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Recognition of Local Chapter Officers

This month we thank the officers from two chapters for their services: **The Orlando Real McCoys** and **The SFO/SJC Southbay**. We thank **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** from The Orlando Real McCoys, and **Merle Sweet** from the SFO/SJC Southbay for sending in the information.



L to R: **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** - MCOCS (Secretary), **Ernie Vosges** - MCOCG (The Veteran/Flag Bearer), **Rich Llewellyn** - TPAMM (President), **Ken Michels** - MCOCG (Vice President), **Charlotte LeGrand** - (Treasurer) (Wife and Mother of two UAL Guys)

Elaine and Charlotte were being acknowledged by the Orlando Real McCoys officers for their services!

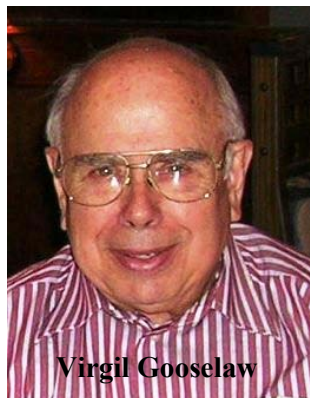


L to R: **Maureen Snyder** - Spouse of Vern Snyder (Sunshine), **Cheri Scales** - Spouse of Ben Scales SFOCG (Treasurer), **Vern Snyder** - SFOPD (Photographer), **Dave Garland** - SFOLM (President), **Merle Sweet** - Spouse of Boyd Sweet SFOIP (Secretary), **George Midwin** SFOOV (Vice President). Not pictured is **Zelma Kibler** SFOPE - (Historian)

GENERAL NEWS

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A Message From The Executive Vice President



Virgil Gooselaw

Spring is just around the corner and making travel plans are in order. RUAEA has made available to us an abundance of information regarding travel. The RUAEA web site at www.ruaea.org has links on the Home Page to help with Travel, Convention News, Upcoming RUAEA Events and even a link to Senior Discounts. This can be helpful when traveling if you need something and are looking for a bargain, as most of us seniors are.

The Local Chapter Reports are a good source of information concerning different parts of the country. There is contact information for all of the RUAEA Chapters by using the RUAEA Chapters tab on the Home Page. Just click on the State and Chapter Name and the information for that particular chapter will appear. If you are close to a chapter during your travels and they are having a get-together, join in and you'll probably learn the points of interest. These get-togethers are a lot of fun and meeting new people is always great. And, just think you can tell your war stories to some who haven't heard them before! Also the local chapter reports usually advertise upcoming regional get-togethers in their area.

While planning, mark your calendar for the 2015 RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, PA this fall. The dates are September 23rd – 26th 2015. The planning phase is well underway and as things progress information will be posted in the Newsletter and on the RUAEA website. I hope your travels go well. The old proverb "*Take time to smell the roses*" is applicable to all of us.

Virgil Gooselaw
RUAEA Executive VP

Re Unite In Pittsburgh

Well folks, we are off and running with Convention Planning for our 2015 event in Pittsburgh. Things are coming together with possible tours and entertainment. Our local committee headed by **Treatie Karwoski**, **Mary Jane Stewart** and **David Beatty** have had a few meetings and all is looking good for another great time.

For those of you with computer access, you can go to YouTube and put in ***Pittsburgh.Mighty.Beautiful*** and when you get past the short ad, you will get a wonderful video of Pittsburgh. It runs about 3.75 minutes. Many sites in the video will probably be included in some of the tours.



Ron Bertacini

Remember the dates September 23 -26 at the Double Tree by Hilton Pittsburgh Greentree. Our convention room rate is \$112.00 plus tax, with the rate available 3 days pre or post convention. So mark your calendars and come join the fun and re-connections at RE UNITE

in PITTSBURGH. To paraphrase a member "*We were a little hesitant to go to a convention fearing we would not know anyone; but after we got there, we were warmly welcomed and found new friends which made for a wonderful experience*". More details coming in the next few issues.

Ron Bertacini
RUAEA VP Conventions

2014 San Diego RUAEA Convention Survey

At the San Diego Convention, attendees were asked to complete a survey about our yearly conventions. We would like to share the results with the membership. With about 330 attendees, we had 129 respond or 39.1 percent. Remember that most of the attendees were couples. The comments offered, in addition to the major issues surveyed, were welcomed and will be reviewed for feasibility in the planning process of future conventions. It is apparent from the survey results that our members realize the challenges of continuing to provide annual conventions, increasingly impacted as they are by the realities of declining participation of local chapters and the ever escalating costs of doing business in America today. The results are as follows:

- Would consider hosting a future convention 20% yes, 26% no and 54% no comment
- Maximum rate \$100-\$125 57%, \$125-\$150 34%
- Room rate to include breakfast 42% important, 47% nice and 12% not important
- East Coast/West Coast Rotation 24% prefer, 36% desirable and 39% no preference
- Hospitality Nights Preferences 47% one night, 46% two nights
- Will volunteer to assist at a convention 66% yes, 26% no and 9% no comment

- Will volunteer to assist a local committee at convention 50% yes, 34% no and 17% no comment
- Use of credit card vs. personal check 33% yes, 6% no, 53% would be nice and 9% no comment

We want to thank **Marilyn Marcy**, our Past VP Conventions for putting together this survey and **Tom Marcy** for reviewing each response and providing us with this data.

Ron Bertacini
RUAEA VP Conventions

Jeff and DL and AA CEOs press Washington to invoke consultation with Middle Eastern governments over abuse of Open Skies treaties



Jeff and the CEOs of American Airlines (AA) and Delta Airlines (DL) last week met in Washington, D.C., with representatives from the White House, the DOT, the State Department and other

government agencies to ask U.S. government officials to invoke the consultation provisions under the Open Skies agreements in place with Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, in light of the abuse of those treaties by state-owned carriers Qatar Airways (QR), Etihad Airways (EY) and Emirates Airline (EK).

The CEOs cited compelling, documented evidence that Qatar and the UAE had granted more than \$40 billion in subsidies and other unfair benefits to QR, EY and EK over the past 10 years. Those subsidies, Jeff and the other CEOs said, have enabled a massive deployment of subsidized capacity by the Middle East carriers at rates almost four times the rate of global gross domestic product growth, unfairly taking substantial current and potential future market share from other airlines, including U.S. carriers.

