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***Sacramento & Beyond
A Fond Memory - OR -
We sure wish we could have
joined in the FUN!***

***RUA EA Convention 2007
Welcome to Sacramento!***



The weather should be great with temps in the low 80s during the day & low 60s in the evening. There are many restaurants around the Capitol Park area and in most cases, the dress is casual. Don't forget the sweaters & light jackets for the cooler evenings. Be sure to bring your cameras, film and of course any medications. Also bring a copy of your registration. Brochures will be available at the hotel and in the Hospitality Room with information about the area sites, restaurants and events.

When arriving by air we will have greeters at the airport for assistance. If they should not be available, the Airport has Information Booths in both terminals to offer assistance. Super Shuttle is offering a \$1.00 off with a coupon that can be printed from the RUA EA website. They also have a special rate for full van, 6 to 7 people. Your other option is Yellow Cab which is also offering a special rate. You do have to call ahead at (916) 444-2222 and allow at least 30 minutes.

The Hospitality Room will be having special events in the evenings 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm with a no-host cash bar, entertainment and door prizes for those in attendance. The entertainment will be on Wednesday, Hawaiian night and Thursday, Western night.

There will also be a special raffle with First Prize being tickets for two First Class positive space to anywhere in the U.S. on United. Second Prize is tickets for two economy space available from EWR – LIS on TAP Portugal. There will also be third and fourth prizes.

Some restaurants close to the hotel that might be of interest:

- ✈ **McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant** - 1111 J Street with great seafood.
- ✈ **Brew It Up** - 801 14th Street with 22 in house brews, great menu.
- ✈ **The Broiler Steakhouse** - 1201 K Street, convenient and very good menu.
- ✈ **Chops Steakhouse** - 1117 11th Street, close by and offering a 10% discount.
- ✈ **Beyond Juice/Mean In A Cup - G. ROSSI/Florist** - 1011 7th Street, call ahead the day before for take out or eating there (916) 448-8244.
- ✈ **JIM – DENNY'S** - 12th Street between H & I Streets – great burgers for over 70 years.

See You at the Hyatt!

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GENERAL NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT - MAY 2007

In a February letter, I reported to you that we, RUAEA, were engaged in efforts with the company through meetings and independent conversations on your behalf to provide that existing privileges and benefits be not only retained, but enhanced. Our efforts to advocate for our membership have and are continuing. Ed Tolle, our Corporate Relations Representative, and I have been meeting and talking to our company contacts on a regular basis. We will continue to do so to insure that the goal stated above will be reached.

I cannot tell you at this time that everything Ed and I would like to see happen is going to occur immediately. What I can tell you is some of what we have been able to achieve during the past several months:

1. We have reached an understanding with the company that all retiree programs, including discount programs, can be subject to discussion, understanding and modification, if justifiable.
2. The company has agreed with us that costs and options within programs will be transparent.
3. Upon our continuing request, the company has improved its management of medical plan appeal cases and its approach for the handling of missed contributions.
4. Discussions on the subject of retiree travel privileges have been held and **are** continuing.

I can assure you that RUAEA's reception at WHQ represents their understanding that the retiree community is an integral constituent for the company. Ed and I will continue to work for all of us and will continue to report to you on an ongoing basis.

Mort Wax
RUAEA - President

OTHER CONVENTION NEWS

There are still plenty of rooms available at the Hyatt at the convention rate. So book early and here is how! You can call their 800 number at 800-233-1234, call the hotel direct (916) 443-1234 or go to the RUAEA website at www.ruaea.org and there is a link to a Hyatt reservation page with the correct price of \$99 per night double occupancy plus taxes. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of RUAEA.

We are gladly accepting donations of art & crafts works to be displayed and raffled during the convention. Anyone wishing to donate please contact Francis or Veronica Domaratius at vandfgracious@surewest.net or (916) 789-0422 or by mail to 1972 Somerdale Circle, Roseville, CA 95661. As was the case at the Washington convention, we will be having a special Hospitality time in the Hospitality Room on Tues., Wed. and Thurs. evenings.

Hot News ...

When checking in at the Hyatt, be sure to ask for your free *Sacramento Gold Card*. This card will get you discounts at some of the nearby restaurants as well as discounts at some attractions in the area for the do-it-on-your-own folks. We have also been able to negotiate some discounts with other establishments near the hotel, checkout the information in the Hospitality Room.

Don't forget to look into the travel options on getting to Sacramento. United offers employees/retirees a discount of 20% on most fares. When booking the flights, be sure to tell the agent you are a retiree; the special code is **S*PMO/EMP20**. Another option is to use a senior fare on Southwest. These fares are at least 50% of the standard fare and are changeable and cancelable with no penalty. You can check them out at southwest.com. You do have to be 65 or older. And then there

is Amtrak, we have heard from several that they are planning to arrive by train. The Amtrak station is about a dozen blocks from the hotel. Finally here is a recap of the space available options. United has a good schedule with 27 daily flights. Also there are many other carriers that offer us a 90% or 95% discount - Alaska/Horizon, Aloha, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, Mexicana, Northwest and US Airways/America West. American offers ZED (Zonal Employee Discount) fares that are based on mileage. An example is DFW to SMF is \$31 each way. To obtain ID90, ID95 or ZED fare tickets, contact the Interline Ticketing Desk at 1-888-874-1581. Their hours are 0700-2100 CT Mon. – Fri. and 0700-1900 CT Sat. & Sun. And last but not least, Jet-Blue and Southwest offer retirees standby fares at \$25.00 OW and \$50.00 RT plus taxes. For both of these carriers you will need a letter of introduction that may be obtained by calling United's Benefit Dept. at 1-888-825-0188.

News flash ... Express Jet is scheduled to begin service in and out of Sacramento in April with non-stop flights between Sacramento and the following cities; San Antonio, Spokane, Tucson, Colorado Springs, Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Albuquerque. Express Jet has operated as a feeder for Continental Airlines.

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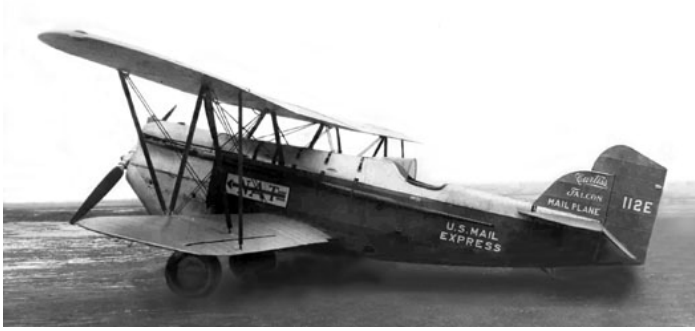
United Airlines UAHF Historical Foundation

NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT (cont.)



W. L. "Dynamite" Smith, Supervisor of the NAT Eastern Division, exits a Curtiss Falcon after testing the new ground-to-air radio equipment.

Note the antenna, aerial wires, helmet earphones and the radio "jack" below his right hand.



NAT Curtiss Falcon. Photo from the UAHF collection.

Please mail your tax-deductible contributions & donations of United memorabilia & artifacts to: UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207.

UNITED AND ALOHA AIRLINES ANNOUNCE EXPANDED AGREEMENT



United & Aloha Airlines announced plans to expand their existing cooperation agreement & strengthen their partnership in the Hawaii & TransPacific markets.

The agreement capitalizes on both Aloha's & United's 60 years of experience in serving Hawaii, and expands marketing, operational & financial opportunities for both carriers. Under the agreement, United receives a minority equity stake in Aloha that could expand over time & a seat on Aloha's board of directors.

"We are pleased to broaden & deepen our relationship with Aloha, as we celebrate our 60th anniversary of serving Hawaii," said Jake Brace, Executive VP & Chief Financial Officer. "Hawaii is one of the most important travel destinations for our customers, and by expanding our codeshare with Aloha, we are providing both Aloha's & United's customers more opportunities to both earn miles & travel seamlessly across carriers."

"The beauty of this for Aloha is that we will benefit from the financial & worldwide marketing strength of one of the world's largest airlines," said David A. Banmiller, Aloha's President & Chief Executive Officer. "Both airlines have a proven record of providing quality air transportation to Hawaii's residents & visitors, who will reap the benefits as we work closely with United to market Hawaii's popularity as a global tourism destination and its links to Asia and the Pacific."

United is the U.S. airline that offers the most service to the 50th state. United's close ties to Hawaii began on May 1, 1947, when it inaugurated service to the Islands with a flight between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Aloha & United have been marketing partners since the early 1990s. Today, frequent flyers in the AlohaPass & United Mileage Plus programs can earn miles and redeem them for travel on either airline.

#1 FLIGHT ATTENDANT RETIRES FROM FRIENDLY SKIES AFTER 60 YEARS



Article from United Airlines Association of Flight Attendants (www.unitedafa.org)

CHICAGO - United Airlines Flight Attendants, represented by the Association of Flight Attendants -CWA, AFL-CIO (AFA-CWA), applaud the number one Flight Attendant in the industry, **Iris Peterson**, as she retires from the job that started as "sky girl" or "stewardess" and evolved to "certified safety professional" and a career for "Flight Attendants."

“There's no way to celebrate the career of this phenomenal woman without recognizing the extraordinary achievements she was a part of fighting for throughout her career. Iris led the way in shaping the career we are each so proud to call our own,” stated Greg Davidowitch, President of AFA-CWA at United Airlines.

When Ms. Peterson began her career in 1946, jet engines were nowhere in sight and job restrictions included age, gender, ethnicity & weight. But the vision of Ms. Peterson & her peers helped to destroy these discriminatory practices. Today, the Flight Attendant profession is often recognized as a leader in advancing the rights of women & uprooting gender discrimination.

Active in her union throughout her career, Iris held various leadership positions & often represented her colleagues in grievances & safety issues on Capitol Hill. AFA-CWA historian & retired flight attendant Georgia Nielsen tells us that Ms. Peterson was often an integral part of advancing her profession through activity in her union. In 1953, she was the first official lobbyist for the Air Line Stewards & Stewardesses Association. In 1968, the same year that stewardesses won the right to hold the job if they were married, Ms. Peterson participated in safety plans for the first jumbo aircraft. She worked with aircraft engineers & was instrumental in gaining acceptance for 17 safety items, including the evacuation alarm, which is now a standard on equipment worldwide.

“Iris has been a mentor to all of us who've followed in her steps,” Davidowitch continued. “She has spent a lifetime committed to her airline & to improving the profession she has loved for six decades. As her fellow crewmembers, we have been lucky to receive her guidance for 60 years. Iris is an intensely private person, but Flight Attendants everywhere are the beneficiaries of her dedication & commitment to our profession. She is truly one in a million.”

The AFA-CWA website provides Flight Attendants & the public with an address to send cards of appreciation & congratulations to our Number One Flight Attendant, Iris Peterson.

Send Congratulations Cards to:

ATTN: Iris Peterson

AFA-CWA

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More than 55,000 Flight Attendants, including the 17,000 Flight Attendants at United, join together to form AFA, the world's largest Flight Attendant union. AFA is part of the 700,000 member strong Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO. Visit us at www.unitedafa.org.

FROM THE DENVER OFFICE

Two items in this issue: The first one is a reminder concerning the “Red Stamp” and how the wording on the labels advises us of renewal time. The second one advises all of the new e-mail address for the Denver Office.

In an effort to reduce some of the confusion concerning the infamous “Red Stamp”, we have changed the wording on the affected address labels.

The red stamp & the wording on the labels are intended to advise of 2 different scenarios:

1. *Current Membership Expiration Month*
2. *Month Following Expiration.* This is the month past normal renewal month & the Newsletter will stop if Membership is not renewed. Also, please disregard the message if dues were sent in.

The new wording on the address label for these 2 scenarios will change to:

1. For *Current Membership Expiration Month* - The wording on the labels will be:

It's Time to renew your Membership.

Disregard this message if your dues are already paid.

2. For *Month Following Expiration* - The wording on the labels will be:

Your membership will expire unless your dues are received.

Please submit your dues payment at this time.

Disregard this notice if your dues are already paid.

Hopefully, this change will clear up any confusion regarding the “**Red Stamp**”.

★★★ *The Denver office has a new email address: ruaea@qwestoffice.net. The old address ruaea@aol.com has been discontinued.* ★★★

Newsletter Manager

Virgil Gooselaw

DRESS CODE REMINDER FOR PLEASURE AND BUSINESS TRAVEL

Because employees, their travel eligibles and companions have been turned away at the gate, or not been seated in their preferred class, for being inappropriately dressed for non-revenue, space-available (NRSA) or non-revenue positive-space (NRPS) travel, it's important to remember and abide by the dress code for traveling on United, United Express and Ted flights.

Being inappropriately dressed for NRSA or NRPS travel also puts the customer service representatives (CSRs) working these flights in the awkward, time-consuming position of serving as dress-code referees. Be respectful to your local CSR - follow the code.

The purpose of the dress code - which applies to travelers age 12 and above - is to ensure that the appearance of employees and their eligible travelers reflects favorably upon United with customers.

Not allowed in any class of service are flip-flops or thong sandals, T-shirts, tank tops, mini skirts, bare midriffs, workout attire or jogging suits. Jeans are prohibited for NRSA travelers listed for the first-class cabin.

For full dress code details, go to the “Travel” section of SkyNet, and click “Pleasure” under “Travel Policy (Series 10)”. United's travel dress code may also be found in Apollo under HOW DRESS, and on the EasyCheck-in units.

When traveling on a space-available basis on other carriers, keep in mind that they may have stricter dress codes that must be observed. Be sure to check the airline's regulations before traveling.

TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB

Some Changes, Reminders and Helps

*Remember the **3-1-1** Air Travel rule:*

- (**3** ounce or less size containers of liquid or gel
- (**1** quart sized, clear plastic zip top bag holding 3 ounce or smaller containers
- (**1** bag per traveler placed in the security screening bin

By understanding and practicing the **3-1-1** on Travel Rule, your trip through security will be easier.

The exception to the above **3-1-1** rule is you can declare some larger quantities of liquids, such as: Prescription Medications, Baby Formula & Milk. These items are allowed in quantities exceeding three ounces & are not required to be in the zip-top bag. It's wise to declare these items for inspection at the checkpoint; it prevents a lot of problems.

Getting ready for International Travel? - Check your Passport for expiration date & check to see if a VISA is required. It takes time to obtain these documents so, plan ahead. Without the required documents you won't be going anywhere, internationally.

Be aware that departure fees in Europe are high. In some airports the fees run \$150.00 USD or more depending on the exchange rate at the time. See Travel Tips by Bob in the March 2007 Issue # 391, on page 5.

