. We were coming back to FL & to Tampa where we truly want to be.

We have now been back a little over a year, things could not be better. Working for the Federal Government is certainly a change from my upbringing with United, but the skills, knowledge & experience I gained from working at United Airlines is what made me highly competitive within TSA.

While no one can predict the future for United Airlines & its employees, it is my sincere hope that the company we grew to love will flourish & regain the status it once held.

Thanks again for all you do.

**Ellen Shofner, 922 N. Hickory Ave., Arlington Hts., IL 60004**

Just a note to say a special thank you to all of you for your great work and dedication.

I am enjoying my retirement & grateful I was able to do it when I was still healthy enough to participate in various activities such as traveling & volunteer work.

**Pat & Norm Bell, 900 Lane 301 Lake George, Fremont, IN 46737-8919**

You are the tie that keeps us all together. We appreciate your dedication & efforts to our Newsletter.

We have a wonderful RUAEA group in Sarasota, FL. I would encourage any retirees in the area to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month, except the summer months. Unfortunately in the past year, we lost 2 of our favorite Presidents' wives, Bette O'Donnel & Betty Trice.

My step-mother, Dorothea Kalb Maxwell, from LGA, JFK & SEA visited us in March. She still lives in Helen, GA. To any of you "old timers" who may remember her she looks the same & hasn't aged at all. Still a great looking blonde.

We're getting ready to head North for the summer to our cottage at Lake George in Fremont, IN. My husband, Norm's health isn't very good after a fall last Oct. that's put him in a wheelchair much of the time. I'm doing very well after a heart attack & by-pass in June.

We're looking forward to a good summer & return to Siesta Key, FL next winter. Good times & good health to you all.





**John F. Boyle, 717 S. Lombard, Oak Park, IL 60304**

Just turned a big 89 years. Still in Walk-around Health but my eyesight is in poor condition.

I'm still driving but plan to stop when my automobile Insurance runs out.

This is my 26<sup>th</sup> year of retirement & I enjoyed every minute of it.

I go to the racetrack almost every day. Sometimes I lose, other times I win a few bucks.

Thanks for the Newsletter.

**Joe Hegner, 147 Harrison Ave., Fair Haven, NJ 07704-3146**

You do a spectacular job in keeping us informed – a virtual lifeline to the retirees.

Keep up the wonderful work – you will never know how much it is appreciated.

**Mickey C. Wehman, 9932 Beverly Ln., Garden Grove, CA 92841**

The info is so valuable at this time in our lives!

Take care of each other for all of us!

Ah, yes, that time of year again. So happy to get your news every month.

Thanks to all who keep us up-to-date.

**John D. Stewart, 2926 Old Post Rd., Slatington, PA 18080**

We had a slow year, Linda had a hip replacement in Jan. In July we drove to the Amana Colonies in IA & to Greenbay, WI for the EAA Airventure Airshow. We took the Badger car ferry across Lake Michigan on the way home. After 5 days at home we were off to Branson, MO. The rest of the year was quite good except Linda had an appendectomy in Oct. & 2 days short of 3 weeks later, I had an appendectomy.

Enjoy reading the newsletter. Thanks for the good work.

**Elisabeth Armstrong, 570 Hampton Rd. #20, Southampton, NY 11968**

I have just returned from Spain where we sold our second home after 41 years. Now we are looking in FL, prices have gone up horribly.

We wait til the next hurricane season is over to see what happens. There sure are lots of houses on the market & not very many buyers.

We are so grateful, that our health is good.

Greetings to all.

Thanks for all your work!

**Kenneth Wagner, 100 Valley St. Apt 402, Seattle, WA 98109**

Another year has passed – time to send my annual dues & contribution to the postal fund. Thanks to everyone who is responsible for this Newsletter. My wife & I really look forward to reading it every month. It is nice to keep in touch with UAL Retirees.

**Patricia Hurst, 6716 Keystone Dr., Sarasota, FL 34231**

Thank you for the time you took to get the Newsletter to me after my husband Ray Hurst, ORDCS passed away in April 2005. I enjoy the Newsletter.

**W. A. (Bill) Hoygaard, 12182 E. Amherst Circle, Aurora, CO 80014**

Thanks to all who work to produce the Newsletter. Don't see many familiar names but usually see someone's name listed that I know. Lots of things about United are different than I would have imagined when I retired 8-1-93!

We are getting ready for camping season. The current gas prices will not be enjoyed but the time in the beautiful Rocky Mountains will hopefully be worth it!

**Frank & Adele Reed, 3550 Wagner Heights Road #35, Stockton, CA 95209**

Although I am a life member, thought I had better help with the postage. Always look forward to the Newsletter & see many names I remember. I am in my 24<sup>th</sup> year of retirement.

I am proud of the effort put out by those who put out the Newsletter.

**John Kensinger, 925 Sunnybrae Blvd, San Mateo, CA 94402-1966**

Well, by the red stamp on my Newsletter I see that it's time to pay my dues again. The 20 bucks a year is well worth receiving the Newsletter. It's about the only way to get any information about what's going on at United since the company no longer provides any information to us.

It's a sad shame that United is run into the ground by its greedy executives. The court has

declared that the company is no longer in bankruptcy but I personally doubt that it will last long. I don't believe that any of us would run our own company the way that Tilton & his bunch are running United unless we were looking for a short term personal gain rather than the longevity of the company.

I could go on but I won't. Keep up the good work.

**Thomas F. Jervis, 1-19171 Mitchell Rd., Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2G3**

Thanks to all involved in keeping us up to date on how things are going at United.