The CEOs pointed out that, because Gulf carriers do not meaningfully stimulate passenger demand, the only way those carriers can grow at their projected rate - 10 times more available seat miles (capacity) in 2020 compared with 2007 - is to use their subsidies to take substantial share from other airlines, including U.S. carriers. Because more than half of U.S. carriers' long-haul international flights connect to and from domestic flights at U.S. hubs, long-haul flying that is adversely affected by the Gulf carriers' subsidized capacity has a negative impact on U.S. domestic service and smaller communities.

"U.S. carriers can compete successfully against any airline in the world when the playing field is level, free of multi-billion dollar subsidies and the market distortions that those subsidies cause," Jeff said. *"We need revised Open Skies agreements with Qatar and the UAE to address the abuse of the treaties by Qatar Airways, Etihad and Emirates. Having used their massive subsidies to expand dramatically into Europe, Asia and Australia, the Gulf carriers are targeting the U.S. and our employees next."*

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Pass Travel Updates ~ Compiled by Kirk Moore, RAFA Travel Benefits Committee



Kirk Moore

Travel page on Flying Together gets a makeover ~ The Travel page has been refreshed and is now more user-friendly! Sign into <https://flyingtogether.ual.com> and click on the Travel tab. You will see handy new links to "Book a Flight" (employeeRES), "Update Pass Riders" (My Info>PassRiders), "Pass Travel Report"**, "Route Maps" and "Employee Discounts" right across the page. On the right side is a search box, different ways to travel (on UA, myUAdiscount, Other Airline travel, etc), Q&A's, and helpful contact information. Important Advisories are in the middle of the page and the familiar links are in the left column. The new layout is easier to navigate ... check it out today!

Get some departure taxes refunded if transiting ~ Pass riders may get a refund on some pre-paid departure taxes when transiting from another airline to United in certain international cities. When listing in employeeRES, pay attention to a pop-up notice in step #4 of the booking process. For example; when transiting London from another carrier, then pass riding on United Airlines to the USA in less than 24 hours:

Notice - All space-available pass riders departing on UA flights from the United Kingdom will have the UB and GB departure tax pre-paid or payroll deducted. If connecting in a United Kingdom city less than 24 hours from another airline carrier, a copy of the boarding pass from that carrier must be submitted to the Employee Pass Charge Team (EPC@united.com) in order to be exempt from the GB departure tax. Transit pass riders are still responsible for the UB departure tax.

So, what is the "GB" departure tax? It's the "U.K. Air Passenger Duty", which amounts to over \$100.00 per person! Visit the Pass Travel Calculator to see for yourself (employeeRES>Quick Links> Pass Calculator). If you transit London (in < 24 hours) to the USA, be sure to keep the other airline inbound boarding pass to send to the Employee Pass Charge Team (epc@united.com) for the refund!

We thank **Carol Schmus** (HNL RAFA) who passed this info to us. She discovered 50% of the Japanese tax

can be refunded when transiting thru Narita on the same calendar day. Like the UK departure tax, save your inbound other airline boarding pass so that you can send it to epc@united.com for assistance with your refund.

Regardless of what city you are leaving from (LHR or NRT), the departure airline must be United. The EPC Team cannot adjust any departure taxes you paid on another airline.

Please Note: If the city you are transiting offers a refund or exemption it will be noted in step 4 of the listing process in employeeRES. If there is no notice, there is no refund/exemption.

Imputed income taxes and 1099s from United

If your “taxable pass riders” accrue more than \$600 in imputed income in a fiscal year (flights flown between November 1st and October 31st of the following year) then you’ll receive a 1099-MISC from United via US Mail. If your pass riders accrue less than \$600 then you do not get a 1099-MISC form and you do not have to declare any imputed income on your tax forms.

“Imputed taxes” on airline pass travel are complex, as are most things in the IRS code. Retirees should **consult** their CPA to verify all these points. For a more detailed explanation, go to the Travel Benefits tab at www.rafa-cwa.org.

The following message is from United: *“United uses box 7 (“Nonemployee compensation”) of Form 1099-MISC instead of box 3 (“Other income”) to report the taxable income resulting from taxable pass travel because United believes that the income is most appropriately reported there. Since your travel privileges are available to you as a result of your prior services for the Company, and you are not currently an active employee, United believes that your travel-related income is a form of nonemployee compensation that is properly reportable in box 7. While reporting the income in box 3 may also be possible, the Company does not believe that it is the most appropriate means of doing so.”*

Tech Ops attracting more lucrative third-party work



Tech Ops is more than the maintenance division of United, it’s also a business within the business that generates revenue. In 2014, Tech Ops supported the “improve our financial performance” cornerstone of the Route Map by delivering \$127 million in revenue, a 41 percent year-over-year increase from 2013.

The Tech Ops revenue goal for 2015 is \$135 million, and the division will once again rely on employees

who have a proven track record of execution, of suggesting and implementing process improvements, and in helping identify areas in which we can excel.

“We are in the maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) business and are building our portfolio of customers to make sure that it’s a good match with our strengths and our capabilities,” said MRO Engineering and Business Development Managing Director Stephen Rooney.

“We are actively pursuing new engine, component and line maintenance opportunities with domestic and international carriers, the U.S. government, aircraft industry original equipment manufacturers and others,” Stephen said. *“At the same time, we are working to retain and grow business from customers who have already been impressed with our work and helped us grow in 2014. Throughout, we will focus on the primary task, maintaining and improving United’s fleet.”*

“We should all take pride in how we increased sales by 41 percent and delivered as promised on those commitments,” said Engine and Component MRO Managing Director Mark Eldred. *“Kudos to everyone who contributed, in departments that include Maintenance, Inspection, Purchasing, Supply Chain, Vendor Management, Engineering, Finance and Sales.”*

Among highlights from last year that give United momentum starting off 2015:

- ❖ United added Lufthansa (LH) composites and avionics repair and overhaul to its component maintenance portfolio at the San Francisco Maintenance Center.
- ❖ United brought in new customer engines from Pratt & Whitney Engine Leasing and Omni and increased its U.S. Air Force engine production by 35 percent. United also provided engine-testing services to Pratt & Whitney Engine Leasing, Korean Air (KE) and the A.J. Walters leasing firm.
- ❖ In Line Maintenance, United regularly went above and beyond to support customer aircraft and received numerous compliment and recognition letters. United added Aeromexico (AM) and Air Canada (AC) and expanded services to Air China (CA), Japan Airlines (JL) and KE. The company provided Global Emergency Maintenance repairs with teams from DEN, ORD and SFO serving clients such as JetBlue (B6) and GDC Technics Inc.
- ❖ And in Ground Service Equipment (GSE), United signed agreements with Aeromag and JetStream Ground Services for preventative and routine maintenance, executed leases with other operators for unused equipment, and developed a process to work on ground service equipment on an ad hoc basis at stations where United is

approached by would-be customers but do not have a contract in place.

