



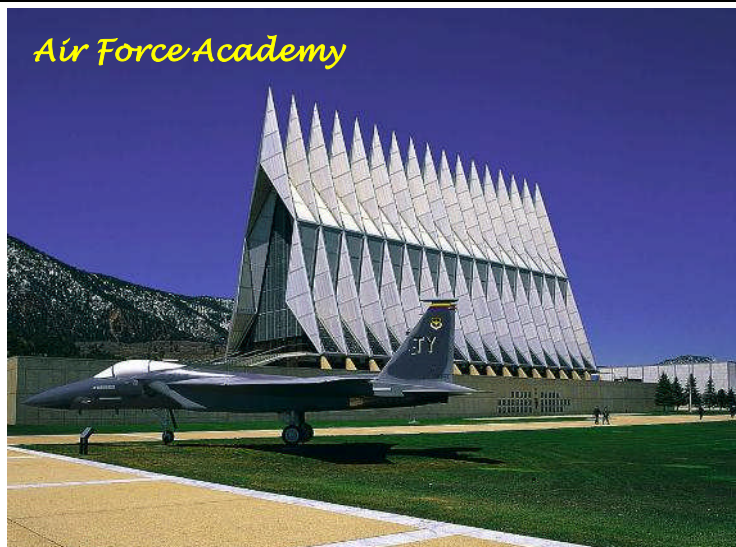
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# GENERAL NEWS

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### **New Link To Find Retiree Organizations**



United has been working on consolidating retiree organizations on Flying Together to make it easier for current retirees and those considering retirement to find retiree organizations. The Flying Together page has gone live.

United envisions adding other links as progress is made, such as for retiree benefit info.

This link should take you to the page on Flying Together: [https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/content.jsp?SID=FlyingTogether\\_HR&path=/links/RetireeResources.jsp](https://flyingtogether.ual.com/web/content.jsp?SID=FlyingTogether_HR&path=/links/RetireeResources.jsp)

Another way to reach the page is through the Employee Services tab, click on Retiree Organizations. Or under the Corporate tab, under the Clubs link, click on Retiree Clubs.

### **United announces first-quarter results**



UA reported a first-quarter 2013 net loss of \$325 million, or \$0.98 per share, excluding \$92 million of special charges. Including special charges, United reported a first-quarter 2013 net loss of \$417 million, or \$1.26 per share.

On the positive side ~ UAL achieved its best first-quarter on-time performance in a decade, with mainline A :14 of 81.0 percent, including domestic and international flights. Eligible co-workers received a total of \$22 million in payouts from United's On-Time Bonus program during the quarter.

United achieved a United Customer Satisfaction Score of 31.4, achieving its first-quarter goal of 31 and significantly improving from its scores of 15.8 for the third quarter and 28.8 for the fourth quarter of 2012. Eligible co-workers earned a total of \$4.4 million in payouts under this program for the quarter.

Total first-quarter revenue was \$8.7 billion, an increase of 1.4 percent year-over-year. First-quarter consolidated passenger revenue increased 0.7 percent year-over-year on a consolidated capacity reduction of 4.9 percent. Consolidated passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) increased 5.9 percent compared to first-quarter 2012.

However, United's costs remain high and are growing at a faster pace than many of its competitors' and higher than its revenue growth can sustain:

First-quarter consolidated unit costs (CASM), holding fuel rate and profit sharing constant and excluding special charges and third-party business expense, increased 7.2 percent year-over-year on a consolidated capacity reduction of 4.9 percent. First-quarter 2013 consolidated CASM increased 6.5 percent year-over-year.

### **New IAH Terminal B south concourse** **wows co-workers**



Co-workers and Houston civic and business leaders got a sneak peek on April 15<sup>th</sup>, as United unveiled the new south concourse of Terminal B at IAH.

The \$97-million south concourse is a new 225,000-square-foot facility dedicated to United Express regional flights. United plans to begin fully operating the first 15 gates in the new concourse by May 1 and 15 additional gates by the end of the year.

At the event, co-workers got a chance to tour the new passenger lounge areas that offer wide views of the tarmac and to sample foods that will be offered at the new food and beverage concessions. The space will feature 17 food and beverage and retail concessions.

### **United enhances customer experience by replacing** **50-seat RJs with Embraer 175s**



United announced an agreement with Embraer to acquire 30 Embraer 175 regional jets with deliveries in 2014 and 2015. A United Express partner that United will announce later will operate these aircraft, which will replace 50-seat aircraft in its fleet.

*"We are very excited to add this new aircraft to our United Express fleet," Network Operations and United Express SVP Alex Marren said. "Compared to the 50-seaters, the E175 has wider seats and aisles, larger overhead bins and a large first class cabin. Customers will really appreciate the more spacious and comfortable experience the E175 provides."*

United Express is the world's largest regional flight operation and provides vital feed to United's mainline network. United Express serves more than 166 cities throughout North America and is part of the itinerary of nearly one in every two customers.

Since so many of United's customers have United Express flights in their itineraries, United is making investments aimed at improving their travel. By creating a more comfortable flying experience, United expects customer satisfaction scores to improve.

The Embraer 175 will be the first 76-seat regional jet aircraft in the United Express fleet. The aircraft will operate with 12 United First, 16 Economy Plus and 48 United Economy seats. The design of the aircraft will result in more personal space for customers. The aircraft can accommodate standard carry-on bags, resulting in more convenience for customers.

*"The E175 is 10 percent more fuel efficient per seat than our 50-seat aircraft, which reduces costs as well as carbon emissions," said Fleet VP Ron Baur. "With its extended range, the E175 also provides opportunities to serve new regional markets we can't serve with 50-seaters."*

#### **United made first landing with new GPS landing system at IAH**



United's pilots on Flight 1542 on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, conducted the first GPS landing system (GLS) landing at IAH, using the system's more precise and reliable features for approach and landing.

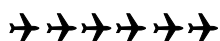
The new GLS is flexible and can support multiple approaches, which United expects to lead to significantly reduced aircraft delays and carbon emissions at airports. It also decreases air traffic noise and reduces weather-related delays.

The GLS augments GPS signals so they can be used for precise navigation; it's a migration from a ground-based air navigation system to a satellite-based navigation system, which uses the same GPS many people use in cars.

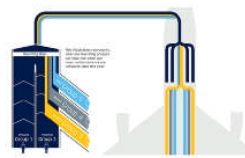
United is participating in a pilot program in partnership with the FAA and Honeywell, which manufactures the Smartpath Ground Based Augmentation System (GBAS). IAH and EWR are the two participating U.S. airports. The project is a component of the FAA Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen).

*"We believe that GBAS is the air carrier precision landing system of the future," said Captain Joe Burns. "We continue to work closely with the FAA and our industry partners on GBAS and other NextGen initiatives."*

United was an early leader in NextGen technology; all aircraft the company has taken delivery of since 2009, including Boeing 737s and 787s, are equipped with the GLS.



#### **United introduces more gates with dedicated boarding lanes**



**All aboard!**

Starting in April, United began rolling out new gate layouts that provide dedicated lanes for its five boarding groups. This is the latest step the company is taking to streamline procedures that will make boarding easier for customers and help it achieve more on-time departures.

During the rollout, customers will experience the new structure when they board mainline flights at many more gates at IAD, ORD and SFO. United will progressively expand the rollout to all mainline gates at these hubs and continue with the remaining hubs and the 19 largest domestic stations. The company plans to complete the majority of the work by June.

United has been testing the layout at nearly 30 gates at its U.S. hubs and select international airports for several months, earning positive reviews from customers and co-workers who manage departures.

With the layout, United is creating better access for premium customers by designating specific areas where passengers line up in advance of boarding. By reducing crowding, these dedicated lanes enable the existing Premier Access lane to function in its intended manner, allowing premiers to board at their leisure throughout the boarding process.

Later this spring, United plans to modify the way it assigns customers to its three general boarding groups. Called "WilMA" - for window-middle-aisle seat - the revised method will first board customers sitting in window seats, followed by those in middle seats and finally those in aisle seats. This approach replaces United's current system of assigning general group customers to groups based on their row number.

Taken together, United expects the changes it is introducing will make a better boarding experience for customers and make it easier for airport co-workers. United anticipates that the procedures will help shorten the average boarding time by as much as 20 percent for most narrowbody airplanes, helping the company to reduce "slow boarding" delays that often hurt its on-time performance.

#### **UAL now gives customers advance notice of their TSA Precheck status**



On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, United announced it is now printing a TSA Pre<sup>✓</sup>™ indicator on the face of qualifying boarding passes in addition to embedding an indicator in the barcode. Over the past week,

customers began seeing the TSA Pre✓™ indicator on qualifying boarding passes they printed via web, mobile and our kiosks. Boarding passes that customers print at common use kiosks or that agents print will not display the notification until a later date.

The notification helps customers know that they are eligible to use TSA Pre✓™ lanes. The TSA Pre✓™ indicator will appear on all qualifying boarding passes, including those issued at locations that do not currently offer a TSA Pre✓™ lane. Qualifying boarding passes will have an indicator imbedded in the barcode that the TSA will scan. The TSA Pre✓™ indicator will be located near the customer's name on the boarding pass. This enhancement applies to revenue, standby and positive-space boarding passes.

Refer to [united.com/tsaprescreening](http://united.com/tsaprescreening) or [tsa.gov/tsaprecheck](http://tsa.gov/tsaprecheck) or SHARES DRS page GG TSAPRE-CHECK for a list of participating locations. TSA Pre-check is available at 29 of United's airports, including all of its domestic hubs.

### **Earth Day declaration: United will save 85 million gallons of fuel and equivalent carbon dioxide in 2013**



This year, for the first time, United is going public with its fuel reduction goal, which also means a reduction in its carbon emissions. United is on track to save 85 million gallons of fuel,

equivalent to 828,750 metrics tons of CO2.

United's Operations Efficiency team monitors fuel use closely, and they correlate every action related to fuel to both cost and CO2.

Some of the biggest savings will come from installing winglets and other performance improvement equipment that reduces drag. United is reducing weight by removing old Airphone equipment and using lighter life vests, among other steps. And it is reducing fuel use through more sophisticated flight planning and ground movement

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



Did you know that on the morning of September 11, 2001, Lt. Heather Penney & her Commander, Col. Marc Sasseville, were on the runway at Andrews AFB. They had received

orders to bring down United Airlines Flight 93, which was headed for the Capital. Lt. Penney believed that was the last time she would take off. The one thing she

didn't have was live ammunition. She was ordered to ram United Flight 93. And do this without missing the Boeing 757.

She and her Commander flew over the smoldering Pentagon heading toward flight 93 at 400 mph. The two pilots were willing to do anything to bring the flight down. They were prepared to die for their country. She worried about missing the target if she bailed out. Her worries were over as she was advised that United 93 had already crashed in Pennsylvania.

Can you make a small sacrifice and make a donation to The Flight 93 Memorial Chapel? To donate, make check to United Flt. 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank J. Egges, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252. Thank you.

### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**



All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note:** *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

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# LOCAL NEWS

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Our attendance is back up at our meetings! On April 18, we had 23 members present at our Alabama/Florida Chapter of RUAEA meeting. Once again, we welcomed two new members who read about our group in the RUAEA Newsletter. Joining our group today were **George & Denny Atteberry** from Pensacola Beach, FL. They are a terrific couple and we are so glad to have them as a part of our Gulf Coast Chapter. We also welcomed back **George & Jean Dobison** whom we had lost contact with for several months. They were received with many hugs and handshakes! We love it when we lose someone and then find them again. We found them again by the old fashioned snail mail! Members attending were: **George & Denny Atteberry**, **Bill & Ann Delavan**, **George & Jean Dobison**, **Conrad Hamilton**, **Bill Hayden**, **Bob & Bev Heinrich**, **Rick & Carol Herrick**, **Park & Billie Learned**, **Ray & My Owens**, **Jeanne Reinoehl**, **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz**, **Barbara Serra**, **Ed Southworth**, **Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey**.

Raffle tickets were sold by **Bill Hayden** and **Barbara Serra** while waiting for our lunches to be served. **George Atteberry** drew the winning ticket for **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz**. What a surprise!

**Bob Schwartz**, President, called our meeting to order after lunch at 1:10 PM. **Bob** asked everyone to bow their heads so we could have a moment of silence for all the people killed or injured in Boston Marathon Bombing. He then asked our newest members, **George & Denny Atteberry** to tell us something about themselves. They both retired from UAL, **George** retired from SFO as a pilot and **Denny** retired from LAX as a Flight Attendant. **George** retired with 34 years of service and **Denny** had 44 years of service. She is now the most senior member of our group! Everyone told **George & Jean Dobison** how happy we were to have them back with us.

The Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report continue to be emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent with no questions or corrections.

The part of our meetings that everyone looks forward to is drawing our raffle tickets for the extra delicious cookies from Cubi Bar. With our increased attendance, we only had three extra cookies this time. Winners were **George Atteberry**, **Steve Wilkey**, and **Barbara Serra**.

**Billie & Park Learned** donated a book, "*The Age of Flight*" to our group. It looks like an excellent book and we will pass it around among our members. **Conrad Hamilton** was the first one to take the book to read.

Our May birthday celebrant is **Sande Zander** (23<sup>rd</sup>) and we only have one June Birthday: **Steve Wilkey** (30<sup>th</sup>). Happy Birthday to both of you!

**Billie & Park Learned** invited us to have our June meeting in their home in Foley, AL and after lunch, we can go out to pick blueberries. We were all excited as we met last June at their home and everyone enjoyed all the blueberries we picked and what a great time just visiting. They have the largest and sweetest blueberries on their bushes you'll ever find!

**Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** began her session helping us know how to do various aspects of dealing with all the changes with United. There were many questions, but, as usual, **Annie** was able to answer and explain them all. Thank you, **Annie**, for another very informative presentation.

Since our meeting, we have found out that **Conrad Hamilton's** daughter will graduate June 3<sup>rd</sup> from Pensacola High School with an IB (International Baccalaureate) Diploma and she also received the top English award for her school. This is a very distinguished diploma and she has spent 4 long years to earn this. We all are so proud of her and **Conrad** is especially proud of her.

Have you made you vacation plans yet? If so, we hope your plans include visiting our area and attending one of our meetings. We'd love to have you. Our meetings are usually the third Thursday of each month and we almost always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at NAS Pensacola, FL. If you live in our area (Panama Beach, FL-East to Mississippi border-West), please come join us and see what a terrific group we have. We have members who were pilots, flight attendants, mechanics, customer service reps and even one IT person! Come join us!

### Calendar:

**May 16** - Meeting at 11:30 AM

**June 20** - (Possibly will meet at Learned's home)

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### Submitted by Carol Wilbanks

For our April meeting, we returned to the Irondale Cafe at the railroad tracks in Irondale, AL. This restaurant was made famous by as the Whistle Stop Cafe in the movie "Fried Green Tomatoes".

They serve down home southern cuisine in a cafeteria setting. The trains still run the tracks next to the parking lot. Those enjoying the meal and fellowship were **Travis**

& **Zoe Glass**, **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, **Bobby & Jean Cox**, **Marie & Joe Duncan** and **Bill Preston**. Travis won the 50/50 drawing. We missed **Donna Gooch** who reports she has the flu. **Ken & Beverly Yeager** were missing but we hope they had a great anniversary this month. **Carol Wilbanks** has her last "pre medicare" birthday on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

We are sad to lose one of our longtime chapter members, **Edna Mann Aronson** (MIA SW) who passed away in March. Edna always brought fun to our meetings and was known for her hats and University of Alabama attire. She will be missed. Cards may be sent to her family at 5721 Riverbirch Drive, Bessemer, AL 36022.

Our next meeting will be held at the home of **Gay Fowler**. We will have a salad lunch and hopefully, will be able to enjoy some warm spring weather.

### ARIZONA



#### PHOENIX AZURES

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A brief synopsis of our April 13 luncheon is this: A total of 52 members came out to Beardsley Park for our end-of-the-year get-together. Our lunches were ordered from Famous Dave's BBQ and they were excellent sandwiches (beef or turkey) which also included lettuce and tomato, chips, condiments and a brownie. The Azures provided the refreshments. A great time was had by all!

**Susie Hughes** joined us at the picnic which was only a couple weeks after her bypass surgery. She was feeling well enough but had aches and pains and was very tired. She was on a "hall pass" from therapy. She now reports she's doing better, and resting as much as possible.

**Sherry Muoio** finally had her hip surgery last month, she was home for 3 or 4 days and needed to go back in for surgery again because the "new joint" slipped and cracked her femur. The doctor had to put wires to hold everything in place and a longer stem of the new hip joint. At this writing, she is at St. Luke's Medical Center in Phoenix (602) 251-8100, Ext. 1065. She still is in a lot of pain and is very uncomfortable. Cards can be sent to: 20108 North 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85373'

We will remain saying prayers for **Jim Bechtold** (DENMM) after the death of his wife, **Marlene**. Cards can be sent to: 14321 West Heritage Road, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Jim wants to remain a member of the Azures. For now, he will be staying in his home and will remain the contact for our breakfasts at Coco's.

**Mike Richards** will step down as the Azures President after his two-year stint and due to his responsibilities as RUAEA Executive Vice President. We have thrown out some feelers for the position but still haven't elected someone new. **Joe Hopkins** will retain the position of Treasurer and **Carol Liltz** will remain Correspondent.

