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## From the VP - Conventions



Hi Everyone,

I just got back from meeting with members of the RESANS in San Diego, the site of the 2014 Convention. The committee and I are very enthusiastic about this upcoming event. **Betty Tomaino** from the San Diego RESANS and **Hal Klobe** – Regional Director will be Co-Chairs. We have a beautiful hotel reserved, so start planning now to attend. The Convention activities will start on October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center. You can view their website at [www.towncountry.com](http://www.towncountry.com).

The registration desk at the hotel will be open on September 30<sup>th</sup> for those arriving on Tuesday to get an early start. The room rate will be \$109.00 for a double, \$129 for a triple and \$149.00 for a quad. This rate does not include tax or service charges, but does include a **Buffet Breakfast** and a special parking rate of \$2 a day with in/out privileges. To make reservations, either call 1 800 772-8527 or book it online at [resweb.passkey.com/go/eb44deef](http://resweb.passkey.com/go/eb44deef). This rate is available three days before and three days after the Convention, depending on availability.

We are planning some wonderful tours of the area and some great hospitality events. Next month **Barbara Drews**, our publicity chairperson, will have some additional information and the Convention Package will be in the June Newsletter, so start planning your travel now.

We look forward to seeing you in beautiful San Diego.

**Marilyn Marcy**  
**VP - Conventions**

## RUAEA Election 2014



Here we are in March already. The 2014 RUAEA Convention will be here before we know it. Our bylaws require us to have an election each year for certain officers/directors. So we are always looking for candidates. The positions open for election in 2014 for a two year term are the following: President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President - Conventions, and Directors for the following regions, Florida, Midwest, Southern California, Northern California/Nevada, and Western.

The election process will begin with the July Newsletter through the first of September. Voting can be done via paper ballot or an online ballot. Anyone interested in any of the above positions please contact me or one of the other members on the Nominating Committee. We can provide you with more information about any one of the positions. This is a great opportunity for members to become more involved representing their fellow members. Those interested will be providing us with a bio and picture by May 25<sup>th</sup>. **Please consider what you can do. Without these volunteers, our organization will disappear.**

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## Aetna and Medicare: Important Health Insurance Information

There are several insurance companies with which Medicare has an agreement to automatically forward a member's medical claim(s) to a secondary insurance carrier, including Aetna, for further claim payment. Aetna's claim crossover program is referred to as Medicare Direct. Medicare Direct will electronically forward a member's claim details from Medicare to Aetna.





Medicare can only send information to Aetna for claim processing if a member's Medicare numbers match. The process of automatically transferring claim information for United retirees eligible for Medicare began in late January. Aetna will automatically enroll eligible United retirees, when possible, using their social security number (SSN) plus the letter "A" as their Medicare number in order to expedite medical claim processing. If a member's Medicare number is not the SSN + "A", then participants must call Aetna's member services and provide the correct number to complete enrollment. Also, all benefit-eligible spouses will need to call Aetna member services to provide their

Medicare number and ask to be enrolled.

Please contact Aetna at 1-800-334-0110 (TTY:711) to speak with a member service representative for assistance. Aetna is available to provide assistance to United retirees and benefit-eligible spouses to complete the enrollment. In addition, Aetna will offer assistance with claims prior to the Medicare Direct enrollment for automated submission to Aetna for secondary payment considerations.

You may also receive a brochure from Aetna regarding Medicare Direct enrollment, if you have contacted Aetna to enroll – no further action is needed.

### **United and AFA announce agreement on 2014 staffing and mitigation programs**



Following meetings with the leadership of the AFA International, the Continental and United MECs, United and the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) announced on Friday an agreement regarding 2014 staffing and reduction-in-force mitigation programs for subsidiary UA flight attendants.

The agreement will permit flight attendants at subsidiary UA who are subject to involuntary furlough as of April 1, 2014, to elect, on a one-time, irrevocable basis, to cross over to subsidiary CO with full credit for pay and vacation seniority accrued at subsidiary UA and continue to retain and accrue their subsidiary UA seniority for all purposes.

### **United launched new livery for its Eco-Skies plane**



United branded a Boeing 737-900 aircraft with the new Eco-Skies livery and showcased the plane at the grand opening of the SFO Terminal 3 Boarding Area E. The 737-900 is one of United's most fuel-efficient planes and is one of 88 737-900s currently in its fleet.

*"We are excited to roll out our new flagship livery for Eco-Skies, which represents United's strong history of commitment to the environment and the work we are doing every day to improve sustainability and reduce our environmental footprint,"* said Environmental Affairs and Sustainability

Managing Director Angela Foster-Rice.

*"It was great to showcase the new aircraft at the opening of the new SFO Boarding Area E, which is designed to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) gold certification,"* she said.

LEED certification is based on five green design elements: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality.

### **Rhapsody magazine: Premium reading for United's premium customers**



Rhapsody is United's monthly, luxury lifestyle and literary magazine exclusively for its premium-cabin customers and visitors to United Clubs and United Global First lounges.

The February issue features gold-medal skier Lindsey Vonn, who may have been sidelined for the Winter Olympics due to an injury but still refuses to slow down. Or customers can read about original celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck's ever-

changing menus throughout his 20 years of catering the Oscars. Plus, customers can get to know their fellow flyers in the “Connections” column. This month’s issue features Jacqueline Kalish, who recently flew to Rochester, NY, for a big family reunion.

Each issue features thought-provoking content from highly regarded journalists, with stunning images from renowned photographers. Interspersed throughout the magazine’s first-rate stories and photography are timely news and notes about the latest in high culture, luxury goods, fine dining and premium hospitality.

### **United introduced new inflight dining options**



This month, United refreshed the items in its popular Choice Menu snackboxes and began offering premium wine selections to customers traveling in United Economy between the United States and Europe.

The refreshed snackbox items extend to the Classic Snackbox, the Savory Snackbox and the Tapas Snackbox. Each is available for purchase in United Economy on most flights scheduled for more than two hours within North America and to and from select markets in Latin America and South America.

Additionally, United’s 375 milliliter half-bottles of Meiomi Pinot Noir 2012 and Murphy-Goode North Coast 2012 Sauvignon Blanc will be available for \$15.99 to and from Europe. Each half-bottle will pour approximately two and a half glasses of wine.

*“The initial response to these updates has been very positive,”* said Food and Beverage Planning and Design Managing Director Jane Bernier-Tran. *“The premium wines have been very popular in United Economy with our European travelers.”*

United’s snackboxes now feature the following:

- ➔ *Classic Snackbox* ~ Boulder Canyon Totally Natural Kettle Cooked Potato Chips, Cream Crackers, White Cheddar Gourmet Cheese Spread, O’Brien’s Pepperoni-flavored Beef Sticks, Summer Harvest Dried Fruit Mix, Wow Chocolate Chip Cookie, and Haribo Gold-Bears Gummi Candy
- ➔ *Savory Snackbox* ~ Pop Lite Gourmet Popcorn, Mediterranean Snacks Cracked Pepper Lentil Crackers, Smoked Gouda Gourmet Cheese Spread, Hormel Salami, DIBELLA Biscotti, Emerald Cocoa Roast Almonds and Mint
- ➔ *Tapas Snackbox* ~ Mediterranean Snacks Sea Salt Lentil Crackers, La Panzanella Rosemary Crackers, Wild Garden Hummus, Rondelé Peppercorn Parmesan Cheese Spread, Heritage™ Roasted Red Pepper Bruschetta, OLYMPOS Olives, Emerald Natural Almonds and Brookside Dark Chocolate with Fruit Flavors

### **Torgy’s Travel Tips**



If you have flown in the past few months, you may have seen signs in the airport security lines labeled: TSA Pre ✓ -or- TSA Pre-Check.

You may have even checked in for your flight and seen these connotations printed on your boarding pass or departure management card and wondered what does that mean? Well, it’s time to clear things up and to pass along some related information to make your travels through security lines a bit easier.

TSA Pre-Check is a program that began at 28 US airports in 2012. It allows certain travelers a no-hassle screening process when going through the TSA security checkpoints at US airports. The traveler does not have to remove their jacket, shoes or belts and laptop computers and liquids may stay in the carry-on bag. Originally, the program was limited to high-mileage frequent fliers *invited* by select airlines. Then the TSA moved ahead with randomly selecting travelers to enter through the Pre-Check line (that’s where you may have participated). Now, the program is expanding to include travelers willing to pay \$85 and undergo a background check. If their background check is clear, they are enrolled for 5 years as a TSA Pre-Check traveler.

There are 2 other programs that offer the same benefits of TSA Pre-Check but offer quite a bit more. Global Entry allows air travelers expedited entry back into the USA from any foreign country. Once inside the US all the benefits of TSA Pre-Check take over. The cost for this 5-year program is \$100.

Nexus, which costs \$50, is a joint US-Canadian program for expedited land and sea border crossings but also includes Global Entry for US citizens only, and TSA Pre-Check. This one gives you the best savings.

To apply for any of these programs the applications are available online and take 6 to 8 weeks for conditional approval. That is followed by a short personal interview and fingerprinting. Once final approval is granted, a “known traveler

number” is assigned to you that you will use each time you check-in. You can also store that number in your security profile in Flying Together so that every listing you make will automatically reflect your new status.

Here are the web addresses for more information:

TSA Pre-Check ~ [www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck](http://www.tsa.gov/tsa-precheck)

Global Entry ~ [www.globalentry.gov](http://www.globalentry.gov)

Nexus ~ [www.cbp.gov/nexus](http://www.cbp.gov/nexus)

Happy travels!

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



As mentioned in previous newsletters, the USS Somerset will be commissioned in Philadelphia. Originally planned for January, the firm date is now Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1100 hours in Penns Landing. Captain Thomas L. Dearborn, USN, will assume command of the Somerset. The home base will be San Diego.

Senators Edward Casey and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania are responsible for having the ship commissioned in Philadelphia, rather than Baltimore as was the original plan. The USS Somerset, which was built and christened in Avondale, LA, is honoring the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93.

For complete information, check the website, [ussomersetcommissioning.org](http://ussomersetcommissioning.org).

A memorial service was held for Father Al Mascherino at the Memorial Chapel in Shanksville on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **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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*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager.* Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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# LOCAL NEWS

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January 21<sup>st</sup> found our group once again at the Pensacola Yacht Club in Pensacola, FL. 17 members attended and they were: **Bill & Ann Delavan, John & Myrl Eisinger, Conrad Hamilton** and his guest, **Gayle Furlow, Bill Hayden, Judy Hebl, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Horne, Ray & My Owens, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, and Barbara Serra**. We missed **Park & Billie Learned** again this month as **Park** continues to struggle with his recovery from the stroke he suffered the end of October. We miss them so very much. **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** had surgery the end of December and is still recovering. **Jeanne Reinoehl** had some eye surgery and was unable to attend. **George & Denny Atteberry** are back in Indiana until April and we hope they survive the weather in snow country! We were thrilled to have **Judy Hebl** from Wisconsin back with us this month. She and her husband come down each year for 3 months. We would love for them to move down to our area! **Ray & My Owens** are leaving for Viet Nam soon and will be gone until May or June. They will be missed!

We are so happy to welcome new members, **John & Myrl Eisinger**, to our Chapter. **John** began his career with Pan Am and then with UAL in 1992. They live in Pensacola, FL. **Nancy Aldrich**, a member who has moved to Texas, told them about our group. They are also friends with **Bill & Ann Delavan**. We look forward to seeing them often.

**Bob Schwartz**, President, called our meeting to order at 12:45, after we had finished another fabulous lunch. **Bill Hayden** and **Barbara Serra** sold raffle tickets. **Bob** had our new member, **Myrl Eisinger** draw the winning ticket, which was **Barbara Serra's**. Congratulations, **Barbara**!

Once again, the financial report and minutes were emailed to everyone and as always, there were no corrections. We wonder sometimes if they are even looked at by our members! ☺

February birthdays will be celebrated by **Doug Horne** (7<sup>th</sup>), **Ed Southworth** (12<sup>th</sup>) and **Harold Stofko** (13<sup>th</sup>). Our only March birthday is **Carol Herrick** (1<sup>st</sup>). Happy Birthday to all of you!

**Bob** read an email from **Don Nellans**, our Florida Regional Director, regarding our AETNA insurance. **Bob** gave the info and phone # out and advised everyone to make the phone call.

**Gayle Furlow** volunteered to place an article in the Pensacola paper about our group and inviting any UAL or Continental former employees to join us. We look forward to hearing from some retirees.

Discussions were held on many subjects as we sat around the table and chatted. This is always a favorite time of our meetings.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Pensacola Yacht Club. We now meet on the third Tuesday of each month but please call if you can join us when you are in our area. If you live in our area (Panama Beach, FL - East to Mississippi border - West), please come join us at our new location.