The following websites will be of help:

- (<http://www.tsa.gov/> - Transportation Security Administration - Here you will find answers pertaining to security. It gives information on things prohibited and permitted as luggage items. There is also information for travelers with disabilities and medical conditions.
- (<http://www.faa.gov/passengers/> - Federal Aviation Administration - Here you can find answers for travelers preparing to travel by air with children, pets, etc.
- (<http://www.corporate.visa.com/ut/sitemap.jsp> - VISA Credit Card Site - Here is a good source to locate ATM machines.
- (<http://www.mastercard.com/us/personal/en/index.html> - MasterCard - Here is a good site to located ATM machines in 120 countries & specifically ATM's at banks.
- (<http://www.xe.com/> - Best site for quick conversions of 15 Major currencies. - Here you will find currency exchange rates for places most people go.
- (<http://www.oanda.com/convert/classic> - FXConverter - Here is a multilingual currency converter for over 164 currencies. This is a good site for those faraway places that nobody ever thinks of going to.

Coming this fall!

- (New non-stop flight from Dulles to Rio de Janeiro & continue onward.
- (New non-stop flight from Los Angeles to Hong Kong & continue to Singapore.

Happy Traveling,
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NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for July are due in DEN by Fri. June 8, Aug. report by 7/6, Sept. report by 8/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@qwestoffice.net (*Note: This is a new email address*) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U. S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 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 contact 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.

We have had excellent turnouts at Coco's this month. On May 18, we had 26 in attendance and on the 22nd, we had 15.

On April 21st, we had our annual cookout at Luke AFB. Eva Furlepa & Victor Kolinowski were guest of Ed & Marie Bobrick. Linda & Charles Zoller were guest of Tim & Nita Everhart. It was good to see Elsie Balke, Dottie Quicks' mother. Chuck Sharps' guest was his sister-in-law Aurel Graham. It was good to see Ben Meyers & wish him continued good health. Our speaker was Bob Hallden from the ReUnited's. Bob gave us an updated synopsis of the Sacramento Convention in May. We had a total of 58 in attendance. As usual, the food was excellent & everyone enjoyed the day. Susie Hughes & I returned from our 15 day cruise to Hawaii. We had a great time and are still getting our land legs back.

I did receive some sad news from Jean Kerman, our outgoing VP. As you know, Jean recently lost her partner Pete Clanton and now she is going through a serious health problem of her own. Please keep her in your thoughts & prayers.

This is my last monthly report as the Azures' correspondent. Over the past 7 years, I have enjoyed working with all of you. I hope to continue to participate in as many activities, breakfast & luncheon dates as possible. I am sure I speak for all the outgoing officers in thanking you for all your help & support over the years.

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98th & Bell road

June 5 – Coco's

June 19 - Coco's

Fall/Winter Luncheons 2007

Oct. – We will be scheduling our next luncheon in the Fall – watch for newsletter & e-mail updates.

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Our Re-United's spring picnic was held April 19 at the Crescent Run Adult Community Building in Mesa, AZ with a good turnout on a beautiful day. Everyone enjoyed the grilled buffet, consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs & all the trimmings. Ron Paluch arranged for the use of this community building. Shirley Claggett provided the table decorations.

The following officers were elected: Pres. - Jim Zarek; VP - Hank Falk; Treas. - Bud Hubbard, & Secy - Liz Tollefsen.

We were advised Tom Quinlan's wife passed away recently and that Tom will be moving back east later on. Our sympathy to Tom & family.

Liz Tollefsen asked the members to please keep her informed of any news, special anniversaries, illnesses or deaths, so that this information might be passed on to our chapter members. You may contact me via e-mail.

We have been getting together for breakfast at Crackers located at 535 W. Iron #131, Mesa, AZ (480) 898-1717 on the fourth Friday of each month in addition to monthly meetings at different restaurants during the winter months.

A lot of the snowbirds will be gone this summer, but there still are quite a few chapter members around all the time. We hope more retirees will join us. It's a good way to meet friendly retirees & keep informed on UAL.

Calendar:

4th Fri. of each month - Breakfast meeting at Crackers (June – Sept.), starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact Hank Falk at (480) 893-1226, hbfalk@juno.com, or Jim Zarek at (480) 288-6685, jzarek1@msn.com.



TALL PINES

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Our Tall Pines retirees held their March meeting on the 27th with 21 UAL retirees in attendance. Our meetings are always the 4th Tues. of the month so if anyone is visiting our fair city & would like to attend, please feel free to call me for info, etc. A welcome was extended to Dom & Jan Abbriano, we hope to see them again real soon. Another couple we haven't seen for a while were Pat & Norm Pierson - so glad you could make it.

Nadine Weller, wife of Dennis has not been feeling well lately & suffered a heart attack. We wish Nadine a very speedy recovery.

Our April meeting was held on the 24th at Coco's. We had a small turnout of 14 retirees, but our lunch was enjoyable & also, the company.

We are happy to report that Nadine Weller is recuperating quite well, we hope to see her soon. Also, we welcomed Eddie Hilger's lovely wife Vicki to our group.

Yours truly & hubby, Joe along with Earle & Jeannie Risdon just returned from a very outstanding Caribbean cruise. The weather was perfect - the seas quiet - the food & service outstanding - and the islands beautiful. This cruise was in celebration of a 50th wedding anniversary of a very special couple.

Calendar:

June 26 - Meeting location will be decided at our May Meeting.

TUCSON
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Henny & Clyde Satterfield hosted our April 19th luncheon at Michelangelo's. Thirty eight retirees attended & enjoyed some excellent Italian dishes. We were delighted to have Ilene Swan from Denver attend as a guest. Ilene is checking out Tucson with the possibility of relocating here.

Alice Belzer's trivia of the month: (We think she makes these things up). *What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers have in common? (All invented by women).*

Calendar:

May 17 - Lyn & Roger Callihan will host our luncheon meeting at the Thunder Canyon Brewery at the Foothills Mall.

May 27 - June 2, RUAEA Convention at Sacramento, CA

ARKANSAS



"THE NATURALS"

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Spring is as beautiful as always in Hot Springs Village and the sun was setting as we gathered for our dinner meeting at the Last Chance on Lake Balboa. It was strictly a social meeting as there was not much in the way of business pending. It seems to be the way things are in Arkansas and since we're all retired, perhaps, not all that bad.

We missed our Secy./Treas. Diana Huffman & husband Jim who has been ill and was unable to attend. He recently had back surgery, and simply was not feeling up to partying ... at least not quite yet. We're looking forward to having them back!

Our June 23rd meeting is going to be a BIG BASH held by Barbara & Tom Hendricks at their home in Hot Springs. It's an afternoon barbeque complete with music, dancing & the works. Everyone is looking forward to attending!

Changing the subject just slightly ... Being the one writing these notes, it is probably not in the best of taste to promote one's self ... but after pondering the situation, I think I will anyway ... I've just published my first book and I'm proud to say it was well received from those that have read it. The title is *Of Steel and Butterflies*, a novel with a very positive message for anyone that may be searching or would just like a good read. It can be purchased on the web or ordered locally at your bookstore. Well Ok now, I agree ... enough with the advertisements!

If anyone is flying or driving through or perhaps spending a little time in the Hot Springs area, do give us a call & say hello. You might consider a wonderful way to spend the first Fri. of every month by attending the Hot Springs Gallery Walk. All of our many art galleries stay open late that night and the town is just abuzz! Wine, cheese, tidbits & lots of camaraderie. Also don't forget ... if you find yourself in the vicinity around June 23rd, pick up the phone, call me & plan on attending the Hendricks soiree.

Till next time! Remember ... the joy is in the journey!

CALIFORNIA

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We had a very entertaining meeting & luncheon on April 18th at the Elephant Bar near the Santa Barbara airport. There were 29 attending, including guests, with table treats provided by Bill & Dana Noyes. For those who could not attend, you really missed it. Dana Noyes introduced her sister, Patricia Starr, who was voted Ms. Senior California of 2006.

What a remarkable lady. She is a talented musician & entertained us on the electronic keyboard by playing the song that won her the contest. One of her other accomplishments was bicycling across the U.S, a total of 3622 miles in 50 days, at the age of 67. She emphasized that age is no obstacle if you have a desire or goal you want to obtain. Patricia's husband, Gabe, accompanied her, not only setting up her displays & electronic keyboard, but followed her across country in a van while she bicycled.

We were pleased to have at our luncheon Tom Hare, retired from SFOIQ; Howard Lackey - S. Calif. Regional Director; Nina Power's friend Dorothy Ovio from Hawaii; and Betty Rupp's grand-daughter, Arica, who attends the University of California at Santa Barbara. We were also happy to see Darrell & Mary Martin from Northridge, CA joining us. Jack & Eleanor Cunningham were able to attend after illnesses put Eleanor in the hospital several times, but now she seems to be on the mend. We always look forward to Jack's words-of-wisdom & corny jokes, but Ms. California stole the show.

Howard Lackey commented on our pass policies, even though it looks like we will not be getting free passes for awhile, our representatives work often with management regarding this problem. We heard a lot of Jo Madden's retirement. I will hold off commenting further on this until after the convention. I will be attending the correspondents meeting. We discussed the \$10 fee to be added to tickets on flights originating from LAX, Howard assured us that this would not be added to pass riders.

Nina Powers, whose late husband was a pilot, read a poem from the Frontier Airlines Retired Pilots Association dedicated to the Forgotten Mechanic. It is too long to print here, but summing up, the last paragraph says it all. Do you know the names of Lindbergs, wartime heroes such as Gabreski, Jabara, & Scott crew chiefs?

"Now pilots are highly trained people & wings are not easily won. But without the work of the maintenance man, our pilots would march with a gun. So when you see the mighty aircraft as they mark their way through the air, the greased-stained man with the wrench in his hand is the man who put him there." Thank you Nina for sharing this with us.

Mike Zoldak told us that SFOMD has limited their on-the-job injury treatments and will only examine pre-employees & pilot re-qualifications. Any personnel injuries will be sent to the Hunter's Point hospital.

Tom Hare has been using United Express whenever possible, he flew down from SFO to Santa Barbara to attend our meeting. He told me that there was no service charge and it beats driving.

Last month's trivia question: What is the longest word you can type using only one row of the keyboard? The word is "typewriter". Did you know that there are 293 ways to make change for a dollar?

Our next meeting will be June 20th hosted by Bob & Marcia Stanger.

Calendar:

June 20 - Hosted by Bob & Marcia Stanger

Aug. 15 - Hosted by Al & Marilyn Rybar

Oct. 17 - Hosted by Kathy Shurtleff

Dec. 12 - Hosted by John & Barbara Stilwell



BRAZEN RAISINS

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With splendid authoritarianism, Dick Shryock hosted the Brazen Raisins' May 2007 meeting. Sunshine Lady Donna Nessling reported that Curt Follansbee is improving physically. There was a short discussion of the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento - only two Brazen Raisins plan to attend.

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While most of the country was shoveling spring snow or experiencing other bad weather, Desert Sunbirds basked in 80 degree weather on the patio of The Inn on El Paseo for our April luncheon. Last minute cancellations included Maureen Williams who had to bring her daughter home from the hospital, Janis Ward who had an eye problem & the Clappers. Jim suffered a bad fall - fortunately no broken bones but bruises & muscle strains put him out of commission for a few days. Marge Lenz brought retiree Carolyn Ehrler who quickly became a member and even promised to host a meeting next year.

Highlight of the meeting was the book signing by Bill Eads of his newly published book "When Flying Was Fun". Bill (our official joke teller) has a great sense of humor as is reflected in his book. This is a must read for all UAL old timers & anyone who was part of the aviation industry or the military. Books are available in book stores (\$24.95) or on line at www.barnesandnoble.com. For more information on the book, go to www.publishedauthors.net/billeads.

Speaking of the Eads, Donna Eads has volunteered to be our new RUAEA Newsletter Editor replacing Miriam Osgood. A big thanks to Donna. Joan Tate was our free birthday lunch winner & Chuck Lamas drew his own number in the 50/50 drawing. There was also one lucky winner at each table for the lovely centerpieces provided by our hosts, John & Maureen Schultz.

Calendar:

June 13 - Liz or Jim Clapper, (760) 771-2310 or lizbaby127@mviewcc.com

July 11 - Sandy Sereno, (760) 325-5805 or auntfritzi@aol.com

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THE SACRAMENTO

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VP Bob Fulkerson opened the April 25th Gold Diggers luncheon at the Trolley Junction Restaurant in Nevada City with 56 members attending. Bob thanked Marv & Jean Becker and Forester & Jean Sinclair for making the arrangements. Pres. Jean Turley Sinclair was unable to attend due to recent knee surgery.

Bob continued with his VP report stating that there would be no meeting in May due to the RUAEA Convention. The June 27th meeting will be in Placerville at Ed & Linda Lee Akin's ranch. Our July 25th meeting will be at Lake of the Pines hosted by Dick & Sonda Sandstedt.

Treas. Judie King reported the balance for the Gold Diggers' account. It was suggested by Forester Sinclair that a new PA system is needed & that perhaps a new system could be purchased before the June meeting.

Corresponding Secy. Colleen Esola was unable to attend the April meeting so Recording Secretary Barbara Bertacini announced the anniversaries for April. Those married over 50 years include Dale & Dorothy Volker - 51 years; Darryll & Dorothy Stroud - 51 years; Martin & Maria Buschman - 54 years, Bob & Margaret Fulkerson - 57 years. Bob Eggert was asked to lead the members with the Happy Anniversary song as he so beautifully does.

We were very sorry to hear Francis Domaratus report about Bob Guinn who has a brain tumor with 6 to 13 months to live. Our prayers & thoughts are with Bob & Pat Guinn at this difficult time. Cards may be sent to 2135 Coffee Creek Way, Plumas Lake, CA 95961. Please no phone calls.

Other care concerns include Jean Turley Sinclair's knee surgery & Orville Harshbarger recent shoulder surgery. Former Gold Diggers member Marian Osgood passed away, services were held in Hemet, CA on April 25. Those wishing to send a card, please contact Francis & Veronica for further information. LaVerne Haubl is the coordinator for volunteers to help with RUAEA 2007 Convention. Please contact LaVerne at (916) 434-5324 or email lhaubl@sbcglobal.net to let her know the hours you might be available to help during the May 28 to June 2 week.

RUAEA Director for Northern California & Nevada and 2007 Convention Chairman, Ron Bertacini, gave his report. Industry news ... IATA believes that Asia will be the largest market in the world by 2010 ... Delta reduced its losses for the 1st quarter & plans to come out of bankruptcy April 30, 2007 ... American & Continental report a profit for the 1st quarter.