Correction To New Members and Contributions

In previous issues we omitted **William “Bill” Chircots**, PITCS, who retired in January, 2014 and joined RUAEA in July, 2014, from our New Members Column. To make matters even worse, he also made a contribution and we failed to include him in that list as well. We apologize for this error, thank him for his contribution and welcome Bill to RUAEA.

New united.com on its way



United is combining the award-winning design features of the United mobile app with all-new functionality to create a redesigned united.com. This phased redesign of the entire web-

site is another step in United’s overall investment in its digital channels. The redesign is part of the 2015 Route Map business plan.

United has started with the site’s home page and booking path, which will feature an all-new look, a personalized home page, filter and sorting tools, flexible date price calendar and other user-friendly booking features. As United completes its final testing phase of the site, it will soon begin introducing the home page and booking path to select customers and employees in a phased beta release. The audience for the beta test will be initially a closed, invitation-only group, followed by a second beta phase open publicly. A phased approach gives United’s customers time to become familiar with the new look before the company officially cuts over to the new site.

United implements MileagePlus login change for added security



Unknown and unauthorized parties attempted to use user names and passwords obtained from sources completely unrelated to United to access MileagePlus accounts, hoping the login in-

formation would be the same because users tend to use the same user name and password across multiple sites. To help protect members’ information, among other actions, United is requiring members to log in to their MileagePlus accounts using their MileagePlus number and password rather than their user name and password.

Torgy’s Travel Tips



Offline standby travel can be both a blessing and a curse! When UA doesn’t fly where you want to go, it’s great to have nearly 100 other carriers as alternatives. And it has opened up many opportunities for those of us who reside in cities where UA has either withdrawn service or has cut back routes and/or capacity.

But offline travel involves a lot more effort to use because of the process of obtaining your ticket and listing. Recently, there have been quite a few changes to these processes. I will take this month’s column and attempt to clarify the changes, explain the new procedures and offer some helpful resources. If you’re up for it, read on!

A short time ago, the vendor who issues the majority of our interline Etkts changed the name of their company and website address. ID90T.com became ID90Travel.com. Although the profiles in FlyingTogether still show the old website, our system automatically redirects you to their [new](#) website. (Take a look at your URL line and you will see this new address). When it works, all is good and off you go as usual. **But**, because of this “behind-the-scenes detour”, some browsers (like Internet Explorer and Safari) often do not recognize the new website and simply redisplay the same page you were reading. Don’t despair! There is a solution: Access *Compatibility View Settings* in your browser’s Internet Options. Type ID90Travel.com in the box and click Add. Close the box and you’re done. The next time you click on the ID90 link in our system, it will take you to their new website.

Next, ID90Travel.com has reformatted their entire website. Your authorization credentials from UA are supposed to transfer over to the new website automatically when you click on the link in FlyingTogether. When it works correctly, you will see a “Welcome Back” box display with room for you to type your ID90Travel password. When successful, you will then come to their new Home Page and your name will show in the upper right corner. Sometimes however, UA does not send across your credentials and you will see “Welcome UA Research” instead of your name. **Stop** right there and do the following:

1. Click on the down arrow underneath Welcome UA Research
2. Click “Sign out”
3. Wait for a large pop-up box that says “Welcome Back – Please Sign In”
4. **Do not sign in**

5. Click the tiny blue link at the lower left corner of the box: *Sign on as a different user*
6. Follow the prompts and you will then be OK

ID90Travel has tutorials you may access on YouTube to assist you with all of this. Go to: <http://youtu.be/o-1w9zqbxHw> and <http://youtu.be/jKVGefmG6Xa> or you can speak to a real human at ID90Travel by calling 877 298-5233. The UA Computer Support Desk can also assist with the Compatibility View issues. They can be reached at 800 255-5801.

Listing on offline carriers has also undergone changes recently. In an effort to keep reservation phone lines open for paying customers, many carriers are now requiring standby travelers to list over the internet. Most of these listings are done on the website MyIDTravel.com which you can access through FlyingTogether. This site handles the listings for 28 major carriers, including American, US Air, KLM, Thai, Swiss, Qantas and Cathay Pacific. If you are flying Jet Blue, Delta, Lufthansa, Southwest or TAP, you are automatically listed when you purchase your standby ticket on the new MyIDPurchase.com website referenced in FlyingTogether. And the same automatic listing occurs when you buy your ticket on the ID90Travel.com website for Alaska, Hawaiian, Frontier and Spirit Airlines. You don't have to commit this all to memory you just need to follow the directions spelled out in FlyingTogether for the airline you want.

Lastly, what about baggage allowance when flying standby offline? Well, it just got easier to find out! Check the website www.FlyZed.info for the answer! This is a great resource for all kinds of questions when flying offline. You can find the answers to dress code, check-in procedures, embargoes, listing options and baggage questions all in one place.

So, get out there and give it a try. You never know where your travels will take you!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel



Thank you United Airlines Retirees for responding to the need of the Chapel during their tragic experience. As mentioned before, insurance does not cover all the damages. We are calling on all retirees to donate whatever you can afford to help during the recovery.

To donate to The Chapel, make check payable to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and send to **Frank J. Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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Attention All Golfers

The 2015 UAL Retiree Golf Tournament will be held in Mesquite, NV from May 3rd to May 6th, 2015

If you are interested, contact **Paul Levan** for an entry form.

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Please register by April 15th, 2015.