We are soliciting volunteers for the President and Vice President positions. The Azures Board does work together in securing luncheon venues, gathering information from United regarding insurance and pass travel and other correspondence to its members. The "job" does not require great time nor talent. So come on Azures, consider joining our Board! We'd like to start planning our 2013-14 entertainment/luncheons schedule.

Happy Birthday to **Barbara Carns**, 6/2. Happy Anniversary to **Mike & Claudia Richards** on 6/14 and **Mel (DENTK) & Millie Hofer** on 6/22. Congratulations to other Azures that have birthdays and anniversaries in June that I don't know. Please email me the information so that we may honor you also.

#### Calendar:

Breakfasts at Coco's, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Road, Sun City West, AZ will be held at 0800. Our snowbirds have "flown" to other homes, or due to illness and without our usual, i.e. Sherry, Susie or Jim. Maybe a call ahead to see who's going would be wise.

**June 4**

**June 18**

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The weather here is getting pretty warm; but there are still a good number of our Re-United members who stick around most of the summer. So, if you would like to get together for breakfast this summer with fellow retired United Airlines employees, we would urge you to join us. We meet for breakfast on the fourth Friday of each month at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. I guarantee you will have a nice conversation plus good food. If you're visiting in the area, please join us. If you have any questions, please contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). We always enjoy meeting new faces and we know you will be glad you came.

We had our annual picnic at Crescent Run Park in Mesa on April 12<sup>th</sup> with 46 attending. The catered food was very good and plentiful. We were able to sit outside and enjoy the nice weather. We talked about the RUAEA Convention to be held on October 9 - 13<sup>th</sup> in Denver, Colorado at the DoubleTree by Hilton at Stapleton North. The Hotel will provide complimentary shuttle service to DIA and the shops at Northfield, where you will find many stores, restaurants, etc. The business meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, followed by the banquet and entertainment at night. The Convention issue will be published in the **June** issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. Make plans now to attend the Convention and maybe take in other sights either before or after the Convention. Don't forget

our Fantasy Flight in early December. Start collecting items needed by the children such as small individual blankets, socks, gloves, and cuddly bears for the children, who are about 5 to 6 years old. **Peg** has raffle tickets available for the Fantasy Flight. Let's all help support this worthwhile project. The hosts for our next luncheon, which will be in November, are **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**. Thanks go out to **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** for once again hosting our annual picnic.

Our April 24<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner had 15 members show up. Everyone had a good time visiting with each other and enjoying the good breakfast together. We shared the discount cruise information we recently received from Homeport Cruises located in Naperville, IL. It was suggested to bring current magazines that we are reading to future breakfasts so that other members might enjoy reading some different magazines during their leisure time. Our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, who is in charge during the summer months while our President is out-of-state, mentioned the raffle tickets she has for the Fantasy Flight. They are only \$5 each, with the top prize being two tickets to Hawaii or \$500 cash, plus ten other gift certificates. Be sure and buy some tickets to help support this worthwhile project.

A notice from one of our members, **Judie Preston**, from Carefree, AZ, was sent via email to our members on May 1<sup>st</sup> to invite those Re-United members to a "Beat the Heat Salad Pot Luck", to be held Monday, June 3 in Carefree, which is 14 miles north of AZ 101-Loop and Scottsdale Rd., starting at 11:30 a.m. Bring your favorite salad ingredients or a dish to pass. The place is air conditioned and there is a pool and Spa available for your pleasure. Contact **Judie Preston** via email at [jp85377@gmail.com](mailto:jp85377@gmail.com), or by telephone at (480) 269-6608, if you would like to come.

Did you notice the pictures from the All-Arizona Luncheon on the front cover of the RUAEA Newsletter in the May issue? It calls attention to the wonderful time those attending had on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, AZ, which was hosted by our Re-United Chapter.

The following members have birthdays in June: **Jay Hartough** (6/5), **John McFarland** (6/16), **Valerie Fosberg** (6/19), **Natasha Schmidt** (6/20), **Liz Tollefsen** (6/26), and **Joel Matteson** (6/29). Happy Birthday to all of you! We have three couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in June. They are **Buss & Pat Nicholaisen** (6/6/53), **Paul & Barb Paymaster** (6/6/89), and **Bill & Molly Norwood** (6/18/60). Congratulations to each couple!

#### Calendar:

**June 3** - "Beat the Heat Salad Pot Luck" - hosted by **Judie Preston** in Carefree, AZ, starting at 11:30 a.m. Contact **Judie** at [jp85377@gmail.com](mailto:jp85377@gmail.com) or by phone at (480) 269-6608 for further information.

**June 28** - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg**

**Snowdall** by June 26 with your reservation at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**July 26** - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.

**Aug 23** - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.

**Sept 27** - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.



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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines chapter!

Our April meeting was attended by fourteen members. The topic of discussion was our annual picnic in June. The picnic will be held at Eagle Ridge Ramada at Lynx Lake. The date and time is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM. The directions to the Ramada are 3 miles on Walker Road from Costco. The picnic is a potluck affair. Our hosts, **Chuck & Lynn McCoy**, will supply and prepare the meat menu. Please contact **Ann Tomasic** as to the items you will be bringing. Eagle Ridge is a beautiful area and Chuck & Lynn are superb hosts. We are going to have a great time.

Please remember **Jimmie Legg** in your prayers. At this writing, he is undergoing hospice treatment at home. His wife **Sue** reports that he is resting comfortably and is in no pain. All of our best wishes and prayers go out to them both. Their address is 4415 N. Calle Santa Cruz, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314.

#### Calendar:

**June 18** - Annual Picnic at 11:00AM

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Our April luncheon was held at Boston's with sixteen members in attendance. I would personally like to extend my thanks to **Pat DiLallo** for taking over for me and hosting the luncheon. Our honorary member, my mom **Ann Borucki**, had taken ill which prevented me from being able to attend. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes for her speedy recovery. In the meantime, we all need to take advantage of her absence and try winning the 50/25/25 raffles. When Ann was joining us, she seemed to have incredible luck winning more often than not! To that end, congrats to the April winners **Erika Williams** and **Marion Dietrich**. We would also like to welcome back **Charles Williams**, so glad you are doing well.

Our May luncheon will be hosted by **Alice & Pete Lopez** at one of their favorite eateries, Harvest Restaurant

in Oro Valley, on Thursday, May 16 at 11:30am. The address is 10355 North La Canada Drive, on the southwest corner of Lambert Lane. We'll be ordering from the menu and gluten free items are available for those in need. Please RSVP to Alice & Pete at [ALandPAL@comcast.net](mailto:ALandPAL@comcast.net) or (520) 797-9331 by Sunday, May 12.

Our June luncheon will be hosted by **Pat & Rich DiLallo** at 11:30 am at the Thunder Canyon Brewery located in the Foothills Mall on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Foothills Mall is on La Cholla Blvd. and Ina Road. We will be ordering off the menu. RSVP Pat & Rich at [rpdraglic41@comcast.net](mailto:rpdraglic41@comcast.net) or (520) 825-7370 by Monday June 17<sup>th</sup>. This year, the Roadrunners will be holding their annual dinner in Pinetop on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Lunch is also being planned for Friday, more info to come as the date gets closer.

Lastly, we would like to send our heartfelt sympathy to **Don Jorgensen**. Don just recently lost his wife Peg. We wish Don all the best.

#### Calendar:

**May 16** – Luncheon at Harvest Restaurant hosted by **Alice & Pete Lopez**

**June 20** – Luncheon at Thunder Canyon Brewery hosted by **Pat & Rich DiLallo**

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We didn't have a meeting in April, so our next one will be on June 19<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**. I have not heard anything from our members, except for an occasional email. I'm assuming all is well with everyone.

I really enjoyed the April issue of the RUAEA newsletter with the colored pictures. The staff that puts this together shows us what talent they have and they deserve all the thanks and praise we can give them.

In this last issue, I especially enjoyed reading the Historical Foundation page. This April issue had an overview of SFOMB. If my memory serves me right, at the top left corner of the picture was the PanAm hanger that also shows the ramps where the Clipper Ships docked. A good friend said that he remembers seeing a relative board a PAA Clipper at Treasure Island by S.F. It then took off going through the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge, before it was completed, in the middle of the span. He has a picture of this event that I've got to see.

For those of you planning on visiting Disneyland in CA, plan on spending \$87 per person entry cost plus \$15 parking fee. I went to the California Adventure Park on a Saturday, which was a mistake, and didn't get there before 11:00 A.M., another mistake. The crowds were enormous

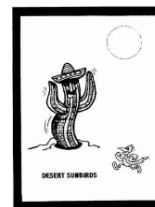
and waiting for rides on the popular ones exceeded 2 hours if you didn't get a fast pass. As a people watcher, I couldn't help but wonder how the crowds of people could afford the expense of this recreation park and bring all their kids too. I know the residents in Southern California can buy a yearly pass, which might save a little money, if they attend several times a year, but you'd have to like the mob scenes. I did get to ride on one of the Kiddy Rides with the great grandkids, which lasted less than 2 minutes. The last time I went to Disneyland was in the 60's, no parking fees, crowds were tolerable, and you got tickets instead of a one time entry fee. I will say that I saw nothing but happy employees that made the whole experience well worth it.

One of our Chapters long time couples, **Wayne & Jean Foster**, will not be attending our meetings due to Wayne's illness. They will be missed by us all and our prayers go out to them.

I didn't know about this Airline Fact but flying on a 3-hour flight, you can lose approximately 1.5 liters of water. If this helps losing weight, I might start flying again.

### DESERT SUNBIRDS

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The Indian Palms Country Club in Indio was the scene for the Desert Sunbirds' April Luncheon. Thirty one Sunbirds and one guest dined on their choice of La Palma Chicken Salad, California Grilled Chicken Sandwich, and the Indian Palms Cheeseburger. Hosting the delicious lunch were **Dave & Kathy Wilson**.

The guest mentioned above was **Linda Simpson**, guest of our President, **Mike Bailardo**. I guess it's not quite accurate to say there was one guest. An old friend, **Dick Hopkins (LAXCS)** & wife **Lois**, were visiting our Desert area, and made arrangements to attend the Luncheon. It's nice to see and visit with a former working buddy. It was also nice to see that **Flo Silvestri**, whose husband **Ray** passed away in December, sent in her 2013 dues. We hope to see Flo at a meeting real soon.

On the mend is **Ron Aggson**, getting stronger day by day. Ron no longer has the visiting nurses, so **Elaine** is the full-time "nurse" for him. Elaine tells me that they are planning to attend the May Luncheon. Ron is anxious to see the group, as we are to see him. We'll let you know next month.

Sad news ~ **Rod Burke**, a retired Flight Attendant (CLESW), and frequent guest of **Robb Bohart** during the winter, passed away on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Birthday winner was **Lynda Davis**, and **Dave Wilson** won the 50-50.

#### Calendar:

**June 12** – Hosted by **Jim & Liz Clapper**





## GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on April 24<sup>th</sup> at China Buffet in Citrus Heights. This was hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**. We had 32 Gold Diggers attending and no guests. Our Chapter President **Hank Wikstad** welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Esolas for hosting.

Officers Reports:

*President ~* **Hank Wikstad** thanked all those attending today.

*Vice President ~* **Orville Harshbarger** gave us another luncheon update for this year. We still need hosts for July and August.

*Secretary ~* **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for April. Those 50 years and over: **Bob & Margaret Fulkerson** – 63 years; **Dale & Dorothy Volker** – 57 years; **Dorothy & Darryll Stroud** – 57 years; and **Len & Laverne Haubl** – 55 years.

*Treasurer ~* **Judie King** was not at the meeting.

*Sunshine ~* **Alice McPeak** did not attend but we were told that **Darryll Stroud** fell and broke his hip.

*Historian ~* **Stephanie Norton** had nothing to report.

*Roster Chairman ~* **Jack Raynor** was not at the meeting.

*Past President of RUAEA ~* **Ron Bertacini** reminded us that the convention will be in Denver, CO, October 9-12 which is a Wednesday through Saturday at the DoubleTree North Hotel. They are still taking reservations.

## Calendar:

**May 29** - Strings in Auburn, CA – hosted by **Sonda Sandstedt**

**June 26** – BJ's in Roseville, CA – hosted by **Bob & Marge Fulkerson**

## HANGTOWN MINERS

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We may not have had a huge number of miners in attendance - 23 in all - but a good time was had by all. **Jon & Alice Somplack** found a wonderful restaurant for us to enjoy. The Snooty Frog served our meals quickly and everything tasted great. Alice raided their yard to fill vases with beautiful flowers for the table. She also made yummy brownies and strawberry cupcakes for us to finish off our meal. This restaurant is in a small, rustic strip mall in

Cameron Park and well worth a return visit some day. Thank you to Jon & Alice for setting this up for us.

Our esteemed president, **Rudy Blazius**, brought our meeting to order. He asked if there were any birthdays and/or anniversaries in April. **Bill & Jane Gibson** celebrate 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month; **George & Connie Rivas** celebrate 56 years together; **Darryll & Dorothy Stroud** mark their 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Angie Dellinger** and **Jane Gibson** both have birthdays. We neglected to ask last month about birthdays, so belated best wishes to **Cindy Blazius** and **Linda Dinette**. **Bill & Linda Dinette** also just celebrated their 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. **Thom Biro**'s lovely daughter, **Dawn**, joined us for lunch.

*President ~* Rudy gave **Thom Biro** a heartfelt "Thank You" for our 2013 updated membership roster. If you have not received a copy, either by email or USPS, please let me know so I can be sure to get it to you.

Rudy & Cindy are planning a trip to Pennsylvania next month. Rudy went to FlyingTogether to see what the 20%, positive space discount would come to for the flight. He's not sure what fee scale they were using, but it would have been \$1,188.00 each for a round trip. He listens to a radio show hosted by Clark Howard who recommends checking [Farecast.com](http://Farecast.com) for prices. Lo and behold, a new world opened up! The website gave Rudy 5 different airlines, side-by-side for comparison. UAL was one of the choices. They had the same trip to PA, positive space, round trip at \$500.00 each! Another "hint"; he has a friend who used [Costco.com](http://Costco.com) to rent a car. Again, they gave 4 agencies to choose from, you can choose which class of car you want (compact, etc.) and it will give you the prices. You can schedule your choice and get your confirmation number right then.

**Frank Dellinger** was having trouble getting into the FlyingTogether website. He let us know to use the help site. Apparently, they change - or want you to change - the password frequently. Many of us are experiencing difficulty just getting into the website.

Also, even if you have your check from PBGC deposited directly into your bank account, PBGC still needs your current street address to keep paying you. So, when you move, be sure to tell them your new address. You can do it online with My PBA, or, you can change your address through their Customer Contact Center at 1-800-400-7242.

*Vice President ~* **Bill Dinette** followed up Rudy's info regarding PBGC with the suggestion that you call and talk to a "person". They have recently been thru this process - he speaks from experience!

*Treasurer ~* **Tom Kenny** didn't have anything new on our non-profit number. **Jon Somplack** asked if it was possible to get our check back - actually, Tom has asked this, big surprise here, the answer was **no**. After our raffle tickets were sold and the donation ticket drawn, our checking account stands at \$1,226.

*Secretary ~* **Jane Gibson** did not have anything new to report.

*Historian ~* **Lynda Lima** was not present.

*Sunshine ~* **Jeanette D'Amico** was not there, but sent

the info that **JR Heier** is doing well. He did need to go back to the hospital so they could "fine tune" his pace-maker. Must have been the right adjustment as we spoke to JR and he's been out walking.

*RUAEA* ~ The April newsletter for RUAEA had not come out before our meeting, so there was no report this month.

*General* ~ **Bill Gibson** put out a request forward from the narrow gauge railroad located in this quaint shopping mall. The train came from the old San Jose Frontier Village. They are looking for someone who would like to operate the train during the summer. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, head on up and see what the group has in mind.

Did you know that Old Sacramento has a city beneath the city? Apparently it does and they have started giving tours of the underground city! Not sure on the fee - maybe \$15.00? - but it may be something interesting to do.

We had a Hangtown Miner attend the luncheon who we have not seen for quite awhile. **Nancy Devore** joined us today. Welcome back!

Our meeting adjourned and our wonderful Drawing Of Opportunity began. **Bill Gibson** scored the winning donator's ticket.

Donators for April were: **Dinettes** - wine; **Biro** - wine; **Blazius** - wine; **Fitzpatrick** - wine; **Somplack** - wine (hmmm, seems to be a pattern here!); **Czapkay** - plant; **Somplack** - Cross pen; **Kenny** - gun lock; **Gibson** - fresh oranges; **Somplack** - vases with flowers from the table. A very grateful "Thank You" for all the donations.



#### **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

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Our April luncheon was held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at The Quail Inn in Oakmont. **Maddy McKinnis** and **Mary Hill** hosted 43 members and guests to a delicious buffet lunch. We had 37 members and 6 guests present. President **George Schwind** welcomed everyone and thanked our hostesses. Vice President **Brandon Maus** introduced our guests: **Lee Trevelyn** and **Lynn Cassil**, guests of **Barney & Claire Hagen**; **Jennifer Ragle** was the guest of **Ruth Loy**; **Carol Turek** was **Doug Sanders'** guest and **Pam Tinnin** was the guest of **Verda Burr**.