There is a \$10 surcharge for travel out of LAX, but the company has not assessed non rev travel as yet ... If you look at SKYNET, left side of page on first screen for Employee Discounts, you will find out various discounts which we, as retirees, are entitled to receive.

Convention news: Ron introduced Convention Chairpersons, members of committees & those volunteers attending today's meeting. Those working as greeters at the airport for a 4-hour shift will be reimbursed for their parking expense. We have 65 Gold Diggers who will be attending the convention. They will be wearing significant ID as representing the host chapter. Chapter representatives will be at most of the tables for the June 1 and 2 dinners.

Francis & Veronica displayed a great looking gold T-shirt which will be sold for \$10 each during convention. Convention chairmen will be wearing blue t-shirts. Only gold ones will be sold.

A special drawing will be held on June 2. The first prize: tickets for two, positive space, anywhere within the United States, first class on United Airlines. The second prize: tickets for two, space available coach on TAP Portugal, Newark to Lisbon & return. Sat. morning, June 2. Door prizes will be given to those attending the business meetings if their ticket number is called.

Hope to see many of you at the Hyatt Regency at Capitol Park in Sacramento from May 27 to June 2 ... come to the Hospitality Room on the second floor Tues., Wed. & Thurs. evening from 5:30 to 8:30 for fun, laughter & entertainment.

And, try to attend the Friendship Dinner June 1 as well as the Banquet June 2. If so, you need to register with your meal choice, etc. Both evenings have special speakers which we believe you will enjoy!

Calendar:

June 27 - Hosted by Ed & Lindalee Akin, Harry & Jean Caldwell and Jerry & Suzie Quinnell at Ed's ranch with barbecue & featuring Ed's antique tractors.

July 25 - Meeting hosted by Sonda & Dick Sandstedt.

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The April meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held at the Quail Inn, at Oakmont, on the 12th of April. It was a bright, sunny day in the Valley on the Moon. We certainly do live in a most beautiful part of the country. There were 38 in attendance.

Pres. Patrick Cadden opened the meeting on a sad note with the obituary for Amy Rogers. Amy lived a very interesting & rewarding life. An aviation mechanic in the Navy when she met Harry, she was also one of the country's first female postal carriers.

VP Judy DeFord talked of the memorial service for Amy & where it was to be held. She introduced our guests: Clem Shanahan, guest of Clare & Barney Hagen; Karen Van Dyke, guest of Ron & Joanne Huhn; Sherri Quock, guest of Diana Quinn; Cathy Housh, guest of Howard Dickinson and Carol Turket, guest of Doug Saunders.

Treas. Oscar Chambers reported that we are in good shape, financially, and our Charity Fund is growing nicely. Sunshine Lady Verda Burr is vacationing & will return in May, Clare Hagen substituted. There were 5 birthdays, the winner of the lunch was Dan DeFord. We had 3 anniversaries for a total of 170 years. Wow! An average of 57 years. Bill & Helen Furber celebrated their 66th anniversary. Hearty congratulations to all. Get well cards have been sent to the Citaras, Zepha O'Kelly & Helen Furber. Our thoughts are with you.

The May meeting will be held at the Paradise Bay Restaurant in Sausalito. This is a wonderful setting on the waterfront. Don't miss it, hosted by Joan Sheahan & Ann Sullivan.

Pres. Patrick adjourned the meeting, we finished off the day with another successful raffle.

Calendar:

May - Paradise Bay - Sausalito. Hosted by Joan Sheahan & Ann Sullivan

June - Quail Inn - Oakmont. Hosted by Grover & Janice Blackburn

July - Basque Chalet - San Rafael. Hosted by Oscar & Joan Chambers

August - Picnic at Armstrong Grove. Hosted by Verda Burr

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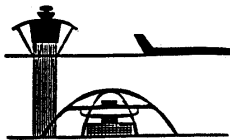
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Latest People News from LAXRR group:

Sharon Carey (ret. LGBRR) has been trying to recover from a "simple" outpatient back surgery as of early March but which developed a very nasty infection. She had to give herself injections twice a day, had a visiting nurse for help with dressings for what seemed forever. She is now healing & reports April was much better - hope to see you in June at the luncheon? (2828 Serang Pl., Costa Mesa, CA 92626)

Ann Daley had the hip replacement which had to be done after breaking the hip in a fall at home. The surgery went well and she is following her therapy plus had visiting help -- sometimes. John repots that they come one day, no show the next, on and on! Her best nurse, of course is John, who is a pretty good cook, it is reported. She's been advised that her recovery will be about 3 months worth assuming all goes as well as it is going. (27117 Whitestone Rd, Palos Verdes, CA 90275).

Shirley June Bailey (ret. LAXRR) has had to endure two knee replacements since last July. The 2nd one has been a bit tough, but she's working on it being back to "normal" in the very near future. (18219 N. 129th Av, Sun City West, AZ 85375).

Shirley Roberts (ret. LGBRR) also broke her hip. This was early April, she was in the hospital for 10 days - the break was pinned and she is home using a walker. The therapy is at home with a visiting therapist several days per week. (9747 Valencia Dr., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240).

Dodie (Tatreau) Newberger (ret. LAXRR) has had a very sad year. In Jan., her mother passed away at age 94. On Apr. 29, her brother succumbed to cancer. He was only 58, an L.A.P.D. Commander. He is survived by a son who is an L.A. County Sheriff's Lt., a son who is a Mesa, AZ police detective, & his wife a retired L.A.P.D. Captain. (13800 Annandale Dr., #40-I, Seal Beach, CA 90740 - a Leisure World neighbor)

From the IAM retiree news:

Within the last month, two members have passed away. **Joseph Neumeyer** - 11491 Martha Ann Dr., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. And **Franz Mautner**, 7816 Kittyhawk Ave., LA, CA90045.

And news from here & there:

A 4/25 news email reports that **Natalie Frayne** was doing quite well though still on a feeding tube. She is very happy with all the cards she's received. The phone number on that date was (323) 7882-2565, Room 118A.

Did you happen to see the USA Weekend 4/20-22 issue, TravelSmart column? It quoted DietDetective.com's rating of in-flight snack menus. Highest, right up there, number 1, was UA's "Rightbite" \$5 package with most variety of healthful choices, followed by CO's snack offer, followed by Jet Blue.

LAX Employee/retiree parking update: No change in price so far, but I'm waiting for the other shoe to fall as the contract for operation of the LAX parking lots has been awarded to a different company. I don't know if they have any say in setting the rates or not - it's just wait & see. Closest employee lots, D North or D South (tag interchangeable) is still \$30 for a month & 5 days, and not so close Lot E, \$15, etc. Barb adds \$2 for her sterling efforts on behalf of all you airport employees/retirees. More details & a map available on request.

Last but not least. **TRAVELing time**. Sept. 17-19 tour to Grand Canyon West area to check out the new **Hualapai Indian built glass bridge** jutting 65 feet out over the canyon, with 2 nights at Laughlin including plenty of time for gambling. Flyers will be sent with the June meeting notices. Bus pickups from LAX Lot E (you need a parking tag for that) & from Seal Beach Leisure World (free parking). Contact Barbara (me) for price and details. If you aren't a ReLAXer member, contact me for a flyer.

Calendar:

May 27-June 2 - See you in SAC

June 13 - Wed. Luncheon - Note day of week change from usual. Luncheon at the Petroleum Club in LGB.

Aug. 9 - Our famous steak fry picnic in El Segundo

Sept. 17-19 - Tour to Grand Canyon & Laughlin

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ReSans members & friends celebrated our Spring Fling & Election of Officers at Carver's Restaurant in Rancho Bernardo. Pres. Marian Owens made the arrangements at this lovely restaurant, where the food was excellent and so very nicely served. The wait staff could not do enough for us. What a concept! A staff that is caring and attentive. 32 of our members attended & a good time was had by all. Congratulations, Marian, on a great venue choice. We welcomed a new member, Carol Schrider & her guest, Pat Anderson. Pat also will be joining our group.

Howard Lackey addressed our group regarding the present pass privilege situation. He said other carriers board their active employees prior to their retirees. If we continue to push for free passes, we could wind up with a BP 10 boarding priority. He advised that we not vote on something we are not thoroughly informed about. He also said that space is still available for the Convention in Sacramento and reservations will probably be accepted right up to date of arrival. Howard also spoke on the resignation of Jo Madden.

Jo - we all want to thank you for all of your years of total dedication to the Newsletter. So many times, you may have wanted to join others on an out of town trip and did not do so because it was "newsletter time". We all love you and will miss you. Your outstanding work speaks for itself. Your dedication may only be realized by the huge staff it will take to fill your tiny, but hard working shoes. Take time now to sit back and enjoy the freedom you have given up to help others, for so many years.

Election of Officers:

(Marian Owens - President

(Kit Fogleman - Treasurer

Finally, your officers are looking for suggestions of where to hold our Christmas Party this year. For years, we have used Tom Hans, but they can no longer accommodate our group. They want a guarantee of 55 attendees. It costs the

chapter too much to make this guarantee. Please help us out & send any suggestions you may have to Carolyn at (619) 461-9937 – CarolynH777@yahoo.com or Marian at (858) 451-2926.



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We know & appreciate that Virgil & John are doing an exemplary job with the monthly RUAEA newsletter. They are being oh-so-patient with all of us nationwide chapter correspondents. But we're still going to miss Jo Madden, her spicy ways & her warm, friendly smile. Long Live Queen Jo, our real life "Energizer Bunny"!

We experienced a bit of a slip in our April General meeting attendance, only 90 people. Where were you? However, we made up in quality what we lacked in quantity. Our favorite Honorary Lifetime Member John ("Brandy") Branstetter came down from his Oregon sanctuary to visit, & he brought us a beautiful big bean pot. Brandy always contributed so much to our past Sept. picnics. It seems he's still tending to our welfare. We also welcomed a new member to our fold who has the loveliest smile, Jo Sassone. As long as our membership keeps climbing, we're happy.

Ozzie & Virginia Schmidt celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary. As usual, the man didn't know "how many" but his lady sure did. And many of those years were spent filling various offices on our executive board. Our most energetic Door Greeter, Mike Mewkalo set a new record, hugging two & a half women as they walked in our door prior to our general meeting. He's a Keeper.

We'd like to ask all of you for prayers for Pauline McCann who was just diagnosed with lung cancer. Her home address is 2400 Carlmont Drive, #402E, Belmont, CA 94002.

Hard-working airport volunteer Ernie Bloom always updates us on the latest happenings at SFO airport. Among other rumored airlines returning, two positives are Aer Lingus, nonstop to Ireland, & Southwest, autumn arrival. Also, Bloom tells us that airport security is tougher than ever, definitely no more fun & games. DO carry your prescription medicines in their original containers. Carry the same amount of meds in your checked luggage as you do in your purse or carryon. Bring along a couple of one-quart Ziploc bags so that you're prepared for "unforeseen security glitches". Also, strictly observe the three-ounce liquid maximum. Be careful what food items you bring home. Many foods, especially from the Philippines, are not allowed in the US.

Our international tour Coordinator Ginger Dahlberg needs you to book now if you want to catch her Australia-New Zealand trip, Jan. 21-Feb. 2, 2008. Also needing early booking is a delightful sounding French barge trip available April 26-May 2, 2008 which has space for only 20 passengers. I've been on one of Dahlberg's barge trips, unusual, peaceful & absolutely fantastic! Two other exciting trips planned for 2008 are in Sept. for South Africa & July 5-11 for Northern Italy. And we're not scrawling this on the wall, but it's true: *"For a good time, call Ginger"* (650) 224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com.

Closer to home & coming up fast, Domestic Tour Coordinator Betty Garner is offering a Roaring Camp steam train ride on June 20 and a Cache Creek Casino fun run on July 16. If you would like to ride Canada's beautiful Snow Train Express, Dec. 6-12 is the date. Email garnerbee@yahoo.com or call (650) 355-4195.

If you get busy & get on your horse, you can write Betty Bliss in time for Oct. 18 Bay Meadows Racetrack tickets. We go individually but have reserved seating as a UAL retiree group. Contact Bliss at 1191 Compass Lane, Foster City, CA 94404 or email me.

Speaking personally now, I'm hoping to turn a bad lesson for me into a smarter one for you. Recently my car and I were on a very busy & fast moving freeway heading for a UAL retirees meeting. I think you call it a "blow out" because the steering wheel & I were no longer friends. Even with my "trouble lights" flashing, it was still scary guiding my disabled car to the side of the road. Grateful for my cell phone, I called for roadside service. In the meantime, I wanted to put flares out to avoid getting rear-ended but I didn't dare get out of the car. My fancy flares & the reflective triangle-shaped warning signs were in the trunk out of my reach. Obviously I've survived. But now, in addition to the first aid kit I have always carried inside the car under the front seat, I have one flare & two reflective warning signs.

And here's a very safe prediction that all present had a great time at the Sacramento Convention!

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday, 11:30 a.m. business meeting, Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. (Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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On April 11, our chapter celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding at our Spring luncheon, held this year at Michaels Shoreline in Mountain View. It was hosted by Wilma & Sandy Garver, charter members who have hosted all of the special anniversary events starting 15 years ago when Rosie Rosenthal was Pres. They hosted the event 5 years later when Steve White was Pres. Five years after that (the 20th) they hosted again, this time at Michaels Shoreline.

Some of the past presidents were in attendance and got up to say a few words. Garver Sandy, Gene Eggert, Bob Bradley, Gerald Frisch, Elaine Kristen, George Sousa & of course, Stan Kolman, all spoke.

Special guest was RUAEA Western Director Howard Payne together with his wife, Jo.

April 11 also happened to be Elaine Kristen's birthday, & everyone sang Happy Birthday.

Guest on April 6 was Bob Burns, friend of Charlie Brown. Also attending was Art Shattock.

Wilma Sandy announced she is giving up her position as Sunshine Lady, after many years of service. It will now be turned over to LaDonna Eggert.

We had a special treat at our April 20 meeting when Dave Saso gave demonstration of his hobby, percussion instruments. He brought in quite an impressive collection & demonstrated the different sounds and explained how they are used in different types of music.

LaDonna is recuperating from cataract surgery. Marion Gaevert also had cataract/astigmatism surgery, was back at the April 27 meeting wearing her "shades".

Carol Copley had pneumonia & a kidney stone problem. Don Burda also had pneumonia, is recovering.

Tony Urso visited Dwayne Howze, who recovered some of his eyesight, is coming along well.

Bob Bradley had a heart attack, is in a convalescent home for recuperation.

Dee Kolman will need additional chemo.

Alice Shelton is having surgery for a tumor. Husband Jim is still in recovery from his recent stroke.