Calendar:

**February 18 - 11:30 AM**

**March 18**



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Our January meeting was held on Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> at Do-Di-Yos in Homewood. Those enjoying the good food and fellowship were **Bobby & Jean Cox, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Jim & Donna Gooch, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Keith & Charlotte Gibson** and **Joe Jones**. We were happy to have **Keith, Charlotte's** husband join us, as he recently retired. Also good to see **Donna Gooch**, whose fractured wrist is on the mend and free of the "device" she had to wear until just before Christmas.

We send our sympathy to **Ken & Beverly Yeager** on the passing of Beverly's mother. Several members were absent today and we look forward to their return in February.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Donna Gooch**, most likely with money provided by husband Jim!

As always, we invite all United retirees to join us, the second Monday each month. You will enjoy good food and conversation of interest involving United Air Lines and how it affects us retirees. Call **Bobby Cox** at (205) 833-0655 or **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825.

## ARIZONA



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The Azures enjoyed a great get-together at B.J.'s Restaurant and Brewhouse on 99<sup>th</sup> and Northern in Glendale, AZ on January 11 with 38 members in attendance. All-you-can-eat pizza, pasta and salad with non-alcoholic drinks included. It's a nice relaxing venue and we all enjoyed the food.

I will report next month on our luncheon at Arrowhead C.C. on February 8. We haven't been to Arrowhead for quite some time and it's a beautiful room with two walls of windows over-looking the golf course.

We are still waiting for the reservations to come in for the All-Arizona Luncheon on March 20 in Casa Grande and, we are asking the Arizona RUAEA chapters to urge their members to get their checks to **Joe Hopkins**, Azures Treasurer, for reservations. The price for lunch is \$23.00 with a self-serve menu of chicken, roast beef, salads, desserts and coffee, tea, etc. Joe's address is 3333 North 151<sup>st</sup> Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395, (623) 399-8544. Checks should be made out to the Azures with individual chapter membership written on the checks.

January has passed quickly for me, I met my kids in Maui for 5 days and, then, with the deal I made with my daughter, I travelled back to Chicago to "dog-sit" for another week. I got there during one of the many cold spells in Illinois (-14 one night). I celebrated my sister's birthday with her and her husband and then saw **Connie Russo** and **Arlene Jurinek** for an early dinner. Arriving in Hawaii reminded me of the time **Connie, Gerry (Bernert) Vann** and I met Arlene at an incoming late-night Kona flight with a "JURINEK" greet sign (as the travel agencies do). Such fun, old times!

We heard **Boris Spitz** and his wife had moved to Arizona but didn't know where until Vic received a "birthday call" on February 4 from Boris. Very nice! They have moved to Trilogy at Vistancia (Peoria, AZ) 3 miles west of Happy Valley Road and Rt. 303. I have sent them the information on the Azures luncheons and breakfasts and hope they join us for our get-togethers and become members.

March Birthdays: ~ **Don Brei** (3/5); **Jean Kerman** (3/6); **Mel Hofer** (3/21); **Joan Sheffield** (3/31).

March Anniversaries ~ **Sonny & Barbara Carns** (3/12) and **Don & Carole Brei** (3/19).

Congratulations to all others!

Breakfasts at Coco's, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Rds, Sun City, AZ at 0800: **March 11** and **March 25**. Please call **Sherry Muoio** by the Monday night before for reservations, (623) 572-4828.

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The first day of Spring starts this month! Where does all the time go? This winter sure has been bad in so many areas of our country; but we're fortunate to have really nice weather most of the time. A lot of snowbirds are here for that reason. If any of the snowbirds have retired or worked at any time for United Airlines or Continental Airlines, and are at least 55 years of age; you're welcome to come to any of our monthly breakfasts or luncheons. Please feel free to call our President, **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610, or contact her by email at [indind75@yahoo.com](mailto:indind75@yahoo.com). You can also contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by email at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). No excuse, do it now!

We had 29 people attend our January 15<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at Mt. Athos Restaurant in Florence, AZ. Our hostess, **Natasha Schmidt**, did a wonderful job. We were entertained as we sat in the patio by two singers; who were friends of Natasha. Their names were **Betty Pimentel** and **Marie Arnold**. They were really great! They sang songs that we remember well. We even had a sing-a-long. We had some guests also present. They were **Gail & Larry Stanley** of Seattle, Washington (friends of **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**). Also, **Larry & Laine Cox** of Sun City Anthem joined us as guests of **Natasha**.

Several United Airlines things were discussed. There was a questionnaire the company was asking people to vote for in the "All About Me" found in the Flying Together area. Regarding the Insurance Card administered by Aetna Life Insurance Company, you can get a paper one until you get your plastic card through United Airlines, if you need something before seeing your doctor. Also, the SOS International Flying Together Website is available to you if you need help and you're out of the country for some reason.

One of our good, active members, **Ron Pedone**, passed away on January 6. He worked for United Airlines for 32 years and retired from Denver in February 1996. Services were held on January 23 at St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Chandler, AZ, followed by a military memorial service at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. Our sympathies to his wife, **Donna**, and to the family. We will miss him very much. Condolences can be sent to **Donna Pedone** at 1471 W. Folley St., Chandler, AZ 85224.

The Chicago Cubs new spring training stadium had a free open house on January 25<sup>th</sup> to let everyone see their new facility. **Ron Paluch** is getting tickets for the March 27 Cubs/White Sox game. Check to see if **Ron** has any available, if you're interested. It should be a fun day!

We have a couple of our members with some health problems. One is **Tony Ribeiro**, who happens to be our Sunshine person. He hasn't been able to come to any of our meetings for a long time. We sure miss him. **Bob Hallden** was having some problems too; but he showed up at our recent breakfast, which was nice. There are others too who haven't been able to come to our meetings. We wish them good health, and hope they can make one of our meetings soon.

**Fred Rockenhauser** mentioned to check the Mesa Art Center for free concerts. They are always very good.

Besides our normal 50/50 raffle, we had a lot of extra raffle items that **Natasha** put together. A lot of people were lucky recipients. Thanks, **Natasha**, for also furnishing the dessert at the luncheon. It was a great day and **Natasha** was a wonderful hostess.

Our January Breakfast was held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert with 28 people in attendance. We had **Gayle & Larry Stanley** back with us and also **Bill Betz** from Gold Canyon, AZ. They all are planning on joining our chapter. Also, **LaVera Wickwood**, from Spokane, WA, who is **Orland Baldwin's** sister, came. Always glad to see new people join us.

It was noted that we had a very large turnout from our chapter at **Ron Pedone's** funeral. It really was a wonderful service and **Donna** was glad we all came.

President **Shirley Claggett** mentioned the survey that we should take part in regarding company airline passes that is available on the internet. Also, regarding our health insurance, be sure to call **800-334-0110**, so you are included in the change from Blue Cross to **Aetna Life Insurance Company**. Blue Cross is no longer handling United Airlines Medical Insurance. It takes about 6 weeks before it is effective.

The All-Arizona Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 20 at the Holiday Inn Casa Grande at 777 North Pinal Avenue, starting with the Social Hour at 11:00 a.m. and the lunch at 12:00 noon. It is hosted by the



Azures Chapter. The Lunch Buffet consists of Chicken Breast Piccata, Roast Sirloin of Beef, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Roasted Red Potatoes, Spring Mixed Salad, along with assorted cakes, Ice Tea, and Coffee. There will be a cash bar, door prizes and raffles. Alliant Credit Union will give a presentation; also **Hank Gosselin**, President of RUAEA, and Executive Vice-President, **Mike Richards** will be the Emcee. The cost is \$23 per person, and reservations are due by **March 6**. Make your checks out to the Azures, and mail to **Joe Hopkins**, 3333 North 151<sup>st</sup> Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395. Include our Re-United's name on your check; so they know which chapter you represent. The theme for this luncheon is the Arizona Cactus League and all sports. Wear baseball/football caps, shirts and other attire. Look forward to having a good time and seeing and meeting friends from United.

We have the following birthdays in March: **Nancy Luby** (3/2), **Jim Fauber** (3/6), **Olga Aguilar** (3/20), **Rita Krist** (3/20), and **Graham Snediker** (3/21). Happy Birthday to all of you! We have two Wedding Anniversaries this month: **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak** (3/11/61), and **Patrice & Bob Rowan** (3/27/99). Best Wishes to you on your anniversary!

#### Calendar:

**March 20** – All Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande starting at 11:00 a.m. for the Social Hour and lunch at 12:00 Noon. See information above.

**March 27** – Cubs/White Sox game at the new Cubs Stadium in Mesa, AZ. Game starts at 1:05 p.m.

**March 28** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by Wednesday, March 26, at (480) 396-3317 or by email at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**April 10** – Annual Picnic at Crescent Run Park in Mesa, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**.

**April 25** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner starting at 9:15 a.m.



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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines Chapter!

Our January meeting/luncheon went off without a hitch, just a good gathering.

Sadly, we report that our own **Earle Risdon** has been diagnosed with cancer of the pancreas. At this time, he is undergoing more tests at Mayo Clinic in Phoenix. We will keep you posted on his condition when more test results are available. May Earle be in our thoughts and prayers for healing and recovery.

In the meantime, Earle and his wife, Jean, would love to hear from friends. Their address is: **Earle & Jean Risdon**, 428 River Oaks, Prescott, AZ 86301.

The Tall Pines group meets as usual on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 11:00AM at the Lone Spur Restaurant, 106 West Gurley St.

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Our January 16 luncheon was held at the Thunder Canyon Brewery and hosted by **Clyde & Henny Satterfield**. The turnout was great with a total of 38 attendees. It appears no one was traveling and the snowbirds had returned to the winter nest. No wonder, it was 75 that day, not bad for the middle of January. Thank you Clyde & Henny for your efforts!

Winners of the 50/25 were **Gill Wojtal** and **Jim Rudolph**. Congratulations!

Brought up for discussion at the luncheon was the idea of having more events for the members to attend than solely luncheons. The prospect of having extra events was given solid approval. The difficulty will be in the details. We will need suggestions as to what the members will attend and who will assume the responsibility to make those events happen singularly or in total.

February's luncheon is scheduled to be held at Mimi's next to the Tucson Mall (Oracle and Wetmore) at 11:30. We will be ordering from the Menu. Contact Claire at [ldclaire70@yahoo.com](mailto:ldclaire70@yahoo.com) or (520) 744-0959. Thank you Claire.

March 20 will be the All Arizona luncheon to be held at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, hosted by the Phoenix Azures. The theme will be Arizona Cactus League and all sports. Please dress accordingly. Time: 11:00 - Social 12:00 - Buffet lunch. Holiday Inn, 777 North Pinal Drive, Casa Grande, AZ. (520) 426-3500 x605. Cost: \$23.00 per person. Deadline for Reservations is March 6. Make checks out to the Azures and include the chapter on the check. Send check to **Joe Hopkins**, 3333 N. 151<sup>st</sup> Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395, (623) 399-8544. See you in Casa Grande!

Calendar:

**February 20** – Mimi's, hosted by **Claire Byle**

**March 20** - All Arizona luncheon, hosted by the Phoenix Azures at the Holiday Inn, Casa Grande

**CALIFORNIA**

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Our Chapter did not meet in January. We had a very well attended Christmas luncheon.

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, our town made the news. While the west coast has had dry and warm weather, the rest of the country has had to put up with sub-zero temperatures and snow. In San Luis Obispo, the temperature for that date hit 91 degrees which was the warmest in the country. We are now waiting for rain that we need so badly. By the time this newsletter is put out, I hope the rain does come.

I was able to complete the Pass Survey. After several attempts to enter and getting rejected, I finally figured out that the "U" in front of my employee number did not work. I finally tried a "0" instead of the "U" and it worked. I hope the rest of you understood some of the questions. I preferred the comment section where I was able to express my feelings toward the entire pass system.

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, we lost one of our member's wife. **Bob Wagner's** wife, **Pat**, passed away. She and Bob were great supporters for our Chapter and she will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob and his family.

I noticed that CLE is no longer going to be a hub. Is this a sign of things to come?

Our next meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**BRAZEN RAISINS**

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Eleven Brazen Raisin members attended the first meeting in January 2014. A potluck was held at the home of **Peggy & John Oakshott**. While we were eating our lunch, **Dick Shryock** recited a funny tale entitled "Dark Town Poker Club".

**Charlie Barnett** had a run-in with the escalator. Fortunately, he escaped with cuts and bruises.

President **Elida Rivas** held a short meeting. **Dick Shryock** was able to collect all of the dues for 2014 from every member who attended the potluck. Sunshine Lady, **Hazel Hayes**, reported one birthday for January - **Lincoln Jones** on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, **Elida Rivas** told us that if we are going to take a trip on the airline, we should complete the computer generated pre-check, which would allow us to go through a shorter line and less trouble at the airport. **Nile Jones** also reported that calling the hot line number to book a flight was easier and without charge, if you are unable to use a computer.