Treasurer Jan reported we still have money. Actually the total balance as of 3/15/12 was \$629.57, of which \$351.36 is in the general account and \$278.21 is in the Charity Fund.

**Barney Hagen** reported on the changes to the calculation process for boarding. You need to be a mathematician to figure it out so fortunately, it is calculated for you online. Go to the List page – Employee Reservations – to search page – quick link to employee profile.

RUAEA Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** reminded everyone that the convention is getting closer so make your plans.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** reported neither of the April Birthday honorees was present. **Matty & Marji Matchinegg** are celebrating their 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month so we sang to them. Verda said next year Matty will host a dinner for everyone, Matty looked pretty worried - too bad she made that up.

Everyone enjoys the raffle as lots of wine and candy is given away. Verda seemed to enjoy it more than most – she was having a wonderful time with side comments and lots of laughter.

#### **Calendar:**

Luncheon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month

**June 13** - Quail Inn, hosted by **Ron & Joanne Huhn** and **Larry & Mary Wilson**

**July 11** - Le Chalet Basque, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

**August 8** - Armstrong Woods, hosted by **Verda Burr**

**September 12** - La Gare, hosted by **Jan Blackburn & Valerie Hulsey**

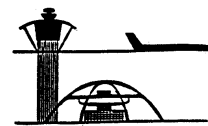
**October 10** - Quail Inn, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**

**November 14** - Fountain Grove Inn, hosted by **Pat & Brandon Maus**

**December 12** - Quail Inn, hosted by the Officers

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Hi ya'll, I just got back from a trip to Georgia and that Southern drawl seems to stick around for awhile. **Olga Jean Barnes** and I were roommates, walking all over beautiful cities like Atlanta, Savannah and Augusta, eating wonderful Southern food. Oooooee! Good stuff! The cobble-stone streets and local attractions were definitely a challenge; but Olga Jean was smiling all the way. Olga's doctor gave her a thumb up for traveling!

At the April luncheon, we were happy to see **Herb & Betty Kopp** and their son, Randy. Getting out and about has become a real challenge for Herb as he battles cancer. Herb & Betty look the picture of health and we send our love and prayers during this difficult time. 6200 Belle Ave., Buena Park, CA 90620.

We had a surprise visit from some CS people that are special to us: **Don Garner** and his wife brought **Bud Wynn** and his wife to attend the luncheon. What a pleasure to see them after such a long time. We certainly enjoyed the visit and meeting their wives. Maybe, we'll see them at the steak fry in August.

We also had another gift basket to raffle off as a fund-

raiser for our Fantasy flight. It was donated by **Joan Hoffmann** and cleverly filled with spring time items for the garden, plus a gift certificate for Home Depot. What a surprise, when it was won by our own handyman, **Hal Klobe**.

**Laly Savoy**, our Fantasy Flight leader, advised that the Casino Night fund-raiser for this year has been secured at the American Legion Hall on Sepulveda in Culver City on Friday, July 12, 2013 at 6:00PM. So, save the date and come to support our local Fantasy Flight.

Calendar:

**June 6** - Proud Bird restaurant

**August 1** - Steak Fry at El Segundo Park



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Our retirees got Spring off to a great start with some Mexican food and cuisine at the Acapulco Restaurant in Old Town. There were forty six in attendance and all seemed to enjoy the Mexican Buffet and cuisine.

**Connie & Matt Mc Lynn** drove over from Tucson to join us along with some new retirees, **Gloria Rymysza**, **Susan Shaffer**, and **Ginny & Bill Banaszak**. **Nancy Brock** and **Randy Tidmore** from Clipped Wings came by for good food and lots of laughs and good stories.

**Ralph Hernandez** was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and walked away with \$84.00 and a big smile on his face.

Yesterday at our monthly breakfast, Deb told us about her trip to Taipei for eight days and her fourteen day cruise on Royal Caribbean, travelling with her sisters, to Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Phuket, Mumbai, Muscat and Dubai. She had a great trip and we are glad she is back home with us.

A little closer to home, Bob and I flew to Cabo San Lucas for a little vacation. We stayed at San Jose del Cabo, at a charming Mexican bed and breakfast high on a hill overlooking the Pacific. We visited Cabo San Lucas, La Paz and Los Todos Santos which is a charming little village with a lot of American expats. It is an art community and quite cultural. While in La Paz, my wish was to swim with the dolphins. A friend took us out to the island of Espiritu Santo and we jumped over the side and waited for them to appear. No luck on that day. It will stay on my Bucket List until it happens.

We had twenty five attendees at our breakfast and **Skip Householder** won the 50/50 raffle of \$45.00. **Betty Tomaino** brought her friend, **Joyce Cason**, who was one of our flight attendants and retired as a CSR in LAX. We accepted **Karen Trapers** as a new member. We look forward to her joining us in the future.

That's it for this month. Hope to see you at our next breakfast.

Calendar:

**June 6** – Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394. Phone (619) 226 0255

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Let's hear it for our new Corresponding Secretary - **Pat Niland**! Hooray, Huzzah, Way-to-Go, and all those other cheers! We almost gave Pat a standing ovation for volunteering (with a little arm twisting) to take over Helen Cain's job. We, truly, appreciate her taking over the duties of keeping us informed of the inner workings of our group.

Our California weather has been beautiful lately - perhaps this is why we didn't have a huge crowd. We did, however, welcome a new member, **Deanne Hedding**. We hope you become a regular. Our previous Travel Coordinator, **Shirley Dickinson**, recently celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday - the Fire Department was alerted to the occasion but did not show up when all those candles were fired up. I venture to guess that most of the Golden Gaters went on one (if not more) of the many trips that she put together several years ago. Good times were had by all and we thank her for all her hard work while doing that job! Speaking of birthdays - we Golden Gaters are celebrating our 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary - our intrepid Historian, **Jim Goodwine**, has booklets filled with memorabilia along with pictures of all of us looking svelte, handsome and debonair - and a few years younger!

Our Sunshine Lady, **Jacque Ahern**, has sent a get well card to **Emily O'Toole** - she has broken a bone and is on the mend. Because of health reasons, we have missed **Virginia Soult** and **Mildred Reed** at our meetings - they have moved closer to their families. Both fun and wonderful ladies! The memorial service for **Wayne Guenther** was attended by quite a few members of our group - a lovely tribute to a very kind and gentle man.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** reported Menopause the Musical and luncheon field trip was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended. If you have the chance to see this theater production, do so as it filled with great music and continual laughter! The Croatia trip is on for May 11-25, the former Yugoslavia is a lovely country and spring time should be lovely. The June 5<sup>th</sup> trip "Wine, Lavender and Bees, Oh My" is sold out but Ginger is taking names for a waitlist. If enough people are interested, another bus might be engaged. See Ginger or email her if you are interested in any of the above.

A Hot Dog Luncheon will be offered at our June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting for \$5.00. (Remember, this is a special interline discounted meal so you can't afford to stay away!) Tickets can be purchased at our May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting or by calling **Dorothy Reuszer** at (650) 341-5765, no later than June 20.



President **Ralph Trullinger** relayed that there will be a Travel Pass Seminar on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the IAM Hall, 1511 Rollins Rd., Burlingame. **Kirk Moore** from RAFA will present the program.

President **Ralph Trullinger** adjourned the meeting with the reminder that our next meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, May 20, due to the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. Brown-baggers enjoyed their lunches and **Kathy Hutt**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, announced our entertainment for the afternoon – comic magician Phil Ackerly who would dazzle us with his sleight-of-hand.

#### Calendar:

Due to the Memorial Day Holiday next month, we will meet one week earlier on Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise we meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, 11am – 2pm at William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Mail should be sent to UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404

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Happy Anniversary to the South Bay RUAEA! April 24, 1983 was the date of the first meeting of the South Bay RUAEA and so this year, we celebrated with our annual Spring luncheon at Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View. Our members and guests were musically entertained by Daphne and Bruce who entwined United Airlines history with their presentation. Members were asked trivia about UAL and **Don Nessling** knew the most answers. Don is 91 and is quite the historian about aviation. We enjoyed the raffled hosted by **Tony Urso**, proceeds going to our chapter; therefore we don't collect any dues. Everyone had a great time. We want to thank those who helped make our celebration such a success, **Thelma Graham, Maureen & Vern Snyder, Vi Mattscheck, Margie & Alex Klaus, Tony & Sally Urso**, and our President **Bill Reichard**.

June is traditionally the month for weddings and we want to congratulate those who are celebrating more than 50 years of wedded bliss ~ **Lloyd & Claire Eber** (63 yrs), **Gary & Darlene Ikeya** (52 yrs), **Don & Dot Boyer** (55 yrs) and **Charles & Josie Esqueda** (53 yrs).

We sadly share the news of the death of **Garver Sandy**. Garver was a long time active member of our chapter serving as President and Treasurer. We send condolences to his wife **Wilma** and his family.

Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, will be our annual picnic and barbeque at Vasona County Park in Los Gatos. We are looking forward to enjoying a delicious barbeque, good conversation and a rousing BINGO game. Our hosts will be **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard, Nancy & Dave Walb** and **Tony**

& **Sally Urso**. Please feel free to join us. For more information, you can contact **Rosemarie Reichard** at the above email or number.

Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, the group will be touring the Military Vehicle Museum in Los Altos. It has displays of war machines from WWI to the present.

#### Calendar:

We meet every Friday morning at 8 AM for breakfast and a short meeting at Holder's Country Inn on De Anza Blvd. across from the Home Depot, in San Jose. Please join us.

**June 18** - Annual Summer Picnic and Barbeque at Vasona Lake County Park, hosted by **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard, Dave & Nancy Walb**, and **Tony & Sally Urso**

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Our April meeting was held at Thomi's Restaurant in Jackson. We had a marvelous buffet (with many members taking leftovers in "to-go" containers), hosted by **Don & Jo Nesja**. We celebrated the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday for **Don Rentzel**, as well as his & **Cathy's** wedding anniversary. We were told of the death of **Bill Feaster**, a former member of our group. If you would like an address for **Sophie** (Bill's widow), please contact our president, **Jack Walls** (see phone number below). **Bob Blair** was in attendance, just a week after undergoing rotator cuff surgery. Guess he isn't planning on "flying" anywhere soon. Our guests were **Carolyn Hoffman** (guest of **Don & Jo Nesja**) and **Theresa Hallenberger** (sister of **Regina Weber**). **Sandy Brooks** handed out our 2013 roster. It takes a bit of work to put it together, and we are most appreciative of her work. It is so important that our members be able to contact each other, and Sandy works hard to keep it updated.

Our next meeting will again be held at Thomi's, and will be hosted by **Don Rentzel** and **Cathy Davenport**. Although all are welcome, we do need a head count. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month and we would appreciate it if you would call our president, **Jack Walls** at (209) 984-5672, or Vice President, **Nancy Buddington** at (209) 588-1073, for meeting information.

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Our April meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> with 33 members and guests. Many thanks (again) to **Carol Parks** for her Easter candy and decorations.

We had a special guest, **Dee Vent**, who was a Stewardess in 1945. She gave a wonderful picture of what the profession was like in those days. We hope to see her often at our meetings. She was the guest of **Roger & Emily Ehm**. We were pleased to see our returnees **Russ Miller**, **Hoagie Harguth**, and **Tracey Blanchard** after her annual extended vacation in Hawaii.

We want to thank **Barbara Cunningham** for agreeing to take over the role of our "Sunshine Lady".

**Don & Georgia Rutowski** will be leaving us. They are moving to LAS! Happy for them and sad for us – they have been members for many years.

**Diane** was absent at our last meeting, due to RUAEA Board meetings in DEN at the site of our 2013 Convention. She said the hotel is beautiful. It's nice to know that a full breakfast will be included in the room rate. We expect many good tours, also.

Our Treasurer, **Rich Bouska**, reports that we are in solid financial shape which will enable us to defer some of the costs for our upcoming picnic which will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The 50/50 was won by **Dee Vent** and the free lunches were won by **Joe Leather** and **Judy Tiu**. We had an additional raffle, a Chocolate Easter Rabbit which was won by **Dee Vent**.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Sizzler restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. There are three exceptions during the year: June is our annual picnic, July we do not meet and December will be held again at the Back Forty restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We have many departments represented. Something new ~ we encourage current active employees to come.

We have an ongoing book and magazine exchange. The leftover books are donated to either hospice or libraries and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. In addition, we accept new and used greeting cards. **Emma Lou Olson** sends them on to her charity.

#### Calendar:

**June 10** – Picnic

**July** – No Meeting

**August 12**

**September 9**

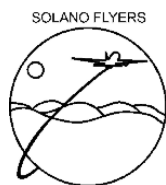
**October 14**

**November 11**

**December 9** - Annual Toys for Tots and Christmas Party

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May 1<sup>st</sup> was a windy and warm day in CA. Denny's provided the private dining room for our monthly meeting. The room was comfortable, and then the A/C started to

freeze out the members, so we requested that they shut the A/C off. The temperature was good for a brief time, and then we noticed that the heater was cooking us. Finally, we got the thermostat shut off. We went from Minnesota to Florida in 30 minutes. Ok, ok, not trying to start anything. I'll change it, we went from Michigan to Arizona, in 30 minutes. Is that better?

As we are a new chapter and working through our process, the membership decided to move our meeting date from the first Wednesday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month. Members attending were: **Robert & Mickiko Allen**, **Bob Zweighardt**, **Ben Reed**, **Rudolph Arsaga**, **Louis Pell**, **McKinley Nelson**, **Stewart McCale**, **Bill & Joanne Blizzard**, **John Frances**, **Pad & Eileen Gardner**, **Charles & Martha Szekretar**, **Raquel Whitney**, **James Ellison**, **Robert Zirzow**, **Mariono & Jose Quilao**, **John & Anita Weldon**, and **Trent Lowney**.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was **Robert Zirzow**.

Long range planning: Chapter picnic at Pena Adobe Park, Vacaville, October 9. December chapter sponsored luncheon, December 11.

#### Calendar:

**June 12** - Meeting at Raul's Restaurant, 1720 N. Texas St., Fairfield.

**July 10** - Meeting at Denny's Restaurant, 1450 E. Monte Vista, Vacaville.

### COLORADO

#### DENVER MILE HIGHERS



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The chapter has been busy this month hosting the Spring Luncheon at the Fresh Fish Company on April 24. We had 56 folks attend and first timers were **Jan Jerold**, **Frank Dzikowshi**, **Edith Thompson**, **Boyd Porter** and **Maureen Wise**. We all enjoyed various entrées that were superbly prepared and topped off with a great carrot cake.

The Mile High Chapter had their monthly breakfast at the UAL Training Center Cafeteria on May 4, the first Saturday of the month, as usual. There was a good turn out, 60 folks, probably reflective of the nice weather we have had for the last few days. First timers were **Matt Ohr**, **Don & Sharon Burbank**. Special guest was **Kaylea Sullivan**, granddaughter of **Gene & Kathy Sibley**. It was good to see **Teena Davis** and **Wayne Miller**. You all come back and see us in June!

It was reported that **John Bays** who worked in DENMM recently passed away. **Mary Lou Mims** had a stroke and is in Life Care Center of Aurora, 14101 East Evans, Room 269. She can have visitors; her phone is (303) 751-2000. A get well card was passed around for folks to sign.

Folks that returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter were **Bill Brehmer, Ron Cannon, Walt Hansen (2), Keith Hipsher, and Jim Spate**. Thanks Folks!

The next coming event will be the Continental (ARECA) and United (RUAEA) picnic (Catered by Bennett's BBQ) at Wings over the Rockies Air and Space Museum located at 7711 East Academy Blvd, Denver, CO 80230-6929 (on the old Lowery AFB). The date is August 21 and the time is 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Food will be served at 12 noon.

The Menu: BBQ Beef, Chicken, Beans, with BBQ Sauce, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, French Bread w/ butter, Ice Cream, Ice Tea. All this for \$19.00 per person and a self guided museum tour is included.

Deadline for Reservations is August 16, 2013. Make Checks payable to: ARECA, c/o **Pat Fischahs** and mail to 6756 East Exposition Ave., Denver, CO 80224. Indicate the name of the member and guests on the check.

#### Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast. Don't forget your aluminum cans.

### FLORIDA

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President **Don Nellans** called our April meeting to order at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant on Thursday, April 25. This is our normal meeting place, but on this day it was a beehive of activity as the Nancy Lopez Legacy Golf Course was making last minute reparations to host a PGA tournament commencing the day after our meeting. We all enjoyed watching the preparations as we had our lunch.

After lunch, **Charles Wirth**, our treasurer let us know we are still very solvent after our Flight 93 Memorial contribution. **Lydia Wirth** read the list of April birthdays and anniversaries. Those celebrating April birthdays were **Bill Broyles, Claus Brinnitzer, Jim Dickinnos, Joy Fernandes, Don Nellans, Bill Wimmer** and **Lydia Wirth**. They were given the deserved applause. We briefly discussed our meeting schedule for the upcoming months and we agreed that we would not meet in July and August as most of us seem to be enjoying vacations or grand children visits during this period. We will meet the last Thursday of May and June at our regular location at Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant beginning at 11:30 AM.

We also decided to not have a regular Meeting in November, but we will instead plan a picnic at the beginning

of the month away from Thanksgiving and December will be a Christmas party as opposed to a regular meeting. All of this means we will only have 4 more regular meetings that will meet on the last Thursday of the month only in May, June, September, and October. If you are going to be close to The Villages on the last Thursday of any of those months, you are welcome to join us for a little "retiree talk".