We were sorry to hear that former member Bob Quinn is ill. We will keep him in our prayers.

Don't forget our annual picnic, held on Flag Day, June 14 at Vasona Park. Call Tony Urso (408) 264-8580 for information.

Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. Stan Kolman (408) 736-1775 for details.

June 14 - Annual picnic at Vasona Park.



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Our Luncheon was held at La Conta Golf Course, Valley Springs, with 28 members attending. It was hosted by Don & Dixie Powlesland. We got right down to business after reminding all members of our new plan to charge \$15.00 for lunch. If the cost was more, we will make up the difference from our chapter. If it is less, we would use the extra to put back in the chapter to use for Christmas & other special expenses. Also, we would charge \$15.00 each for membership fee.

Bob & Sandy Brooks gave us a humorous story on how they met, got married & raised a family. Sandy was from the Deep South; Bob was in the Air force – good combination.

On the way back home to Sonora & Twain Hart & Miwuk we stopped to see Dick and Nancy's new digs in Columbia. They moved in on May 8th. Their present home is for sale.

My activity was a visit from 2 nieces; the 2 days were full of shopping, eating out, & a trip to Murpheys.

Nancy Hoffman hopes to be completely back to normal after her back surgery and able to attend the Convention in Sacramento May 27 – June 2. Should be a good one! We look forward to have her report.

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Submitted by Tom Goodyear

56 folks attend the spring luncheon on 4/16 at Red Lobster in Aurora. We were pleased to have 1st timer Ruth Hutchinson with us. Hope Ruth comes back again. Elizabeth Hierzer's daughter Carol Shumate also join us. Jo Madden brought Art Shattock from Los Altos, CA. Warren & Noria Geris were there from Colorado Springs, CO. Harriet Ahr's idea of having everyone a winner by refunding a new five dollar bill made everyone very happy.

Mailing on 4/18 - 43 retirees came out on a beautiful Sat. morning to help preparing the May Newsletter for mailing. It was good to see Joe & Nancy Bain help us. Irma Atanasio did her usual fine job of bringing delicious cake for the workers.

The Mile Highers has their regular monthly breakfast at the United Air Lines Flight Training Center with 46 retirees & friends in attendance. Pete & Pearl Fjugstad joined us from Seattle, it was Pete's birthday so we helped him celebrate by singing Happy Birthday. Even though Paul Miller was late, it was good seeing him again. Tom Goodyear announced that Tony Sortino of OMA will be the new Mountain Region Director. Tom is leaving the Director position due to term limits. The following retirees returned 50/50 winnings to the chapter: Bill Brehmer, Bob Hagedorn, Charlie Hassler, Larry Rahfeld & Ray Shoultz.

The Mile Highers picnic will be held 7/18/07 at Blossom's restaurant - Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora CO. Social hour 11:30 AM, Picnic 12 noon, \$12.00 p/p. Send checks to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211, (303) 477-2918, cut off date is 7/12/07. Next newsletter mailing is on 5/26/07 at United's Training Center. The next breakfast is on June 6 also at United's Training Center; bring a fellow retiree or friend and don't forget the pop cans.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st 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. Bring a fellow retiree!

June 6 - Breakfast Meeting

July 18 - Picnic - Details in column.

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The Citrus Groupers met on April 27 at the Nancy Lopez Country Club in the Villages with 21 members in attendance. Jo Beck was back from a wedding in Dallas, TX. Joe & Elain Cantillo had quite an adventure: They went on a cruise to the Bahamas & got into a bad storm, it got so bad that the ship was unable to dock there & had to continue to Nassau. The Doulans are back from an army reunion in St. Louis where they also took a tour. Wilma Martin is going for another arm surgery, it is not her first one. We wish her the best. We welcomed a new member Tom Brann, he worked in Chicago and San Francisco.

There will be no June or July meetings. We will meet in Aug. at the Pasta Fare, 19491 US Hwy. 441 in Belleview.

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Twenty Sand“DABS” were present at this month’s meeting. Our group was very talkative. Pres. Dick Coughlin opened the meeting with a pledge to the flag & a short prayer. Our three birthday celebrants present were Frieda Coughlin, Bud Gammill & Bill Lowry who has just reached the big “80”. Dick & Frieda Coughlin are celebrating their 49th Anniversary today. Congratulations to all!

Pres. Dick had an interesting reading on “If you lived ...” & gave some humorous phrases for certain places we’re all familiar with. Dick Russell came up with a funny joke for us too & had us laughing. After our 50/50 drawing there was another drawing for Mother's Day which Emily Veracka won.

The news from some of our members is not too good. We learned that Irene Warner fell & broke her knee. She is due for surgery this coming week. We also learned that Gert Pavich has had some sad news. Her husband passed away very suddenly, & then her house was destroyed in the recent tornado we had. Wow - two whammies in such a short time. She is presently living with her nephew until things get settled, then she plans to relocate to Nevada. We'll try to keep you updated on her progress.

Pres. Dick gave us an up-date on news of the airline industry - not too much to report. Herb Gardner gave us some information on a trip he & Molly took to Mississippi. He told of all the devastation still there & how much still needs to be done to re-build the area. One wonders if it will ever get done. Herb likened it to a war zone - miles & miles of nothing there.

Pres. Dick proudly showed pictures of his work in a class on photography he has been taking at the community college. The class was called Enhancing Digital Photography. It was interesting to see how he made a picture taking bits and pieces from several other pictures to make his final one.

Quite a few of us will be going away soon and will not be at the next meeting, but it will still be held June 7, same time, same place.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *Every family tree has its own crabapple.*

Calendar:

June 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

July 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

Aug. 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



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After lunch at the Golden Corral, Pres. Paul Brown welcomed the 27 chapter members present and asked everyone to call a retiree & bring them along to the next meeting! The summer months are generally when just us diehards show up for the camaraderie, so there's plenty of room for some new faces! Each month at our meeting, we ask for suggestions for a favorite dinner location and choose a restaurant to meet for an early (4:30pm) dinner mid-month. May 16th, we met at Brio at the Millennium Mall. Please email me for the next month's location – we'd love to see you!

Welcome Back! To Ernie Vosges, who was in the hospital & Jim Mummah, who had knee surgery and Betty Davidson, who was vacationing in Italy!

Get Well Cards: Don Ulman, Joann Hall, & Mert Lawry

Congratulations to Richard & Gloria Armistead on 54 years of wedded bliss March 7th and to Gene & Joann Hall, 50 years on May 23rd. What an inspiration to us all!

Calendar:

1st Wednesday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral on Semoran Blvd (just south of CurryFord Road). Please note New Time of 12:00 noon.

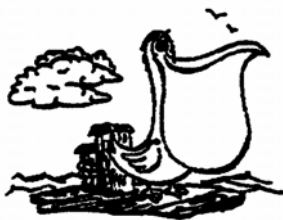
May 23 – June 4, 2008 – 7 Day Alaska Cruise AND 6 days in Fairbanks. Flyers with details will be available at the June 6th chapter meeting.

Sept. 2008 – San Francisco & Wine Country Tour. For details on these trips contact – Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773.

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As planned, our April meeting was a delightful cruise to Cabbage Key. On April 14th, twenty five Pelican Drop-Ins & guests boarded the “Island Star” at 9:00 at Fisherman’s Village & were off down Charlotte Harbor to Cabbage Key. The weather was perfect, warm & breezy, all day. The Cabbage Key restaurant was busy with other boaters, but the turnover was reasonably fast & only a few of us had to wait for a table. Our time there was too short but some had a chance to explore part of the key. It was a wonderful day & enjoyed by everyone. Joan Gilkison took lots of pictures & sent them around to the members by email.

Our last luncheon meeting of the season was held at Sabal Springs Golf & Racquet Club restaurant with twenty-five members in attendance. Before lunch Pres. Terry Gilkison announced the slate of officer candidates to be voted on at our Oct. meeting. The following is the slate: For Pres., Bill Burg - EXOKF, for VP, Sally Sciple - FA, for Correspondent, Rosemary Blake - HNLFA with Associate Correspondent - Nancy Kopp - MIAFA. Treas. Mel Volz - EXOFS & Program Director, Jerry Pryde - WHQKA will both continue in office for 2008. Officers will be elected at our Oct. meeting. Nominations from the floor are encouraged.

Terry then asked Sally Sciple to wish Happy Birthday to the May birthdays. Terry Gilkison’s birthday was announced, he volunteered that he was 88 years old. He then asked Ray Winterhalter to give us an update on the RUEAE news & information. Wanda Schmoyer brought beautiful hibiscus flowers to decorate all the luncheon tables. After lunch, Terry introduced the speaker, Debbi Mitchell, Customer Relations Coordinator for USPS. Debbi used a projector & screen to present all of the services or options available to us via the USPS website at www.usps.com. She also provided handouts. That was our last luncheon meeting of the season. In June, we will start our breakfast get together at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)

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

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Our April meeting at The Linger Lodge was enjoyed by 21 members & guests. The serene setting along the Braden River, the wildlife, enjoyed from the screened deck, as well as the displays & the rustic setting inside the building always makes for an entertaining visit. Besides, there is also a rather unusual “old Florida” style menu.

We welcomed first time visitor Art Singleton, and second timers Bill & Diane Taggart. Also for the first time this year, Linda West was able to join us.

Pat Bell was well enough after knee replacement to be able to join us, however, Lois Kline was not feeling well, so Herm came by himself. Lois, we hope you will be up to enjoy our picnic next month.

We wish all of our members traveling back north a safe journey. We look forward to your return, but will enjoy the much lighter traffic till then.

Since the summer meetings went well last year, we will have them this year as well. They are planned for: June 14th, July 12th, Aug. 9th & Sept. 13th - The Olive Garden, 14th St., (US 41) Bradenton, FL. Location is subject to change

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The May meeting was opened with 32 members in attendance. Pres. Lindstrom led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no guest speaker. Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved, the Treas.' report was also read & approved.

Anniversary - 5/6 Bill & Jean Linehan 46 yrs.

Birthdays - 5/14 Ron Wilkerson, 5/16 Bob Lindstrom, 5/23 Dave Lodge.

Travel - The Lindstroms traveled to Kenosha, WI to see their new grandson. Bob stated that they traveled first class round trip (he drove).

New Business - Bob read several UAL articles regarding stock prices, load factors & buying into Aloha Airlines. The 2007 dues are due in July and can be mailed to Mike Rice, 8230 Sugarbush Dr. Springhill, FL 34606.

Sunshine Committee - Terri stated that there were no cards mailed this month but commented that it was nice to see Dick Riedel, Sadie Tuten & Edith Polito in attendance after their illnesses. She reported that the Christmas Luncheon will be held on Dec. 3 at the Spartan Manor. Flyers with reservation info will be mailed out in mid Aug. The fall picnic will be held at Anderson Park in Oct.

Pres. Lindstrom closed out the meeting with an animal story (he hates to disappoint his audience). Jekyll Island, GA & the ATL airport have teamed up to provide the traveling public with a sea turtle attraction via live TV feeds. Meeting adjourned 11:00.



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Cruising time is over, but there are going to be many wonderful memories. There were 20 members & guests that went on the Palm Beach gambling cruise. We haven't heard about any big winners, but the food was excellent and everyone had a good time. Seven members took the extended Holland America cruise from Tampa, FL to Venice, Italy. To everyone's amazement, the seven day ocean crossing was like a sheet of glass. Even the Captain said he had never seen anything like it. After the cruise, traveling in Venice with all the luggage was quite a chore. For our June 12th meeting, we are planning a picnic. Invitations will be sent.

Wine secret – Open the bottle to allow it to breathe. When it does not breathe, give it mouth-to-mouth.

Calendar:

June 12 – Picnic – more info to follow

July & Aug. – Vacation

Sept. 11 - 11:30 luncheon meeting at RJ Gators, 7950 S US 1, Port St. Lucie.

FORT LAUDERDALE FLYERS

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FLL Flyers met on May 7 at Panera Bread with 9 people in attendance. The guest speaker was Pat Cray of Gold Coast Lending. She gave a very informative discussion about your Credit Score, Home Ownership Accelerator program & Identity Theft. We had a lot of questions. We agreed to collect \$5.00 dues P/P per year. We still want people to go to the meetup.com website & sign up to RSVP for the meetings. Pres. Beverly announced she has a 2/2 condo for sale or rent in downtown Ft. Lauderdale in case anyone knows of someone who is looking to relocate. Her email is bevual@aol.com.

Four people from the group plan on attending the Convention in Sacramento this month.

Calendar:

June 4 - 11:30 AM, Panera Bakery, 1762 N. Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 – (954)-567-5925. Our speaker will be a lady from Ameriplan which is a discount service for Dental, Chiropractor, Vision & Drug programs.

GEORGIA



DIXIE FLYERS

DIXIE FLYERS

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Twenty six flyers & two guests were in attendance for the May 2 lunch at The I-Hop Restaurant in Fayetteville, GA, hosted by Richard & Diayne Thompson. The guests were Greg Mace, Sam & Eva Mace's son, and Alexandria Thompson, Richard & Diayne's 3 month old granddaughter. We had a nice private room for our meeting as the restaurant had been recently all remodeled. The food was good and, some had coupons for specials offered by the restaurant from the newspapers.

It was good to have Jane Brown back with us. She has been traveling & busy with family. Sandy Lis held a brief business meeting. Bruce Brodersen was back, he has been very busy with his volunteer work with AARP filing income tax returns for retirees & seniors. He reported with anticipation that he would be attending the upcoming RUAEA convention this year. Bruce, Willie Foles, Don Sullivan, & Ray Owen, reflected on the past with stories of how it used to be traveling non rev as opposed to recent experiences traveling under all the new rules & tighter security imposed upon us all. Some very interesting contrasts were noted.

About 100 retirees, former employees, current employees, & friends showed up for Don & Marge Shelley's annual picnic at their home in Locust Grove, GA. on April 21st. This was the 7th annual gathering that is fast becoming a tradition to all who attend. All brought covered dishes & chairs for seating. Ice, drinks, dinnerware, and fixin's were provided by the Shelley's. Big thanks to Eric Shelley for helping Mom & Dad with parking, & overseeing, all were taken care of very nicely. Everyone had a great time, good food, and great camaraderie.

Calendar:

July 11 - Lunch on 2nd Wed. (because of July 4 holiday) - 12:00 noon at Logan's Roadhouse, McDonough, GA, sponsored by Jane Brown.