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Another great meeting was had by our Chapter on January 12. As always, we were at our favorite hang-out - the Cubi Bar Café in the NAS National Aviation Museum! We had 23 attending this month. They were **Jessie Arnold, George & Denny Atteberry, Mike & Elaine Austin, Bill & Ann Delavan, Bob & Carol Dorsey, Conrad Hamilton, Judy Hebl, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Ed Southworth, Harold Stofko**, and guests, **Larry & Sheryl Schubert**. We were thrilled that our special member from Wisconsin was back with us, **Judy Hebl**. We are so happy she will be in our area through our March meeting.

Members unable to attend this month were: **John & Myrl Eisinger** at a golf tournament, **Doug & Edna Horne** due to **Edna's** health issues; **Park & Billie Learned** due to **Park's** health issues; **Monica & Joe Leonard** as she continues to recover from her major surgery and problems afterward; **Ray & Mai Owens** as **Mai** recovers from her back surgery; and **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey & Steve Wilkey** as **Annie** recovers from her major surgery on her foot. We wish a speedy recovery to all our ailing members. We pray 2015 will be a very healthy year for all our members.

President **Bob Schwartz** opened the meeting with the drawing of our raffle tickets. **Sheryl Schubert** drew the winning ticket for **Bev & Bob Heinrich**. We only had four extra chocolate chip cookies and **Judy Hebl** drew tickets for **Larry Schubert, Carol Herrick, Harold Stofko** and **Conrad Hamilton**. Neither the Treasurer's Report nor the Minutes had any corrections.

We were thrilled to have **Larry & Sheryl Schubert** with us. They are down in Gulf Shores, AL for the month of January from cold Colorado. **Sheryl** flew out of Los Angeles as a Flight Attendant for 3 years until United found out that she was married, so she was made to resign. After 17 years, she was able to go back to work and flew another 12 years before retiring. It's amazing that UAL had such rules back then! They were a delightful couple and we look forward to them visiting

again when they are in our area next time. We are so thankful that they are members of RUAEA and read about our Chapter!

Norm & Jeanne Reinoehl presented a beautiful certificate to our Chapter from the Toys for Tots Unit in Alabama, thanking us for our toy donations in December. A nice thank you letter was received from the Manna Food Bank in Pensacola, thanking us for our several monetary donations throughout the year. Their warehouse was devastated by the severe flood we had in April. They distributed food to almost 16,000 families during 2014!

January birthdays were **Monica Leonard** (1st), **Elaine Austin** (3rd), **Joe Leonard** (19th), and **Sheila Pritchett** (23rd). Happy Birthday to all of you!

February birthdays are **Doug Horne** (7th), **Ed Southworth** (12th) and **Harold Stofko** (13th).

A discussion was held regarding the closing of Sea-Tac. Discussion followed on several different topics after this. We all enjoy our varied topics of discussion.

We always welcome visitors. Our members live between Ft. Walton Beach, FL and almost to Mississippi so if you are coming to the Gulf Coast, please give us a call or send us an email and plan to join us at one of our fun meetings. Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 11:30 AM in the Naval Aviation Museum, NAS, Pensacola, FL.

Calendar:

March 9 - 11:30AM Meeting at Cubi Bar Café in National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL

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Our special thanks to **Gay Fowler** for inviting us to have our meeting at The Club in Birmingham on January 12. The view is normally spectacular from top of the mountain, but low clouds and fog was the order of the day. Our food and service was very good and enjoyed by **Bobby & Jean Cox, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Donna Gooch, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Joe Jones** and of course **Gay Fowler**.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Gay Fowler** and a United Caravelle shirt donated by **Herb Wilbanks** was won by **Beverly Yeager** who entertained us with a story about a chicken pie without chicken!

There were no birthday or anniversaries this month. We missed several members and especially send our best wishes to **Zoe Glass** for a speedy recovery and look forward to her return.

We meet every second Monday at 11:30 am for lunch at various Birmingham restaurants and invite all retired United friends and families to join us. Call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288 for more information.

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It's getting sunny and warm in the valleys around Phoenix. It's time for patio parties and "fun in the sun". The Azures had a great turnout of members at the Golden Corral Buffet in Surprise, AZ on January 15. We had a private room and 42 hungry members enjoyed the enormous array of breakfast, lunch, dinner and desert items. Nobody went home hungry. **Carol Liltz** held a birthday party for husband, **Vic**, on their patio and kitchen on February 4, (Vic's special day) for a few of their Azures friends including **Joe & Lisa Hopkins**, **Marge & Gene Hinnners**, **Lowell & Pat Neal**, **Joan & Richard Aaronson**, **Ziggy & Pat Butkiewicz**, **Marge Mullman**, **Vivian Klick**, **Rose Barry**, **Don & Ann Bergstrom**, and **Bob & Norma Lutzinger**. The weather was about 75 degrees and sunny, so the patio was just the spot for a fun get-together. Good food, good friends and enough beverages for all! Too bad Rose's German potato salad and pulled pork ended up in her driveway. Bet it was good! LOL

Don't forget to reserve your spot at the All Arizona Luncheon hosted by the Tucson Roadrunners. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2015 starting at 11:30am at The Property Conference Center, 1251 West Gila Highway, Casa Grande, AZ 85130. Price per person is \$23.00 and checks can be sent and endorsed to **Pat DiLallo**, 14740 N. Palmwood, Oro Valley, AZ 85755. A buffet lunch will be served. All United and ex-Continental retirees are welcome.

February and March birthday celebrants are **Vic Liltz** (2/ 4); **Mildred Hofer** (2/11); **Ann Bergstrom** (2/21); **Don Brei** (3/5); **Jean Kerman** (3/6); **Bob Lutzinger** (3/17); **Pat Butkiewicz** (3/18); **Mel Hofer** (3/21). February and March anniversary celebrants are **Ginny & Ben Meyer** (2/21); **Sonny & Barbara Carns** (3/12); **Don & Carole Brei** (3/19). Congratulations to all!

Arrowhead Country Club in Peoria, AZ was the site of our February 14 luncheon and "white elephant" sale. Azures were given a choice of a Traditional Cobb Salad or the Arrowhead Club. There were rolls on the table for all and a brownie for dessert with the coffee, ice tea, and

water service. Members look forward to the "white elephant" every year where they bid on beautifully wrapped gifts with "all kinds of surprises" within. Most gifts are used but some are bought new, so it could be anyone's treasure to keep (even for one year until the next sale).