The **Oakshotts** won the 50/50 raffle. Everyone had a great time and went home well fed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Report:** The Brazen Raisins had another potluck at the home of **Elida & Reuben Rivas**. Elida cooked a great Mexican dinner for all of us and some of us brought dips and chips. President **Elida Rivas** called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. There was a great deal of discussion concerning the new survey questions regarding travel. It seems like they are trying to make traveling more difficult for retirees. We also discussed the 1099-MISC form that many retirees receive, if their designated relatives or friends use their passes.

Under New Business, we talked about the RUAEA 2014 Convention that will be held in San Diego in October. Elida then read us an email concerning water. Beer and wine are all right, but water has too many germs. We all got a big laugh from her email concerning water.

**Elida & Reuben Rivas** won the 50/50. **Nile & Lincoln Jones** won three gifts. The rest of us won wine and all of us received some Lindt and Fallize Dark Chocolate bars. Elida certainly knows how to pick out good chocolate.

We will not be holding a meeting in March, because so many of our members will be out of town.



### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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Thirty three members and guests showed up at the Casino Morongo in Cabazon for the Desert Sunbirds' January Luncheon - without me. I was under the weather, you might say. **Flo Silvestri** handled the Hostess duties, and I understand that there were many trips back to the buffet table by the group. And I believe that a few of the attendees headed for the gambling tables and slots after lunch. No report on success or failure.

Guests this month: **Doreen Roberts** hosted her sister, **Peggy Hallsted**, a LAXRR retiree (30 years) and her husband, **Chuck** - gotta be a good guy; along with **Patty McGreal**, who also worked at LAXRR for 30 years. **Al Beuchel** hosted a High School friend, **Kathie Ritter**. **Howard Lackey** was there, and I understand he looked terrific. Sorry I missed a good friend.

The only other "health" report was **Maureen Williams'** missing the Luncheon due to illness.

I understand that President Mike brought the wrong microphone for his sound system, so the meeting was necessarily short, as this report will be. The Birthday Lunch was won by **Jenny Pennington** (who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on January 28<sup>th</sup>); the 50/50 winners were **Peggy Hallsted** (\$50.00), and **Ron Lerg** (\$20.00).

### **Calendar:**

**March 12** – Hosted by **Dave & Kathy Wilson**

**April 9** – Hosted by **Carole Paquin**

### **GOLD DIGGERS**

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Sizzler in Auburn. This was hosted by **Phil & Ann Frank**. We had 46 Gold Diggers attending. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Franks for hosting.

### **Officers Reports:**

*President* ~ **Orville Harshbarger** said there might be a potential conflict with our September luncheon date as it may be too close to the start of the RUAEA convention. We will decide within a couple of months to either not have a luncheon in September or move our date up a week.

*Vice President* ~ **Phil Frank** gave us a luncheon update for this year. We need hosts for May, June, and July. Past Presidents' luncheon will be this month, hosted by **Hank Wikstad**.



*Secretary* ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for January. The only anniversary over 50 years was **Sydney & Sherrill Morgan** – 53 years.

*Treasurer* ~ **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance.

*Sunshine* ~ **Alice McPeak** was not in attendance today as her husband was having a procedure done. We were so thrilled to see **Bob & Margaret Eggert** with us today.

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

*Roster Chairman* ~ **Jack Raynor** has nothing to report.

*RUAEA Director of Northern California & Nevada* ~ **John Zoboli** talked on several subjects: United Pass Survey is now available on line; if pass riders accrued more than \$600.00 of pass tax, you will be sent a 1099; RUAEA will now accept credit card payment for yearly dues; RUAEA Convention will be held October 1<sup>st</sup> - October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego; Login to "Flying Together" must have password updates every 90 days; AETNA & Medicare problem ~ you will have to call AETNA at 800-334-0110 with your Medicare numbers; watch your mail in credit card accounts for late charges. The cold freeze in the mid-west and east slowed down the mail; Maintenance gathering in Minden, NV will be August 19<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sierra Roundup picnic at Sand Harbor Park at Lake Tahoe will be held on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Don't forget to pay your dues, \$10.00 per family, make check payable to Gold Diggers and send to: **Judie King**, 11886 Heather Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95949.



### HANGTOWN MINERS

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Happy New Year! Our first luncheon for 2014 was a tasty delight at the Cork & Fork in Cool with 36 Miners attending. A big Thank You goes to **Bill & Linda Dinette** for making all the arrangements as well as all the festive decorations.

*President* ~ **Rudy Blazius** welcomed everyone to the new year. We have a few members celebrating birthdays in January. **Mary Buschman**, **Jon Somplack** and **Bill Gibson** all claim this month. Rudy welcomed guests **Roy & Dawn Martin**. He also welcomed our new members, **Kerry Kozelka** and his wife, **Ann Barton**.

*Vice President* ~ **Bill Dinette** echoed Rudy's welcome to 2014. He extended a Thank You to the Cork & Fork staff. They are normally closed on Mondays but come in extra so we can enjoy ourselves at the establishment. Bill shared an observation with us. Those who use email tend to get many notices concerning various government worries - like the budget problems. And there seems to be a "common theme" that suggests there will be no monies to pay Social Security - a scare tactic, but he just wonders why there's never a suggestion that there could be a shortage for Welfare.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** reported receiving a Thank You letter from the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association. *"The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association would like to thank you for your generous donation of Gift Cards, Toys and food. With your help, we are able to provide gifts for 7 families with a total of 11 children in our community and provide each family with a large box of food and a turkey for Christmas Dinner. Thank you again for your continued support of the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association's Christmas Basket Project."*

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** reports a healthy checking balance for the Hangtown Miners. With annual dues coming in and various expenses being paid out, our balance at this time is \$1,898.79.

*Sunshine* ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** did not have anything new to report this month.

*Historian* ~ **Lynda Lima** brought the 2013 album. Rudy requested that she bring it each month so that our members can browse through it. She has done a great job putting together memories for us to enjoy.

*Old Business* ~ We are happy to report that we have hosts for all the luncheons this year. Now, about our annual dues! Most of our members have already paid their dues for 2014. Some members still need to send theirs in; you can send a check for \$10.00, payable to Hangtown Miners. Send your check to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon; Placerville, CA 95667.

It has been an annual tradition for our group to donate to a local charity. Last month we asked everyone to think about which one we would send to this year. Looking at our checking balance, **Jane Gibson** motioned we take \$800.00 and divide it equally among the suggested charities, **Jon Somplack** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The four organizations chosen for 2013 were El Dorado County Senior

Center, the Wounded Warrior Program, Snowline Hospice and El Dorado Food Bank. **Tom Kenny** will distribute the checks.

*New Business* ~ Rudy wanted to update everyone on some changes. He went over items covered in the General News section of the most recent RUAEA Newsletter.

**Lindalee Akin** asked if others had looked at the wording on the new insurance cards from Aetna. A member with such a card in his pocket pulled it out and checked – all's well. If you have any experiences - good or bad - let the group know.

**Dan & Roberta Ouchi** just returned from Hawaii. It took them 2½ days to get out, but they made it! The storms over the country created chaos for the airlines. Seems the first 3 weeks in January are the worst time to travel!

Not to scare you, but, when you're traveling, please be aware of those around you and how they are behaving. Seems USAir had a fellow who seemed to run towards the cockpit while other middle easterners were rummaging around in the overhead bins. Another report was that a group of nuns refused to go through TSA security check. Just be safe.

Rudy adjourned the meeting and our Drawing Of Opportunity began. **Roberta Ouchi** won the donators' draw.

A big Thank You to those who brought items for our raffle: **Blazius** - wine; **Dinette** - wine & glasses; **Lima** - chocolate cookies; **Buschman** - wine, **D'Amico** - Hallmark plates and napkins, **Heier** - planting tray, **Akin** - 2 dozen eggs, **Kenny** - t-shirt and "magic" flowers, **Ouchi** - wine.

### **REDWOOD EMPIRE** **RETIREEES**

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Our first get-together of the year 2014, was held at LaGare restaurant, Santa Rosa on January 9<sup>th</sup> with 32 members and 9 guests attending. Our new President, **Brandon Maus**, welcomed us all, and thanked **Barney & Clare Hagen** for hosting.

**Larry Wilson**, our new VP introduced our guests: **Alice Eastus**, guest of **Ted Bell**; **Clem Shanahan**, **Lee Trevelyan**, and **Lynn Cassil**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; **Nina Matlock**, guest of **Charlie Anderson**; **Jan Baty**, guest of **Helen Furber**; **Lou Lovell**, and **Emily Boyles**, guests of **Richard Southon**; and **Marlene von Borstel**, guest of **Naomi Tolf**.

The treasurer's report, given by newly elected treasurer, **Oscar Chambers**, states that we have \$761.98 in the General fund, and \$58.21 in the Charity fund, for a total of \$820.10. If you have yet to pay your dues for 2014, this is the last reminder to pay \$10.00 per person, to Oscar.

**Roger Casterline** gave us an update on the travel passes, which are getting more "user friendly". More info will be shared at the next meeting. Note: I leave all this detail to Larry, as he is the computer guru in our house and knows how to get us listed, except we learned that we could have gotten a better discount, and not paid a baggage fee on our recent trip to San Diego for our niece's wedding, still learning, thanks to Roger!

And last, but not least, the Birthday's for January were shared by "Sunshine Lady", **Verda Burr**, which are: **Ted Bell**, **Wayne O'Kelly**, **Marji Matschinegg**, **Patricia Maus**, **Sheila Legnitis**, **Ruth Loy**, and **Pat Ortega**. The lucky winner of a free lunch went to **Ted Bell**, for February. The January anniversaries are **Heino & Inara Witt**, 34 yrs., and **Tim & Kathy Staples**, 43 yrs., which is a total of 77 yrs: Wow! Verda told us that **Marji Matschinegg** is or was recently in Santa Rosa Memorial Hosp., and had surgery a couple of weeks ago; she was sent a card on behalf of our chapter. An update on her health will be given at our next meeting in February.

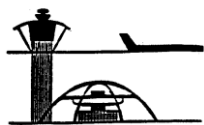
It was suggested that a new address list to include e-mails, if any, be compiled for this year, at least there was a lot of talk about this need coming from our table! I found out that we have quite a rowdy group at our table, with best friends Jan and Valerie, the Sunshine Lady, Treasurer **Oscar Chambers**, and the Wilsons all current or recent officers; we have a lot of opinions to share between us, lol! They may have to separate us next time.

The raffle was fun, as usual, with wine and candy given out, and the nice Spring-like Gerbera Daisy plants as well! I think a fun time was had by all! Let us remember anyone who couldn't be there, and invite more guests this year! Oh yes, it was reported that **Norm Burnett** recently got married; did I get that right? Congratulations Norm. I know he looks so "spiffy" in his classic car and his hats, wins 'em every time!

The next luncheon is on February 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Quail Inn, at Oakmont hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**. Let's all get caught up on our dues, and don't forget the Charity Box!

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We're having a lovely warm winter! The birds are sitting in neat little rows on the telephone wires, people are out walking or sitting in sunny spots and children are over-running the parks. It's time to start planning travel for 2014. The RUAEA convention committee is having its first meeting the last week in January. Save the week of September 30<sup>th</sup> thru October 4<sup>th</sup> for the 2014 Convention in San Diego.

We are sad to learn that **Ester Horompoly**'s hospital visit in January did not lessen the back pain and she will require extensive surgery soon. Our prayers will help strengthen Ester as she prepares for this very serious procedure, 7455 West 91<sup>st</sup> St., Los Angeles, CA. 90045.

We received a call from **Harry Takaki** to advise that he and his wife **Ruth**, will not be attending the February luncheon. They will be traveling home to Hawaii to attend services for the death of a brother-in-law. Our sympathy to the family, 3535 S. Hillcrest Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90016.

**Hal Klobe** spoke to **John Daley** who will be out of rehab and back home by the end of the January. John said he will retain his original care-giver. John holds a special place in our hearts. He and his wife Ann, were our traveling companions and we have had some memorable trips together. John, do you remember our trip to Germany where we spent the night at a hotel that used to be a pig farm commune? It's now called the "Farm House Hotel", but the pigs and odor are still there. The dorm-like rooms had air-wick hangers everywhere and showers were down the hall. Our pictures show smiling faces; but they were fake! We snapped the photos, ran to the car and laughed all the way out of town! Send John some funny jokes to cheer him up, P.O. Box 4391, Palos Verdes Pen., CA 90274.

I need to correct some miss-information I reported last month. **Verne Luxenberg** is the son of **Jerry & Rachel Luxenberg** and has 35 years of seniority with United. However, He is not retired; he is still employed with United. My apologies to the Luxenbergs for the error.

### RESANS

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There was a large turnout for breakfast this month. Twenty eight members and one handsome service dog, Lance, made a lively group. We discussed reporting the Form 1099-MISC, including how to show it on Turbo Tax.

Our Toys for Tots was successful. **Debbie Taylor** told us she filled a whole container at the drop site. Maybe we will do it again next year.