HAWAII

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HNLSW has invited our membership to their retiree reunion party:

UN TED (I is missing from UNITED) 2007 Party
June 30, 2007 – Kaneohe Bay Yacht Club
16:00 start – No Host Bar – Burger Dinner
Free Parking – Aloha Attire
\$25 for tickets now, \$30 at the door

For will call, send a check to: Riley Hakoda, 420 Iolani Avenue, Honolulu HI 96813 (Rhakoda@aol.com). Or see Naomi Loewe at Manoa Shopping Center (Chelsea) – (808) 988-6799.

Calendar:

June 21 - Luncheon - Location TBA

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This is one of those months when the deadline for the Newsletter precedes our monthly breakfast meeting, so any news gathered at our get-together on May 10 will have to wait until next month. However, I can relate what I know about upcoming events for the chapter.

We've scheduled a lunch at Pad Thai House for 1 p.m. on May 22. That's located at 1473 S. Five Mile Road in Boise. We hope the telephone committee got the word out in time.

On June 19, we'll have a late lunch or an early dinner (whatever you want to call it) starting at 4 p.m. at the Sandbar restaurant in Marsing. Guests are welcome at all functions, so bring a friend.

For July we're planning our annual chapter memorial picnic (might even be a potluck at **Ned Yundt's** home). The date will either be July 17 or 24. We'll have the details for you later.

On the go are **Ann Rose** who is visiting family & friends in Germany. **Bud & Pat Peters** are just back from a tour of the southwest, mostly to visit the National Parks, plus a short visit in PHX. **Shirley Dempsey** has returned from the Bay Area, where she assisted with arrangements for an upcoming wedding.

That's all, folks!

Calendar:

We meet on the 1st first Mon. of each month, at JB's in Meridian at 9 a.m.

June 4 - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

July 2 - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

ILLINOIS

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Our Skyliners month of May was very exciting with many activities. Some of the highlights of the past month started off brightly with a full moon; Cinco de Mayo on the 5th, Volunteers helping at the Chicago Food Pantry on the 7th, Breakfast for the Northsiders was on 9th with special treats honoring all the Mothers; Mother's day & the Y-Me race on the 12th at Chicago's lake front; National Peace Officers Day on the 15th, Downtown Brunch get together on 16th, Armed Forces Day the 19th, our 31st RUAEA Convention in Sacramento during the week of May 27; Memorial Day 28th. Wow, that sure was indeed was a full month with a lot of happening things going on.

Looking forward to the next six months of this year are: The 2nd Wed. of the month is the Northsiders breakfast starting around 8 a.m.; Flag Day Jun 14; Fathers Day Jun 17; The Southsiders brunch beginning 10 a.m. the last Tues. of each month; Run for the Zoo in Lincoln Park in June; July 4th; Skyliners Summer Picnic on July 31st (an in door Picnic event); Grandparents Day Sept 9th; 25th Anniversary of the Gals & Guys of Midway in Sept. – A gala event planned remembering the Midway Airport days here in Chicago; Rosh Hashana Sept. 13th; Fall Luncheon Oct 9th; Halloween Oct 31st; Veterans Day Nov 11th; Thanksgiving Day Nov 22nd; toys for tots collection at World Headquarters in Dec.; Pearl Harbor Day Dec 7th; Christmas Luncheon Dec 11th; and finally Christmas Day 25th.

It looks like a full calendar for 2007. Hope your calendars are marked. We should live our lives to the fullest & enjoy these few mentioned occasions with our families & friends who are so dear to us.

Phyllis & Phil Capuzelo teamed up with United couples Al & Carol Maday on a 13 day trip to China. On 3 different Chinese airlines they made stops in Shanghai & Yaching. They also went on a river cruise on the Yangtze River to Chongquig & Xi / An and Beijing to visit the Terra Cotta Warriors & walk the Great Wall of China.

After a beautiful dinner-dance, Ginny & Frank Vlach are continuing their celebration of 50 years by embarking on a Holland/Belgium river boat cruise. Continued sightseeing in Amsterdam, then on to a cheese tasting event in Edam, then to

Antwerp to painters Ruben's House. Then Bruges' medieval cities & Ghent's night life. A final spurt of energy to the Keukenhof Gardens in Utrecht before returning in the friendly skies of UAL.

Of the 30 members on the Southside roster, 22 came to the April brunch. Mary Brandt presented each one with a new updated directory. We had donations from 4 "no badges" & a parking lot (?) donation from Mel Fischer. Marge Caliendo almost had a TriFecta winning the raffle only twice, leaving one win to Rudi Maki & one to Carmen Chavez. Someone will be surprised in May. Florence Constance is recuperating well.

The last big snowfall for the season put a damper on the small crowd that ventured out into the inclement weather for breakfast at the Northsiders gathering. It was a small but cozy together of about 50 diehards. In fact, one newcomer Linda Cilona called & said that she would be there with her husband Gerry only if there was no snow. I guess the weather man heard this as they did not show up because of all the snow.

It was good to hear that Terry Martin was on road to recovery from her recent operation. Always a smile on her face, I am sure she would be overjoyed receiving a card or two. Her address is 531 Auburn Lane, Schaumburg, IL. 60193.

Since it is not too early to plan for the Midway 25th Anniversary in Sept., we're asking names of people who worked there or know of someone that worked at Midway to be invited to this event. If you have received announcements in the past, we have your name; we need to invite those who have never attended. Please call Marge Daily at (847) 439-1441 or mail your name to: Midway Gals & Guys, P.O. Box 598M, Hoffman Estates, IL. 60195 at your earliest so a personal invitation can be mailed. And if you have any pictures, articles of memory from Midway please contact me, Rich Surma at (630) 830-1279 as these will be returned to you. We have a surprised guest of honor coming for your enjoyment. For more information call or write us.

Calendar:

June 5 – Volunteers go to the Chicago Food Depository – First **Tues.** of the Month

June 13 – Join in at breakfast with the Northsiders Group – 9:00 a.m. Artemis Restaurant - Golf & Busse Roads in Mt. Prospect, IL.

June 26 – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

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SPRING ... It's finally arrived. We have had the strangest weather here in Indiana. We all thought, along with the trees, bushes & flowers, that spring had sprung a couple of months ago. Leaves began to sprout, neighbors put down their fertilizers, lawns needed to be mowed & then ... freezing cold! Re-growth has begun but the beauty of green is shadowed with withered black leaves. For today, I am feeling grateful as the sun is shining brightly, my garden is planted & thriving and our lawn looks richly dressed in dark green. Once again I say with absolute affirmation ... SPRING IS HERE!

The Indy Racer's June 9th picnic is quickly approaching & we could really use a head count. We will be grilling hot dogs and/or hamburgers. Our chapter will provide the meats & soft drinks. For those of you who plan on attending, we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. This year, the picnic will begin at 11:00 at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville. Call me at the above phone number if you need directions or have questions.

During our April meeting, we discussed a possible trip on July 17-18 to the Argosy Casino. Included in the price of \$75.00 P/P is a one night stay at the hotel, three meals & of course the bus ride to & from. As for gambling money ... you're on your own! Ron & I plan to go and as always, I plan to win big! Gambling with me keeps the casinos financially solvent. Speaking of winning, each month we have a 50/50 raffle & I have yet to win. Bud Barnett won \$26.00 during our April meeting.

Bob Duffy shared some updated information on health insurance and during our May 14th meeting, a Blue Cross Blue Shield representative will be present to answer our many questions. This meeting should be very informative if not very entertaining! Plan to attend because the more people with more questions equals lots more answers.

As always, we welcome all new members & those just passing through. The Indy Racers meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd. in Plainfield. Meetings begin at 3:00 but access to our own room is open at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting.

Calendar:

May 14 – meeting

June 9 – picnic

June 11 - meeting

July 9 - meeting

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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Our April 18 Luncheon, the first meeting of the year had a surprising turnout of 67 members, despite the extreme bad weather of the past week. I guess our members all had cabin fever. I wasn't sure I would be able to attend as most of the roads throughout NH had been impassable due to overflowing rivers & streams. I haven't been able to drive for a week, but managed fine heading south with only one detour. Audrey Joyce driving north from Boston said thanks to the weather, traffic on the expressway moved at just 4 mph. So much for global warming! Patty Mix spent the week with Mercedes Hersom in NH, because her ocean side home on Cape Cod was being threatened by this week's extreme high tides. Not sure NH has been much better. Lucky Pat & Bob Austin are still snow birding in Naples, FL. Probably, everyone spent the week at home as I did. I can see why everyone was so happy to get out and see each other.

It was good to see Audrey Joyce, Patty Mix, Frances Mathews, Paul Newcomb, Dick & Delores Woodworth, Bob & Eileen Seibold and Jim & Sue Yip, whom we haven't seen in some time. Also, we got to see Paul Bradley & Marcia Kilpatri, two meetings in a row.

Bill Shailor advised his son Jonathon ran the Boston Marathon representing the Dana Farber Institute. Twenty six miles, pretty good for a 50 year old. June Alberino advised her great grand daughter & family from AZ will be visiting next week. Ron & Joyce Heisler's grandson recently joined the Air National Guard & will soon be stationed at Pease AFB in Portsmouth NH. Tony & Dolores Berardi flew to SNA via DEN to visit their daughter Debbie (once a CSR in BOS) & granddaughter. To their surprise, they traveled first class RT. Also, their grandson at a local high school won the statewide news contest sponsored by Fox News & YouTube.com. Bob & Judy Austin's grandson just started working for Continental Express, & after training will be at MHT. Bob & Sue DiPippo just returned from a Caribbean cruise on the Norwegian Pearl. Bob advised he got up early Sun. morning & saw the Easter Bunny! Welcome back to winter -er- spring Bob!

The Nor'Easters had several anniversaries this month: Raymond & Wanda Forster, Frank & Janed (sex is still wild) DeStefano, Lew & Sylvia Shakley, Ralph & Elaine Torres and Bill & Marie Dwyer. Bill & Marie took their kids & grandkids to the Beacon Motel & Resort in NH's north woods for their weekend celebration. Our birthday revelers were Bill Betters & Audrey Joyce.

With such a crowd, we had four 50/50 winners, with a total of \$150.00 in cash prizes. Winners were Dick Woodworth, Sylvia Shakley, Lewis Loyn & George Mavreles. Free lunch winners were Sue Dipippo & Fran Mathews.

Peter Fusco recently experienced chest pains and spent two days hospitalized for check ups. He is now home, attended this meeting & at 85 years young says he feels pretty good. Dick & Delores Woodworth had spent the past week in Boston, as their son had knee surgery. Next week, when Rick Junior comes home, Delores will be heading in for her own surgery. Our prayers are with you Delores. Our only sad news is that Ann Thornell's father passed away.

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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21 Escapees met at the Golden Feather hosted by Gloria Alexander on May 3. It was nice to welcome back many of our snow birds. We missed Betty Martinez who suffered a heart attack, she was rushed to the hospital on time and had a stent installed. She is now home, doing fine but feeling a little weak. Love & prayers to Betty @ 17992 N. Fruitport Rd. Spring Lake, MI 49456-1568. Also keep Trudy Hall's husband, Al @ 27127 Sutherland, Warren, MI 48088 in your prayers as I heard he also had a stent put in last month. Thank God for all these miracles in medicine.

Love & prayers to Dollie Sellers @ 35118 N. Bay Circle, Harrison Twp., MI 48045, as her Mom left this world for God's Kingdom.

The month of June, the Escapees will be celebrating our 12th birthday. Where has the time gone?

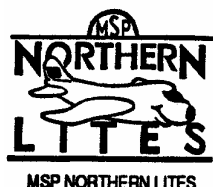
Calendar:

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

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April's lunch gathering was not atypical of our fair state; rain mixed with slush tried to dampen the spirits of the 27 of us who showed up to eat & visit. We were pleased to see Andy & Norma Holen back from the Valley of the Sun for the summer. Recently, they hosted their granddaughter for a couple of weeks & she ran ol' Grampa ragged. Andy also has the distinction of having lost at shuffleboard to his 84-year-old neighbor. Female.

We're happy to hear that Duane Cater is very much alive & kicking. Don't know if he & Celeste will make it up to MN this summer, but we hope that if they do, that they'll honor us with their presence at one of our functions.

We're mourning the loss of two of our alumni: Bob Hagerla, who worked Air Freight for many years & Tim Privette, who worked Lost & Found at MSP until transferring to EXO. We didn't see much of Bob after his retirement, but Tim & Caren moved back to the Twin Cities area after retirement & we were able to spend good time with them.

Wayne Cole's bride, Karen, is recovering from a mini-stroke. Wes Briest had to have more surgery on that darn' knee & needs several weeks' rehab.

The May meeting will have decided where & when the annual picnic will be. Everyone was leaning toward August again. Also, whether we'll have an autumn cruise this year will have been decided in May. See, if you don't show up at the monthly lunches to have your opinions heard, you could be excluded from the decision-making!

By now, those Northern Lites who joined the Loonies for their Spring Fling will only have fond memories of the reconnection with friends, the good food & fun events. Now we can look forward to the Oct. meeting!

Calendar:

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

NEBRASKA



GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 48 who enjoyed our luncheon at The Bohemian Café. Our thanks to Rose & Tom Langan for hosting. We were pleased to have Deb & Les Clausen join us. Deb just retired from UAL after working in Omaha, then transferring to Detroit & Grand Rapids. She was called back to Omaha to work for a short time, retiring while here. Also in attendance were Georgia Egr, Harold Rowe & his wife, Vera Thomsen accompanied by her son-in-law, Clair & Barb Soseman, and back from their winter vacation in Texas, Don & Sena Jensen.

I spoke to Marge Stankoski, the chemo she was taking made her very sick; thus, she spent 10 days in the hospital. She said Louie is a wonderful nurse. Marge is very weak, hopefully, they will get a treatment which won't be as hard on her as the previous two treatments she had.

Jim Casey continues his treatment for Prostate Cancer, is doing very well.

Nick Nekonchuk will be transferred to the Bellevue Hillcrest Health Plaza, 1702 Hillcrest Dr., Bellevue, NE 68005, for further rehab. Cards may be sent to that address.

Calendar:

May 1 – Lo Sole Mio Villa, Hosted by Evan & Eileen Holly

June 5 - Picnic at Chalco Hills

July 10 - Le Peep, hosted by Peggy & Casey Casebeer

Aug. 7 - Fish & Game, Council Bluffs, Hosted by Larry & Sharon Farrell

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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Next meeting is on June 12th, at 11:30 am. At Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel & Casino, 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107 - (702) 258-5200.

I picked my grandchildren up at the airport while the April 10th meeting was in session so Chris Czaplewski is doing this report; I thank her for stepping in to help.