#### SAND"DABS"

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Thirteen Sand"DABS" showed up on this very rainy day, but our time together was very pleasant. Pres. **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting with our usual pledge to the flag and short prayer was said reminding us that it was the National Day of Prayer for our country.

It was good to see our Associate members **Robert & Deborah Taylor** from San Diego who visit this area about two times a year. Travelers were **Steve & Lillian Moddle** to NC to take care of grandkids and dogs while daughter & hubby went off on a trip. **Emily Veracka** was busy with her Condo meeting.

**Frieda & Dick Coughlin** gave us a summary of their recent cruise experiencing sailing with 20 ft. waves at times. Their stop in Portugal was interesting; they mentioned that Lisbon was such a very clean city. In Barcelona, Spain they met great crowds, but enjoyed several tours there. They had no problems getting on flights with UAL back home.

**Herb Gardner** mentioned his experiences at the Balloon Festival in New Smyrna Beach at the end of April where he is very involved volunteering to help out. It was a very successful Festival. He is back with us now after 3 months and now is taking care of the 50/50 tickets once again.

Our birthday celebrants present were **Frieda Coughlin, Robert Taylor, Bud Gammill** (who confessed to reaching the big 80), and **Bill Lowry** who proudly admitted to be 86 this month. Anniversary celebrants were **Dick & Frieda Coughlin** (55 years). Company Anniversary was **Nelson Funkhouser**. Although Nelson was not with us, his wife Honeylou was and gave us an up-date on Nelson's condition. He'd like to have visitors, especially airline people. He's at Countryside, 941 Village Trail, Apt. B115, Port Orange, FL 32127, cell (386) 523-7865.

We learned that **Larry & Janet Horton** will be going on a trip to Russia for 2 weeks in August. We'll get a summary of their trip at another meeting. Larry promised to bring pictures for us to see.

Treasurer **Penny Logan** won the 50/50. She also gave us a financial report. We postponed our giving choices in hopes that more people will be at the next meeting to vote. Dick gave some information about the company regarding



new planes and the battery modification on other planes being done in TX. On that note we adjourned until next month.

*Seen on a commercial truck ~ Don't sleep with a drip, call a plumber.*

Calendar:

**June 6** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**July 4** - 11:30 - Meeting Cancelled

**August 1** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

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Orlando has had 2 sunny days during the month of May – this was the second one and our turnout was very light. Guess everyone else went to the beach! Ho! 27 members braved the cool temps “inside” the Golden Corral to have lunch and a very brief meeting. Pres. **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** are cruising, so VP **Ken Michels** presided over a pretty talkative group! Welcome back “we haven’t seen you in awhile” to **Murray Delauter, Bob & Regina Ketter, Richard Vinson, and Diane Lewis**.

A fair amount of conversation about the new United’s latest insults & injuries aimed, it seems, at retirees. **But** don’t ignore them. Do stay informed as your benefits could be at stake. Check FlyingTogether regularly and stay up on the latest information.

It seems our prayer lists for a return to good health for our fellow members of the Real McCoy’s and their families continues to grow. Among those in special need of our prayers: **OB & Bonnie Taylor** ~ 4-B Jonquil Ct., Orange City, FL 32763; **Lou & Joan Gaydos** ~ 526 Wildwood Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168; **Paul & Helga Brown** ~ 4124 Teriwood Ave., Orlando, FL 32812; **Aaron & Nina Williams** ~ 115 E. Pine St., Howey in the Hills, FL 34737; **Dave Houck** ~ 12225 Howeycross Rd., Clermont, FL 34715, and **Charlie & Sharon Ringer** ~ 14002 Mastwood Way, Orlando, FL 32832.

May Birthday Balloons to **Bob McNeill** (29<sup>th</sup>) and **Pat Hernandez** (30<sup>th</sup>) and a Happy 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to **Bob & Regina Ketter** (3<sup>rd</sup>)! Huge Congrats to all!

Please continue to pray for all our “United family and friends”.

Calendar:

Luncheon/Meeting at 1:30pm, Golden Corral on So. Se-moran Blvd

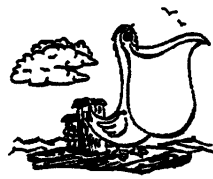
**June 4**

**July 2**

**August 6**



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The Pelican Drop-Ins held our end-of-the-year picnic on Friday, May 3, at Picnic Point in The Landings in Ft. Myers, right on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River. We had 18 persons attending. Following two days of heavy rainfall, the day turned out beautifully for a picnic! We really “lucked out” as the saying goes! The grill masters charcoaled beautiful beef tenderloin steaks and we all feasted on the side dishes and desserts. This May picnic has become tradition for our group!

Several members head back north for the summer. Those who remain in the area are encouraged to meet for breakfast on the first Friday of each summer month (June thru September) at Perkins Restaurant at 9:30 am in North Ft. Myers. Our regularly scheduled meetings resume on the first Friday of October. We welcome lots of “snowbirds” for the winter season.

Our April meeting was scheduled to be a tour at ECHO (Ecumenical Concerns for Hunger Organizations) Global Farm in North Fort Myers, but was cancelled the morning of the tour because of a downpour of rain. We were sorry we could not take the tour that day but will re-schedule it next season. It is a wonderful place and you learn so much!

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of October - April.

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (June - September)

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Our meeting was called to order at 10:35 at IHOP on Highway 54 by President **Barbara Riecsc**. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes were read and approved as read. Treasurer’s report was given by **Lillian Sawyer**. Birthdays for the month of May are: **Don Fusina** (13<sup>th</sup>), **Ron Wilkerson** (14<sup>th</sup>), **Bob Lindstrom** (16<sup>th</sup>), **Barbara Riecsc** (18<sup>th</sup>), and **Dave Lodge** (23<sup>rd</sup>). There is only one Anniversary celebration, **Don & Volrie Fusina** on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Several people will be traveling this summer. **Barbara Riecse** is going to North Carolina to see her granddaughter graduate from college. **Mary Judd** to Greenville, South Carolina, **Beverly Alderdice** to Pennsylvania, **Willie Wilkerson** to Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, **Mary Martin** to Minnesota, **Volrie & Don Fusina** to Las Vegas.

**Barbara Riecse** gave a report on her husband's surgery. **Jon Wilkinson** gave an update on the United aircrafts. He also said United and US Air are charging \$200 to change your ticket. It was suggested that you go on [flytogether.ual.com](http://flytogether.ual.com) for important information that affects all of us. **Beverly Alderdice** said we should go to "all about me" to re-certify.

**Barbara Riecse** read her letter of thanks ~ "No one ever refused to help when asked. My years as president have been great. Thank you again."

**Beverly Alderdice** volunteered to be our new president. **Bob Lindstrom** will be our vice president. Thanks to you both.

Our next meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in September (because of Labor Day). Our yearly dues are due. October will be our picnic. Have a great summer!

#### Calendar:

\*\*\*\***June, July and August** – No meetings

**September 9** - 10:30 AM, IHOP (please note this one meeting is a week later because of the holiday)



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On May 7, we had our annual picnic at Dubois Park in Jupiter, FL and what a day it was! The weather was a perfect 10 and we had 24 members in attendance. We had enough food to feed an army as usual and the cleanup went quickly, thank goodness. We played the bean toss game and the winners were **Jim Morehead** and **Soni Bodner**. Let me say if you haven't played this game, it is not as easy as you might think. **Tom Kolibab** was the official score keeper and of course, his wife, Sharon, was his side kick. The 50/50 was won by **Arnold Lakso** and the progressive was won by **Bob Langevin**. **Al & Janice Popek** and **Frank & Mary Jane Wise** brought in an assortment of gifts that were given to the people that did not win the 50/50, so they held onto their tickets for the drawing. I won a beautiful, not real, orchid plant, and Janice said to me as she handed it to me, don't kill it! I thought she was kidding until I realized the plant wasn't real.

**Frank Wise** had to take over the grill since my son came down with a chest cold of sorts and couldn't attend. Let me say a big Thank You to Frank, he is quite a chef as the hot dogs and burgers were absolutely delicious. I must

say we have very good culinary artists in our group and would give Puck a run for his money.

**Al, Janice, Bob Langevin, Dick Knapp** and I put up the balloons and decorations. **Frank Wise** made some United Airlines Picnic signs and posted them at the entrance, and along the path to our Pavilion.

Birthdays for June are **Janice Popek** (6/1), **Tom Kolibab** (6/5), **Sharon Kolibab** and **Ron Brodis** (6/12), and **Chris Taylor** (6/21). A Very Happy Birthday to all! Wedding Anniversaries are **Frank & Mary Jane Wise** (6/11), and **Arnold & Dee Lakso** (6/20). Congratulations and Happy Anniversary!

For those members, who, for whatever reason, could not attend our picnic, you missed a great time, maybe next year.

Please remember to look at the calendar, we will be having meetings during July and August, no more vacation. Look forward to seeing everyone.

Remember to Live well, Love much and Laugh Often, and most of all Be Happy, the clock is ticking!

#### Calendar:

**June 4** - Luncheon/Meeting at Wahoo's, 1230PM, Stuart, FL

**July 2** - Luncheon/Meeting at Wahoo's, 1230PM, Stuart, FL

**August 6** - Luncheon/Meeting at Wahoo's, 1230PM, Stuart, FL

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DIXIE FLYERS

On May 1, our Dixie Flyers met for our luncheon and discussion of UAL happenings. **Stan Cebula** gave the blessing of the meal and **Fred Cron** led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. He was complete with his redbird (Capital logos on his blue United Ike jacket). His guest **Sara Forte**'s won the 50/50 raffle and donates her \$12.00 back to the Chapter's Charitable - Ladies in Distress.

**Collen Sullivan Austin** commented on the winning ticket she held 2 months in a row.

**Marge Shelley** had a knee operation and is recuperating at home. Nana has to play with grandson Noah.

Birthdays ~ **Glenda Tuttle** (5/11), **Frank Russey** (5/8). Anniversaries ~ The **Cebulas** (59 years on April 24<sup>th</sup>), **Bill & Judy Elk** (49 years on April 7).

We voted to continue our meeting through the summer that is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 2PM at Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, GA.



## HAWAII



### HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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Aloha. The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter. Our next regularly planned luncheon will be on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have all the details by the middle of May and can email them to you. Just let us know your email address at [HNLRUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLRUA@gmail.com). All retirees are welcome to join us. It's a perfect way to start out the summer. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.

### Calendar:

**June 20** – 1100AM Luncheon at Treetops Restaurant, located in Manoa Valley in Honolulu. Cost is 15.00 per person. Cutoff for payment to HNLRUA will be Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the address above. We have to provide a count to the restaurant in advance.

## IDAHO

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Our April Gems meeting was enjoyable, as always, although we missed many of our members. Everyone seems to appreciate the food and the service at Jerry's State Court Café. Those joining us were **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**, **Bud & Pat Peters**, **Marlene Croghan**, **David & Carol Adams**, who were happy to have their daughter and son-in-law, **Shauna & Dave Strauch**, able to be there, and **Charles & Shirley Perkins**, who added this message, "Looking forward to spring - soon?" It has been fun to watch as our Mountain Ash tree has quickly gained its new leaves. We just had our lawn mowed for the first time.

We're a little short on news to share; however, I would like to say how wonderful was the Tulip Festival tour, April 25-28. **David Adams** drives all the Harmon Travel Tours from Boise. Our destination was Mt. Vernon, Washington. The tulips were at their best at both our stops. We learned a lot from a master gardener teacher/step-on guide. You might guess that the climate is a good match for that in Holland. There seems to be "extra surprise stops" on nearly every tour. The most awesome this time was Snoqualmie Falls. However, the most fun were Chukar Cherries (Prosser, WA) and Liberty Orchards, specializing in Aplets and Cotlets (Cashmere, WA). Can you tell that these were "sweet stops?"

### Calendar:

**June 11** - Meeting at Jerry's State Court Café, 6767 W Fairview, Boise, ID  
**September 10** - September Memorial Picnic - Cassia Park on Camas

## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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June ~ the month named after the Roman goddess, Juno, wife of Jupiter. She was the goddess of marriage; therefore, it's considered good luck to be married in June. In Iceland, folklore says if you bathe naked in the morning dew on June 24, you are supposed to keep aging at a minimum. You let me know how that works, Ok? Also celebrated in June are Father's Day, Flag Day, D-Day on June 6, and King Kamehameha Day on June 11, in our little corner of the world. It's also the month of the summer solstice, with lots of sunshine, and many graduations, sending our youth out to conquer the world; if they can find a job.

Our May breakfast had about 25 retirees. **Pat & Jim Guerin** joined us after being absent for a while. People still have questions about our travel boarding date. That was covered at length in May's Newsletter, if you'd like to review it there.

Traveling news: **Darlene Marsiglia**, ORDSW, went to San Antonio and Ft. Lauderdale to visit her cousins who are missionaries from Guatemala. **Virginia Kondraros** will be going to Greece in June. **Pat Muha**, CHIRR, went on a cruise. **Toni Van Kempen**, also went cruising. **Al LaRoche**, EXORA, traveled to Canada to celebrate his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday with three other brothers who are also celebrating birthdays in May. They are all in their 90's. Wow, they must have all bathed in the morning dew at one time. About a dozen people traveled to River Falls, WI for the Loonies trip. We'll have more about that next month. **Bob & Carol Faust**, CHIRR, went on a Caribbean cruise with their sons, Mark, Tim and his wife, Carin. They spent seven days on the cruise, visited five islands, then had three days in San Juan, building sand castles and getting sun burned. But Carol said rum helps take away the sting. She said they had a blast. **Virginia & Carl Monaco**, ORDCS, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with family and friends. Congratulations! May you have many more healthy ones. **John Witkowski**, ORDMM, went to the Kentucky Derby with the "guys", to celebrate a bachelor party, and to watch the horses. It rained a lot and they were drenched watching their horses lose. Don't think Ski wore one of those fancy hats.



**Helen Cauwels**, is selling tickets for the Cubs game vs. Pittsburgh Pirates, on August 14. Tickets are \$18.50. If interested, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to her at 909 E. Kenilworth, #421, Palatine, IL. 60074-6834. Helen's phone number is (847) 358-8634. Please write your file number in the note field of your check. Make your check out to the Chicago Skyliners. There is a limit of four tickets per person, so don't wait too long to reserve your tickets, space is limited. You can catch the Pace Wrigley Field Express Bus from the Schaumburg or Lombard bus stations. The fare is \$4.00 each way, or \$2.00 for seniors, if you have a RTA Reduced Fare Card.

Effective with the September 11<sup>th</sup> Northside breakfast, we will be meeting at Elly's Restaurant in Arlington Heights. They are at 372 E. Golf Road, just east of Arlington Heights Road, on the north side of the street, in the International Plaza Shopping Center. We will still be meeting at Ritzzy's until then. At Jedi's Restaurant, 17 people met for our Southsiders' brunch. **Betty Doran** came after a short absence. **Mel Fisher**, ORDCG, also returned. He spent the winter months in Arkansas. They both looked great and rested. **Lavonne Halach** had successful cataract surgery last month. She was happy to "see" all of us. Mel was kind to bring five lottery tickets for our raffle. The winners were **Bob Pearson**, **Bill Brookins**, **Tom Hurley**, **Ed Ward** and **John Pazakarinis**. Don't think anyone won huge amounts of money. We heard no loud screams of joy, or offers to buy brunch. Our regular raffle was won by **Bob Pearson**, who won twice, **Bill Brookins**, and **Carl Brandt**. **Mary & Carl Brandt** visited a casino in April. As you know, **Esther Broderson** passed away in December, and her twin brother passed away April 29. There were two other deaths, both from ORDF, **Thomas Imhof**, and **Harry Rosenberg**. **Kenneth Knutson**, EXOOU, passed away on April 24. **Clair Hall** died on May 4; he was in EXO Budgets, then other department and cities. No other information available.

We want to send good thoughts to our friends in Boston. We had another attack on our country, and more people affected by loss or injury. Our prayers to all of you, hope any wounds, physically or emotionally, heal quickly. Boston Strong!

We can't end without saying Happy Father's Day to our dads, grandpas, uncles, or a special man who was like a "Dad" to us. Without that male guidance and dominance in our families, we might not be as "grounded" as we are today. Usually, one of those "looks" from him, and I knew I did something wrong, or stupid. For Mother's day, children send lovely, flowery cards to their moms. For Father's day, most cards are humorous. The kids make phone calls, not as many as Mother's day. But on a lot of them, the children are asking dad for money. At least those are the statistics I read. My dad tried to explain car-buretors and football to me a long time ago. After a few hours, he shook his head, threw his hands in the air and walked away, mumbling to himself. God bless all of you dads. Hope you're saving a nice spot for us on an adjoining cloud. Keep watching over us, until we meet again.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Ritzzy's Café, 8:30 A.M. 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows. **(July 10)** Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. **(June 25)** Last Tuesday of the month.