**Barbara Johnson** won the 50/50 raffle, one of our biggest so far. She went home with a smile.

Our February birthdays ~ **Skip Householder**, **Helen Soderberg**, **Bob Grissom** and **Liz Kamoo**.

We talked about our upcoming convention and answered as many questions as we have answers for at this time. We were happy to see there is so much interest.

Until next month, stay warm and dry and don't get buried in the snow.



Calendar:

**March 6** - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394. Phone (619) 226 0255



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Our first meeting of the year took place on Monday, January 27, with new President **Jerome Underhill** at the helm! Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** acknowledged **Milton Cavalli's** 101<sup>st</sup> birthday on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Keep on truckin' Milt! Also, congratulations to **Bob & Ella Mae Donovan** on their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Barbara also reminded us 2014 dues are due.

Auditors are selling tickets for the Chinese Lunch scheduled on our March meeting (March 31<sup>st</sup>). **Vera King** will be arranging the lunch. Tickets are \$8.00. It's always delicious. Please call **Dorothy Reuszer** for tickets.

Charity Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** reported that we sent 35 new toys to Shelter Network at Christmas as well as \$1000 to our charities for 2013. Congratulations to us! And a big Thank You to Harriet!

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** said she still has a few places left on the Death Valley trip March 24-28. On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, a trip is planned to the Charles Shultz Museum. And stay tuned for much, much more!

Under new business, **Barbara Underhill** asked for a show of interest in having a potluck next November. No surprise, the interest was overwhelming! Start thinking of your culinary specialties!

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Kathy Hutt** announced entertainment following the meeting – “Beverly at the Piano.” It was oldies but definitely goodies!

Calendar:

**February 24** - 11am - 2pm.

If any of you are visiting the SFO area and are here during our monthly meetings, please join us – we'd love to see you. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the 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. Exception: March meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday – March 31, 2014

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The UAL South Bay Ladies' Luncheon was held on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in Saratoga at the home of **Dave & Nancy Walb**. Hostesses were **Karen Devlin, Margie Klaus, Ann Olthof, Rosemarie Reichard, Cheri Scales, Merle Sweet, Sally Urso**, as well as **Nancy**. The decorations were very festive, and everyone brought a plant and a “Favorite Quote” to share. Some of the quotations were thoughtful, others funny. There were 23 in attendance, and it was good to see several friends who are unable to come to breakfast on Fridays.

We enjoy our social breakfast meetings each week because we get to catch up on members' activities and their travels. For example, our President and his wife, **Dave & Nancy Walb**, returned from one of their frequent trips to Las Vegas. Our Vice President, **Dave Garland** went to Eugene, Oregon to visit his daughter and grandchildren, as well as Denver to visit a friend. **Alice Rostirolla** shared her experiences regarding the Roads' Scholar trip (former Elderhostel) to celebrate a special Christmas in Quebec City. It sounded like a wonderful way to have spent the holidays. She is already planning her next trip. Also during the holidays, **Joanne Saso** and her family, as well as **Rosie & Bill Reichard** experienced a fantastic cruise from San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale through the Panama Canal. Bill related the difficulty with returning flights due to the east coast weather. **Margie & Alex Klaus** visited Alex's sister in Las Vegas. Although only an hour and half away, **Merle & Boyd Sweet** enjoyed a week in Monterey/Carmel/Big Sur. Everyone was glad to have

**Geneva Schaller** back at our meetings. At one meeting, she even brought her granddaughter, **Lexi Hall**. March is a Birthday Month for **Don Nessling** who is celebrating his 91<sup>st</sup>. Happy Birthday Don! March is also a big month for **Nancy & Dave Walb** who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations!

**Jean & Jack Jenkins** thoughtfully brought pens and decorative notepads for the Secretary and Sunshine Chairman, so we can begin our new terms in an organized manner. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

The 16 year old Webmaster for our SFO/SJC South Bay site, **Mark O'Neill**, (grandson of **Joann Saso**) said he plans an update this spring to the Chapter's website, [www.unitedairlinesretirees-southbay.web.com](http://www.unitedairlinesretirees-southbay.web.com). Thank you, Mark, for taking on this responsibility.

**Tony Seidl**, has been ill. We have missed having him and **Helen Rose** at our meetings. I know he will be missed as the Treasurer for RUAEA. Get well soon Tony!

Sadly we lost one of our members, **Vi Mattscheck**, a few days after she celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. She always had a smile for everyone, and shared a joke at the end of our weekly meetings. Her son, Bob, and family are planning a Celebration of her Life, which we are all looking forward to attending and sharing our memories of Vi. Her husband, **Bill Mattscheck**, had begun working for UAL in 1946. He was an Aircraft and Engine Inspector, and he is remembered by several of our members.

We meet weekly, every Friday, at 8 am for breakfast and a short meeting at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose/Cupertino, across from the Home Depot. We would love to see you.

Ongoing ~ **Harry Willever** will accept donated toiletries and books for the Veteran's Hospital.

#### Calendar:

**June 17** - Annual Picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos

**October 1 - 4** - RUAEA 2014 Convention in San Diego

**December 9** - Holiday Luncheon at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara



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The East Bay Diablos started off our 2014 meetings by returning to the Sizzler in Concord with 26 of us greeting the New Year.

We welcomed back **Bob Sample** and **Susan Von Emster** who had missed our last few meetings. A note was read from long time local retiree **Lynn Hales** who has had some health problems, but hopes to rejoin us before long. We remembered with sadness, former member **Jan Nichols** who passed away within a short time after attending our Christmas Luncheon.

**Rich Bouska** is continuing to accept our annual dues and give a comprehensive report on our financial status. The 50/50 continues to be a source of revenue and many thanks to **Carol Parks** for contributing the wine for the 50/50.

It seems that there is always a need for new volunteers to help our group run smoothly. **Tome Cunningham** has stepped up to help with Cashier duties for our group. Another longtime member, **Nancy Boyle**, has volunteered to take charge of our Donation Program to local charities. We thank them both. We voted on one of four charities Nancy proposed and settled on George Mark Children's House, which is a nonprofit organization for Pediatric Palliative Care.

**Cheryl Kinkade**, her mother and sisters volunteer at the Hospice in Walnut Creek and Cheryl has volunteered to accept gently used clothing at our next meeting and take them to Hospice.

Finally, 2014 represents the 16<sup>th</sup> year our group has been active and we are always ready to welcome new members (or visitors) from both United and Continental who live anywhere in the East Bay of Northern California to join us for lunch the second Monday of every month with the exception of July.

In February we will return to the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord.

We have an ongoing book and magazine exchange. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. In addition we accept new and used greeting cards. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute them.

Calendar:

**March 10**

**April 14**

**May 12**

**June 9 - Picnic**

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I never thought the North state would be without water but here we are! We are also thinking of our fellow retirees in the Midwest, North East and South East. This weather system is causing problems for everyone and we sure hope for the best for all of you.

**Merritt Odor**, our President, greeted everyone and welcomed **John Zoboli**, our Regional Director, to the meeting today. Merritt thanked **Richard Skelly** for setting up the meeting/luncheon at the Holiday Inn. They always do a great job and at a reasonable price. We had 26 retirees and spouses in attendance.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Sharon Simonton**, **Kay Neidlinger**, **John Delany** and **Alan Sollid** all had birthdays in January.

Merritt reminded everyone about the \$10.00 membership dues. **Vanessa Pratt** mentioned that United will no longer be flying to Thailand.

Merritt introduced our newest member, **Bill Brook** from SFOEG, who talked about what he did for United and had some very interesting stories.

**John Zoboli** gave us some updates from RUAEA and about United. **Dave Cranfield** will be the new RUAEA Treasurer due to **Tony Seidl**'s illness. John spoke at great length about the United survey. Retirees are encouraged to reply. There will be some changes in the current policies and John wants everyone to make sure their voices are heard.

**Sharon Simonton** brought up the fact that we have done almost everyone's profiles. She suggested that if someone has a trip or hobby to talk about, that would be a great write up for the Newsletter.

**Vincent & Kay Neidlinger** are our first volunteers to provide interesting information about one of their recent trips abroad.

A Travel Adventure ~ Kay & Vincent watch the PBS and Masterpiece Theatre which is sponsored by Viking River Cruise. They caught the bug and decided on a river cruise for their anniversary. There were many choices of cruises and rivers in Europe and they decided on the "Romantic Danube" cruise, which sailed from Budapest, Hungary, on the Danube River to Nuremberg, Germany. They decided on a date in October "Not too hot but not freezing yet!" When they arrived it was Indian summer warm with 70 degrees in Budapest.

Leaving the US a couple of days early to ensure connections, they went via SA/Travel Passes on UA to Frankfurt, then Lufthansa, 90% SA to Budapest. They did not encounter any problems and commented that the CSRS were all good and very helpful.

Arriving in Budapest, they checked into the Carlton Hotel. It was very nice with small rooms and a European style buffet breakfast. They walked the ancient cities of Buda and Pest, and across the original Chain Bridge and boarded their boat on the "Pest" side landing site. All the rooms were "outside". There were approximately 150 passengers and crew and it had full amenities with shuffleboard, jogging tracks and lounge chairs. They had beautiful breakfast buffets and full course dinners with choices of wines.

The boat leisurely traveled with visits to Vienna, Austria and then to Melk, Passau, Regensburg, Kelheim and then transferred to the Main/Danube Canal for a destination arrival in Nuremberg.

All tours were guided with radio receivers to hear the guide. Many amenities were available and they claim they were spoiled with fresh bottled water available on the tours and then snacks offered on return to the boat. Umbrellas were provided for rainy times. Extra shows and European dancers, etc. came aboard to entertain the passengers. During the voyage they went from warm sun, to snow flurries at higher altitude then cool drizzling rain in the lower areas. The Danube River has Locks to ascend/descend over the mountains.



Departing the boat at Nuremberg, they still had some extra days so they decided to go to Frankfurt and tour the beautiful ancient city area. They toured the city and Frankfurt Cathedral (built in 1400 AD), but at the same time, unbeknownst to them, Hurricane Sandy had hit the Northeast coast. They were not able to depart Frankfurt so they stayed at the Hilton airport right in the airport terminal. The cost was 3 times the charge for the Holiday Inn Express, which was a short shuttle across town and included a buffet breakfast!

Their overall experience was very rewarding to have a small capacity of passengers, seeing all of the ancient cities and villages. They highly recommend a European river cruise on a Viking or the company of your choice.

**Hal Burdick** won the 50/50 raffle and **Linda Delany** won lunch certificate.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 27 at 11:30 A.M. at the Country side Café in Red Bluff. **Vanessa Pratt** volunteered to call and set the date for the restaurant.

Calendar:

**March 27** - 11:30 A.M. at the Countryside Café, Red Bluff.

**COLORADO**



**DENVER**  
**MILE HIGHERS**

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We met on February 1<sup>st</sup> in DENTK cafeteria. It was another wintry day, but we had 19 folks attend. We had five visitors, including **Heath Baucom** who is two months old. Heath is the great grandson of **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw**. Our 50/50 drawing winners were **Paul Miller**, **Ray Shoults**, **Matt Ohr**, and **Jim Ogen**. All of the winners graciously donated monies to the Mile High chapter. Thank you.

Tom Goodyear, president, brought to our attention the following members had passed. **Harold (Hal) Meyer**, FO, who rode his bicycle for seven miles each day for the last 36 years. **Alice Bonefield**, DENRR, who was a self-taught musician. **Bud Kauffman**, DENMM-Training Coordinator, passed away in Florence, CO.

We discussed the travel survey that compiles data for United. We stressed that everyone take the survey. Some members were willing to help those who may want assistance.

**Sharon Burbank** wanted to let everyone know how much time and effort **Virgil Gooselaw** has put into the membership for RUAEA. Many hours each week and his efforts are beginning to produce renewed membership. It is our retiree's voices and network. Thank you, Virgil!

We agreed that we will have a Spring luncheon. It will be **April 9, 2014**. at 11:30. Location: **Cinzettis Italian Market Restaurant**, 281 W. 104<sup>th</sup> Ave, Northglenn, CO, (303) 451-7300. The cost will be \$15 per person. It will include your drink (coffee, tea or soda) tax, and gratuity. This is an Italian buffet and there is gluten free pasta available. We will have a cocktail & social time at 11:30. Please have your money to **Harriet Ahr** by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Her address is 4576 Hooker St, Denver CO 80211.

Our summer event will be "Wings Over the Rockies" barbeque lunch in August. It is a great airplane museum and will be hosted by Continental and United Retirees. Plan to come and join us, everyone is welcome!

Calendar:

Our next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be at the United Flight Training Center, on **March 1<sup>st</sup>** at 8:30. The entrance is located on 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, just East of Quebec. Don't forget the aluminum.