"The April 10th luncheon/meeting at Arizona Charlie's, Decatur, was attended by 40 members of the LV Gamblers. We were served a wonderful entree of Chicken & Pasta Primavera with alfredo sauce. Our lunch included a nice salad & choice of sugar free or regular desserts. After all these years of Buffets, we finally get a nice sit-down meal! Hostess Jeannie & her staff sure treat us warmly. Sunshine Lady, Eleanor Vasko, had scattered candy bars at the tables; & Lois Fox had added some of her wonderful home-made chocolate raspberry truffles; what a treat!"

Our next luncheon/meeting on June 12th will be a Red/White/Blue theme to honor Flag Day. Winnie Stone has suggested that we try a different theme for each of our bi-monthly meeting; so we'll announce our next one for August.

We thank Treas. Jean Frasco for doing a fine job. Thanks also to John Albert & George Fox; our Pres. & VP for doing a great job with the 50/50 & raffle ticket sales. Lucky winners were Madeline Meierkort, Winnie Stone, Marylou Littlefield, Lois & Max Miller, Eleanor Vasko, Felix Cicco, Nelma Gutwald, Lorraine Georgia, and Koji Takeuchi. Winning tickets were called twice for Lois, Eleanor, & Felix; they were kind enough to turn the 2nd one back in so someone else could win. I'm sure that would NOT happen on the slot machines, huh?

We've missed Lillian Wiper the last couple of meetings, as she is not feeling well. Am sure she would appreciate a card at 4632 Bountiful Way, Las Vegas, NV 89121. We've also missed Lily Iwamoto; she, too, has been under the weather; but we hear that she & her daughter, Jeannie Butler are planning a trip to Hong Kong, so get well soon, Lily! We look forward to hearing all about your trip when you return. It's always great to see Marge & Ray Gibson; they were our original Pres. & Secy.; they're still 'hanging in there'! We enjoyed some funny stories from Ingeborg Levy, Ray Gibson, & Willie Bullinger. Also heard some good stories from John Albert from his SFO working days. He has some good items for the UAL Historical Foundation, which we all enjoy reading about in the RUAEA newsletter. Thanks to Tom Goodyear for all the work he does with this project. We look forward to the Convention in SMF and seeing some of our retiree friends. Meeting was adjourned, and some of us returned to the Casino to try our luck."

Thanks Chris.

Notes from our Sunshine Lady, Eleanor Vasko: Happy news, Eb & Peggy Priest celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 17th. So-so news, Jim & Sue Legg moved to Iowa; sad news, Marge Gibson's sister past away in Pennsylvania.

Local news: They just opened the new Planet Hollywood, it used to be The Aladdin.

If any of you are in this area on any 2nd Tues. of June, Aug., Oct. or Dec., feel free to contact us to attend our luncheon which by the way is a whole lot better than we used to have.

Calendar:

June 12 – Meeting at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel & Casino

Aug. 14 – Meeting at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel & Casino

Oct. 9 – Meeting at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Hotel & Casino

NEW JERSEY

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Submitted by Lena Confer.

The New Jersey Gardenstators met on April 25 at Snuffy's Restaurant. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. There was a moment of silence for Air Freight Agent Art Daneri who passed away. It

was mentioned that Maria Laranjeira, wife of Gus, was home nursing a broken bone in her back. Pres. Confer mentioned that when traveling, you have to leave travel bags unlocked. Now there are special TSA approved locks which can be purchased at JC Penney, Target & most luggage stores if you want to lock your luggage. George Wittman spoke briefly on RUAEA Convention taking place in May. A group of our members will be attending. John Murphy gave the treasurers report.

Information was given to the volunteers for the annual Career Expo at Newark Liberty Airport. All volunteers must be at building 79 to catch the 7:30 a.m. or 8:10 a.m. bus to Ikea. The 79 parking lot fills up early. The overflow can park in P6 lot next door. A voucher will be given to those volunteers who park there.

All those who are interested in going to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Sept. 19 to see Tony Pace are to let John Murphy know.

Calendar:

May 30 – Meeting.

NEW YORK

GUYS AND DOLLS

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We are a cozy group of 14 for our April 10th Luncheon at San Martin. We were happy to welcome two new members: Rosemary Bechtler & Joy Smith of NYCRR.

Sorry to report we will have no representatives at the Convention in Sacramento.

Anne Dean shared travel information & photos of her recent trip to Dubai & Oman. She & her husband, Don were amazed at the huge amount of buildings being erected in Dubai. It seems the Sheik has all construction put on fast forward in hopes of a 2016 bid for the Olympics. The Architecture in Dubai is very modern & futuristic. Another member, Ernestine Manzo had visited these countries last year & found them equally fascinating.

Future travelers are Audrey Smolik to Italy & Pam Jones to Paris.

Ann Cannarella finally won the 50/50.

Calendar:

June 5 – Luncheon at San Martin. Please RSVP to Jeanne Leo or Marge Segal - (212) 355-1788.

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

Once again the Metros have lost another member in good standing; Mary Zwieliick has passed away while visiting in FL. Mary has been ill for awhile after the death of her beloved husband, Joe. Mary & Joe leave one son, Joseph, two grandsons, Matthew & Joseph & one great grandchild. The Metro members send the Zwieliick family condolences & prayers for the loss of Mary & Joe.

Don't forget our members who are unable to attend the meetings for one reason or another.

(George Maertz is still recuperating from a broken leg – (516) 794-5025.

(Edythe Dollis is a guest at a local nursing home in Queens – (718) 794-5025.

(Ingrid Schultz is a nursing home guest in Carmel, NY – (845) 878-2773.

I am proud to announce that the New York Metros have a celebrity in its chapter. Frank Kittle, an a/c mechanic retired from JFK is doing volunteer work at the American Airpower Museum at Republic Airport on Long Island. While helping to restore a PBY Catalina airplane, he was interviewed by the Newsday reporter & gave him the cook's tour of a B24 Liberator. The article was found by Metro Pres. Jim Richardson in Google. Jim retold the WWII story about Frank Kittle's B24 Liberator Bomber hunting for German U-boats in the Bay of Biscay off the coasts of Spain & France. The story continues with the B24 bombing a U-boat 508 captained by a Lt. Georg Staats, one of the Most dangerous U-boat captains of his day, however, 6 JU-88s that were protecting the German U-Boats in that area attached Frank's B-24 and knocked out 3 of 4 engines. The Liberator was so badly damaged that they had to ditch in the Bay. The B-24s crew, whom all survived,

was afloat in the water for 72 hours before being picked up by a PBY Catalina, the same type of airplane Frank Kittle is helping to restore.

Both Paul Cohen & Charlie Kaczinski will be attending the annual RUAEA convention in Sacramento, CA at the end of May.

Jim Richardson expects to have a new restaurant for the Metro chapter's monthly meetings by June's luncheon.

Calendar:

June 6 - 12 noon Asian Buffet in Hicksville

July 11 - Picnic at Wantagh State Park

Aug. 1 - 12 noon Picnic at Wantagh State Park

Sept. 5 - 12 noon - To be announced

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The May meeting of the Buckeyes was held at Bucci's Italian Restaurant in Berea on May 9th. This will be the 2nd year that Carol Seifried & Barbara Vauls have hosted this spring luncheon. We expected 65 Buckeyes in attendance. Thank you both for hosting this luncheon.

I received a card from Caleb (Cale) Neth thanking the Chapter for their donation to St. Peter's Lutheran Church Scatter Garden. He would also like to thank everyone for his or her Sympathy Cards. Please continue to keep Cale & his family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Lennie & Mary Ann Friedel who celebrated their 42nd anniversary this past April. Congratulations again & many more.

If you haven't yet visited the Ohio Buckeyes website, please do. This is the site address: www.ualohiobuckeyes.org. Remember this site has up-to-date information.

Calendar:

July 11 - Annual Picnic, W.J. Green Lodge in METROPARKS, 2nd Wed. of the month, 12 noon.

Aug. 8 - Annual trip to Northfield Race Track, 6:00 PM.

Sept. - To be announced.

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What an entertaining speaker we had at the April meeting. Tony Vecchio kept us enthralled talking about the Oregon Zoo. It was an amazing presentation especially when he talked about wild pigs. Yes, wild pigs!

Congratulations to Eric & Joan Brotherton who celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary this month.

Wes Briest, a member who lives in Egan, MN recently had knee replacement surgery on both knees. Herman Hoek was hospitalized in April, later transferred to Laurelhurst Care Center; however, Elaine hopes to bring him home mid May. Please send cards to their home. I understand Helen Stinnett has been ill. I hope they all are on the road to recovery.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Hal Shull who passed away on April 26th. Hal retired from the SFO maintenance base where he was a MM specialist. He is also credited with creating the scaffolding for the first 747 maintenance dock.

Don't forget to send in your money for the annual picnic to be held at the North Clackamas Park again this year. The date is Wed., July 11th. Social hour 11-12, lunch starts at noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$16 P/P. It will be a catered, buffet style lunch & the menu sounds wonderful. BBQ boneless ribs, fried chicken, potato salad, pasta salad, fresh fruit.

Our members are encouraged to bring a dessert for everyone to share. The deadline to get your reservations in is June 20th. Please send your check to Jack Hooper, PO Box 286, Washougal, WA 98671.

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 & load information.

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave. Portland OR, 11AM - Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

June 13 - Social

July 11 - Picnic

Aug. 8 - TBA

OUR CLUB

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When talk around the luncheon table turns to mowers & lawn tractors & garden planting schedules, you know spring has sprung in Southern Oregon. That was the case when 17 OUR Club members gathered for lunch at Long River Steakhouse on April 6. The luncheon was hosted by Peggy & Walt Wilson who arranged for our group to get together at this relatively new restaurant in Grants Pass - much to everyone's enjoyment.

We also enjoyed welcoming new member Wayne Widrig of Eagle Point. Wayne retired from air freight at LAX, we're all very pleased to have him in our neck of the woods & our chapter of RUAEA. Wayne also brought his brother, Carl Widrig, a retired United pilot. We're working on Carl.

Russ Randall & his bride, Alberta, attended the luncheon; Russ appeared to be coming along well after recent knee replacement surgery.

Calendar:

May 4 - Wild River Brewery & Restaurant - Joe & Carol Bango

June 1 - TBA, Doe Pope

July 6 - TBA, Herb & Mary Crees

PENNSYLVANIA



THE INDEPENDENTS

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Twenty six attendees enjoyed our lunch. It was good to see Jim Taylor out & on his feet again. Welcome back Jim. Al & Kathy Edwards is doing well after surgery. John Houser is also improving. Thank you Bob Fox for your very generous donation to our Christmas fund.

Lew Meyer made an impassioned announcement about an upcoming event called Face of America. It will take place on April 28th and 29th. This year they are proud to include severely injured military personnel from Iraq & Afghanistan. They will be riding bicycles from Gettysburg, PA to Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. Since many are multiple amputees, some will ride tandem & some on specially designed bikes. Lew is involved in finding a route that does not involve too many steep grades. He will also ride that weekend as support. The website for more information is: www.worldteamsports.org. Some of us plan to sponsor & some plan to go out along the route to cheer & wave.

Joe announced our intention to attend the Christmas show in Lancaster, PA this year. We are planning early to take advantage of the supplies for Bingo. We played 4 games. Gail Brad & Mrs. Neelan each won one. Al Edwards won 2 of them! Good job Al!

Calendar:

May 14 - General meeting - 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn

May 21 - Committee Meeting -12:30PM at the Edwards'

PITTSBURGH
PIT-STOPPERS

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The Spring Luncheon hosted by Jeri & Bernie Juth was held on Apr 20th with 40 members enjoyed a delicious luncheon. It was great to see Art Todd who flew in from Reno. Good to see Bettye McQuiston back in the fold, thanks to President Vic.

The invocation was led by Carl Chiochi, Pres. Vic Ference conducted a business meeting & presented several changes to the by-laws which were voted upon. Asst. Treas. Barb Seaholm gave a financial report. The food donations were taken by Bill Redfern & given to a local food pantry.

Marlene Mootsey is recuperating at home following a knee replacement. Well wishes can be sent to her c/o 3300 Harding Ave., Aliquippa, PA 15001. Hubby Ray was taking good care of her.

Treatie Karwoski reported to us that our good friend & former Correspondent JoAnn Schneider Eckels is not doing well & not responding to medication. Please keep her in your prayers.

Our condolences go out to Pat & Rose Marie Lavelle on the passing of Fran Lavelle. Fran was in the maintenance Dept in PIT & DEN. Fran was recently residing in Indianapolis. Cards can be sent to Pat, 211 Wyngate Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

Please say a prayer for our fellow member John Schiralli, husband of June. John was to have surgery on May 15th. John & June are very active members of the chapter & I know John would love to hear from his many friends, 116 William Circle, McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

Best wishes to Phylliss Smith who was recently hospitalized & recuperating at home - 1672 Henrici Ave., Ambridge, PA 15003.

Last but not least, congratulations to our new Northeast Director Treatie Karwoski.

Calendar:

July 19 – Annual Picnic

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Our bi-monthly breakfast was held at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road on April 19. Those of us who were there enjoyed another wonderful get-together with our fellow airline employees & spouses. Our conversation veered off onto the subject of fishing. We all managed to tell a few "fish stories". We also talked about the Festival of Nations which is currently being held at Dollywood. The Emmels and Barrs unexpectedly ran into each other on a special pass holder preview day. We spent a great day together seeing various entertaining shows & sampling some of the food booths.

Our May meeting will be extra special as we are going to have lunch on the Watts Barr Paddleboat. It sounds like a fun time. It has been reported to us that Les Swallow is in good spirits & recently his family was in to see them. Let's continue to keep Les & Joanne in our prayers.

Calendar:

June 21 - 9:30 EST. Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

July 19 - 12:30 EDT - Hosts Herman & Bev Emmel (865) 278-3482. Location to be determined.

Aug. 16 - 9:30 EDT - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. It's a great way to start your day!

UTAH

THE SALT LAKERS

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On April 18, 22 chapter members met for coffee & donuts and Mrs. Fields cookies. Donors of the sweet treats were Betty Davis, Sandy Cantonwine, & Mike "Kris Kringle" Brown. Thank you, everyone! Today, we beat the promised snowstorm by about 2 hours - & by noon, it arrived with a vengeance!

We welcomed a few less frequent visitors: Frank Christenson & Simon/Maureen Seikaly. We greeted regulars: Doug Roberts, Hank/Mary Bons, Lila Maughan, Betty Davis, Bill/Shirley Ottman, Doug Peterson, Carl/Lorraine Olson. Norm & Shirley Scown returned to Snow Country, having spent a goodly part of the winter in sunny CA.

Missed were Art Scott, Kiyoko Olsen, Kip Lufkin, Kaye Nelson, Tony/Dorothy Brown, Aletha Cannon & daughter Shirlene, Grant Beutler, Frank "Bud" & Beverly Farrington. A call to the Farrington residence, to inquire about their well-being, proved unsuccessful. Hank Bons had surgery on his back and, obviously, feels a lot better.