**June 24** - Summer Picnic, Chandler's, Roselle Rd., Schaumburg 11:00

**September 24** - Fall Luncheon, Diplomat West Banquet Hall, North Ave., Elmhurst 11:00. (Yes, home of the humungous pork chop)

**December 10** - Christmas Luncheon, Avalon, Higgins and Rt. 83, 11:00

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There is no luncheon scheduled for June with the next one taking place on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

As a review and information for anyone making the trip downtown via the Metra trains from the suburbs, the best bus to take is #124 Navy Pier on Canal Street northbound. The bus goes down Wacker Drive and there is a stop on State Street which is right across from the Renaissance Hotel.

You could also take the #157 Streeterville bus which goes down Washington and would require a two block walk north when you get off at State.

To return to the train stations, go to Madison and take any bus #124, 157, 56, 20 or 60 going west. All stop at Ogilvie Station with bus # 124, 157 or 60 continuing to Union Station.

#### Calendar:

**June** - No luncheon scheduled

**July 17** - Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel - 11:30 a.m.

**August** - No luncheon scheduled

#### INDIANA



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The Indy Racers were happy to welcome **Bill Austin** to its April meeting. Bill worked in aircraft inspection while at United's San Francisco and Indianapolis mainte-

nance bases. Congratulations to **Jack Conway** who won the April meeting's 50/50 raffle. We send wishes for a speedy recovery to both **Ray Brabo** and **Mario Bregante** who are recovering from recent surgeries. Thank you to **Charles Theiss**, who has agreed to take over the coordination of our Toys for Tots campaign for needy children. He accepts the coordination reins from **Ray Brabo**, who served as our liaison with the US Marine Corps for many years. Thank you to Ray for bringing this program to the Indy Racers and making it such a success.



The Racers will celebrate the beginning of summer with a fun picnic at the "Twin Bridges Lodge" in Danville, IN on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 2 p.m. The picnic replaces the regular June business meeting. The picnic's theme is "Our Little Corner of the World," which was

United's marketing theme to promote its original routes to Honolulu. Members are encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts and Moo-Moos to help carry out the theme. They are also asked to bring a vegetable or dessert "covered dish" that serves at least eight people. The organization will provide the meat, soft drinks, paper plates, tableware and fun favors. Pictured (from last year's picnic) are **Chris Johnston**, **Charles Theiss** and **Dennis Hall**. Aloha!

Happy Birthday to **Elly Barnett** (6/19), **Bob Duffy** (6/21), and **Chris Johnston** (6/25). Happy Anniversary to **Frank & Rita Prins** (6/4) and **Robert & Myrtle Duty** (6/20).

#### Calendar:

**June 22** – Annual Summer Picnic beginning at 2 p.m. at the "Twin Bridges Lodge" in Danville, IN.

**July 9** – Emmy's Original Pancake House & Grill, 508 Beachwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

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No meeting, no meeting news.

Our chapter President, **Anthony Postale**, SFOWR, had an infection and spent a few days hospitalized. Tony said it was painful, but he is now home and feeling normal. Our VP, **Edwina Lundquist** is recovering from her auto accident. Both advised they should be able to attend the next meeting.

**William (Willie) MacPhail**, BOSCG, passed away on April 9. Although not a Nor'Easter the past few years, Willie was well known by our Logan Airport employee members. Willie will be missed.

Although most of continental America has been having unusually bad weather of different types, we here in New England have been blessed with an early, although unusually warm spring. In fact, New Hampshire has been on the average of ten degrees warmer than Boston, a reversal of normal. It is a pleasure to see the forests go from a dull gray and winter white, turning into lush colors of green. God knows where the animals hid all winter, but they're back. Most, especially the wild turkeys, are everywhere and in numbers. The nesting song birds are back building their varied homes and taking advantage of my bird feeders. It is wonderful living in a wooded rural area!

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

June's anniversaries ~ **Patricia & Bob Austin** (39 years), **Bill & Norma Betters** (54), **John & Lois DeYoung** (46), **Gerald & Margaret Peters** (57), **Jayne & John Regan** (21), **Helmut & Patricia Umbley** (48) and **Dick & Delores Woodworth** (53).

### MICHIGAN

#### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES



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13 Escapees gathered at Sophia's Restaurant in Farmington Hills on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, hosted by **Rick & Gwen Schwendenmann**. We welcomed for the first time this year: **Larry Franz**, and **Pat Mac Elhone** along with his wife **Henry**, short for **Henrietta**. Pat has been MIA (not Miami) for about 17 years now, so we were all delighted to have them rejoin their Escapee family.

Continued love and prayers for **Bill Wade @ 5744 Charlesworth St., Dearborn Heights, MI 48127-3978**. He is scheduled to come home May 7 and both he and **Camille** are praying there are no future complications that will hinder that.

Once again I want to thank all for their thoughts and prayers. My cataract surgery on the right eye went well and can hardly believe how clear and bright everything seems to be. Keep our other Escapees that had that same surgery in your prayers that theirs was as successful, namely, **Marcy Vance @ 15901 Auburndale, Livonia, MI 48154** and **Joan Benoit @ 24458 Bashian Dr., Novi, MI 48375-2924**.

Also our love and prayers to **Betsy Mycek @ 23422 Sawgrass Ct. S., South Lyon, MI 48178**. Betsy is at home now recuperating from a total knee replacement. The sur-

gery was April 2<sup>nd</sup> and she came home on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Betsy says it is amazing what they can do today with these types of procedures, as she was up on her feet and walking the very next day after surgery. It was with a walker but that was just until she was stable walking without it. She is doing well and looking forward to a pain free walk, or round of golf, in the very near future. Betsy says she procrastinated for almost a year, but is so glad that it's behind her.

Likewise, continued prayers for **Dee Hegle** @ 1036 N. Hickory Ridge Trail, PO Box 518, Milford, MI 48381-0518, and **Carlene** @ 2120 Stones Barn Rd. Milford, MI 48380-1839. Dee lost her 40 year old grandson and her sister-in-law plus Carlene was in the hospital again and another grandson was in the hospital at about the same time. Dee says she thinks they should reserve a room with their name on it.

Also, keep **Joni O'Brien** @ 30515 W. 14 Mile Rd., # 34, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-1557, in your prayers as she had been very ill and just found out she has diverticulitis. I feel for her, as I know all about that and you cannot believe the pain until you witness it yourself.

Lastly, **Sharon Jacob**, Joan and Marie are leaving May 6<sup>th</sup> to join our Loonies friends in River Falls WI. This is always a fun event and hoping to see many of our Loonies family there.

#### Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

### MINNESOTA

#### NORTHERN LITES

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We've had some pretty miserable springs in the Twin Cities & environs, but this one topped any in memory. Every time we thought that our usual lovely, sunny spring weather was finally going to break the winter's hold on our activities, back came crummy weather in the form of mega-snowstorms! Quit, already! Nevertheless, on that dreary day in mid-April, 25 Northern Lites made it to lunch, even though more snow was expected that evening.

We were happy to see one of our newest MSP retirees, **Donna Krogman**, who kicked over the traces in December after 25 years. She told us a bit about her career and aspirations for her newfound free time. She and her husband did a bit of travelling before her retirement and most of her experiences with the post-merger travel were good. However, on their return from Thailand, they were boarded (supposedly on Vacation Passes) *after* an employee with a 2012 seniority date and his companion! It seems that not all the bugs in the boarding system have been fixed.

**Diane Storlie's** presence was happily noted. She's

recovering from her surgery and after-complications and was due for a scan the next morning at one of the local hospitals. She & **Lee** had to be there at 0630, so planned to allow extra time given the weather forecast. As it turned out, what is usually a 25-minute drive took them twice as long because the Interstate was so slick, so many cars in the ditches, that they took the local streets to get there.

A couple of the ex-MSP ramp crew, **Marty Arnold** and **Wayne Cole**, gave us an update on **Fred Stang's** condition after his harrowing experience in Red Wing. He's had 2 surgeries at the Mayo Clinic and is now home. For awhile he had to use a feeding tube and couldn't have visitors due to the risk of infection. We've all been quite concerned about him, so his progress is good news.

**Lee** had a call from **Virginnia Swenson**. She & her sister **Marge** have kept themselves mighty busy over the last few years planting, nurturing and harvesting fruits and berries which they then make into jams and jellies. They sell these goodies at local farmers' markets & craft fairs, donating the profits to a variety of charities. They've been written up a couple of times in local publications.

I had a surprise call in early May from one of **Era Hoffmeyer's** sisters who reported that **Era** had had two major surgeries in the prior two weeks and was in the hospital under close care & supervision. She and her husband, **Bill**, haven't been able to travel up to the Cities from their home in Jackson, MN for quite a number of years due to a variety of reasons. We've missed their presence, but were always glad to get her annual note renewing their membership. She can't take calls yet, but I know that cards or notes would be of great cheer to them both. 57808 – 720<sup>th</sup> St., Jackson, MN 56143.

Next month's news will have to come from secretary **Mary Brennan** because your usual correspondent will be gone fishing! I've already started to hyperventilate.

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

### NEBRASKA



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A great lunch at Tussey's hosted by **Clair & Barb Soseman** with 33 in attendance. Guests from UAL were **Greg Jones**, General Manager; **Terry Haynie**; and **Mike Renteria**, Supervisor. **Greg** said all flights were going out full which is good news. Also in attendance were **Lorraine Stanfield**, **Ralph Bickel**, **Elaine Carlson**, **Marva Dickinson**, **Patty Shook** and **Sid Schneider**. Good to see all of you. Winners of the 25/25/50 were **Lorraine Stanfield** and **Linda Chapman**, each receiving \$18.75.

Welcome to **Dave King** and his wife, **Sadie**, as they



join our Retiree Group. **Dave** retired the first of March from being a supervisor with UAL/Omaha. Please add them to your roster, 13006 Courtney Dr., Bellevue, NE 68123, phone (402) 291-5227, daking1@prodigy.net.

**Van VanHouten** has been under the weather but says he is finally feeling better. **Van** will be 93 in May. He still drives but, since he lives in Council Bluffs and most of our luncheons are in Omaha, he feels uncomfortable driving over across the bridge as he isn't familiar with the streets.

Following are the birthdays for the month of May: **Larry Nollette** (5/7); **Van Van Houten** (93 on 5/9), **Jackie Vassios** (5/21), **Linda Chapman** (5/22) and **Andy Vassios** (5/29). Congratulations to all.

**Jane Sesto** is happy to report that all dues have been paid. Our Chapter has to be one of the best in the system. In comparing some of the Chapters in the RUAEA Newsletter, even with our out-of-towners and people who are unable to participate due to health reasons, we still have an excellent attendance each month.

The Convention this year is in Denver from October 9 to the 13<sup>th</sup>. Maybe some of us could go - at least it is close enough that we could drive. Will depend on the cost, etc. which will be forthcoming in a month or so.

#### Calendar:

**June 11 - (Change of Date)** - Cooper Farm, Hosts **Cary & Toddy Manson**

**July 2** - TBA

**August 6** - TBA

### NEVADA

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Our meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance and called to order by our President; **Rosemarie Restivo**. 41 persons, members and guests were present. Special guests were Rosemarie's daughter Kathy and granddaughter Lauren, visiting from Chicago.

We enjoyed the meal served by the Arizona Charlie's Staff.

Note from Christine ~ "**Christine & Woody Earl** just returned from a very relaxing seven-day West Coast Tour on a Princess Cruise Line. They visited San Francisco, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Catalina Island, Ensenada, MX and returning to Los Angeles.

Looking for something new ~ Special Guest Speaker, Mary Ptacek of Tater Tours will be talking about walking tours from around the country to our members at our June Luncheon. Mary resides here in Las Vegas and her tours

were voted #1 in the nation. She also is a member of the International AVA (American Volkspart Assoc). I know you will enjoy her presentation. If you have a guest you would like to invite to speak at our meetings, please contact any of our officers for details."

**Max Miller** will undergo a kidney transplant in the coming weeks. **Michael Vasko** will have knee surgery in June.

#### Calendar:

**June 11** - 11:30AM meeting at: Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada. Phone # (702) 258-5200. The menu will be Chicken à la Sinatra, salad, rice pilaf, and for dessert, key lime pie.

**August 13**

**October 8**



#### RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 13 members at our April meeting at Jack's. We have a preliminary selection for our Christmas luncheon at the Tamarack Junction in one of their banquet rooms. It would be a plated sit down lunch with a choice of 3 entrées, including salad, potato or rice, bread/butter and chocolate cake. The cost is to be determined. More information will be forthcoming next month, with flyers being sent out in November.

An April birthday was celebrated by **John Barlow**, a retired pilot. The 50/50 winner was **Larry Reid**.

Please remember that 2013 dues are to be sent to **Kathy Robinson** at 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr, Reno, NV 89502. There has been no price change from 2012 - \$5.00 per person. The dues help fund the monthly newsletter and our summer picnic and Christmas lunch.

Attending members decided to hold a "white elephant" gift exchange every other month. Next month up is June.

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**Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a flag salute and a moment of silence for **Bill Manon** who passed away.

A discussion was held about our future meetings. It was finally decided to keep our monthly meetings, and to review the situation in the future. I am glad I voted to keep

us going monthly. Our two visitors from the IAM Local 914 were **Rich Creighton** and **Pat Capasso**. Rich reported that the ramp contract was rejected, and headed back for re-negotiation. Are there any good labor relations? Or are there just too many lawyers!

**John Murphy**, who is our treasury expert, has again declared us solvent. **Gene Enfield** won our 50/50. Our next meeting will be on 29 May 2013 at Snuffys in Scotch Plains.

*"Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing never to put it in a fruit salad"*

## NEW YORK



### GUYS AND DOLLS

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Finally, beautiful weather greeted us for our April luncheon - sunny, blue skies, warm breeze. It caused one to ponder - Where are we?

**Jeanne Leo** just returned from her annual two month stay in Palm Springs. She had a great time catching up with her "United Lunch Bunch" which is a group of retired United flight attendants in the area. She flew coach both ways, but she and her husband did get exit row seats.

**Audrey Smolick** had another wonderful trip visiting family in Texas. She spoke at a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade "career day". She gave a slide presentation about her flight attendant days showing various destinations - Las Vegas, Hawaii, NY fashion shows, it was well received. She left April 10<sup>th</sup> for 2 months in Santa Margherita, Italy. She'll see the cruise ship, Costa Concordia, which is still on its side in the Mediterranean, where it ran aground in January 2012. The salvage crews think it will be finally removed by this July. It has become quite the tourist attraction, but not a good recommendation for sailing the seas.

**Betty Williams** flew to Hawaii for her wedding anniversary on AA (her husband is a retired pilot). She reported the loads were very light both ways, approximately 45 passengers on each flight. Upon arriving in LAX on the return, they were greeted with cancelled and full flights due to the blizzard in NYC. They ended up getting a plane at 1AM to ORD, then a 9AM to EWR, which was the last flight to operate that day. She reminded that you cannot check in at a gate unless you are listed for that flight.

**Jean Flynn** flew positive space to Florida, paying 20% off the lowest fare.

**April King** reported that effective April 15<sup>th</sup>, boarding will be fairer for retirees as the month of hire will be included in the boarding priority.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting, and the "creek don't rise", but these days, you never know!

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### Calendar:

**June 4** - 12noon - San Martin. Please RSVP to Marge Segal (212) 355-1788 or Barb Hill (212) 799-8061.

### NEW YORK METROS

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Our May 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon was on a beautiful spring day, with 48 members in attendance. We extend a warm welcome to our new member, **Jordan Levine**. He's from my neck of the woods and we have in common a good friend, one of my neighbors here at the Lakes. So glad to have you join us, Jordan.

Our guest was **Larry Calhoun**, the teamster rep from JFK. He brought more great reading material regarding passes and a brochure about parking at Newark for \$6 a day. That's a pretty good and welcome deal since we don't have too many flights out of JFK anymore.

I couldn't write down the birthdays fast enough but there were quite a few. The list disappeared before I got it in writing. Many happy returns to all of you! Nine couples celebrating anniversaries and again, I don't want to mess up the names. I have to depend on my notes, so I'll only mention the two longest hitched: 52 years for **John & Madeline Klos** and 51 years for **Ed & Diane Pozzi**, but congratulations to all of you and many more years of wedded bliss.

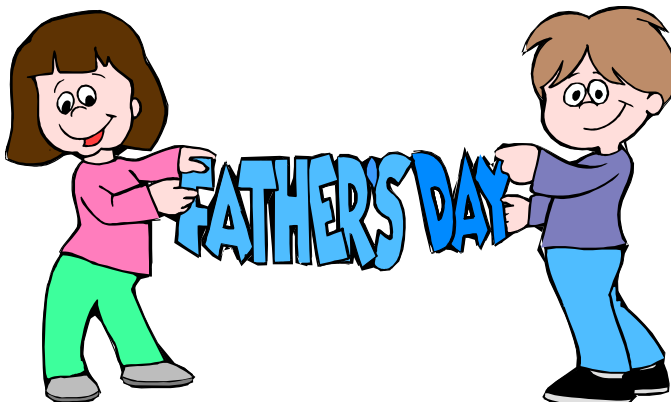
Sorry to report that **Carol Cenkus** broke her wrist in two places. The cast is still on and bothering her. I'm sure she would like to hear from friends and co-workers. Our prayers and get-well wishes to you, Carol.

Our 50/50 broke down to five 20's with two winners at my table, again - **Roy Portelli** and **Nadine Cordes**. Other winners were **Diane Talochino**, **Paul Cohen** and **Joan Curtin**. I wish them luck at the Kentucky Derby!