We have committed (waiting for confirmation) to Wednesday, March 4, as our outing to Turf Paradise Race Track, 1501 West Bell Road, Phoenix, AZ, (602) 942-1101. Entrance is on 19th Avenue south of Bell Rd. A special race for the United Airlines-Azures chapter will be held and displayed on the announcement board. Azures should contact **Joe Hopkins** if interested, price is \$24.00 per person and includes a buffet lunch, score sheet and instructions, and the above designated race. This, also, includes a picture of the winning horse with Azures members attending. An announcement was sent to members in mid-February.

Our last luncheon for the season will be held (tentatively) on April 115 at Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy, 16092 North Arrowhead Fountains Ctr. Drive, Peoria, AZ 85382, (623) 878-8282 (1/4 mile south of Bell Road). We will have the covered patio reserved for the Azures. Members will order individually off the menu and separate tabs will be provided. This a great event and concludes the end of our get-togethers until October.

Calendar:

March 4 – 1130am, Turf Paradise Racetrack, 1501 West Bell Road, Phoenix, AZ

March 19 - 1130am, All Arizona Luncheon, The Property Conference Center, 1251 West Gila Highway, Casa Grande, AZ

April 11 - 1130am, Abuelos Mexican Food Embassy, 16092 N. Arrowhead Fountains Ctr. Drive, Peoria, AZ
March 10 & 24 - Breakfasts at Coco's, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ – 0830

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Spring is almost here! We hope you will spring into action and join our Re-United members this month, as we have a lot of fun things on our calendar. First of all, the annual All-Arizona Luncheon is Thursday, March 19th at the Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Highway in Casa Grande. It starts at 11:30 a.m. There will be great food, gift card door prizes, 50/50 raffle, all for only \$23 per person. This year the Tucson Roadrunners are in charge. Checks should be sent to **Pat DiLallo**, 14740 N. Palmwood Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85755

no later than **March 11th**. You don't want to miss this yearly All-Arizona Luncheon as it is a good place to see your friends and meet new ones too!

We had 24 people at our January 14th luncheon at Mt. Athos Restaurant in Florence, hosted by **Natasha Schmidt**. There were several guests present: **Beverly Howey**, **Linda Cooper-Koltz's** sister from Mesa; **Sheryl McCormick**, friend of **Marie Arnold**, our singer; **Ann Salvador**, **Maria's** sister-in-law, and **Doris Goveia**, neighbor of **Natasha**. We all enjoyed the good food, the delicious dessert **Natasha** made, plus some people were lucky and won the extra prizes that were donated. Thanks, **Natasha**, for being such a wonderful host! Our January 23 Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner had 27 members present. Our President, **Shirley Claggett**, brought us up-to-date on various things happening with United. We talked about our upcoming Valentine's Day Luncheon on February 11th at Floridino's, hosted by **Ted & Liz Tollefsen** and the tour of Basha's Museum afterwards; the Chicago-Cubs and White Sox Spring Training game, on March 27th, and a tour of Falcon Field which will be March 7th, from 9:00 – 2:00 p.m., which is open to the public and it is free for everyone that might want to check this place out. **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, asked us to start collecting items for the children for our next Fantasy Flight. She will be able to store items that we buy throughout the rest of the year.

Keep in mind the 2015 RUAEA Convention will be September 23rd - 26th in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The hotel is located between Pittsburgh International Airport and only minutes from downtown Pittsburgh. They provide free shuttles to and from the airport and complimentary parking. Mark your calendars now! It's always fun going to the Conventions.

We will report on the Valentine's Day Luncheon next month.

We have the following birthdays in March: **Nancy Luby** (3/2), **Jim Fauber** (3/6), **Janet Vehring** (3/10), **John Smiley** (3/14), **Olga Aguilar** (3/20), **Rita Krist** (3/20), and **Graham Snediker** (3/21). Happy Birthday to all! We have two couples having their Wedding Anniversary in March: **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak** (3/11/61) and **Patrice & Bob Rowan** (3/27/99). Happy Anniversary to both couples!

Calendar:

March 19 – All-Arizona Luncheon at the Property Conference Center in Casa Grande, AZ., hosted by the Tucson Roadrunners.

March 27 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, at phomfeldt@cox.net, with your reservation by Wednesday, March 25th, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

March 27 – Chicago Cubs and White Sox Spring Training game in Mesa, starting at 1:05 p.m.

April 9 - Annual picnic at Crescent Run, starting at 11:00 a.m., hosted by **Shirley Claggett and Ron Paluch**.



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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The January 15th luncheon was hosted by **Claire Byle** at Desert Diamond Casino's Agave Restaurant. Snowbirds and Arizona full time residents were in force with 49 attendees. Gambling after the luncheon could have helped the interest factor. The 50/25/25 raffle ticket winners were **Jean Abery** and **Barbara Johnson**.

Pat Dilallo introduced **Jean Fox**, President of Seniors for Kids. This is the charity that was chosen as a primary recipient of funds from the Roadrunners. Jean mentioned that in the last two years, her group has focused their efforts on the Tri-Community Food Bank and Thrift Store. Seniors for Kids also have an annual Christmas holiday party where food boxes are distributed with gifts and gift cards are given to the children.

The February luncheon scheduled for February 19th was to be hosted by **Gordon Starr**, and preceded by a tour of the mini-time Machine Museum of Miniatures. As these events happen after this newsletter goes to press in February, the glowing reports will be given in April's newsletter. You still have time to make reservations for the All Arizona Luncheon on March 19th in Casa Grande. Festivities start at 11:30 A.M. at The Property Conference Center 1251, West Gila Bend Highway. Buffet Lunch with Beef Tips with Marsala Sauce and Chicken Cacciatore. Vegetarian plate is available with prior notification. Cost is \$23.00 P/P. Send the check to **Pat Dilallo** at 14740 N. Palmwood Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85755.

Anniversaries: **Ilene & Al Swan**, **Larry & Doris Clark** and **Chuck & Sharon Cole**.

Birthdays: **Dora Starr**, **Roger Callihan**, **Clyde Satterfield**, **Hal Dryden**, **Marion Haferson** and **Ilene Swan**.