## FLORIDA

### CITRUS GROUPERS

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After not meeting in November, Thanksgiving related travel/etc., the Citrus Groupers were hosted in early December for a luncheon at the home of President **Don Nellans** and his lovely wife, **Mary**. A great time was had by all.

Getting back into the grove, we met on January 30, at the regular meeting place, which is the Nancy Lopez Legacy Golf Course Restaurant, located in The Villages, FL.

After lunch, President **Don Nellans** called the meeting to order. Don advised all that after attending the recent RUAEA convention, he has been appointed to be the RUAEA Florida Regional Director. Congratulations to Don! Mary, keep his bags packed.

Other Business ~ We were reminded to call Aetna to be sure the Medicare-Aetna Crossover was in place. Also, we were reminded to complete the Travel Survey which is available to us online.

Ralph Brick was elected President of the Citrus Groupers. We have a volunteer to run for the Treasurer job, but we do need a volunteer for the Secretary/Newsletter Editor. Both of these positions will be filled at our February meeting, which will be held on Thursday, February 27, at 1130AM. Same place, Nancy Lopez Golf Course Restaurant, located in The Villages.

If you need information about the Citrus Groupers/The Villages, FL, you may contact **Ralph Brick** at [brickralph@cox.net](mailto:brickralph@cox.net), and/or (352) 219-0289.



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We had a wonderful turnout for our February meeting! The weather was a little cloudy and chilly (57°) so going to the beach wasn't an option. 21 were in attendance including **Dianne Clady** and **Bill Strang** from South Bend, Indiana. They were guests of **Penny Logan**. Also joining us was the Director of the Florida Region, **Don Nellans** and his wife, **Mary**. We appreciated them taking the time and effort to come meet with us and get to know us. As it often turns out, some of us had worked with many of the same people as **Don**. It is still a small world. Today we also welcomed back our “Snowbird” members **Bill & Gail Rankin** from Pennsylvania.

We missed seeing **Steve & Lillian Moddle** who were given an invitation to see and tour the Navy Seal Museum in Port St. Lucie. We're sure they had a great time! We also received a note from **HoneyLou Funkhouser** that **Nelson** went into transition on Monday and is no longer eating. We are praying for them both.

**Janet & Larry Horton** are celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month! Congratulations to them! **Larry Horton** also celebrated his Company anniversary – 57 years! February is a great month for the **Horton** family.

After the pledge and prayer, President **Dick Coughlin** tested our knowledge with some trick questions and added in a few great jokes as well. We heard a rumor he is replacing Jay Leno, but that has yet to be verified.

**Don Nellans** gave us some valuable information from the RUAEA. It is good news that they will now accept credit cards for our dues renewal. When processing the renewal you will need at least a 5 digit file number. Do not use the letter “u”. If you have a 5 or 6 digit number, just use that. If you have a 4 digit number add a zero to the beginning: ex. 01234. He also reminded us to call Aetna to get the crossover to Medicare for our medical bills. Once you dial their number, say “benefits” and then “representative.” Also he reminded us today is the last day to take the pass survey. We must let our voice be heard!

Our 50/50 drawing winner was **Bob Klinedinst** and we also had 4 other drawings. **Bob Klinedinst** was again a winner, along with **Bud Gammill**, **Frieda Coughlin**, and **Gail Rankin**. Congrats to them!

**Penny Logan** gave a treasurer's report and **Dick Coughlin** discussed some UAL business including the furloughing of UAL flight attendants, cancellations of 12 aircraft, and information that one of our pilots became ill in the cockpit and was saved by a nurse and her husband administering CPR. He also mentioned that with the news story of Southwest landing at the wrong airport, he got many questions from friends such as "How can that happen?" And his response is always: "Easy!" The pilots in our group all agreed and **Bud Gammill** mentioned that United adopted a procedure 20 years or so ago requiring them to ID the airport by radio waves, hopefully eliminating any mistakes by our pilots! Good job United!

**Ed Martin** was back from his vacation which included a trip to Poland where he visited Stalag Luft III which is featured in the movie "The Great Escape." He mentioned there will be a re-release of that movie as it is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the camp.

**Herb Gardner** reminded us that the annual Balloon Fest at the New Smyrna Beach Airport will be held on March 28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup>. The event will feature a donated trip with Patty Wagstaff for those with a strong stomach! You can Google her for more information on her accomplishments.

**Gloria Marcantoni** related that Frontier Airlines will soon be offering service into St. Augustine. They will be flying 3 times a week to Trenton, NJ. Maybe St. Augustine will be the new hub of northeast Florida!

#### Calendar:

**March 6** - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

**April 3** - (same time and location)

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February 4<sup>th</sup> dawned a beautiful near 80 degree day here in Orlando and, as expected, our turnout was great. 42 members and 4 special guests might be a record! The Real McCoys welcomed our Florida Region Director **Don Nellans** and his wife, **Mary**, member **Gene Hall** came with **Eleanor** and active employee and retiree wannabe **Judy Kenzig** came with the **Leightys**! We also welcomed back **Dave Houck**, **Marilyn Ulmer**, **Murray Delauter** and **Jim Weeks** to our lively bunch!

The Pledge of Allegiance, with the flag held by **Ernie Vosges**, started our meeting. Pres Rich welcomed Director Don, who took the floor briefly to give us 3 important "to-do's". **Do** – complete the Pass Travel Survey by February 6<sup>th</sup>. **Do** – call Aetna and complete the "crossover" from BCBS. 1-800-334-0110. **Do** – Join RUAEA, [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) is the very best way to stay up on all the goings on! Believe it. The new UA, with CO running the show, is very very computer driven. Don't expect the mailings of days gone by. We need to be pro-active and make sure we get the info we need. No computer? Get the RUAEA Newsletter & stay informed. Know someone who's not in-the-loop? Give them a membership for their birthday! They will thank you **and** renew it themselves!

It was also brought to our attention that everyone should check their "All About Me" site to verify that their dependents are still listed as covered by Aetna medical.

On a happier note, **big** Anniversary Congratulations to **Murray & Carole Delauter**, celebrating 44 years on February 6<sup>th</sup> and to **Richard & Marjorie Vinson**, 54 years on February 7<sup>th</sup>!

It was decided that annual April Picnic will be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> - No foolin'! Cypress Grove Park as in years' past. Gates open at 11am. Plan to eat at 12Noon. Join us!

Members filled **Al Fields'** SUV to the top with donated items for the Children's Home in our annual February collection. We also received a thank you from the VA Center here in Orlando for our generous Christmas donation.

Prayers of healing and strength for all our members and families.

#### Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month, Luncheon/Meeting at 1:30pm - Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd

**March 4**

**April 1** - Picnic 11am Cypress Grove Park



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Our meeting was held on February 7 at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits in Cape Coral. Attending were: **Dick & Phyllis Allen, Rosemary Blake, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed & Judy Clarke, John Dainus, Jerry & Peggy Kliner, Nancy Kopp, Mary Moran, Bee McCarthy** and her brother **Joe, Tony & Darlene Novak, Jerry & Sandy Pryde, Diane Roberts, Sally Sciple & Mike Sherer, Mel & Linda Volz, and Ray Winterhalter**. In addition two new members joined: **Kathy Gelso** who retired from WHQ, and **Mary Hennemann**, a retired Continental flight attendant. **Bill & Charla McBride**, both retired United employees visiting from Georgia, who met the Burgs at the Denver convention rounded out the group.

**Sally Sciple** invited Sally Kee, a speaker from PACE Center for Girls to explain what kind of help is given to "at risk" girls. PACE stands for Practical Academic Cultural Education, and the organization certainly lives up to that title. There are 17 centers statewide and over 2000 girls are served each year across Florida. The girls are educated in classrooms with a ratio of 1 teacher for 12 girls. They are given counseling and are taught to value themselves, live clean lives, and how to handle the life they go home to each afternoon. The local chapter can educate 52 girls at a time. When the girls leave and go back to their home schools, their progress is followed for three years.

We had a large amount of 50/50 prizes donated. **Mel Volz** won the cash prize of \$35 and a jar of peanuts. Fifteen other gifts were won by: **Tony Novak, John Dainus, Ray Winterhalter, Ed Clarke, Sally Sciple, Nancy Kopp, Jerry Pryde, Bee McCarthy, Kathy Gelso, Mary Hennemann, and Margie Burg**.

**Calendar**

Luncheon meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of October – April at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits, Cape Coral

Breakfast at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers June - September

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Our February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by our President, **Beverly Alderice** (TPACS). Minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by **Lillian Sawyer** (Bob JFKMM). Our Sunshine gal, **Terri Breslin** (Paul CLEMM), sent a get well card to **Pat Hottel**, who recently had surgery. We were pleased to learn that **Marie Summers** is improving.

Terri also mentioned that Heritage Springs (in Trinity) had been given the look-over for our Holiday luncheon. As a result of a unanimous vote, it was decided that this will be the place for the December luncheon. Since Heritage Springs cannot accommodate us our normal 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, the luncheon and the December meeting will be on Thursday December 4. Information about the price and the menu will be sent out in October.

Our spring picnic at Anderson Park will be on April 7 and as usual, this is the picnic we pay for. We'll be signing up at the March meeting so make sure you bring your \$6 with you. If you can't attend the meeting and want to go to the picnic, send Terri the money. (She loves to get money in the mail).

No birthdays or anniversaries this month. No one did any traveling either. (Who wants to leave FL when we have just about the best weather in the country?)



We were very pleased to have **Don Nellans**, Florida Region Director, speak to us. He reminded us to take the travel survey. He also told us how necessary it is to notify Aetna that we are now with them. Apparently, unless we do that, Medicare isn't aware that there was a change from Blue Cross to Aetna and the bills will go to Blue Cross instead of Aetna.

**Jon Wilkinson** (TPAMM) gave us the latest info on what is happening at United.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

We are always looking for new members, so if there is anyone who would like to join us, just come to the next meeting. We will welcome you with open arms.

Calendar:

March 3 – Meeting, 10:30 a.m. at IHOP in Trinity, 10740 SR 54



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Our meeting was attended by 24 very enthusiastic members and what a wonderful compliment that many members gave to the existing officers, that they thought we had the best and most friendly group going. They really are a wonderful group of retirees and it is indeed a pleasure to work for them. We do indeed have the best location and food in the area, you really should come join us as a guest sometime, you will have a memorable visit.

After lunch was served and everyone had finished their respective meals, our wonderful President **Al Popek** brought down his big meat tenderizer and called the meeting to order. Of course what would have it, sometime it is necessary when conversation about different topics gets out of control and too much talking pursues so down comes the tenderizer. Wow!

Some of the topics covered were Medicare, Medicare part D, Express Scripts, Aetna, the Picnic with more on the Picnic to follow. Also discussed was listing online as it has been a problem getting into Flying Together.

Did you do the survey since February 6 was the cutoff date?

The 50/50 was won again this February by **Joan Palumbo**, her first visit for the season and would you believe she won last February as well! The Progressive was won by **Ed Snyder**. We all have name tags made by yours truly and everyone who wears them at the meeting gets an extra ticket in the 50/50, also an extra ticket if you responded to the email that **Bob Langevin** sends to help with the set up. Those extra tickets sure don't help me win!

A reminder was given if you hadn't paid your dues for 2014 since the cutoff is the end of February to get our new phone and address list out.

We will have a return visit for our picnic in May at Dubois Park, more info will be forthcoming.

Please forgive me for failing to list the Birthdays and Anniversaries for the month of January, so I will list both January and February now. Birthday for January was **Catherine Coate** (1/18) and Anniversary was **Al & Janice Popek** (1/28).

Happy Belated Birthday and Anniversary wishes!

Now for February Birthday: **Ona Dechant** (2/18). Anniversaries are **Carolyn & David Lindgren** (2/2) and **Artie & Judy Frage** (2/29), now I believe they will celebrate on March 1. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to the two couples!

Toys for Tots sent us a very nice note thanking us for the 52 toys our Members donated to them at Christmas. They are usually blown away by our generosity.

To the Members who are under the weather, we hope you improve and look forward to seeing you in March.

Remember to Love, Laugh and Live, the clock is ticking.

Calendar:

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

**April 1** - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Wahoo's Stuart, Remember this is April Fool's Day, There will be a meeting!

May 6 - Stay tuned for more info re. Picnic

## GEORGIA

### DIXIE FLYERS

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*Submitted by Janice Carter (daughter of Ronald Heider)*

The Dixie Flyers met on February 5, for our monthly meeting and input by members on UAL. **Don Shelley** gave a beautiful Blessing of the meal, followed by **Bill Elk** with The Pledge of Allegiance. **Fred Cron** and **Ron Heider** collected a 50/50 drawing; \$18.00 was won by Shelley who donated it to the Battered Women's Shelter for a total of \$36.00.

Birthdays in February are **Young Paille** (2/1), **Richard Thompson** (2/7), **Sybil Voss** (2/15), **Marge Heider** (2/20) and **Ward Wagner** (2/15). Happy Birthday to All!