As is our custom, we will have our July and August meetings in the park. July will be at the Waterfront Park in Freeport. If we like it, we may repeat for August. Otherwise, it will be back at Wantagh State Park.

### Calendar:

**June 4** - Milleridge Inn.



## OHIO



### OHIO BUCKEYES

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Hello to all! It is hard to believe that another month has gone by and we are almost half way thru this year! All seems well in Cleveland town and the weather is great. This month we had a really great meal with 70 members getting together. Our hosts for the month were **Barb Vauls** and **Carol Sefried** and there were no complaints, especially when they served their diet friendly "death by chocolate with a dab of whipped cream and ice-cream". Somehow, I must say, we are able to make the rounds of some of the best restaurants around in the 11 months we gather for meetings! Thanks again, ladies!

President **Dolly Taucher** opened the meeting, welcoming all guests and new members. **Dave Placko** led us in saying Grace. Thank you again Dave for all you do.

Concerning so many of our members who are dealing with very serious health issues ~ On behalf of all our members, we want you each to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and although we cannot all get together, your in our hearts. God Bless You All!

When we were done with our meal, Dolly was able to introduce some of our new members: **Jim & Joan Schulte** and **Bob & Carole Killmer**. Dolly presented them with a small token gift drawing called "Promise" which is suitable for framing. Hope you enjoy! We welcome you all.

Anniversaries ~ **Jerry & Peggy King** (21), **John & Dolly Taucher** (50), **Dave & Marie Plako** (52) **Cathy & Steve Pytel** (53), and **Jack & Kay Preston** (54). It is great to see all those many years being celebrated. Wishing each of you many, many more!

Birthdays – The following people spent a wonderful day with all of us, but, we all knew they just came to hear us serenade them: **John Kercel**, **Peggy King**, **George Oncu** and **John Taucher**.

Fifty-Fifty ~ The Winners are **Mary Lou Mack** and **Flo Alexander**.

Want to see your old friends? Our website goes up monthly, [www.ualohiobuckeyes.org](http://www.ualohiobuckeyes.org)

#### Calendar:

**June 6** – Rose Hill, hosted by **John & Carrie Kercel**

**July 11** – Bomber Squadron, hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko**

**August 1** - Annual Picnic at The Chalet in Strongsville Metro Parks



## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Everyone seemed to agree the Colwood Golf Course was a great place to have our April luncheon. There were 79 in attendance, the room was bright and cheerful and **Louise Robillard** did a great job of decorating the tables with potted plants. These were given away at the end of the meeting.

We welcomed new members **Judy Bird**, PDXHH and **Tom & Terry Hotchkin**, PDXMM.

Our condolences go out to the family of **Tommy Townsend**, PDX Garage, who passed away on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Tommy initially worked for Pan Am and then joined UAL, retiring in 1994. He was able to fulfill a life long dream to own property where he had a small farm and raised many different types of animals.

**Glen Swanson** had his appendix removed in April but the surgery didn't keep him down for long. He was out of the hospital in two days running errands. **Lois & Merle Pitman** are better and Lois has returned to her part time job on a limited basis. **Emily Pittman-Newberry** is doing well at home and is looking forward to coming to a meeting soon.

Winners for free lunches were as follows: March: Men's birthday ~ **Bob Edwards**, Women's birthday ~ **Sue Rommel**; April: Men's birthday ~ **Dennis Cline**, Women's birthday ~ **Nancy Ink**. Door Prize ~ **Margaret Borbely**, 50/50 ~ **Dick Wahlberg**.

March Anniversaries ~ **Sarah & Cliff Blare** (53 years), **Jeri & Len Blodgett** (48 years), **Terry & Tom Hotchkin** (43 years) and **Kathy & Paul Russell** (48 years). April Anniversaries ~ **Pearl & Per Fjugstad** (24 years) and **Gaylean & Glen Swanson** (42 years).

Our July picnic will be held again this year at Red Sunset Park in Gresham. We have hired Rib City Grill who catered the event in 2011 to provide the food. A committee has been put together and if you are interested in helping please let me know. My email address and telephone # is listed above. As the old sayings goes ~ the more the merrier!

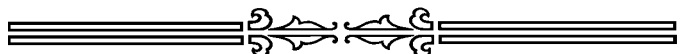
At this time I don't think a decision has been made where our June luncheon will be held but you will be notified by e-mail or phone.

#### Calendar:

**June 12** - TBA

**July 10** - Annual Picnic Red Sunset Park, Gresham

**August 14** - TBA



## PENNSYLVANIA

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Twenty people attended our April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Everett Bell** won the free lunch and **Tom Andolonis** won the 50/50. **Paul Lynn** had his pace maker battery changed and is doing very well. We add **Dennis O'Neil** to our sick list. Send him a card. It is with sadness that we announce the loss of another member; **Bill Carmen** lost his brave battle with brain cancer on April 14, 2013. We send our condolences to **Carol Rose** and his family.

We had the honor of hearing Matthew Sonderman at our May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. He is a veteran and a member of the Wounded Warriors. His Granddad is **Walt Sonderman**. Our chapter donated \$500.00 to this worthwhile charity.

Our June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will take place at the Clarion hotel in Essington at 12:30, Lisa Miller will be our speaker and the subject is nutrition. She is a registered dietician and a diabetes educator. Her husband is a USAIR pilot. Maybe we can all learn to eat healthier and lose weight together! This will be our last meeting till September.

#### Calendar:

All meetings are at the Clarion Hotel Essington at 12:30 pm. Price remains at \$12.00.

#### June 10

### PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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It's summer time (first day June 21) and you know what that spells F-u-n! Spending time with family and friends, enjoying beautiful weather and experiencing new sites. Cook outs, swim parties, outdoor movies and walks in the parks. What more can we ask for?

Speaking of cook outs, the Pit Stoppers board has selected September 11, 2013 for our picnic. It will be held at the Hopewell Park Pavilion #1. More details to follow.

We all remember **Joe Pokorny** who was a ramp serviceman for many years. His grandson **Joseph J. Pokorny** graduated from the State Police Academy. He has been assigned to troop B out of Washington, PA. His late father Cpl. **Joseph Pokorny Jr.** was shot to death while on duty in December 2005. We wish Cadet **Joseph J.** the very best of luck and may God be with him.

Sadly, we had 4 deaths in our United family. **John Maltempo**, 85 years old, died April 13, retired after 32 years of service as an airplane fueller. **Paul Antol**, 86 years old, died April 17, retired in 1990 as an engine mechanic. **Russel James Potts**, 81 years old, died April 17, retired as a supervisor in cargo service. **Fred W. Patosky**, 72 years old, died April 30, retired after 31 years as a ramp servicemen. Please keep these men and their families in your prayers.

**Jeri & Bernie Juth** flew to Denver to celebrate their great grandson, **Zachary George's** first birthday.

**Art Todd** was in town from Reno. A group of his friends (23) showed up at J. W. Hall's for a social gathering. We rehashed some of the flights we worked and all the fun we had working together. It was amazing how we remembered certain flights that we worked. Most of us did remember the exact flight and day. Those were the good old days. **Art** is still a movie buff, he works part time at a movie theater. What a nice way to get to see free movies. It was great seeing you Art, come back anytime we will be glad to plan another get together.

"Youngest **Pompeani** To Face Brothers In Open Qualifier". **Brett** (17) is a junior in Hopewell High School. He is one of 55 contestants in the field at U S Open local qualifier at Westmorland Country Club. In the field also are **Brett's** twin brothers, **Brandon** and **Brock**, who are Seniors at Robert Morris University and members of the men's golf team. While **Brett's** main goal is to advance, he's also hoping he'll hold his own against his brothers. There will definitely be some kind of wager between us he said. These boys are **Jeri & Bernie Juth's** nephews. We are rooting for all the Pompeani boys to qualify. Keep your head down boys.

Our Gemini and Cancer birthdays: **Vera Alex** (7), **Bill Alex** (12), **Lois Varrenti** (18), **Jean Wolfe** (20), **Phyllis Smith** (22), **Jim Weber** (24). A great big happy birthday to all of you. June anniversaries: **Ken & Jean Wolfe** (18), **Jeri & Bernie Juth** (22).

Enjoy your summer, stay well and be safe.  
*Let's go Pens!*

#### Calendar:

**September 11** - Picnic Hopewell Park

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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As detailed in our last newsletter, the Rocky Top Breakfast for April was cancelled. Herman has had his colon cancer surgery and is doing well. He had a few ups and downs along the way and spent 8 days in the hospital. The cancer was more extensive than we first anticipated



and he will be undergoing 6 months of chemo once his incision heals. Fortunately, it is only Stage 2 cancer. Thanks to our daughter spending April here in Tennessee, I did have my cataract surgery while Herman was recovering. It is very different not putting glasses on to see the first thing every morning. (I've been wearing glasses since I was 10 years old - and don't ask how long ago that was!)

Since the last newsletter, **Betty Shipe** had a fall and severely bruised her leg and **Sue Ferrell** broke her arm. They both report that they are doing OK. **Robbie Corbin** has a nice group signed up to go to the Cumberland County Playhouse on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We'll be looking forward to a report from her on the play.

#### Calendar:

**June 20** - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant in the Turkey Creek Shopping Center.

**July 18** - Luncheon Meeting to be hosted by **Jack** and **Sue Ferrell**. Place and Time to be announced.

### WASHINGTON

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President **Dave Jones** conducted the Seattle chapter's April 9 meeting at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, Washington. He introduced his guest, **Paula Clark**, former United Airlines purser and RUAEA member, who volunteers with **Dave** at Seattle's Museum of Flight.

A fun 1960 United promotional video that tracked a UAL DC-8 flight from Idlewild (now JFK) in New York to San Francisco was screened during lunch, prompting much reminiscing about the elegant service and planes of the "good old days."

Luncheon arrangements are made by **Mary Luke**, who always meets the challenging assignment of selecting tasty and popular menu items. Thanks, **Mary**!

Treasurer **Helen Stanger** presented her seasonal, healthy financial report showing 187 paid members with 11 former members who have not renewed for 2013. **Helen** announced a thank you and donation in memory of **Lyle Myers**.

**Bob Howard** reminded us of the annual golf tournament to be held Wednesday, June 26, at Foster Gold Course in Tukwila. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, June 12. If you would like to join our duffers and would-be-pros, please contact Bob at [bobnhoward@gmail.com](mailto:bobnhoward@gmail.com). The senior (age 62+) \$32 registration fee includes prizes for team and individual competitions. Younger players can play and win prizes for \$38.

June – the traditional month of weddings and graduations for those of us of retirement age. Traditions change

and many college graduations occur in May with weddings happening any old time. Now that we notice how few couples in our group actually were married in June, your correspondent wonders if that tradition was a Midwestern thing way back when.

Slickers celebrating anniversaries this month include **Herald & Phyllis Bowman** (68 years!), **Bud & Virginia Dice** (48), **Dave & Linda Jones** (44), and **Ken & Judy Storey** (31). Congratulations to all!

Happy Birthday to the following Emerald City Slickers born in June: **Elizabeth Cairns**, **Dave Jones**, **Ted Parks**, **John Paulson**, **Ginger Phelan**, **Jeanette Schlau**, and **Judy Storey**. We wish each of you a great day with many happy returns.

April door prizes were won by **Rosie Bittner**, **Mike Bratovich**, **Paul Burton**, **Richard Devereux**, **John Hafnerbecker**, **Jim Hafterson**, **Noreen Krawczyk**, **Dan Miles**, **Ginger Phelan**, **John Reed**, **Rita Reynolds**, **Ed Rouso**, **Jackie Stenger** and **Chuck Westpfahl**. **Joann Bernovich**'s lucky ticket was drawn for the 50/50 cash reward.

Long time member **John Lockhart** passed away in March at the age of 91. A Seattle native, **John** had served as a co-pilot in the US Army Air Corps during World War II and later in the Air Force Reserves. He spent 13 months as a prisoner of war after his B-24 was shot down over Romania during air raids on German oil refineries in 1943. Retired from Darigold, **John** was married for 65 years to his widow **Fern Lockhart**, who worked for United in SEAFO and SEAHH.


The Museum of Flight Restoration Center in Everett was the destination for a field trip at the end of May. Details will be included in the July newsletter. **Tom Holford**'s efforts in signing up participants and coordinating rides between passengers and chauffeurs were appreciated.

Two intrepid Seattle retirees, **Dave Jones** and **Ed Rouso** (boarding priorities 3 and 2, respectively) were planning to try their luck at flying on company passes, and we await reports of their experiences at the May luncheon.

The Seattle Emerald City Slickers do not meet between May and September and the May meeting occurs after this newsletter deadline, so you'll have to wait until the July issue for an account of the last meeting before the summer break.

#### Calendar:

No regular meetings until **September 10**



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We didn't get to have a meeting in March. We did finally meet on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Outback in the Mall. Only 14 people attended but we still had fun.

I went to Portland for Retirees meeting, it was held at Colwood golf course. I saw a lot of old friends. Then I went down to Hood River, OR to visit my older sister Betty and my sister Miriam. I stayed until Sunday and Miriam went home the same day, but it was great to see them. I probably won't get to see them for a long time, it's so hard to get tickets.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The Dulles Loungers met on April 10<sup>th</sup> on a beautiful Spring Day. A good size crowd of about 60 was in attendance and many members were discussing trips in the summer months.

The RUAEA Convention in Denver will be much anticipated as it has been 11 years since Convention was last held in Denver. Come and join us at the DoubleTree by Hilton at Stapleton North, October 9-13. We hear there will be some wonderful tours for our enjoyment!

In 2012, the Dulles Loungers hosted a fantastic picnic in June and we have received word that the picnic will be held again on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 11am -2pm. Catering once again by "Famous Dave's".

If you did not sign up to attend, there is still time. Please call **Linda Scriven** no later than June 6. 12noon, cost is \$10.00. Linda Scriven (703) 729 8616 or call her cell phone (703) 338 3135. You may bring your check to the event. The location is the Pavilion at Ashburn Farm, VA. This will be our last meeting before we break for the summer. There will be no meetings in July and August.

Wishing all RUAEA members a pleasant summer.

### NATIONAL

#### CLIPPED WINGS

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The exciting news begins with the membership increase in our organization. We have a total of 1,175 new and renewing members as of the end of April. The new website has become a great application tool for new members wishing to join and information for existing members.

Special Olympics Parent Grants now total \$1,814.00, thanks to the many donations by individual members and chapters in the past months.

We all thought we would see the new Flight Attendant

uniforms being worn on the United Flights in the month of May. It seems the uniforms are not totally ready. However, several chapters have had first-hand viewing by active flight attendants modeling the uniforms at their monthly meetings.

Updates:

- ➔ The long awaited new airplane and stew scarves will be available very soon for purchasing. (Please see the last page of the RUAEA newsletter for this update.)
- ➔ The new Clipped Wings brochures have been sent to the Flight Attendant domiciles.
- ➔ The first meeting for the Executive Board members is being held in Mancos, Colorado at the home of the National Vice President.

Have you checked out the new website:  
[www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org)?

Enjoy the flowers of May!

Happy Flag Day!



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To sign up for the Web, go to [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and follow the instructions.*

## NEW MEMBERS

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

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*Welcome*

*Thank You*

## OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

Retiree – **Baron, Lois D.**, on 4/8/2013, SFOAF, wife of Robert Baron, 1305 Ridgewood Dr., Millbrae, CA 94030

Retiree – **Svee, Richard A.**, in 2012, LAXCS, husband of Anita Svee and brother of Karin Jones, P O Box 2980, Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274

Spouse - **Mullman, Henry**, on 2/2/2013, husband of Marge Mullman, WHQPR, 3488 N. Snead Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395

Spouse - **Soutar, Mary Ellen**, on 2/4/2013, wife of Richard (Dick) Soutar, EXOFO, 1034 E. Patten Dr., Palatine, IL 60074

Retiree – **Soutar, Richard (Dick)**, on 5/6/2013, EXOFO, father of Jennifer Grapenthin, 1034 E. Patten Dr., Palatine, IL 60074



## LETTERS



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

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

Raymond Bantz, Nancy Bessenbacher, John Bogdnoff, Nadine Buntjer, Nancy Caouette, Shirley Dickinson, Sherry Elms, Verda England, Jack Ercanbrack, Sean Foley, Jean Gill, Robert Gordon, Joan Griffin, Tanya Duvall-Haubin, Joe Hegner, Dick Hopkins, William Hughes, Kristen Ince, Arlene Jurinek, T. G. Jung, Jr., Robert Kapp, Mimi Lee, Bobby Lowden, Veulah Lorts, Thomas Lyons, Jr., Barbara Meiling, Nancy Miho, Nedra Morgan, Carol Outzs, Joan Palumbo, Geraldine Pawley, Barbara Seaholm, William Schuster, Louis Suter, Judy Taylor, Susan Thornton, Kathleen Towns, Ronald Wallace, Lily Woehlek.

### WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

**Elsie Bemel, 35 W Brown Rd., Apt. 229, Mesa, AZ 85201**

I am sorry to be late with my dues. I just celebrated my 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday. I will blame my forgetfulness on old age.

*To reach this age is a feat within itself! ~ MAG*





**Frederic & Rita Casey, 20 Oceanview St., Winthrop, MA 02152-3030**

We have to agree with the letter that was published earlier from **Bob England** of Eugene, OR. He wrote about what it means to be a member of Bill Patterson's "Airline Family". This family achieved success helping United Airlines become the very best airline in the world.