Calendar:

March 19 – All Arizona Luncheon



CALIFORNIA

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Our Chapter did not meet in January so this gives me a chance to reminisce a little after reading the January Newsletter. There was an aerial view of the Midway Airport taken in the early 1950's. This was before the Jets or ORD. In the center of the terminal was a round rotunda that was the original terminal. I don't remember how many airlines operated out of that terminal prior to 1950. To the right of the central terminal contained many airlines with Capital operating at the very end where I worked prior to the merger. UAL operated out of the entire left side of the round rotunda. Across the street was UAL's Executive Offices. For the world's busiest airport, the parking lot was always filled, with overflow parking across the street. There were no jet ways, which made the passengers and ground personnel, walk between airplanes and the terminal.

Weather was always a problem. But across the street was Santucci's Pizza restaurant. It can almost be seen at the bottom of the picture. This was the gathering location for the airline employees, tower operators, and Air Traffic controllers after our shifts. We got to work closely with all of them, which made our jobs easier and less hectic. That whole area has changed with the re-routing of streets and removing the buildings across from the terminal.

Our next meeting will be on February 18th in Santa Barbara, hosted by **Esther & Bob Bartlett**.



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The Desert Sunbirds held our January Meeting at an old favorite restaurant, P. F. Chang's in Rancho Mirage. It's been a few years, but P. F. Chang's was, at one time, a regular stop on the Sunbirds' schedule. **Sandy Sereno** was our hostess, and this writer hopes that Sandy (or someone) chooses this restaurant again next year.

Our guest list this month: **Louie Horvath** brought a friend, **Brian Beard**; **Mary Frank**, missing last month with eye surgery, was back again with her usual guest,

Dick Milford; and the **Klobes** brought **Peter & Barbara Schuster**.

Our newest member is **Carol Hinsby**, an old friend from LAXSW. Welcome, Carol!

President Mike reminded the group that our dues are due in April - \$10.00. I also forgot to mention that Sandy, our hostess for the Luncheon provided "Red Devil" cupcakes for all to enjoy after our lunch.

Short report this month. The Birthday winner was **Jim Clapper**, and **Carole Paquin** went home \$50.00 richer in the 50/50 drawing.

Calendar:

March 11 – Hosted by **Dave & Kathy Wilson**

April 8 – Hosted by **Patti Sica, Gay Traber, and Jan Keck**

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SACRAMENTO



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on January 28, at Dingus McGees in Auburn, CA. This was hosted by **Ron & Judie King**. We had 37 Gold Diggers and no guests. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Kings** for hosting.

Officers Reports:

President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** told us that he and **Carolyn** would be hosting the Past Presidents Luncheon on February 25.

Vice President ~ **Len Haubl** is not in attendance, **Frank Dellinger** is filling in for him for a couple of months. We still need hosts for the following months: April, June, July, August, September and October.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for November: **Robert & Gail Opdahl** (55 years); **Charles & Martha Szekretar** (51 years); and **Ray & Lynn Reinmiller** (45 years). Anniversaries for January: **Sydney & Sherrill Morgan** (54 years) and **Robert & Michiko Allen** (42 years).

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

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

Sunshine ~ **Angie Dellinger**: **Velma Stough** sent a very sweet note thanking us for the nice card we all signed and sent to her. She misses us all. **Dan Figueroa** is having surgery soon.

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

RUAEA Past President ~ **Ron Bertacini**: Filling in for Ron was **Francis Domaratius**. He reminded us that the RUAEA convention is in Pittsburgh, PA this Sep-

tember. The planning is going well.

Don't forget to pay your dues, \$10.00 per family. Judie prefers checks but will take cash. Make checks payable to Gold Diggers and send to: **Judie King**, 11886 Heather Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95949

Calendar:

February 25 – Past Presidents Luncheon - Sierra Grill, Auburn, CA – hosted by the **Harshbargers**

March 25 – China Buffet, Citrus Heights, CA – hosted by the **Esolas**



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Well, folks, here we are! A whole new year stretching out in front of us, I would say that our first monthly luncheon was a great success. 28 Miners enjoyed a very good lunch at the Cork & Fork in Cool. The weather reflected the town's name – cool and crisp but no snow. **Bill & Linda Dinette** went all out with their decorations. They had several bottles of wine with glasses for each table (these were part of the DOO drawing) as well as individual “packages” for each person with fun New Year's themed glasses, candy and little bottles of cocktails (?), very creative and festive. President **Rudy Blazius** extended a heartfelt Thank You to Bill & Linda for putting this together for us. In answer to his birthday question, **Bill Gibson** and **Jon Somplack** owned up to celebrating a birthday in January. We didn't have any anniversaries. **Jim Raber** brought **Judie Leimer** as a guest, but, she left as a Hangtown Miner! So, thank you, happy birthday and welcome.

President ~ **Rudy** brought several items to our attention. He does want us all to know that, for the most part, the information he shares with us comes from RUAEA. If you are not already a RUAEA member, Rudy strongly suggests that you sign up. RUAEA is a very important link for retirees to our former employer and keeps everyone updated with changes that may/will affect us. If you go to www.ruaea.org, you will be able to sign up for their great monthly newsletter – you can either receive it by U.S.P.S. or online. The annual dues is \$27.00 – very good number for such a great publication.

Frank Dellinger brought a contribution – we have mentioned in previous minutes that a website called “farecast” can give you a choice of airlines and the fares they offer for the trip you want to take. Frank let us know about a website he has used called “cheapair.com”. It works basically the same as farecast in that it will give you a selection from which to choose.

Rudy said that he has found that Costco is a great source for getting the same information about car rentals. Hey, anything that can make life easier! Check them out!

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** is always a busy fellow. He contributed an article he received from a friend concerning PBGC pensions being cut. This information included a phone number to call to let your congressman know to not support this bill. Since UAL is a single-employer private pension, not a multi-employer pension, so this will not apply to United. Thank goodness for that!