Sandy Cantonwine's wife Darlene is in physical therapy at the St. Joseph rehab center, getting all the attention she needs to get better; Sandy & their daughter Judy are daily visitors.

Simon Seikaly brought in a special treat for the chapter Secy.: one of his delicious Palestinian cookies called Date Mamoul, a premium Mediterranean pastry he special-ordered for himself & his family in Dearborn, MI. Thank you, Simon & Maureen!

Calendar:

June 20 – Potluck Lunch - 1pm; Island View Park, Centerville

July 18 - Lunch - 2pm; Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W. Bountiful

VIRGINIA

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Our Chapter met on April 13 at Bedford, VA, Old Liberty Station, a renovated Norfolk & Western railroad station from the 1920s to the 60s. Thirteen of our members were present including new members Robert & Shirley Eugenia. We are happy to have new members & are sorry to lose those who can no longer attend due to illness & driving distances. We miss them.

Everyone was urged to visit the beautiful D-Day Memorial nearby in honor of those young men who died during their first battle at Omaha Beach in WWII. All of these young men were a big loss to the town of Bedford & their families and friends. This was more than any other town in the country at one time.

Pres. Gene Calvert reviewed the chapter activities & plans for our June meeting. A lot of discussion concerned the price of Medco medicine & the agreements by the company.

John Rice, Activity Chairman, is making plans for our next meeting in June which will be announced & information sent to all.

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Sixty two members & guests enjoyed a fine meal and excellent service at the Muckle Shoot Casino Luncheon, which had been arranged by Ken & Barb Rudzinski. Sadly, Ken passed away unexpectedly the evening of March 27 at Tacoma General Hospital from an unknown cause. We reflected on his many contributions to our organization & to National RUAEA; how we will miss his endless energy & willingness to be of help. Pres. John Hofenbecker read a statement from Barb which she thanked everyone for the many cards & phone calls she received, and that the family appreciated the good thoughts & prayers. She mentioned that Ken was very healthy & strong until his final illness; they didn't know what the problem was, & will not know information for at least another month; perhaps longer. In closing Barb said "It was fun for Ken to plan the Luncheon, work each week on the Travel Desk, plan tours, work with Habitat & the Tacoma Museum".

John passed on the fact that SEA Reservations reunions are planned for May 19 & Nov. 10 of this year at the Kona Kitchen in SEA. Invitations will be forth coming. Hank Gosselin was able to take time from his Convention work to be with us. He is also working on Conventions for 2008 & 2009. He commented that a highlight for the 2007 Convention, Sat. night banquet's speaker would be William Patterson's daughter Pattie, recalling memories of her dad & United's glorious past.

Bob Brumfield spoke of travel matters including the fact that TSA approved padlocks are now being sold in luggage shops & department stores. Purchase of these locks enables you to lock your baggage to reduce the chance of pilferage. TSA is able to open these special locks to inspect your luggage, but no one else in baggage handling can. Be sure the package state the lock is TSA approved before purchasing it. Bob mention that employee travel is more self-service, from listing to check-in. He recommends checking in for flights at home on your computer & printing out your own boarding passes. This is especially important for United Express flights because boarding priority is based on check-in time. You can check-in 24 hours before departure time. Also, Bob has found that at SEA-TAC at 9 PM nightly all TSA Security Check Points are closed except for the one in the Market Place area behind the NorthWest counters. This means lines will be longer. Consequently, United has a 45 minute cut-off (prior to departures) at the check-in to make sure passengers will clear security. Also, the aircraft doors are usually closed 10 minutes before departure to ensure an on time departure. This add up to getting there early! Regarding Companion passes, have you Companion stand by starting with the first flight of the day to improve their chances of getting out & consider having them buy a ticket if they must be at their destination on time.

We sang Happy Birthday to Betty Paul who was celebrating her special day. We wished Marion Matthews well on her move to Vancouver, WA. This was her last meeting with us. She assured us that she & guest Irene Barrett will be back to visit from time to time.

Don't forget our SEA Travel Desk Mon. – Thurs. 10 AM – 2 PM (206) 433-4218 (Local) and 1-888-826-3375 (Out of Town). We can assist you with listing & load information.

Calendar:

June 20 – United Airlines Retiree Golf Tournament at Allen More Golf Course. (253) 627-7211 or 1-877-627-7211.

Aug. 14 - Picnic will be at home of Jerry & Irene Opperman. Will be catered by Caveman Restaurant.

Sept. 11 - Fairwood Country Golf Course

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THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Ninety two members attended our April luncheon. It was a relaxed atmosphere & an upbeat meeting. Our guest speaker was Jacqueline Dailey, a retired United flight attendant who had spent most of her flying career in Washington DC. Jacqueline is now a realtor & gave a most informative talk about how to assess the value of one's home. Our members really appreciated the wealth of information which Jacqueline passed on to us.

Kerrie Schneider asked that our members start clipping & saving Betty Crocker box tops for a program called "Box Tops for Education". Betty Crocker has a catalog, each item in the catalog can be redeemed for varying numbers of coupons. The items in the catalog range from computers to playground equipment to school books. Other RUAEA chapters may also be interested in participating in this most worthwhile project.

Please visit our website www.dullesloungers.com for all of our up-to-the minute news and photos. Bud Reed has done such a wonderful job of keeping this site current & fun.

Another website that might be of interest to you aero enthusiasts is www.specialtyexpo.com. Tom Reich is the founder of SpecialtyExpo Inc. in Alexandria, VA. On April 21, he organized the 1st Semi-Annual National Capital Region Airline Collectible EXPO. There were 50 dealer tables in 3000 sq ft of space. Photos, memorabilia, luggage tags, old and new: all of it was there. Anyone interested in this sort of thing (in this group, who ISN'T?) may want to plan a visit to DC for the next expo.

The reports that we are receiving regarding David Cox are very positive. He is currently in Lombardi Cancer Center receiving treatment for the leukemia. Cards & regards can be sent to him & Tina at their home - 8902 Sudley Rd., Manassas, VA 20110.

There was a small amount of confusion over the fact that when David Cox became too ill to run our local unit, he had to turn the reigns over to three women who were calling themselves "Co-Chairs" Yes it did take three (plus more) to do what David had been doing with only the help of his wife, Tina. But, to simplify matters & for the sake of clarity, it has been decided that the chain of command from this day until the day of elections (Sept. or Oct.) will be as follows:

- (Linda Scrivens – Pres.
- (Mari McColl - VP
- (Kerrie Schneider – Treas.
- (Camilla Warner – Secy.
- (Frank Contento - Membership Chair

On July 11th, the Dulles Loungers will meet at the Charlestown Races & Slots for our lunch & lots of fun. Charlestown is a historic city in West Virginia, only two hours from our nation's capitol. It is a scenic little town in the Blue Ridge mountains where the Shenandoah River & the Potomac River meet. Many of our members will come for the afternoon - to lunch & enjoy the company. Those who wish to stay and enjoy the horse racing in the evening will be delighted to discover that the 10th race will be named in honor of the DULLES LOUNGERS.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of Sid Bennett, IADRR, Carroll Brawner, IADCG, & George Paull, IADDD.

Until Next Month, Fly Safe,

Calendar:

July 11 - Dulles Loungers meeting at the Charlestown Races & Slots.

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OBITUARIES

Note: Due to a logistical relocation of the World Headquarters Department that usually notified us of the Obituaries, we did not receive all of them. As soon as this contact is reestablished, we will resume the list.

Retiree - **BERNER, Thomas**, on 4/2/07

Spouse - **CANFIELD, Edna A.**, on 3/26/07, wife of Henry M., EWR, 1010 E. Maple Ave., Sterling, VA 20164

Retiree - **DORMER, Delmar "Dude" V.**, SFOPQ, on 2/19/07, husband of Erma Marie, 3291 Galena Loop, Lebanon, OR 97355

Retiree - **ENGEL, Marvin G.**, DENFO, on 5/1/07

Spouse - **HICKS, Ruth**, on 4/2/07, wife of Richard H., DENMA, 7100 W. 13th Ave. Apt. 108, Lakewood, CO 80214

Retiree - **MATUGA, Mitchell**, on 9/24/05, husband of Shirley, 3N533 Curling Pond Ct., Elburn, IL 60119

Spouse - **NAWOTKA, Jean**, on 9/24/05, wife of Robert, SFOOV, 3942 Walden Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086

The following list of retirees was retrieved from the current SkyNet list; therefore, no survivor's name & address are available:

ACKLEY, Kent H., SFORN 02/19/07

BAILEY, Vannie L., SFOCG 02/15/07

BANG, James G., DENOO 02/16/07

BARAN, Henry E., LGAMM 02/08/07

BARAN, Theodore J., ORDFF 02/01/07

BARNES, Mary V., SFOMD 02/26/07

BLOUGH, Bruce C., PDXFF 02/05/07
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BROWN, Coy C., SFOBL 02/08/07
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BRYAN, James R., LAXCG 02/14/07
CADWELL, Kenneth F., ATLCG 02/20/07
CAMPBELL, Marvin P., SFOPI 02/20/07
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COLLINS, Barbara J., CHIRR 02/12/07
COTTON, Arthur, HNLTJ 02/22/07
CRANFORD, Tribble H., SFOPK 02/22/07
DAVIS, Melburn R., LAXSW 02/05/07
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DELLA VEDOVA, Joseph E., SFOFF 02/16/07
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DODSON, Constance M., WHQHR 02/23/07
DOLLIS, Peter, JFKPV 02/26/07
DRAKE, John, SFOMM 02/09/07
ELLEFSON, Marlen E., SEAMM 02/16/07
FISCHER, Henry G., ORDFO 02/12/07
FORTUNE, John C., SFOFF 02/21/07
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GOOK, James W., LAXCG 02/03/07
GREEN, Susanne W., LAXSW 12/07/06
HAGERLA, Robert E., MSPCS 01/22/07
HARTE, Michael J., EWRCS 02/07/07
HEISCHBERG, Michael F., ORDMM 02/20/07
HIGGINS, Wayne, TPAMM 02/23/07
HILL Jr., Harold F., retiree, EWRFO 02/06/07
HOOK, Staman E., OPBWX 02/14/07
HRONEK-HO, June B., HNLSW 02/24/07
KROECK, Louis J., PITSS 02/12/07
LARSON, Albert R., EUGOZ 02/26/07
LAUBER, Richard B., PDXCG 02/15/07
LAWRENCE, William E., ATLRR 02/09/07
LE CLAIR, Edward J., BOSOO 02/22/07
MAGNESS, S. A., DENSW 02/07/07
MAHLSTEDT, John D., SFOHK 02/11/07
MANZANO, Frank, SFOMK 02/07/07
MAY, Robert D., DENCN 02/07/07
MC COMAS, William J., DENFO 01/27/07
MEISTER, Clyde A., SFOIQ 11/19/06
MEYER, Arnold A., SFOFO 02/18/07
MITTON, David G., SFOFO 02/24/07
MOOK, James L., HNLCG 02/27/07
ORLADY, Harry W., ORDFO 02/07/07
PATTERSON, Jack D., WHQCS 02/12/07
PETRUSKA, Victor, DENHH 01/26/07
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STOKES, Genevieve M., DCAHH 02/24/07
SUMMER, Noel B., ORDFO 02/17/07
THOMPSON, Mary R., SFOMF 02/27/07
WILLIAMS, James G., CHIDD 01/19/07
WILSON, Carlton C., SFOCE 02/26/07
WOLOSZYN, John, SEARR 02/22/07
ZAENGLE, Leta I., LAXFR 11/30/06

LETTERS

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

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

Marilyn Hallihan, 2803 N. Brighton Place, Arlington Hts, IL 60004

Thanks for the renewal reminder and for keeping us informed.

In the fall of 2006, we traveled for the first time to New Mexico. What an awesome surprise that was! The scenery was beautiful. We hiked at El Morro National Monument and visited the Acoma Pueblo. Then we went to visit friends in Santa Fe. The Bandelier National Monument has interesting cliff dwellings you can climb to. The layout of the town of Los Alamos, between steep gorges, is fascinating. One of the highlights for me was the Tent Rocks at Kasha-Katuwe; the hike was spectacular. We have two more trips planned to other areas of New Mexico. Don't miss traveling to that state!

Fred & Rita Casey, Siesta Bay RV Resort, 19333 Summerlin Rd # 754, Ft. Myers, FL 33980

Forecast: Another warm, sunny day in Southwest Florida. We have been enjoying our 15th year here, thanks to our retiree perks.

The beautiful new terminal serving thousands, is located on hundreds of acres serving the surrounding areas of Fort Myers, Naples & beyond. It is central for the life of S.W. Florida with a future & strong growth, with efficient, friendly transportation connections.

We hope we will be able to enjoy this beautiful climate for years to come.

Elisabeth Armstrong, 2408 SW Brookwood Ln, Palm City, FL 34990-4751

Thanks for sending the Newsletter so faithfully. I would love to help, but I'm just too far away.

We now have become Floridians and will be on Long Island only for the summer months. So far we love it here in our home overlooking a beautiful golf course and do not miss the northern winter!

Our new address, the one above is from 10/15 till 6/1. Our old address in South Hampton NY will be from June till Oct. 15th. This will be the same each year.

William Rudarmel, 1858 SW Acorn CT, McMinnville, OR 97128-7409

Want to thank everyone connected with the Newsletter. The dues were late because Bill was in & out of the hospital starting on Dec. 6, 2006 until Jan. 8, 2007. He had cancer in his mouth this time but for someone who will be 91 this birthday and married to me for 60 years we are doing OK. Five years ago he became a laryngectomy because of throat cancer. Today he is free and clear.

W. A. "Bill" Hoygaard, 12182 East Amherst Circle, Aurora, CO 80014

The time and effort spent by the people who "Stuff & Fold" the RUAEA Newsletter is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all!

August will mean 14 years of retirement for me. We are still camping in the CO/WY Mountains as much as possible. Guess being able to hike without difficulty at 10,000 feet elevation means I am doing OK! We just returned from a driving trip to Death Valley National Park that was very interesting. We didn't camp on this trip! I'd still like to visit Antarctica as it is the only continent that I have not set foot upon. It is a long trip, but, who knows!

Shirley Dickinson, 620 Barbara Way, Hillsborough, CA 94010-6706

It's not fair that as we age the birthdays come faster. Maybe it's just mine, but I'm proud I've made so many and looking forward for more to come.

Thanks for doing such a fantastic job of holding the "after retirement" group together. Even wives of retirees are grateful to be included.