**Marge & Ron Heider** celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on February 10.

Shelley's annual ATL reunion is schedule for Saturday, April 12, in Locust Grove.

We were shocked to hear of Cleveland hub closing which has to affect many employees. UAL now has a 737-900 which can fly from the West coast to HNL. NRSA seats are hard to come by wherever you fly to. The **Carringtons** donated two boxes of envelopes for our Flyers mail outs.

**Mary Broderson** was able to attend this month's meeting and filling in **Bruce's** shoes, is helping seniors filing their income taxes. **Frank & Barbara Russy** motored to FL visiting relatives.

The weather was inclement so the golf clubs stayed in the trunk and the fishing at Marathon Island wasn't great, the fish must have swum even further south.

### Calendar:

**March 5** - Meeting at The Broadway Diner Fayetteville.

## HAWAII



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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet regularly for lunch. If you are interested in joining us, send your email address to [HNLRTUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLRTUA@gmail.com) and we will email you the details. All retirees are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.

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Greetings to all of you! Our city and foothills are snow covered. Bogus Basin, our nearby local ski resort, has been busy. Our AAA Tour Book states this *“Protected from unduly harsh winter weather by the Owyhee Mountains, the capital enjoys year-round opportunities for leisure and recreation.”* McCall’s Winter Carnival, about 100 miles north, has just ended, but not its ski mountain’s activity.

Hopefully, last month’s long article will make up for this one! Attending our January meeting were **Ileen Bunce, Susan Shaw, Charles & Shirley Perkins, Denny Snyder, Rick & Shirley Dempsey, Marilyn Taylor, Bud & Pat Peters, Louise Duvall, Marlene Croghan, and David & Carol Adams.**

The Perkins wrote *“Getting cabin fever - Jackpot anyone!”* Denny has been flying his plane. The Dempseys are off to Barbados. Louise has been reading. The Peters volunteered for the Boise Rescue Mission’s Toys for Tots program 2 days in mid-December. David continues to enjoy driving charter bus trips, though the Harmon Tours are no more.

Our group is making plans to visit the War hawk Museum in a nearby town this spring. United has two cases of memorabilia there. WWII flyable aircrafts also are featured, as well as other attractions.

### Calendar:

**March 11** - 11:30 - Lunch at Jerry’s State Court Café, 6767 Fairview, Boise

## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO SKYLINERS



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March—The 177<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chicago becoming a city, named by the Indians, meaning Wild Onion. You can say that again. You just never know what will happen in Chicago. How’s that song go, “I saw a man, dance with his wife, in Chicago”. But we have it all here, especially, US, the nicest people around.

It’s also the time to celebrate some very important days, If Pets had Thumbs Day, Hug a GI Day, Multiple Personality Day, Be Nasty Day, Worship of Tools Day, Ear Muff Day, Popcorn Lover’s Day, Everything you Think is Wrong Day, Ides of March, St. Patrick’s Day, St. Joseph’s Day, National Goof off Day, Proposal Day, I am in Control Day, Smoke and Mirror’s Day, and my favorite, Old Stuff Day. March was named after the Roman god, Mars, the god of war. His parents were Jupiter and Juno, his wife was Venus, their child was Cupid. Is this where Love and War came together? Men are from Mars, women are from Venus? Those crazy Romans! Happy Birthday, all you beautiful Pisces people!

Our breakfast on the Northside was fairly well attended considering it was like 30 below wind chill. Some fellas returned that we haven’t seen in a while, **Fred Simes, Bob Fintak, and Danny Goeres**, all from ORDCG. Some of our folks had surgery, **Jackie Anderson**, ORDMM, knee replacement; her address is 514 Millns Ct., Addison, IL 60101. And **Jim Sommerfield**, our IT person, his address is 616 Sherwood Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193. **Angelina Romeo**, wife of **Nick**, had a mini-stroke in January. Her address is 308 N. Highland Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126. **Bruce Nelson**, ORDCS, is recuperating from cancer surgery. Bruce’s address is 75 Maricopa Lane, Hoffman Estates, IL 60194.

The Southside breakfast had 7 people. It was 12 below. Way too cold to venture out. Our raffle winners were **Bob Pearson** and **Tom Hurley**. Similar topics at both places were the Travel Pass Survey. Couple tricky questions and concern how to answer. Guess we'll find out soon enough what will become of us.

Thanks to **Don Tutt**, ORDMM, we have another option for ORD parking. Ace Rent a Car. They are at 4400 S. Mannheim Rd, in Franklin Park. They pick up and drop off, and your car will be inside while you're gone. The rates are \$10.50 from Monday to Thursday, and \$8.50 from Friday to Sunday. Your airline ID is required. Their phone number is 800 882-4531. No reservations required.

And now for the paragraph I hate to write, the obituaries. This month is exceptionally sad and long. In January, **Pete Kapischke**, ORDMM, lost his wife, **Bernie**, 904 Hi-Lusi, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Also four more from ORDMM, **Frank Sobieski's** mom, **Geraldine** passed away. **Richard Galbraeth** died from cancer, he was only 49. His dad, Dick, passed away from cancer many years ago. His address is 315 N. Airlite St. Elgin, IL 60123. **Norm Pawlikowski** died in January, his address is 312 Timbercrest Ct. Schaumburg, IL 60193, and **Hank Cieslak**. From ORDCG, we have three people. **Craig Krzewina's** wife, **Kyle**, passed away. Kyle is also the sister of **Kristen Gerulis**, ORDCG. Craig's address is 1285 Turnbridge Trl., Algonquin, IL 60102. **Patrick McGee**, Ramp lead, address is 26071 W. Heart O Lakes Blvd. Antioch, IL 60002. Just received word that two men from NOC in the Willis Tower passed away. **Pat Dubrock** and **Wayne Wachowicz**. I have no other information at this time. Three people from ORDCS, **Jim Murray**, worked in MBSCS, DSMCS, and retired from ORDCS in 2002. His brother, Joe's address is 22325 Yale, St. Clair Shores, Mi., 48081. A memorial will be held later in Chicago for one of CS's favorite. Also, **Linda Jean-Paul**, supervisor in ORDCS, cards can be sent to her father, Pierre Jean-Paul, 1341 Pitner Ave., Evanston, IL 60201. **Betty Wright** died of cancer, she worked in RR and in Global Services. Betty was a kind, considerate and smiling person. Everybody loved Betty, including political figures and Hollywood stars. Her address is, 8816 S. Lowe, Chicago, IL 60620. Two ladies from CHIRR also died, **Pat Weathers**, trainer/supervisor, died of cancer. Her address is 80 Stevens Drv. Schaumburg, IL 60173. **Gloria Dybisz** passed from Lou Gehrig's disease. Her address is 1515 S. Western St. Park Ridge, IL 60068. Gloria was one of those "always smiling" people. Our group would watch Monty Python on Sunday nights and then laugh through most of Monday, recalling the show's highlights. **Marge Daily**, EXOIN, died almost three years after being in a coma from a stroke she had in 2011. She was very involved with our Skyliner's club, being president, and holding other titles over the years. Marge, Gloria and Betty, had a humor about them, and were personal friends of mine. Heaven acquired a few more angels this month. We'll miss all these great people that we shared our lives with for a brief time. The following was written in Betty's memorial, but can be said about all these people. *"They had a rich and varied life full of love, laughter, traveling and friends. While they had so much more life to live, we respectfully give her back to an eternity of love everlasting with their families and in the loving hands of the heavens above. This was a very difficult obituary section to write, many of these people were friends of mine. Please, take care of yourselves, I don't want to write about you this year."*

Losing our spouses/partners/friends, made me wonder about, Love among the Ruins. Where do we go at 62, 72, 82, 92? After spending 40-60 years together, possibly nursing them, taking care of them, we're entering a new life reassignment. There's a new generation of people out there because of great personal loss. We've been shut off from companionship, socialization. We lost some friends because of our loved ones being ill. We were there helping them, without fail, with love and devotion, only to end with their loss. How do we move on from the daily commitment, to doing nothing? Do we seek out others with a similar situation? Do we sit home and try to keep busy or keep thinking of happier times? There is a fear here of going through this again with someone else. Let's be honest, we all have a medical condition of some kind. Will we take on another somebody's problem, or will they take on our problem? People who have lost their partners suddenly have a similar circumstance. Getting through their shock and disbelief can be devastating and take forever to rebound from, if that's possible. There are no guarantees, but that loneliness hurts, and not opening up to someone, even worse. Dealing with a loss now has commonality. Many women I know say, *"I had the best, I'm not getting involved with some other man"*. That's fine, but getting out isn't going to hurt. You can talk to other women. It's so satisfying to see now-single people come to our Skyliners functions, talking and enjoying each other's similar company. I sound like a commercial for the Skyliners, but it's true, there are many of us alone, from a divorce or death, and a few words to one another is comforting and gratifying. Is sitting home alone the answer? Personally, I think not, but then, that's me. Keeping busy is my salvation. Let those March winds blow some of the cobwebs away from your life.

### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**March 12**).  
Second Wednesday of the month.

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

Spring Luncheon, Wednesday, **March 26**, The Cotillion, Northwest Highway and Rt. 53, Palatine, 1200 P.M.

## INDIANA

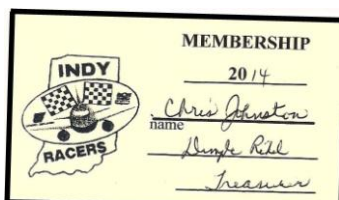
### INDY RACERS

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Sixteen Indy Racers dug out of a foot of snow to attend our January meeting. The week before our meeting, we had over 12 inches of snow and wind chills hit minus 45 degrees as the Polar Vortex dipped in to the Hoosier State. So, as temperatures began to warm, we were happy to get out and relieve our cabin fever with a good meal among friends. Members at the first meeting of 2014 were: **Ken & Deanna Boeke, Mario & Margie Bregante, Wanda Bryce, Jack & Carol Conway, Bob & Ruth Duffey, Ed Duffey, Jim Gibson, Cheri Innis, Shary Johnston, Frank & Rita Prins, and Dimple Rihel.**

VP **Wanda Bryce** distributed a copy of the By-Laws Committee recommended changes. **Jim Gibson**, a member of the By-Laws Committee, reviewed each of the suggested changes with the membership. It was agreed that under Article II, the proposed changes which updated the bylaws to include former Continental Airlines employees, would be approved. In addition, **Jim Gibson** suggested that the Associate Membership be expanded to include retirees from other airlines. **Shary Johnston** confirmed that President **Chris Johnston** had checked with RUAEA and that expansion of the Associate Membership category to other airlines was acceptable. Those members, however, would not have voting rights at the national meetings. After discussion, the Indy Racer members agreed that the second sentence of Article II of the By-Laws should be modified to read: Spouses, widows, widowers, significant others, current or laid off employees, and retirees of other airlines will hold Associate Membership status.



Members were also reminded that Treasurer **Dimple Rihel** was accepting payments for 2014 dues. Those who paid their dues received a new "membership card." (see photo). This is the first time in many years that the organization has issued membership cards. Thanks to member **Ed Loftus** who designed and printed the cards for us.

Several members mentioned that they have experienced difficulties in receiving medications in a timely manner from Express Scripts. After discussion by the group, VP **Wanda Bryce** suggested that we write a letter outlining our concerns to Express Scripts for signature by the membership.

In travel news, **Wanda Bryce** and **Dimple Rihel** are flying to Las Vegas to visit with former Indy Racer **Mary Chandler** who moved last year.

We wish the following Indy Racers Happy Birthday: **Ed Loftus**, (3/3); **Lenny Kurtz** (3/6); **Hannelore Brabo** (3/16); **Frank Prins** (3/24); **Charles Theiss** (3/27); **Bob Duty** (3/20); and **Ken Boeke** (3/31).

Celebrating wedding anniversaries are: **Ruth & Bob Duffey**, (3/16); and **Tony & Barb Urbanovic** (3/29).

### Calendar:

**March 11** – Emmy's Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center, Suite 300, Avon IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 PM and the business meeting begins at 2:30 PM.



## MICHIGAN



### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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After getting a call from Veronica, kindly reminding me it was the 7<sup>th</sup> already, I looked back and I also can't believe I missed both the January & February reports. Me think I better get my act together.

We had 14 Escapees gather at the New Peking in Garden City, hosted by **Maxine Raymond** on February 6. We welcomed new retirees; **Sue Craig** and **Carol Slade**. Our January meeting was hosted by **Marie Cook** at her Snowman filled home and we also had 14 Escapees, that braved the -14 degree temperatures and that was not the wind chill factor. I am sooo ... sick of snow and cold.

I am sad to report we lost **Carlene Moule** on December 21 and her mom; **Dee Hegle** on December 10. Love & Prayers to Carlie, Dee's husband, 1036 N. Hickory Ridge Trail, Milford, MI 48381-0518.