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** received a thank you letter from 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 8 families with a total of 18 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.*” Rudy mentioned that we donated 100+ pounds of food this year. Jane also let us know that **JR Heier** was going in for back surgery and to please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. There seems to be a couple of people who are not receiving our minutes. If, by two weeks after our luncheon, you have not received the minutes from me, please send me an email (tired-dogs@comcast.net) or call me (925) 443-0905 so I know that you did not get the minutes. Computers and I are not the best of friends and I think it may like to play tricks on me.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was at work so his wife, **Suzanne**, brought us his report. Suzanne also read a thank you letter from El Dorado County- Senior Legal Services: “*Gentlemen, I am writing to thank you for your kind donation to the Senior Legal Services Program, which was received on December 31, 2014. Enclosed please find a receipt for your donation. Donations do stay in this program and help to assure that we will be here should you or your neighbors once again need our assistance.*”

Sunshine ~ Suzanne took off her “Treasurer Hat” and put on her “Sunshine Hat”. She is our Sunshine person this year. Thank you to **Jeanette D'Amico** for doing such a great job last year (and more). Suzanne will send a Get Well card to **JR Heier**. Should you hear of any member experiencing difficulties or enjoying good things, let Suzanne know so she can relay the information.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** has sent out a request for pictures. Well, in particular pictures anyone may have from the November 2014 luncheon. She was not able to be there and the pictures Jane took have disappeared and it would be nice to see those who attended.

Old Business ~ Well, January is the month for our

chapter's dues to be paid. Many of our members have already paid their \$10.00 dues, but there are a few who have not yet. Please send your check – made out to Hangtown Miners – to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667.

New Business ~ **Jack Fitzpatrick** came up with something we hadn't heard about for some time - "air currency". If you have any of these, they're still good. Use them to purchase a drink/beverage on board your flight.

Kerry Kozelka mentioned that you can also get info about United on Facebook. Check it out at "Our United Retired".

Rudy closed our meeting and the Drawing Of Opportunity began. Winner of the donators' prize was **Joe Lima**. Thank you to those who brought items to raffle: **Dinette** – 6 bottles of wine & glasses; **Raber** – lemons; **Lima** – basket; **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Gibson** – 2 totes; **Dellinger** – quilted pot holders; **Kozelka/Barton** – dip set; **Kenny** – candy; **Akin** – eggs; **Dalleske** – wine; **Somplack** – basket.

Our February luncheon will be on Monday, February 9th at Mimi's Cafe in Folsom. We will be able to order from their menu and will pay individually. However, Rudy needs to know that you will be coming, so be sure to get in touch with him by February 4th.

REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREES**

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On January 8, we gathered together at the La Gare Restaurant for our first 2015 luncheon/meeting, hosted by **Barney & Clare Hagen**. They had the tables nicely decorated with colorful primrose plants and chocolates placed around for special treats. We had a nice time greeting each other after the holidays to catch up with everyone! The food service was wonderful as usual which included choices of Pork Schnitzel, Salmon filet, Marco Polo breast of chicken in mushroom sauce, or a vegetarian pastry dish, and dessert.

Larry Wilson, our newly appointed RER president welcomed everyone and thanked Barney & Clare for hosting the luncheon. He called on **Brandon Maus**, former president, to explain some of the new changes to the bylaws of our RER chapter. It is adopted that members will now consist of both retired and active United and Continental Airlines employees; also spouses may continue as members upon the passing of the retiree member. Secondly, dues for annual membership shall be approved and due by January 1st of each year (not

prorated) or the member will be considered delinquent and dropped from membership (Wow!). The changes to the bylaws concerning the rules governing the General Fund were discussed over how to handle monies in the account at the end of the year. More importantly, what to do with the money to allow some to be used to cover the raffle prizes and luncheon costs; many want to change the bylaws to keep a greater amount in the general fund for those purposes. There is a minimum required by the bank to keep in the account to avoid a monthly fee, and are "automatically" moved to the savings account and returned to the checking. It was agreed that more discussion is needed by the officers at a meeting, and an updated report will be presented at the next meeting; I hope I got that right as my expertise is not in the finance area!

Jerry Underhill, our new Vice President, announced the guests and the member they came with. There were 28 members attending and 7 guests. **Maddie McKinnis** brought three guests who are signing up to be new members: **Dorothy Ochoa** and **Chris & Pat Eberle**. The other 4 guests were **Lee Trevelyan**, **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, and **Lynn Cassil**, all guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**.

Our New Year treasurer's report was brought to us by Treasurer **Oscar Chambers**, which reflects the money left after the disbursement of the Charity box donations at Christmas; and the donations of luncheon fees of those who could not attend the December meeting (because it had to be rescheduled), which brings the total to \$222.36 in the Charity Box; there is currently \$345.66 in the General fund which is from the dues collected and the raffle tickets sold, for a total of \$568.02.

Barney Hagen reported that he recently attended a Pilot's meeting in Petaluma; no new travel problems, except he was made aware there are some delays in the baggage handling. Not much of a surprise, since UAL is starting to outsource some of the baggage handler's jobs at some airports (e.g. San Jose). Barney also told us that he spoke to **Charlie Anderson's** son, who said that Charlie had a heart attack, and spent a week in the ICU at Santa Rosa Memorial hospital, went home to Willits, subsequently got a staph infection, then back to Memorial hospital. He was released to go to a convalescent home in Belmont, where he is now, because there are no suitable care homes in Willits; so he remains in Belmont, most probably near where his son lives. A card will be sent, or already has been sent to let him know we are thinking of him.

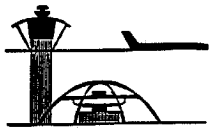
Roger Casterline, RUAEA regional director, welcomed our new members, **Dorothy Ochoa** and **Pat & Chris Eberle**; he said that he was informed that the UAL CEO said that United is starting to make a better showing in profit against Delta Airlines, and that 2015 should be a good year for United!

Our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** was back with us after her travels around the country to see her family! She announced there were 4 birthdays: **Ted Bell, Pat Ortega, Lou Legnitto**, and **Pat Maus**; **Pat Maus** won the lucky free luncheon! **Irna & Heino Witt** are celebrating 35 years anniversary; they were not there, but we expect to see them at Quail Inn next month! Verda also reported that **Ron & Joanne Huhn** were out sick with a cold, so could not be in attendance; we wish them well. She also told us that it been decided that our August luncheon would be back at the La Gare, since our usual picnic at Armstrong Woods is no longer an option for us. It will be held on August 13th, and be hosted by **Verda** and **Carol & Rich Hanna**. She then continued with a few good jokes for us!