We had a trip to Ireland last Sept. to attend our Granddaughter's wedding. We manage to get to Scotland for a week. We are now getting ready to go again in June for our Grandson's wedding & will be bringing our daughter back to spend 6 weeks with us.

**Lorraine Y. Karpen, 930 Taylor Dr. Apt 311, Gurnee, IL 60031**

Don't want to sound like a broken record – "Jo", you and your staff & volunteers deserve a FIRST CLASS plane load of "Thanks" for a job well done. We'll see you in Washington DC if all goes well.

**Edward Girard, 4638 E. 14 Mile Rd, Dafter, MI 49724**

It's been a long time since I last wrote.

Things have changed since then; lost my beautiful wife, Janet, on 9/21/99 in Mesa, AZ. I miss her terribly.

I now live in Dafter, MI, just outside of the SOO. Old time crew remember the SOO, they used the DC3 to service it. They would land at Kinross & drive about 20 miles to the SOO.

I enjoy the Newsletter. Don't know anyone anymore.

Frank Brown is the only one I recall, he was mentioned in Northern Lites, MSP Chapter, along with Lee Starlie.

Thank you for all the effort you put into the Newsletter.

**Caroline Garibotti, 629 Indian Way, Barrington, IL 60010**

Want to thank you for doing such a wonderful

job getting the word out to all the retirees. The updates concerning the recent reorganization, etc., were, and continue to be most helpful.

**Elmer A. Briles, 26377 County Road 8.5, Pritchett, CO 81064**

Well it is time for another birthday, seems like just had one. Sure enjoy the Newsletter. It is a way to remember the way it used to be. I hope that UAL gets things going their way. It has been 15 years of happy living for us.

Keep up the good work.

**June B. Humphrey, Apt 515 2161 Kalia Rd., Honolulu, HI 96815**

It is with much regret that I won't be able to attend the RUAEA Convention for the first time in many years, as I first started working with United in 1942.

Mahalo for keeping me informed out here in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

I'll take a rain check for 2007.

**Ruth E. Merriman, 101 Eastgate Ct. Unit 109, Algonquin, IL 60102-3078**

Hi! Just trying to beat the red arrow. You do a terrific job; I enjoy every issue. This hasn't been a good year but things are improving.

Good luck & thanks.

**Kay Towns, 19619 Edgebrook Ln., Tinley Park, IL 60477-7016**

Thank you to everyone for your hard work and dedication. You bring together the link that binds us to each other.

**Bruce & Lori Hanson, 629 W. Tyler Island Bridge Rd., Isleton, CA 95641-9704**

I really enjoy reading the Newsletter & looking for familiar names. Hopefully not in the obituary!

I've been retired for 20 years. Worked for 28 years at the Maintenance Base in Computer Services SFOKM. Lot's of fond memories of United & the people I worked with.

Best wishes to all of them.

**Sandy Volkman, N44W32734 W. Plank Rd, Nashotah, WI 53058-9702**

To all my UAL Family:

After 42 years of flying, my life consists of

living in the country with my 1 remaining Timber Wolf, & yellow lab. I worked for the Timber Wolf Preservation Society, & took in 2 brothers who needed a home. Ilikon died at 11 yrs. & Dakota was 17 on May 1.

My travels have been temporarily halted, but in a few years I'll be up, up, & away again.

It's great to hear about my "old buddies" & is this "Bill Moore" the Capt. I used to fly with (6's out of LaGuardia in 1957?)

Are there any DC 6's still flying about?

Would love to hear from you.

**Jack & Doris Atkinson, 6702 Locklenna Ave.,  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275**

Dear friends at my former home, Denver.

I have a desk set given to me by Els Perry in 1966 when I departed the Denver Region for Detroit, MI for my new position as Sales Manager in the "motor city". Els was the Regional Sales Manager & the most wonderful guy I ever had the pleasure of working for & with. Our secretary was Dinny Holms who later transferred to EXO. Boy! We were a swell threesome if I say so myself. And I do! Down stairs was Glen Justice & his great group of sales people.

Ah, those were happy times!

But I'm really writing not to praise Caesar or who ever that Italian fellow was. I'm writing because it's that time of the year when lots of us send a check to our government better known as the IRS; since I'm in the check writing mode, I'll take care of my RUAEA dues with something extra for the mail folks who do so much for us. Well done, people!

**Dave Saso, 1557 Rose Anna Dr., San Jose, CA  
95118**

I don't miss the early morning wake-up or the 90-mile round trip commute to the office, but I do miss working with the great & dedicated people at UAL. It is no surprise at all to me that United Airlines has successfully emerged from bankruptcy.

I am really enjoying my retirement. I now have time for much more travel, & babysitting my 4 grandchildren on a more regular schedule keeps me busy & physically fit. I also enjoy keeping in touch with other retirees by attending the weekly meetings & other functions for the SFO/SJC

Southbay RUAEA Chapter.

Thanks for the great newsletter.

**Joyce A O'Brien, 3606 Cottonwood Ct.,  
Milwaukee, WI 53221**

Thanks for the wonderful job all you do.

Best wishes Marlin Lade who did an excellent job the past couple of years.

It's good to have Jo Madden as Editor.

**John & Claudia Giffen, 41 Sleep Hollow,  
Rochester, NY 14624-4455**

Here is what's up with the Giffen family in upstate New York. Retirement has been good. I have found my time limited with the volunteer work, part time ticket sales for sporting events, & a battle with cancer. I am now cancer free, ready to get on with retirement again. Claudia is still working for a non profit agency; will be retiring another year or so. We have enjoyed our time share & opportunities to travel to the Outer Banks, Myrtle Beach & Orlando. Keep up the good work of letting us know of the events & news that filters down on United.



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