Also, Love & Prayers to **Trudy Hall**, 11859 Twin Brooks Dr., Romeo, MI 48065 and **Pat McElhone**, 4510 Lakeshore Rd., Unit 101, Fort Gratiot, MI 48059, who both lost their brothers just before Christmas.

Lastly, as I am still recovering from the loss of my sister and best friend Joanie, my great grand-daughter Emma joined Joan and all the angels in heaven on December 14<sup>th</sup>. All I can say is I am sure glad 2013 is over.

### Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call

## MINNESOTA

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The winter of 2013-14 is proving to be a rush to the dim, distant past weather-wise. The Twin Cities and the whole Upper Midwest haven't seen cold like this in 20 years. The old-timers are comparing the temperatures to when they were children, walking to school in -44 degrees, uphill both ways. The cold kept some folks from coming to lunch, but not the 21 hard core members!

Our president **Lee Storlie** read Christmas greetings he'd received from **Glenda Morton**, **Barb Wilmes** and **Dorothy Wood**. We sure miss having them closer so that we could all have a good ol' visit.

Even some of the hard core are finding the MN/WI winter a bit wearing. **Andy & Norma Holen** got away from the bitter cold and had a "dream vacation" in Hawaii, their favorite spot, in January. They were able to ride first class both ways on the ORD-HNL nonstops, a rare and sweet experience anymore.

**Jim & Mary Brennan** will visit their grandson and family in the DC area before heading west to Kona for 6 weeks. They have good reason to be proud of their grandson, Ryan; he's an up and coming clerk for Supreme Court Judge Anthony Scalia. A good job at a prestigious law firm in DC awaits him at the end of his clerkship.

The health reports we've received are about **JoAnn Eichacker** ~ she's undergone yet another back surgery to try to get her mobility back (address is 10751 So. Ocean Blvd. B13, Jensen Beach, FL 34957). And our old friend **Ken Schimmels** is dealing with some very nasty stuff out in Oregon (address is 321 W. Anchor Ave., Eugene, OR 97404). Please keep him and Donna in your prayers, along with JoJo.

The "take" on the 50/50 raffle prompted five \$10 winners. We got overenthusiastic about it and lost track of how many numbers had been called. Unfortunately, the sixth number called was **Sonja Gunderson's** and when the Treasurer explained that he had no more money for the raffle, it was yet another blow to our perennial winner who claims "she hasn't won in months".

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

## NEBRASKA



### OMAHA GOLDEN'EARS

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Happy New Year! Here's wishing you good health and happiness in 2014. Even with very cold temps, we had 34 in attendance at the Golden Corral. We were extremely happy to have three new retirees attend - **Mary McGuire**; **Rita Purkapile** and husband, **Allen**; **Jane Habeeb** and husband, **Al**.

It was good to see **Cary & Toddy Manson**; **Roger & Carol Jensen** (who is doing very well after his surgery); **Glen Saffer**; and **Penny Sophir**. The winners of the 25/25/50 were **Helen Taylor** and **Marge Edwards**.

February Birthdays ~ **Casey Casebeer** (3); **Carolyn Kraft** (14); **Larry Farrell** (19); **Cary Manson** (22); **John Mason** (24); **Myrtis Olds** (26)

**Angela Hansen** had bad luck on their winter in Florida. She was hospitalized for a bowel obstruction and they operated the latter part of December. **Harry** called on January 6 and said **Angela** was in the hospital for 15 days. She and **Harry** want to thank everyone for the cards – hearing from everyone really meant a lot to both of them – tough being away from home when illness occurs.

**Fran Behrendt** notified us that **Don** had surgery for a brain tumor on December 2. He was able to say a few words as of December 12. We have had no update since that time. Our prayers are with **Don & Fran** that his recuperation will be a complete success.

**Shirley Payton** had shoulder replacement surgery on January 16 and it went so well she was released from the hospital on the 18<sup>th</sup>. **Barb Soseman** said her left hand is slowly getting better. She can't do much with it yet, but working on it. **Amy Meyer** fell November 18, broke her right arm, had surgery where they inserted a plate, broke her wrist and fractured her pelvis. She is still having problems with the pelvis not healing and the doctors are trying to come to some conclusion as to why the healing is so slow. **Don Jensen** continues rehab in Elkhorn. I went to see him and he said he could take about 3 steps now, so is working hard to try and walk again. **Brack Olds** had 3 trips to the hospital the month of December.

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes and come out wrinkle free, back to our original shape, three sizes smaller and smelling April Fresh?

### Calendar:

**March 4** – TBD

**April 1** – Elmwood Tower, Hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk**

**May 6** – Horseman's Park, Hosted by **Lorraine Stanfield** and **Elaine Schreiber** followed by a Tour of Rotella's Bakery

## NEVADA

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Thanks to **Baldor Ziel** for serving as our Secretary for the past few years. It's been a few years since I've done this, so will try to keep up, and catch up with some member activities in the past few months.

Last October, **Winnie Stone** (LASHH) and **Lamar Shreeve** (LASCS) hosted a combined birthday party at Arizona Charlie's. About 40 attendees enjoyed a wonderful buffet and dancing. Winnie turned 85 yrs old, and Lamar turned 90 yrs old.

In November, **Jerry** (CHIRR) & **Madeline Meierkort** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; John (SFOPD) & **Leila Albert** celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; congratulations to these wonderful couples!

Also in October, my husband, James, and I made a 3500-mile driving trip starting with the RUAEA DEN Convention, then on to MT, WA, and OR to visit friends. The good old days of flying on passes (1<sup>st</sup> Class) are a thing of the past. Attending the Conventions is always a highlight of my year. It's a big job to host these conventions, and DEN has done more than their share. It's wonderful to see old friends. I wish more retirees would attend; if they attended one that would be their priority for the following year. After attending our first Convention in 2000 SFO, my friend, **Linda Tracy** (PDXCS) and I try to attend each one. We're looking forward to SAN this year.

**Mike Vasko** (LAXMM) had a knee replacement last July, and is waiting to have the knee redone. That's a long time to wait for recovery; and we wish him relief soon. **Anthony Tricoli** (EWRJL, LASIP) went thru some serious surgery this week. A mass on one side of his brain, which was causing memory loss and other problems, was removed. His wife, Maryann, said he is doing very well, considering the severity. Our prayers are with him.

If you're in Las Vegas, plan on joining our luncheon/meeting; we'd love to have you.

#### Calendar:

Meeting at 11:30AM, Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada.  
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**April 8**

**June 10**

**August 12**



### RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 16 members at our January meeting. It was nice to see **John Brown** again in attendance. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the holidays. We missed **Kathy Robinson** who had traveled to North Dakota to take Joe home. Joe's memorial service in Reno was beautifully done by one of their neighbors, who spoke about Joe's journey through life, including some funny stories about the farm. Many of the Sierra Roundup members, a large portion of Joe's family and many United coworkers attended.

January birthdays were celebrated by **Jean Stephens**, **Mary Withers**, **Duncan Scaife**, **Kathy Robinson**, **Nina Mischker** and **Ralph Mischker**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Lynda Klemm**.

Our summer picnic will be on Tuesday, August 19. More information coming soon.

## NEW JERSEY

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**John Deily** opened the meeting with a flag salute and a moment of silence for all our members who have passed on. It seems that moment comes more frequently now. A spirited discussion was held about the “survey” that you can only take if you have a computer. You know the one; it’s supposed to tell the company what is fair in the employee pass program, as if we already did not know. Don’t be surprised by the results!

**George Whitman** spoke at length about trying to get more retirees to join our Garden Staters. We do notify new people who have retired but they do not have any interest in joining. Many organizations are having the same problem. However, we are not giving up. As the great prophet, Leroy says, “if there is a will, there is a way”.

Welcome to **Frank Warzocha** who serves as our new chapter president. Frank was formerly from Airfreight, but in reality he is an airplane junkie, just like the rest of us. He has all our best wishes. **Diane Johnston** won the 50/50 and our next meeting will be on February 26 at Snuffy’s in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

*\*Knowing what to say helps a little, while knowing what not to say, helps more!*

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS

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Well, we got through Super Bowl Sunday quite well. With a nephew in Denver, one in San Francisco and three in Seattle, my loyalties were divided, but I wanted, most of all, to see Payton Manning win. Sorry the way the game ended. Weather here was warmer than DEN or SEA but Mother Nature hit us with a Super Snow Storm on Monday. We got 9” where I am, and it was really heavy stuff, but beautiful. Another storm came along Tuesday night, into today with rain, snow, sleet and ice, forcing the cancellation of our February luncheon. But you know how editors are. They have a deadline and need some news. We Metros have not been together since December 4<sup>th</sup>. So I curled up by my fireplace to think, and fell asleep. This is what I dreamt.

**Roy Portelli** got a summons for texting while driving. Honest.

**Alice O’Hagan** had surgery on her hands from knitting 100 wool bands to decorate tree trunks for the Holidays in her home town of Oyster Bay. This is true - it was in Newsday.

**Rose Schneider, Dale Deuber** and **Cathy Corrente** went into NYC to do the Super Bowl toboggan ride. They haven’t gotten home yet. **Dee Talochino** and **Rosemarie Totaro** do such a good job on our 50/50 raffles, they set up a table in a Times Square bar and were taking bets on the game. They got off easy with the law.

There’s an unclaimed Million Dollar Lotto ticket, sold at a 7-Eleven near me - again, also true. I think it might be **Nick Manfredo**’s. He’s so lucky. Or maybe **Ed Pozzi**. He lives closer.

**Frank Ferrara** got a cameo role in “Nurse Jackie” through his nephew Adam, who, as previously reported, co-stars with Edie Falco in the show. Check your listings and watch.

**Paul & Lillian Cohen** went off to Sochi to compete in the Pairs Ice Skating competition. Bon Voyage and good luck you two!

I got replaced as the Metro secretary by Mrs. Swiggins – AKA - Carol Burnett.

I was getting pretty hot when **Carol Cenkus** showed up with her friend Joe (he’s a bona fide NYPD fireman, retired). He was spraying a hose on my fireplace, then I woke up. Some dream! Can’t wait for our

next luncheon on March 5<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday already - to see what's really going on with our group. Hope they are keeping warm and well. See you at the Milleridge Inn next month. Is it Spring yet?

Calendar:

**March 6** - Milleridge Inn.

## NORTHWOODS

### NORTHWOOD LOONIES

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The spring get-together of the Loonies will be May 6-9 in Baraboo, WI. We will be staying at the Clarion Hotel. Baraboo was the winter home of the Ringling Bros. Circus and is now home to Circus World Museum. Unfortunately, the circus will not be in town yet, but there will be lots of other interesting things to do and see. Information has been sent to all the Loonies. If you are not currently a member of the Loonies, but would like to come, please get in touch with Bob and Carol as soon as possible. Hotel reservations must be made by April 6. Hope to see everybody there.

## OREGON



### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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There were 69 at the January meeting to celebrate our first meeting of 2014. It was nice to welcome **Pat Rich Rodgers** as a guest, but since she had been with UAL at PDXCS I am certain many of you will remember her. I hope she will continue to join us at future meetings.

**Nancy Hooper**, our President, announced to those who were not aware of the situation that Colwood Golf Club is closing in May. May will be our last meeting in the lovely room with all the windows looking down on the fairway. The Board of Directors of the Dew-er's will be looking for a new venue and will keep the members appraised. We hope to find a restaurant in the area at a competitive price. She is also looking for someone to come forward to handle the mailing for memorabilia to the UAL Historical Society. Please contact her if you are interested in doing this important job.

January Anniversaries as follows: **Bruce & Carol DeFord** (46 years), **Gene & Lori King** (51 years), **Dick & Bonnie Miller** (49 years). Congratulations! January birthdays were **Cliff Blare** (74), **Susie Clack** (69), **Cora Harper** (91), **Pat Ogden** (80), **Roger Tuckett** (78), **Audrey Walton** (76), **Johni Wilson** (82) and **Bob Woods** (81).

Winners for January with a free lunch are as follows: Door prize ~ **John Carter**, Women's birthday ~ **Pat Ogden**, Men's birthday ~ **Cliff Blare** and 50/50 was won by **Charlie Stemper**.

Our sick list is short this month ~ **Margaret Borbely** had a bad case of the flu, **Judy Jones** is undergoing aggressive cancer treatment and **Marilyn Woods** underwent knee replacement surgery. It would be nice to hear from more of you when there is an illness affecting one of our members.

One of our oldest members **Charles (Chuck) Falbo** passed away on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Chuck was a mechanic at UAL for 38 years and was very involved in union affairs. A little league baseball field where he was active for many years was named in his honor, Falbo Field. Our sympathy goes out to his wife of over 60 years, **Mary Lou**, his 6 children, 22 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. What a legacy!