We pray, also that the current management will acknowledge this fact and demonstrate good will to all of its employees, both current and retirees.

**Shirley Elrod, 125 Harper St., Louisville, CO 80027**

Thank you so much for all of your hard work. The information that you provide to us retirees is invaluable. If it weren't for the newsletter, I would have an awfully hard time trying to keep up with all the changes.

My husband and I tried flying standby for the first time since March, 2012, (when all of the changes took place) the first part of this month. It was a DEN/PHX/DEN round trip. We did get on the flights; however they were packed. It was nice to see just where you stood on the stand-by list during the listing process and at the gate, but I miss that seniority date vs. years of service that we all now have to abide by. On the positive side, we still have those passes! And now that we have that first experience under our belts since the changes, we plan to venture out more often.

Once again thanks to all of you. Your hard work is much appreciated.

**Jack Ercanbrack, 1225 Akiohe St., Apt. A, Kailua, HI 96734**

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, I reached Hawaii 9-0.

In June, Juanita and I will have been married for 65 years. I am living the "Good life with the good wife" in the Islands.

In October 1946, I went to work in LAXSS, then to Catalina. Yes, we served Catalina. There were 2 flights a day in the winter, 6 flights a day in the summer and a ticket was \$6.90.

From that job, I moved to "the Golden Area of United". When we were "the Airline of Champions", I flew with USC, UCLA, the RAMS and the Dodgers charters. Then it was to our "Little Corner of the World, Hawaii".

I just want to thank all my fellow workers who added so much to my life, **Jackson Long, Ernie La-Mare, Jim Brennan, Jim Goodwin, Joe Coco and John Wyre** of EXOAD. A thank you goes to our Hawaiian staff, **Steve Allen, Ethel Kam, Chester Kaha-pea, Dave Nickle, Don Loux and B. W. Bolton**. Also to our airport duty group, **Randy Ko, Jerry Sweeney, Sharon Gobel, Stan Randolph, Gordon Starr**, and many others.

We all have memories of "Days gone by". May your life be as blessed as mine has been.

Much Aloha, "Friendly Jack", (still wearing the UAL tennis sox).

**Kenneth Lee, 107 Sand Trap Ln., Greenwood, SC 29649**

It is approximately 20 years of my retirement, I am enjoying every day, thanks to all of you at RUAEA, to keep us informed as always with changes we are not aware of.

This reminds me of the trip we took to Jamaica earlier this year, it was reserved over 6 months thru UA MP Visa based on Mileage points. We received our confirmation and I noted we were routed GSP-CLT-YYZ US overnight YYZ-KIN AC returning KIN-PTY-MIA CM and MIA-IAD-GSP UA, and in the fare basis breakdown, there was a charge for \$25 each (Australian Noise Levy). I inquired about that, and was informed that they can not change it; the amount was going to the correct country! Also our First Bag Free as stated in our itinerary, US Airways insisted to charge us \$25 each. On our return, in transit in PTY for our connection, CM set up a mini security check point right in the gate area boarding room, they did the usual pat down, and looking for sharp objects, they confiscated our water we had just purchased on arrival, and our duty-free liquor had to be checked in the baggage compartment below. I questioned the gate agent; he said as CM flight to MIA, they have to appease the TSA (USA).

Well on our 3 hour flight, we were served a nice meal with a full set of silverware (spoon, fork, and knife). So, you may ask questions, but you might not get the answers you want.

**Jeanne Leo, 420 E. 55<sup>th</sup> St. Apt. 25, New York, NY 10022-5139**

Thanks so much for all the time that the volunteers spend putting the newsletter together.

It is so important now in our time of transition and uncertainty to feel a "togetherness". This helps each other to feel truly United again!

I am happy to enclose a little extra support along with my dues.

**John Williams, 1050 W. 112<sup>th</sup> Ave. #104, Northglenn, CO 80234**

I worked for United Air Lines for 34 years. I did not fly for them, but I was a pilot for the United States Army Air Force in 1943, 44, 45. I finished flying 30 combat bombing missions over Europe, with nine unforgettable crew members. When I had accumulated enough points I left the service. I stumbled around as a civilian trying to find an occupation. I finally went to Lee De Forest School to try the TV field. I ended up

getting a first class Radio/Telephone license and went to work for United Air Lines in Chicago as an R/E mechanic. With the help of people like **Art Ermish**, **Bob Blashke**, and **Norm Hugerford**, I managed to end up in the DENTK simulator department.

In 1950, I volunteered, as a pilot, to fly the Berlin air lift, but was turned down because of having a critical airline job as an airline mechanic. I've often wondered about that.

Any way, my past has finally caught up with me. On November 29, 2012, the President of France decreed that I was a "Knight" in the "French Legion of Honor". I have no horse, no armor and no recollection of France except from 20,000 ft, and that left no happy thoughts.

On May 24, 2013, I will be awarded the Legion of Honor medal at the Colorado National Guard Headquarters in Centennial, CO. This is quite an honor for a 92 year old.

I salute the old friends at DENTK, **Lloyd Booth**, **Dion Arguelles**, **Walt Disney**, **Burks Shelton**, all who have passed away, and those who keep me in touch, such as **Bob Duensing**, **Ray Colavita**, and **George Porkorny**. Thank you all!

**Jon Wilkinson, 349 Buckingham Pl., Palm Harbor, FL 34684**

This is an invitation to all softball players who live in Florida, come join our softball club. We have all passed our 74<sup>th</sup> birthday and still play ball, we are the oldest, continuance playing softball team in the world. We will be celebrating our 84<sup>th</sup> consecutive year when we take the field on November 1, 2013 for the newest season. You must be able to do some basic run, hit, catch and throw exercises.

We play 12 months a year with a summer "pickup" program and regular teams from November 1 until March 31 when we are in full uniform. After March 31, we revert to our "casual" summer season.

We are called the three quarter century softball club of St Petersburg, FL a non-profit corporation.

We can be checked out at [www.freewebs.com/kidsandkubs](http://www.freewebs.com/kidsandkubs), commonly called kids and kubs.

Some of our players reside here in the winter months, play our regular season and go back home for the summer and play there or in Tournaments.

Some of our players drive two hours a day, three days a week to get here. We play every Tues. Thurs. and Sat. in St. Pete at 10:00 a.m. year round, except certain holidays.

You can contact me, **Jon Wilkinson**, President kids and kubs softball 2011-2014, or at [jonwilkins@hotmail.com](mailto:jonwilkins@hotmail.com). Office Phone (727) 893-7108 leave message or my cell (813) 244-8573. Thank You!



## Important Phone Numbers



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

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

### **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-242-0075

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

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

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

### **Employee Travel Center**

1-877-324-5555

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

### **Flying Together Help Desk**

1-800-255-5801

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

### **Blue Cross / Blue Shield** 1-800-535-9825

<http://www.bcbs.com>

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

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

### **Social Security Administration**

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

### **Alliant Credit Union**

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)  
<http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

### **Interline Ticketing Desk**

1-888-874-1581

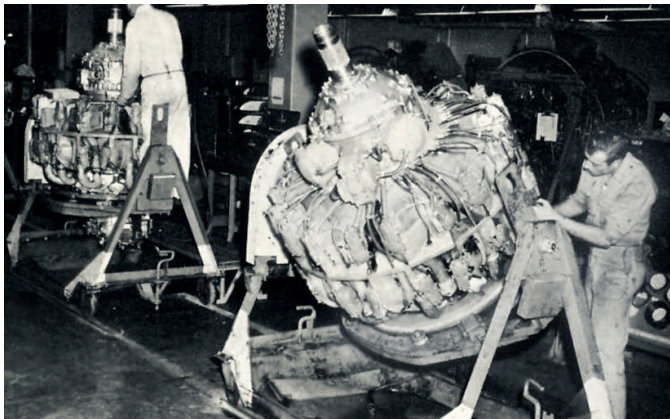
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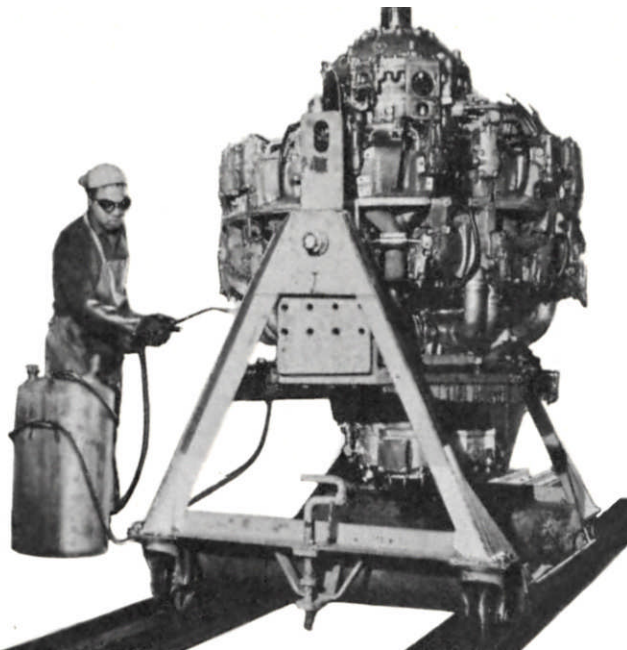
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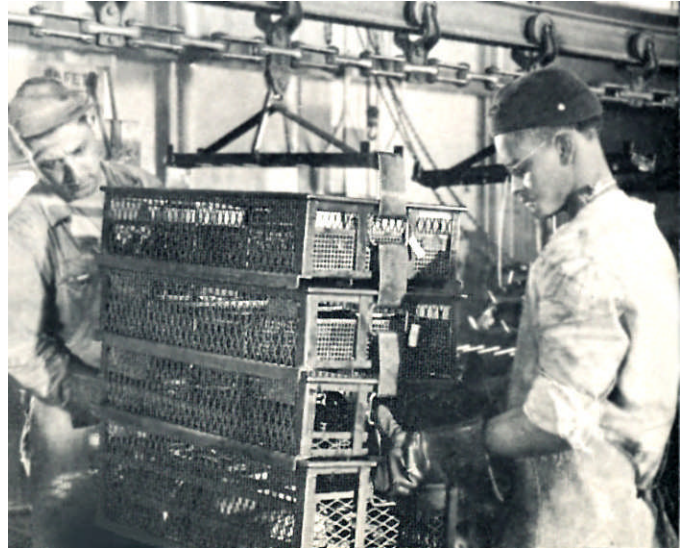
"Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future"



The DC-6 18-cylinder engine rebuild begins on this wheeled and tracked "disassembly" line.



The engine is steam-cleaned before being wheeled to an engine disassembly area. Once the engine is disassembled, parts are placed in conveyer-belt pans (top



right photo). This begins a five-hour trip through the giant "washing-machine" with seven spray baths, two soaking tanks containing 17,000 gallons of detergent cleanser and then past hot-air dryers.



A Shop Inspector, one of many at the SFO Maintenance Base, tests and examines parts. Here he is checking a processed clutch assembly from one of the DC-6s four Wasp engines.

*Marvin Berryman - from the "Mainliner Flight Plan".*

Recently UAHF received donated items from: **Bonnie Dahl, Lona Wolfe, Jim Hottel, June Trump, Peter Donohue, Jim Ellison, Mary Ann Larson Meenan and Art Barrett.**

Please mail your tax-deductible \$ contributions and donations of **United and Continental Memorabilia & Artifacts** to: **UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207.** [www.uahf.org](http://www.uahf.org)







**Welcome to the 2013  
RUAEA Convention  
Denver, CO  
October 9 - October 13**

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# **Welcome to the 2013 RUAEA Convention**

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

All of our Convention rooms are located on the main level of the hotel. The **Registration Desk** is located at **Prefunction West** where you will find your Convention Package. This desk will be staffed Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the hours will be 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM. There will be limited staffing on Saturday, so if you are only coming for the Banquet, please make arrangements to pick up your package early. **Tour sales** will also take place at the Registration desk. We will offer late tour sales each day from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM.

The **Hospitality Suite (Aspen 3A – 3C)** is the hub of our activities, the place to meet your old friends and make new ones! This is where you will find our 50/50 and Special Raffles ticket sales. Maps to help you navigate the Denver area will also be available. This room will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM Wednesday through Friday with a cash bar from 5:30 until 8:30 PM. We hope to have some exciting social events planned for these evenings. Friday we will celebrate Denver Beer Fest with a **Beer and Brats** night sponsored by RUAEA for only **\$3.00 PP**. See Registration form to sign up. Alliant Credit Union is providing some snacks on Thursday and a special treat on Saturday. Make sure you join us for all the fun.

As usual, the **RUAEA Banquet** will be held on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> in **Ballroom Aspen I and II**. With over 300 diners anticipated, it is difficult to honor individual seat assignment requests. Parties wishing to sit together should indicate such on their registration form.

We have a wide and varied selection of **Tours**; From Denver City tours including the Molly Brown House, Denver Art Museum and Wings over the Rockies to Colorado Springs and the Air Force Academy to Boulder/Estes Park. Tours of DENTK by our personal docent **Tom Goodyear** should liven your day. How about a little gambling? We will visit casinos in Black Hawk, Ameristar and other locations.

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

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

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

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Convention at [ruaea2013den@gmail.com](mailto:ruaea2013den@gmail.com) or Marilyn Marcy – VP Conventions at [mmarcy99@aol.com](mailto:mmarcy99@aol.com). We are always looking for volunteers to staff registration, hospitality and raffles. If you are interested please let us know what date and times you are available.

# **Denver Convention Information**

## **ART EXHIBITS**

We will not be holding our annual Arts and Crafts Raffle this year. We would ask that anyone who still wishes to contribute an item for a silent auction each evening, please bring it with you to the hotel. These will still be displayed in the Hospitality Suite for all to enjoy. We will have an auction each evening along with door prizes, so make sure to visit the room. We thank all previous donors for their generous contributions.

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

The popular 50/50 Raffle will be held each evening in the Hospitality Suite (Aspen 3A-3C) at 6:30 PM. The drawing for the Special Raffle will be held Friday at 6:30 PM. Tickets for 50/50 and the Special Raffle may be purchased during Hospitality Suite hours. HiltonHonors points will be one of the prizes for the Special Raffle. Please buy your tickets early if you are going on a tour.

## **CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MEETING**

**Hank Gosselin**, RUAEA's **President**, invites all Chapter Presidents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Thursday - October 10, 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in Keystone 3. Please RSVP to **Diane Griego** at (925) 676-6097 or [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) prior to September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## **CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING**

**Francis Domaratius**, RUAEA's **Newsletter Manager**, and **Executive Vice President Mike Richards** invite all Newsletter Correspondents (**or their alternates**) to join them for a meeting on Thursday – October 10, 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM in Keystone 4. Please RSVP to **Francis** or **Veronica Domaratius** at (916) 789-0422 or [ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net](mailto:ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net) by September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

This meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM in Aspen Ballroom I and II. The state of affairs of RUAEA will be provided by President **Hank Gosselin**. If there are By-law changes, they will be voted upon by the membership at this time.

## **BENEFIT PANEL PRESENTATION**

Presenters from Alliant Credit Union, Express-Scripts, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Fidelity, PBGC, VSP, AON Hewitt and representatives of various departments of United Airlines will be on hand, Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM until 1:00 PM in the Aspen Ballroom 1 and 2. We would ask if you have questions for the United Employee travel center group (ETC), you send these ahead of time to the Convention email address, and a prepared handout with answers will be provided at the meeting. This will save time so all presenters have time to discuss current and future programs with all retirees. This will be followed by breakout sessions from 1:15 PM until 3:15 PM in Keystone 3 and 4 for anyone with individual questions or concerns.

## **REGISTRATION**

Your meal selections and tours are included in the Convention Registration packet. Tours are subject to cancellation if participation is insufficient. Some tours may have limited capacity. We urge you to register early to be sure space is still available. If your tour is cancelled, you will be notified at the **email address** or **phone number** you provided on the registration form. If a tour is sold out when your Registration is received, you will be given an option of being placed on a wait list for that tour or choosing another tour. Don't forget, if you have questions, contact us at [ruaea2013den@gmail.com](mailto:ruaea2013den@gmail.com).

## **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

Registration fees are non-refundable. For tour and dinner cancellations please contact **Juliana Alfonso** by September 6, 2013 at [Juliana\\_travels@yahoo.com](mailto:Juliana_travels@yahoo.com), (303) 916-0321 or write to 3116 S. Emporia Ct., Denver, CO 80231. Dinners may be canceled up to October 1, 2013. After that date, no refunds will be processed until after the Convention. Tours will be refunded if there is no cost to the Convention. Hotel reservations should be cancelled directly with the hotel as they have a 24 hour cancellation policy.

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### **HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION**

A block of rooms has been reserved for RUAEA Convention participants. Please refer to RUAEA when calling the DoubleTree Central Reservation line at 1-800 222-8733. Reservations can also be made online at <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DENSNDT-RUA-20131006/index.jhtm>

Be patient when clicking on this site. It takes a while to load. Please keep in mind we have blocked these rooms with a guarantee. Use only these methods to book the Hotel. Cancellations should be made directly with the hotel.