The Convention should be great. I'm looking forward to seeing "old" but dear friends again. I actually have attended them all since 1980 and plan on more. It's rewarding and fun to work on them or just attend. Thanks to all in the past and future.

Joe Hegner, 46 Essex Drive, Little Silver, NJ 07739-1234

You folks do a sensational job of keeping all retired informed about UAL happening, and on occasion I see a letter from a former acquaintance in "The Friendly Skies". I retired in 2001 after 45 days and 45 years and enjoying the big "R".

Wishing you continued success, and good luck.

Bob Moir, 35 Rosemont Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-2717

Several friends have told me they have been reading my couple of retirement notes with interest. Thanks to the Newsletter, I have seen or heard from quite a few treasured former co-workers. Here is a list of some of those wonderful people who have brightened my nursing home days: Al Zerback, Bill Ferris, Jack Thompson, Jimmy Taylor, Eddie Robinson, Eddie Taylor, Joes Mc Caughey, Bob Fox, Denny O'Niel and Ralph Baker.

A special thanks to retiree, Anne Simmons, a stranger from Alabama, who helped me complete my state capitol postcard.

I always knew that United was special, but so were the employees. Words cannot express my appreciation to both.

The other day I had a luncheon date with Bill Ferris and Jack Thompson. They picked me up promptly and when we arrived at the restaurant they directed me to a table that already had someone sitting there. I thought that was odd, but we all sat down. Then I saw the man looking at me, and I looked at him – then a light bulb went off and I recognized some familiar features. It was Jim Taylor,

who I worked with 40 years ago. Needless to say we had a great lunch visit recalling old times. We had both changed a lot. Bill & Jack dropped Jim off at the restaurant first. What fun to be surprised!

Joe B. Harris, P.O. Box 554, Alameda, CA 94501-9654

**LIVING HISTORIES, SAN FRANCISCO, CA
"JUST THE AVERAGE FOOL"**

In 1963, 1964, and 1965, I worked in the disassembly area of United Airlines. My work partner was named McDonald. He often worked just across the engine from me. McDonald always liked to hear me sing. I often sang the three songs "Sugar Pie Honey Bunch", "God Don't Make Little Green Apples", or my favorite which was called "What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am?"

McDonald sure jumped on a replay whenever I sang the song "What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am?", and he would say, "*Just the average fool!*" He sure did like to say that; it seemed he could not be patient until I got on that song "What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am?" So, he could say "*Just the average fool!*"

I wonder whatever happened to McDonald. The last time I saw or heard of him was 1977, about 30 years ago. It was a great deal of pleasure to work each day with McDonald. He came from Arkansas to San Francisco to work for United Airlines when I came from Chicago to work for them, after trade school and I was licensed.

T. Fred Jarvis, 1-19171 Mitchell Road, Pitt Meadows, BC V3Y 2G3

I see that the time has come to renew my dues. Thanks for a great job by everyone in keeping us up-to-date.

We had a great trip to Ireland to attend our Grandson's wedding in June. We had a bad time of late – lost a number of family members between Oct. and Jan. At the present time we plan on a trip to Toronto to visit our Son, then to Ireland. We have just completed our 60th wedding anniversary.

Thanks again.

Harry & Nancy Mitchell, 747 Bockman Road, San Lorenzo, CA 94580

Time to renew my dues gain, should taken out a life membership as the older I become the more things I forget just at a time when there are more things to remember.

My wife Nancy & I were both employed by United and have been retired for 23 years. We just celebrated our 63rd wedding anniversary and looking forward to another great year of travel. Looking forward to the Convention in Sacramento, we are also having our Air Force Reunion in Sacramento this year. There is so much to see and do in the area that we never have time to go anywhere else. Must be the same for all of you as you do such a wonderful job of keeping us well informed.

Keep up the good work.

Anthony D. Lutz, 9616 Percussion Way, Vienna, VA 22182-3334

Recently my wife and I went to Hong Kong & Vietnam. From Chicago to Hong Kong we went Business Class. It is about a 16 hr flight, so lots of fluids, exercise & sleep are in order. We booked the Ramada in Hong Kong through www.ual.com and all our transportation needs in H.K were taken care of by buying an Octopus Fare Card. At the airport you can turn the card in for any money left on it. If you are in the market for expensive items, be smart and run the Hong Kong dollars through a pocket calculator. Five days later we took UAL's 2 hr flight to Saigon. When you exchange dollars for dongs (rate is 16,100 dongs to one dollar) spend all your dongs because neither in Vietnam or anywhere else can you exchange them for dollars. Travel is easy and safe. We took taxis, trains, and a private car with a driver. Be sure to interview the driver before hiring, to make sure he speaks English. We were assured ours did, but he didn't.

Everything is inexpensive. An hour long body massage, costs about \$5.00. A good breakfast is included with your hotel room. A taxi within Saigon only costs 1-2 dollars. You are in a Communist Country. The Communists have the best looking buildings. They have victory monuments everywhere and large billboards announce the glories of Communism. Every trace of American

presence has been removed. At the War Museum in Saigon we are pictured as aggressors & occupiers and the Communists as liberators. The country is growing and in the highlands we saw no Montagnards. They have been persecuted & oppressed. The same can be said of the religious groups. I have a dear priest friend in Australia. He can never go home because he wrote against the Communists. It was difficult to get a United flight out so we bought passage on the Vietnamese Airline. It was a good flight to H. K.

Virginia Kildoye, 5854 New England Woods Dr., Burke, VA 22015-2909

I have enjoyed the Newsletter a lot. It is fun to see names from my United past. I started with UAL in NYCRR on 80 East 42nd St. As Virginia "Ginny" Madden and shortly changed my name to Kildoye. We moved to VA where I worked in reservations until Oct. 06 when the office closed. Ed & I will be married 35 years this month and plan to celebrate in LAS.

I send a big hello to anyone who reads this and remembers me. I have some wonderful memories of the people I worked with and miss the good old days. I attend the Dulles Loungers meetings the second Wed. of the month and enjoy keeping up with others still in the area.

I noticed in the Newsletter that some members send in a little extra to help with the cost of postage, it's not much but I did too. Thanks to all of you who contribute to and work on getting the newsletter out. I am just one of many who look forward to it and enjoy it very much.

Joyce E. Hendricks, 2543 Arborwood Dr, Valrico, FL 33594

Shame on me!

Thank you for the red stamp reminding me it's time to pay. Enclosed please find my check for \$30.00 for dues and postage. It's a great value for the money.

Since my last birthday, I have had, perhaps, the greatest challenge of my life. I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in Aug. Since I have had routine mammograms every year since my 40th birthday, my cancer was detected early: stage one. Praise God for early detection. I'm doing fine & completed radiation the end of Nov. However, my challenge was not over because my sister, who had just relocated to Florida from Maine, was diagnosed three weeks after me requiring radiation and chemo therapy. We both are recovering and doing very well. My husband, Kennedy, has had his hands full taking care of both of us. He's been wonderful!

I am so happy I made the decision when I retired in 1997 to keep the traditional medical plan of BCBS & Medicare. My hospital, radiation & all associated medical expenses were well over \$150,000. I paid \$1500 out of pocket, Medicare & BCBS picked up the rest. You just never know the future. One thing all of us can do, however, is take care of our health. Make sure you get your routine Mammograms, Pap Smear's, PSA, Colonoscopy's ... you know what you have to do. Do it! You'll live a little longer.

Through this Newsletter, I thank all my UAL friends from LAXSW, TO, RR, SS and TR for their prayers and good wishes. I especially thank Arlene Jones, LAXTO who from the very start encouraged me.

I look forward to next year's birthday & a healthy fun packed year!

Judith Wright, PO Box 307, Harbert, MI 49115-0307

Thanks for keeping me up-to-date. I haven't flown UAL for a long time. It seems to be such a hassle these days.

Southwest goes almost everywhere I need to go, they charge us ole retired folks \$60.00 plus a couple dollars here or there for a roundtrip. I just hand them my letter & off I go! I've only not gotten on my chosen flight once in 40+ trips. And, oh how they apologize for the inconvenience. They always embarrass me with their kindness. Just like the good ole days at United. I sound like my mother & I was sure she was crazy.

But, I'm glad for the insurance, friends and the travel benefits if I need to go out of the USA.

Many Thanks again – The Newsletter is Terrific!

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

Time to beat the dreaded red stamp and to add some for the mail fund plus give thanks for the job done by all in Denver and elsewhere who keep us informed.

It has been a very interesting year in the North woods of Michigan. Started out in Sept. 2006 with the first of four heart catheterizations with one stent installed the first week. End of Sept. had three more stents inserted. First week in Jan. had two more installed. Late Feb. had the last one installed for a total of seven stents. It did the job as I feel much better now. Dr. would not give a twenty year guarantee but I'll take what I can get.

Still see some names I am familiar with but it has been 19 plus years since retirement. Looking forward to the Loonies May meeting in Bayfield WI and Oct. meeting at an unknown location.

Thanks again for a job well done with the newsletter.

William Hughes, 4529 Middleton Park Cir. E, Jacksonville, FL 32224

Greetings from the First Coast! (St. Augustine: oldest permanent European settlement in the U.S.-1565).

We are both fine, Eleanor is still 9 years younger than I am. My 85th birthday is this April 15. They let me renew my driver's license, in spite of macular degeneration in my right eye, for another 6 years.

We're both active. Volunteering at The Players Championship for Muscular Dystrophy in their Oasis Cafe for players. We go to our country (Boston) to play at the Boston University Commencement - Eleanor the flute and I'm the groupie.

Best wishes to all MOC & retired.

John & Linda Stewart, 2926 Old Post Rd., Slatington, PA 18080-3213

Linda & I have had a very busy year. We flew our airplane to Texas for two weeks, another flight to Oshkosh, WI for the EAA Air Show, a cruise out of New York, a trip to Augusta, GA, and another flight in our airplane to Branson, MO & Rogers, AR.

Linda & I went to the Flight 93 crew monument dedication at Shanksville, PA. It was well organized & a very moving presentation.

We are making preparations to fly our Cessna 182 to Alaska & points in-between this summer. There are several other shorter flights planned for this year. Linda & I hope that everyone is healthy and having a good retirement. The RUAEA staff is doing a great job, we appreciate it.

Isabel Buchanan, 3032 Sandy Ln., the Villages, FL 32162

Wow, almost forgot to send a check for the best information Newsletter. When you become 39/summers not including winters, of course those sticky reminder notes really come in handy.

Thank you for all you do, all of the time for retirees & our families with up-to-date important information.

Herbert E. Roth, 8419 N. Calle Tioga, Oro Valley, AZ 85704-6505

I usually mail this a full month before my birthday month, but missed the mark this time. This is the 20th year of my retirement. I have gotten busier since Sept. 05 when I joined the Prison Fellowship Ministry. I teach a Bible study every Wed. evening to a group of 12 inmates at the Santa Rita Prison. On the weekends I join a group of 4 other volunteers to teach a two day seminar at various other State Prisons in Southern Arizona, 0800 to 1530 each day to groups as large as 50. We break up into 5 smaller groups frequently during the 2 days in order to have a "one on one" discussion on the practicality of each phase of the teaching. Seminars are focused on the necessary steps to successfully transitions to a productive life in the outside "more dangerous world".

Incongruous but true, when you consider after 10 to 25 years of prison life they suddenly must provide for their own shelter, food & clothing. And, without the proper training that many never had especially the Biblical training of what God expects of each of us, they usually end up back in prison (approximately 70% of the time). This factor alone, when I first learned of it, is what led me to

become involved with P.F.M. The need for volunteers in P.F.M. is enormous, and not all volunteers need to come in physical contact with the prison inmates. It depends on what your talents are. One of the most recent and most troubling statistics is "one out of every 30 adults in America is either in prison, on parole or on probation". If anyone is interested in learning more about P.F.M., their web site is www.prisonfellowship.org or 1-703-478-0100 to get the website or phone # of the State Director of P.F.M. in whatever state you reside.

Once again I want to express my appreciation for the great work all the volunteers do to link us all together over the many years. And, please remember regardless of our individual feelings or opinions, United we shall stand ... because divided we shall fall.

John Bateman, 95 Pioneer Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583

Thanks for a great Newsletter, your efforts & information are appreciated. Keep up the good job.

Most of the information on United, however, is not good. They continue to outsource every job they can with continued layoffs to some good hard working employees. United upper management continues to reward themselves, while slowly destroying the airline.

While United lacks equipment to expand, companies like Virgin, American & Jet Blue are expanding into SFO, DEN, JFK & ORD.

I know many people with Frequent Flyer miles that can't fly on United because the trips are full. So many are putting their Frequent Flyer accounts into Flying accounts that are usable & available.

An example of United's Poor Management at SFO, they have three 777's sitting on the ground because they lack equipment to fly.

Well enough bad news – hope to see many of you at Sacraments in May.

Doug Cowan, 40 Creamer Drive, Sayreville, NJ 08872

I got the red stamp - now it's 10 years retired. Dues & a little extra are included. I again add my voice to the thousands of us who so much appreciate the work of the organization on our behalf, and even more the news & memories contained in the Newsletters.

We continue to enjoy traveling, enjoyed a European & South American cruise this past year as well as our annual "winter in Kauai" sojourn and a week on the North Carolina beaches with the children & grandchildren.

Nette Mitter 11814 Seola Beach Dr SW, Burien, WA 98146-1832

Thank you for the reminder (red stamp). More importantly, thank you for keeping all the news & information coming our way. I'm sure I'm not alone in my amazement at how quickly each year passes by us. I've enclosed my dues & a little extra for postage. Had meniscus & osteoarthritis knee surgery last Oct. and recovering slowly. I really do need to do those exercises. Seattle is a big town.

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

Not such good news from here. I fell on some ice on my porch and broke my right wrist. Being right handed, this made life very difficult, especially working outside with the animals in the snow & cold. As I'm sure you all know that therapy hurts worse.

It's the big 50! April 18th I left for Cheyenne, Wyoming to join UAL Stew School. Wow! What a great life it was! I decided the best way to celebrate was to get rid of the 50 years of "Stuff", I've accumulated.

Anybody want anything? Anything at all? Please?

Ken & Lily Woehlck, 516 Orange Drive #25, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-5304

We are very grateful that the RUAEA News comes in print. It's #1 information for us as we are one of few who don't have a computer. Also, thanks to all the guys & dolls that work on the Travel Desk. Our last trip was great going to ORD from MCO, but for two days couldn't get to MSP because of oversold, these people were really upset. One man was so angry that the agent had to call the police. Easter, Spring Breaks and etc. travel seems to be the hardest, I guess. So we're not complaining - NEVER!

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