I was talking to **Lois Pitman** and she told me about having a stair lift installed in their home because of the many steps up/down. They did not want to think about moving to a retirement facility and it was a winner for



them. It has made life so much easier for her as **Merle** can use the chair without assistance. If you were interested in hearing about this chair please give her a call.

Dues Time! Please pay at the next meeting (last call) or mail your dues to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97220. The dues are \$5 per person.

#### Calendar:

All meetings are scheduled at Colwood Golf Club, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd. in Portland

**March 12** - Social, Happy St. Patrick's Day

**April 9** - Social, Happy Easter

**May 14** - Good-Bye Colwood

### PENNSYLVANIA

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Hopefully, our bad weather will be over for our March 10<sup>th</sup> luncheon/meeting at the Clarion Hotel in Essington at 12:30 pm. We will be celebrating Christmas in March. Plan to come with your silent auction items and your shoeboxes for the veterans. Watch for your individual news letter for more details. We will be glad to thaw out and see old friends after a lot of the time spent in doors this cold blustery winter.

#### PITTSBURGH

#### PIT-STOPPERS



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Off to March and hopefully spring. Darn that ole Groundhog - 6 more weeks of this stuff, Ugh! The Super Bowl was anything but super this year; I guess that's what happens when the Steelers aren't in it. Congratulations to Seattle, they earned it.

The last month was certainly not the greatest for our chapter with so many passing. We lost one of favorites, **Bob Yeager**. Bob worked in PITCG and Dulles - starting with United in PIT in 1956, later to DIACG, IADCG and finally back to PIT. Bob was one of a kind, very dedicated and oh so very proud of his service in the Marine Corps. He loved to swap "war" stories with Bernie and me, and always kidded about the fact that he was in boot camp with the late great Roberto Clemente. Bob & Tami were very active in our local chapter, Tami served as secretary before moving to Camp Hill to be closer to their children. Condolences may be sent to Tami at 3532 Lincoln Dr., Camp Hill, PA 17011. Semper Fi my friend.

**Larry Lavelle**, brother of **Pat Lavelle**, passed away recently. Condolences can be sent to Pat and family at 211 Wyngate Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

**Elizabeth Musko**, niece of **Paul Musko**, recently passed away after suffering from a fall and complications, condolences can be sent to Paul and family at 21 Sunridge Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

**Joan Madden's** sister, Geraldine living in California, also recently passed away, condolences to Joan at 194 Rossmont Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

**Paul Pawlack**, brother-in-law of **Anita** and brother of the late **Peter Pawlack** also passed away. Condolences can be sent to Anita at 10 Oak Lane, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Condolences to all!

On a lighter note ~ Happy Birthday wishes to **Dave Beatty** (3/1), **Dick Brinza** and **Ray Sellers** (3/3), **Ed Yauch** (3/4), **Treatie Karwoski** (3/15), **Lorraine Keith** and **Max Seaholm** (3/23), **Barb Seaholm** (3/31). Barb & Max will also celebrate their wedding anniversary on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes to all!

Happy St. Patrick's day to all!

I hope everyone participated in the pass survey.

Calendar:

**March 13** – Meeting at JW Halls.

## WASHINGTON

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In the absence of President **David Jones**, who was traveling to meet a new grandchild, Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** conducted the January 21 luncheon of the Emerald City Slickers, Seattle chapter of RUAEA. Fifty-three members and guests came to try out our new “digs.”

This was our first get-together in a new – perhaps temporary – location at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Tukwila near Southcenter Mall. Quarters were cramped, compared to what we had been used to, but we’ll give it the “old college try” for February and March luncheon and then will extend our stay through May, the last meeting before our summer hiatus.

A conflict with arrangements at Fairwood Golf and Country Club brought forth the decision to move our meetings to OSF, at least for the foreseeable future. The usual protocol prevails with reservations required by the Friday preceding each luncheon (no-shows are liable to pay for the cost of their meals) and menu choices made through our “reservations agents,” **Tom Holford** and **Dolores Steger**. OSF has agreed to provide gluten-free pasta to those who request it when they call. Details are published in *Contrails*, the chapter newsletter published by **Vicki Shumaker**.

Annual Emerald City Slickers dues were collected by Treasurer **Helen Stanger** and the reservations records kept straight by her assistant, **Noreen Krawczyk**. The chapter newsletter and this national newsletter cover different aspects of company and local news and events, so it is in your best interest to become a member of both organizations. Handouts on “UAL Travel 101” were available on the door prize table. Thanks to a local member for this information on dealing with passes and discount tickets. Continental information was included.

Members were informed of requirements for updating their medical insurance from Blue Cross to Aetna, and it was urged that those responding to the online survey regarding pass travel read the questions carefully.

Member **Ted Elder** has moved from Issaquah to Redmond, WA. **Bob & Pamela Figlewicz** have relocated from Kent to Auburn. Both entailed fairly local moves.

A larger-than-usual number of books appeared in January, as readers cleared out their old reading materials after the holidays. They shared a table with door prize donations that were won by **Richard Devereux**, **Steve Dragos**, **Don Hanson**, **Eddie Karr**, **Ed Liesse**, **Anita Malco**, **Phyllis Mitchell**, **Ed Rousso**, **Helen Stanger**, **Dolores Steger**, **Ken Storey**, **Ken Walters**, and **Chuck Westpfahl**. Winning numbers were shouted over the din by **Bob Brumfield**. **Betty Paul**, often a winner, passed her turn to the next in line. **Tom Holford** generously donated his half of the 50/50 winnings to the chapter treasury.

Several deaths recently have been reported to the chapter and we send condolences to their families and friends.

Though not a member of our chapter, **Salvador Benedict**, who passed away last summer, was a friend and co-worker of many of our members, having worked as a chef and an ice carver.

**Esther Gogulski**, wife of SEARR retiree **Jerome Gogulski**, died January 10. She was a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Another former Midwesterner – this time from Minnesota, **Ralph Vrtacnik**, deceased just before Christmas, had been a United employee for 40 years, retiring as a pilot in 1983. He had been stationed in both Seattle and San Francisco.

We lost **Virginia Zandell**, SEAHH, back in November.

On a cheerier note, we wish Happy Birthdays to **Blaine Anderson**, **Don Anderson**, **Vivian Anderson**, **John Bell**, **Helen Clement**, **Marion Hafterson**, **Kay Johnson**, **John Lockhart**, **Mary Luke**, **Hubert Malco**, and **Dick Wiesner**. Yes, with so much Scandinavian blood in the Pacific Northwest, we have a few Andersons – and some Andersens.

Only **Kent & Carol Soffel** celebrate a March wedding anniversary. Congratulations on Number 45!  
Until further notice, we'd enjoy welcoming you to our upcoming luncheon meetings, as noted below.

Calendar:

**March 11** – Old Spaghetti Factory, Tukwila – 11:30

**April 9** – Old Spaghetti Factory, Tukwila – 11:30

**May 14** – Old Spaghetti Factory, Turkwila – 11:30

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

The Dulles Loungers met on January 8<sup>th</sup> on a beautiful winter day. We are experiencing a colder than normal winter after two very mild winters with no snow at all; but this winter, we regularly get a break and enjoy a string of mild sunny days.

A crowd of at least 60 members and guests enjoyed lunch and a chance to catch up on news of holidays events.

This correspondent had a chance to meet a gentleman with 57 years with Capital Airlines and United Airlines! His name is **Frank Pregano** and he joined the company in April 1957 as a mechanic at Washington National Airport (DCAMM/CLEMM/IADMM).

When Capital Airlines and United Airlines merged in June 1961, Frank went off to Cleveland and he has fond memories of the Vickers Viscount/DC3 and DC4/and Constellations. Frank returned to the Washington area in 1987 and was assigned to Dulles International Airport. He likes to say that one of the greatest moments in an illustrious career was to taxi and run up a 747-200! **Frank Pregabo** retired in 2013 and he enjoys the self propelled lawn mower and many other gifts that arrived on that special day! Congratulations Frank, we are proud to know you.

Calendar:

**March 12** – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas VA

**April 9** – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas VA

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The generosity of our members is always so appreciated by the parents of Special Olympic athletes. We have received another large donation for the Parent Grants for the upcoming Special Olympics in New Jersey.

The FOCUS (Future of Clipped Wings – US) committee is so pleased with the number of responses from the questionnaire sent to all chapters. The next big job is the compilation of the answers to each of the twelve questions and review of the additional comments made by the chapter members. The committee is hoping the summaries will assist with our mission to determine ways to keep the active members involved and to recruit and keep new members.

The National Executive Board will then prepare the presentation for the National Convention in Washington, DC.

Our membership numbers are now at 1187 with 61 First Time Members.

Dates to remember:

- ➔ February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Days (Share some LOVE)
  - ➔ February 17<sup>th</sup> – President’s Day - observed
  - ➔ June 14<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> – Special Olympics – New Jersey – (hosted by Clipped Wings)
  - ➔ September 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Clipped Wings National Convention – DCA
- “Stay warm wherever you live this winter!”

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## LETTERS



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

Martha Gooselaw  
Letters Editor

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

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### **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.)*

### **Lonnie Autry, 3054 Oldfield Way, San Jose, CA 95135**

It is always great reading about fellow workers. But time seems to pass so rapidly.

Retirement days reminds me of a roll of toilet paper, the closer to the end, the faster it goes. But I have been busier than a grocery clerk, looking for cranberries at Thanksgiving.

Keep up the good work, and smile while we can, passes or no passes, we did it our way. Guess there is no more loyalty. But we must voice our opinions. No one knows what will come next. What ever goes around comes around.

**Lynn Hales, 2033 Foxswallow Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94566**

Thanks to all of you who work on the newsletter and keep the rest of us informed. I look forward to reading it.

My traveling on passes has come to an end. I am 87 now, and if I go any place, I pay full fare.

I went to Phoenix and there was no space on UAL. So I called Southwest, got a great senior discount, priority boarding and was assisted to my seat.

I spent a week golfing with my grandson, with neat courses.

My big contribution to UAL while working was working on the team that evaluated and purchased the first X-ray and magnetometer machines. We also went to each station and taught the staff how to use them safely and properly.

I spend my leisure time golfing and gardening. My son is a professional golfer. I also serve in the Oakland California Temple.

My doctor suggested that my daughter and family should move in with me. What a deal! I eat better as my daughter is a great cook. My son-in-law does most of the gardening and mowing; so I have a lot of time to go golfing.

After I retired from UAL at the tender age of 55, I returned to the University, changed my major from education to business. Shortly after graduating, I was employed by the city and county of San Francisco, to be one of five duty managers. I spent ten years at the airport and finally retired at the age of 69.

My lovely wife and I traveled extensively until she passed away in 2005.

**Trevor Hewes, 12926 Beechwood Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375**

I've been retired for 24 years now; it doesn't seem half that long. Time flies when you're having fun.

I haven't done much traveling lately, but don't miss the uncertainty, crowds and airport security. (I ring the bell every time in the metal detectors because of my 2005 knee replacement.) It is necessary I know, but it gets old for the ringee! Many thanks to all the participants who put the newsletter together, it is good to revive old memories and events. Keep up the good work. All the best for 2014!

**Mary Howard, 2001 W Rudasill Rd., Apt. 3303, Tucson, AZ 85704**

I worked at the UAL Credit Union at LAX for 18½ years, (when my name was **Scheidemantel**). My first husband passed away in 1986.

My second husband, **William Gus Howard**, passed away in Tucson, AZ August 2, 2013. He was born at Pine Mountain, KY on 9/27/30. He had 1 brother and 2 sisters. His father and grandfather were coal miners. He joined the Air Force in 1947, serving at various locations in the States with the 1045<sup>th</sup> group, retiring in 1969 from Elmendorf AFB in Alaska as a Master Sergeant.

He had many friends in the same 1045<sup>th</sup> group (some who also retired from UAL) that are not aware of this.

**Nancy Humphries, 305 Hassavampa Village Lane, Prescott, AZ 86303**

Thank you for the letter and reminder to pay my dues.

I just attended the PHX Chapter Clipped Wings monthly meeting/luncheon, of which I am a member. It was nice to see everyone.

I look forward to being a RUAEA member again! I spent many years as a UAL Denver based flight attendant. When I started flying in 1969, we were stewardesses! Lots of great memories.

**Georgia Johnson, 7250 W Poplar, Apt 302, Boise, ID 83704**

My computer is not very good, so I can't rely on it. I don't get around much anymore, so I enjoy the information you put in the newsletter.

I worked for 36 years. The volunteer group in Denver has always been very good at keeping us informed.

I miss traveling and all the other employees I worked with in several Reservation offices and LAXCS.

Thank you for all your work.

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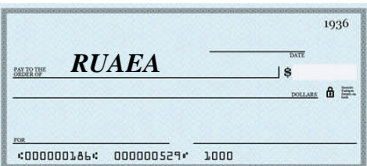
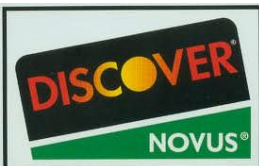
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