#### **Room Rate**

***\$99.00 + tax (Single/Double Occupancy)***

***\$104.00 + tax (Triple Occupancy)***

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***This rate includes breakfast buffet for (2) per room per night***

***The Taxes currently are 10.75% Denver Lodger and 4% Colorado Lodger***

***Deadline for hotel reservation is Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013***

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

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

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# RUAEA CONVENTION 2013

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – OCTOBER 8 - OCTOBER 12

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Tuesday	October 8	12:00PM – 8:00PM	Registration/Late tour sales – Prefunction West
Wednesday	October 9	8:00AM – 8:00PM	Registration/Late tour sales – Prefunction West
		8:00AM – 6:30PM	50/50 and Special Raffle – Aspen 3 ABC
		9:00AM – 3:00PM	Black Hawk & Central City Casinos
		9:00AM – 3:00PM	Buffalo Bill Museum/Red Rocks/Coors
		10:30AM – 2:30PM	Flight Training Center
		11:30AM – 3:30PM	Denver City Tour / Molly Brown House
		1:00PM – 5:00PM	Executive Committee Meeting – Boardroom
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Aspen 3 ABC
Thursday	October 10	7:00AM – 8:30AM	Chapter Pres' Meeting – Keystone 3 RSVP
		7:00AM – 8:30AM	Correspondents' Meeting – Keystone 4 RSVP
		8:00AM – 8:00PM	Registration/Late Tour Sales – Prefunction West
		8:00AM – 6:30PM	50/50 and Special Raffle – Aspen 3 ABC
		8:00AM – 4:00PM	Air Force Academy/Colorado Springs
		9:00AM – 3:00PM	Georgetown the Silver Queen
		10:00AM – 3:30PM	Denver City Tour/Wings over the Rockies
		10:30AM – 2:30PM	Flight Training Center
		1:00PM – 5:00PM	Board Meeting – Keystone 3
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Aspen 3 ABC
Friday	October 11	8:00AM – 8:00PM	Registration/Late Tour Sales – Prefunction West
		8:00AM – 6:00PM	50/50 and Special Raffle – Aspen 3 ABC
		8:00AM – 5:00PM	Rocky Mountain National Park
		9:00AM – 4:00PM	Boulder/Celestial Seasonings
		9:30AM – 2:30PM	Denver City Tour/Art Museum
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Aspen 3 ABC
		5:30PM – 7:30PM	Beer/Brats/Salads – \$3.00 PP
		6:30PM – 6:45PM	50/50 and Special Raffle Drawing
Saturday	October 12	8:00AM – 11:00AM	Registration – Prefunction West
		8:00AM – 10:00AM	RUAEA Business Meeting – Aspen 1 and 2
		10:30AM – 1:00PM	Benefits Panel Presentation – Aspen 1 and 2
		1:15PM – 3:15PM	Benefits Breakout Sessions – Keystone 3 & 4
		5:30PM – 7:00PM	Cash Bar before Banquet – Prefunction South
		7:00PM – 10:00PM	RUAEA Banquet – Aspen 1 and 2



# **RUAEA 2013 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

## **Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

### ***Casinos/Clear Creek Canyon - \$37 pp***

**Tour #1 operates on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Three Colorado towns were given permission, by a statewide vote, to offer casino gambling in 1991. Our tour today will acquaint you with two of these towns. Travel through majestic Clear Creek Canyon west of Golden to Black Hawk first. Your guide will show you the historic treasures in the western part of this small town and then acquaint you with the casinos in Black Hawk; Ameristar, the Lodge, Lady Luck, Mardi Gras, Riviera and others. Our group will exit and board the coach at the Isle of Capri Hotel. Enjoy four hours of gourmet dining, the latest slots, craps, roulette, poker and blackjack. On your way back to the DoubleTree, you will travel via Mt. Vernon Canyon and tour Black Hawk's sister city, the National Historic District of Central City, once called The Richest Square Mile on Earth.

### ***Buffalo Bill's Museum/Red Rocks Amphitheater/Coors Brewery - \$43 pp***

**Tour #2 operates on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Spend a delightful day in Golden, which lies at the foot of Lookout Mountain west of Denver. Our first stop will be at the world-renown Red Rocks Amphitheater, a scenic arena in the foothills where famous musicians have staged concerts and produced videos. Next, we head to the nearby museum honoring Buffalo Bill Cody at the summit of Lookout Mountain. Visit the gravesite of the fabled frontiersman and tour the museum highlighting his four careers – scout, buffalo hunter, Indian fighter and famed showman. You'll long remember the Lariat Trail leading from Lookout Mt. to Golden. You will have time to stroll in the delightful downtown of Golden and enjoy lunch in one of its restaurants. Our next stop is the largest brewery in the world – the Coors Brewery in Golden (also Colorado's oldest brewery - 1873). After their informative tour, we'll enjoy free time in their lounge to sample their products and shop in their excellent gift shop.

### ***United Flight Training Center - \$15 pp***

**Tour #3 operates on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Tour #8 operates on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Tom Goodyear of the UAHF (United Airlines Historical Foundation) will be your guide for this informative tour of the UFTC, which will include a facilities overview and a look at the 32 flight simulators that are in operation 24 hours a day. Lunch will be on your own in the DENTK cafeteria.

### ***Denver City/Molly Brown House - \$34 pp***

**Tour #4 operates on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Denver City Tour: See – and hear the colorful stories of – Denver's premier attractions: the Civic Center, Denver Art Museum and its unique Daniel Libeskind addition for contemporary art, Denver Public Library, new Colorado History Center, Sixteenth Street Mall, Brown Palace, Denver Performing Arts Center, Coors Field, LoDo, Pepsi Center, Denver Aquarium, Denver Zoo, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Governor's Mansion, Humboldt Historic Island, Cherry Creek Mall, Denver Botanic Gardens and Mile High Stadium. Tour the beautiful Colorado Capitol and see the rich marble named Colorado Onyx which graces its walls and balusters. This tour will include a tour-within-a-tour; Molly Brown House, the Victorian three-story home of the intrepid and colorful heroine of the Titanic.

# **RUAEA 2013 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

## **Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

### ***Colorado Springs/Air Force Academy - \$49 pp***

**Tour #5 operates on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Enjoy the unforgettable U. S. Air Force Academy. Unless a high-level threat thwarts us, we'll tour the impressive Fieldhouse and the signature structure of the Academy, the Cadet Chapel. After time to stroll among the exhibits in the Visitors Center and probably purchase some AFA-logoed gifts, we'll tour the picturesque Garden of the Gods, a colorful geological wonder. After lunch we'll tour the U.S. Olympic Training Center, the premier center of the USOC, and perhaps glimpse some of the 2014 Olympians training. The OTC indoor pool is huge – 45,000 square feet - with underwater measuring machines to test our Olympic swimmers. Their indoor shooting range is the largest in the Western Hemisphere and quite impressive. You'll come away with a deeper appreciation for the training of our athletes.

### ***Georgetown, the Silver Queen - \$49 pp***

**Tour #6 operates on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Georgetown is a National Historic District, nestled in a high mountain valley 46 miles west of Denver. We'll be treated to a Walking Tour of this exquisite Victorian silver-mining "queen", led by members of Historic Georgetown. High points of the tour will be the oldest hydroelectric power station in Colorado, three vintage firehouses from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Hamil House, a silver-mining magnate's ornate home and the Hotel de Paris, built by an eccentric Frenchman in the 19th century. The residences and the business district all date from the height of Georgetown's opulence and influence, the 1864-1880 era. The walking tour is not long - the business district is less than three blocks, on both sides of the street. Georgetown is known for its shopping; many artists and craftsmen live and work here, and there are several restaurants for a variety of lunch choices.

### ***Denver City/Wings over the Rockies/Lowry Beer Garden - \$49 pp***

**Tour #7 operates on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Denver City Tour includes all stops listed in tour four, plus a guided tour of the Wings over the Rockies Museum, a 40,000 square-foot hangar at the former Lowry Air Base. This tour traces the history of Lowry Air Base and should not be missed by anyone who enjoys airplanes and flying. In between the Denver City tour and visiting Wings over the Rockies, we'll enjoy a lunch stop at the Lowry Beer Garden. Colorado is the epicenter of craft beers in America and many of the local brews are available here.

### ***Rocky Mountain National Park/Estes Park/Grand Lake - \$67 pp***

**Tour #9 operates on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

If you only can tour for one day in Colorado, this is the one to take. During this memorable circle trip, experience panoramic mountain views, bubbling mountain streams, picturesque mining towns, lovely mountain lakes, glacial cirques, the world's highest yacht anchorage, famous ski areas and the highest continuous automobile road in America. You'll be traveling above 12,000 feet elevation in Alpine tundra, and there will be a stop to enjoy the Alpine Visitors Center at the top. Enjoy shopping and lunch in lovely Estes Park and thrill to wildlife sightings in the National Park, home to elk, deer, mountain lions, bear, moose, beaver, Rocky Mountain Bighorn sheep, marmots, bobcats, lynx and more.

# **RUEA 2013 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES**

## **Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

***Boulder/NCAR/Celestial Seasonings/Western Gallery of Art - \$43***  
**Tour #10 operates on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

The “Liberal Kingdom of Boulder” is a hub of technology and government research because of NIST (National Institute of Standards & Technology), where the world’s atomic clock is located, NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration) and NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research). We’ll tour the NCAR Laboratory, located on a picturesque plateau above the city and designed by I. M. Pei. Their experiments circle the globe and many of the exhibits are interactive. After lunch on the bustling Pearl Street Mall, where street entertainment is a given, we’ll tour the Celestial Seasonings Tea plant and enjoy time in their tasting room and their tea-oriented gift shop, then tour the nearby Leaning Tree Gallery of Western Art, an unparalleled collection of all types of art – oils, cartoons, watercolors, sculptures – with Western themes.

***Denver City/DAM - \$39 pp***  
**Tour #11 operates on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Denver City Tour includes all stops in tour four, plus time to visit the Denver Art Museum. The original 6-story building resembles a medieval fortress. The odd shapes of the windows were designed for a double reason; they shelter the art treasures inside from our intense Colorado sun and they frame mountain- and city-views for visitors. This building houses the DAM’s outstanding collection of Indian art, as well as collections of Asian, European and African art. Don’t miss the new Contemporary Art addition, the first American structure designed by the acclaimed architect, Daniel Libeskind. No wall or section of the titanium roof looks plumb or straight and the angles are unique, to say the least, both inside and outside, but the walls are perfect canvases for the modern art displays.

*All tours include transportation via European touring coach, professional guide, admissions and/or donations to listed museums and the National Park and gratuities. **All meals are at your own expense.** We will have a separate handout with restaurants at tour stops. Please indicate any special needs on your registration form.*

*Please be in the Lobby 15 minutes before scheduled tour departure time.*

### **Transportation Information**

Denver International Airport is a hub for United with flights arriving from all over the country. It is also serviced by American, Delta, Frontier, US Airways, JetBlue, Southwest, Spirit and Alaska, giving numerous options for off-line travel. Reminder for all off line travel, please contact [ETC.united.com](http://ETC.united.com) (Employee Travel Center). By now, everyone should be familiar navigating employee res on [flyingtogether.ual.com](http://flyingtogether.ual.com) for travel plans and opportunities. Don’t forget UA discount, whereby you receive 20% off a confirmed fare (If available)

Amtrak also services Denver. Please check [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com) for cities pairs and prices.

Driving to Hotel:

- ☞ *From Aurora:* I-225N to I-70W. Exit 278 (Quebec Street), left on Quebec to Smith Rd., left on Sandown
- ☞ *From Silverthorn:* I-70 E to exit 278 (Quebec Street), right on Quebec to Smith Rd., left on Sandown.
- ☞ *From Airport:* I-70 to exit 278 (Quebec Street), left on Quebec to Smith Rd., left on Sandown

Hotel Shuttle ~ The complimentary Airport Shuttle to and from DIA operates from 0445 to 0045. Hotel directions tell you to exit at door 508, but if you leave from door 510, there is a crosswalk over to island 3 and then to the hotel pickup area. This is right outside claim area 10. The pick up from DIA is scheduled at: 15 and 45 after each hour. Look for the bus with the big chocolate cookie on the side. The ride from the airport to the hotel takes approximately 30 minutes. We will have the schedule for return to the airport and the shuttle to Quebec Square and Northfield Center available in your registration package.

# ***BANQUET MENU***

**Saturday Evening October 12, 2013**

**Tossed Green Salad with Tomatoes, Carrots and Cucumbers Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing**

***Choice of the following:***

**Pan Roasted Chicken Breast**

***Or***

**Oven Baked Salmon Filet with Dill Tarragon Crème Fraiche**

**Both served with Almond & Spiced Fruit Couscous  
&**

**French Green Beans**

***Or***

**Beef Short Ribs with a Cabernet Reduction  
Creamy Polenta & Grilled Asparagus**

**Dessert**

**Fresh Baked Bread Presentation**

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

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



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## 2013 Denver Convention Registration Form

**\*Register Early – Registration must be received by September 6, 2013\***

(Please Print Clearly) Member's File Number			Station & Department:	
Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Street Address:				
City:		State:	Zip:	Phone:
Spouse Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Guest 1 Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Guest 2 Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Guest 3 Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
<b>Email address (to be used for receiving Convention updates or Tour information changes)</b>				

### **Instructions:**

1. Complete both pages of this Convention Registration Form.
2. Check your choices for dinner entrée and tours. Make certain you record the correct number of people attending each event.
3. Make certain the Member's **file number is entered at the top of the form** and the total number of people is indicated for the **non-refundable** Registration Fee.
4. No credit cards can be accepted for payment of convention events.

Date – 2013	Meal Choice	Member	Spouse/ Guest	× Price (P/P)	= Total
<b>A. Registration Fee – Non Refundable</b> <b>***Fee Required for each Attendee***</b>				<b>\$10.00</b>	\$
Fri., October 11	Beer, Brats and the fixings			\$3.00	\$
<b>Banquet</b>					
Sat., October 12	Pan Roasted Chicken Breast with Almond and Spiced Fruit Couscous and French Green Beans			\$37.00	\$
Sat., October 12	Oven Baked Salmon with Almond Spiced Fruit Couscous and French Green Beans served with a Dill Tarragon Crème Fraiche			\$37.00	\$
Sat., October 12	Braised Short Ribs with Creamy Polenta and Grilled Asparagus served with a Cabernet Reduction			\$37.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =					\$
Total balance of tours from <b>Page C-11</b> =					\$
<b>Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check</b>					\$

**Make Check Payable to: 2013 RUAEA Convention**

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to:

**2013 RUAEA Convention, c/o Juliana Alfonso, 3116 S. Emporia Ct., Denver, CO 80231**

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**2013 Convention Registration Form – Page Two**  
**\*Register Early – Registration must be received by September 6, 2013\***  
**Tour Registration**

Date – 2013	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse/Guest	Total Cost
Wed., October 9	Casinos/Clear Creek Canyon	1	\$37.00			
Wed., October 9	Buffalo Bill Museum/Red Rocks Amphitheater/Coors	2	\$43.00			
Wed., October 9	UFTC	3	\$15.00			
Wed., October 9	Denver City Tour/Molly Brown House	4	\$34.00			
Thurs., October 10	COS/Air Force Academy	5	\$49.00			
Thurs., October 10	Georgetown	6	\$49.00			
Thurs., October 10	Denver City Tour/Wings over the Rockies Museum	7	\$49.00			
Thurs., October 10	UFTC	8	\$15.00			
Fri., October 11	RMNP/Estes Park	9	\$67.00			
Fri., October 11	Boulder/NCAR/Celestial Seasonings	10	\$43.00			
Fri., October 11	Denver City Tour/Denver Art Museum	11	\$39.00			
Sub Total from this page (Enter on <b>Page C-10</b> )						\$
<b>RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION</b>						

The deadline for registration is September 6<sup>th</sup>, so no seat assignment requests will be honored after that date and names may not make the deadline to be published in the Directory

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

**I wish to be seated with** \_\_\_\_\_

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**For the Saturday night Banquet**

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About fifteen years ago, the OAK Chapter of Clipped Wings was looking for a way to raise funds for their philanthropy projects and wanted an item to help identify the Clipped Wings members when they participated as volunteers for Special Olympics events. The result was an idea of producing a silk scarf that they could sell with the proceeds going to support Special Olympics. What was produced was a scarf with several caricatures of Flight Attendants in various United Airlines uniforms through the years. The project was very successful since the scarf was very colorful and represented some nostalgia.

A few years later, it was decided that a new scarf could be added, with this one representing various airplanes from the past that would be appealing to the United employees and retirees. That scarf came together with eight different planes featured, seven in United Airlines livery and one in Capital Airlines livery. Those featured planes were a DC-3, DC-4, DC-6, DC8, B727, B747, a Caravelle and a Viscount. This scarf also met with great success with Clipped Wingers, retirees and Flight Attendants. The airplane scarf became even more successful when United's Inflight Services approved that scarf to be an acceptable compliment to the Flight Attendants' uniform.

With the merger of United and Continental, it was decided to see about updating the airplane scarf to acknowledge the coming together of the new airline. The finished product has been completed. This new scarf features planes in older United livery, Continental livery, Capital livery along with the latest United/

Continental combined livery. Featured planes are a Continental DC-3, a Continental DC-10, a Capital Viscount, a United Caravelle, a United DC-4, a United B727, a United B777 pre-merger livery, and a United B767 current livery. We hope that you will find this scarf as a meaningful item representing part of our history.



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