Last but not least, the raffle was held for the nicely wrapped wine bottles, brought by **Jerry & Barbara Underhill**, a few boxes of See's Candies as well as the Primrose plant centerpieces; everyone seemed to have a great time at our "kick-off" luncheon for 2015. **Larry Wilson**, president, concluded the meetings by saying we now have 62 members which includes the 3 new additions! The next luncheon meeting will be held on February 12th at the Quail Inn, Oakmont hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**. See you all then!

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The Re-LAX-ers luncheons are scheduled every other month; so our news is rather brief.

We have great news regarding **Olga Jean Barnes**, she has been moved to a more private residential area at Visa Del Sol. Oh, is she happy! Please continue to send notes to her home. A kind neighbor will take them to her. Address; 7024 Flight Avenue, Westchester, CA 90045.

On chatting with **John Daley**, he advised that he's trying to maintain a good walking routine but the hills surrounding his home in Palos Verdes don't help much. But the post-man can climb those hills, so send your good wishes to John at P.O. Box 4391, Palos Verdes Pen., CA 90274.

A note from **Betty Kopp** advised that her "Sweet Herb" was at St. Jude's Hospital in mid January for a visit. He's home now and would love your greetings, 6200 Belle Ave., Buena Park, CA 90620.

We're watching the huge Nor Eastern storm batter the east coast while we're only getting a soft drizzle that cleans the cars and sidewalks.

Now is the time to plan those trips abroad and make reservations for later in the year. It'll make you feel good!

Calendar:

April 3 - To be announced

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The New Year is moving right along and the time to travel has begun. **Peggy Van Sickle** will soon be on her way to Iowa and **Betty Tomaino** is leaving on a cruise to Mexico. Plans are under way for our Spring Fling lunch and we will have more for you on that at the next breakfast. The bottom line is, yes, we are going to have our Spring lunch.

Helen Soderberg is back at home again. She spent a few days in the hospital and was in an Acute Care Center for several days for some therapy. Helen is now resting at home and has asked me to thank those who visited her in Acute Care: **Helen & Bob Grissom, Debbie & Robert Taylor, Barbara Drews** and **Betty Tomaino**. She was uplifted by the many cards she received. Thanks to everyone who held her in your thoughts and prayers. Al is doing well also and happy to have her home.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was **Barbara Johnson, Wendell's** wife. There were fourteen attendees at this month's breakfast.

Ray Wood missed our breakfast last month due to blood pressure issues but was back with us this month and feeling good.

Rosario Zepeda, one of our regular attendees, was unable to attend this month due to a dentist appointment.

I have missed the last few breakfasts myself as I am taking an Acrylic painting class. Really miss everyone and I will be there next month and looking forward to seeing all of you there.

If you are going to be in the area please drop in and join us for our monthly breakfast held on the first Thursday of the month.

I wish you all the best for 2015. See you next at our next monthly breakfast.

Calendar:

March 5 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. (619) 226-0255.





GOLDEN GATERS

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Pat Stephany has an update on **Mary Winkler**. Mary has moved to Nebraska to be near family, she has a one bedroom apartment with meals. Mary says she loves all the “inmates!” Pat and Mary have been friends since they met at UA 1943! Mary would love to hear from old friends, 1502 Fort Crook Rd., Bellevue, NE 68005.

Next meeting, March 23rd will be a Chinese Lunch.

SFO Golden Gaters have some sad news to share. Two dear members, **Angelo Giannarini** and **Cary Fong** have passed away. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go to those families.

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 (11AM - 2PM), 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

Happy St. Patrick’s Day! The month when everyone can be “Irish-for-A-Day”! Being residents of the state of California, we are all aware that March is the month that the Swallows return to San Juan Capistrano, but it has come to my attention that this is also the month when the Buzzards return to Hinckley, Ohio. Hmmm, buzzards, who knew? Hopefully, people who celebrate birthdays in March will be blessed with the “Luck of the Irish”. This includes **Jean Jenkins**, **Shirley Kensinger**, **Katrina Manou**, **Kathryn Mazzola**, **Gayle Moorhead**, **Don Nessling**, **Rosemarie Reichard**, **Mary Lou Rogers**, and **Sally Urso**. They share their birthday month with such famous people as Albert Einstein, Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss) as well as J.R.R. Tolkien, the author of The Lord of the Rings Trilogy. Couples celebrating anniversaries in the month of March are **Ann & Keith Olthof**, and **Robin & Dave Garland**.

We are sending our best to **Sam Cramb** as he recovers from hip surgery, and to **Charlotte Cacioppo** as she recovers from foot surgery.

A few of our members have enjoyed some trips. **Karen Devlin** flew to MN to visit her sister. Brrrr, then they drove to Melbourne, FL. **Lynn Buchholz** was across the state at Lakeland, FL visiting her daughter, and getting in some grandmother time. **Rosemarie & Bill Reichard** are off to their annual trip to AZ Spring Training to watch some Giant’s games. They are taking one of their grandsons to carry on the family tradition. **Merle & Boyd Sweet** enjoyed a trip closer to home, spending a week in Monterey/Carmel.

Correction from February’s Newsletter: I inadvertently stated that **Ann & Keith Olthof**’s “son and wife live in Napa, both working in the Wine Industry” ... Well, that seems to be the Devlin’s son, not Ann & Keith’s son. Ann & Keith’s son lives in Morgan Hill and works for PG&E. I would assert that Utilities and Wine Making are both essential services so that should explain my confusion.

The member we would like to feature this month is **Leon Manou** ~ Leon was the middle of 10 children, born on a farm in Puget Sur Argens Var, France. This is a medieval village with narrow streets, old homes, and squares surrounded by pine groves and streams in the midst of wild flowers. It is located 3 miles from the coast of the French Riviera, west of Cannes.

Leon was in the French Army where he pared, rasped, scraped, smoothed, blackened, and burnished as he practiced the handicraft of shoemaking. He made and repaired boots for officers. Leon arrived in California in June, 1961, and did not know a word of English. Leon worked on a farm in Fresno, and upon moving to San Jose, he worked in a shoe shop during the day, and for the Santa Clara Packing Company at night. In 1963, Leon went to San Jose City College where he got his Associate Arts Degree as an Aircraft Mechanic. By February, 1966 Leon said he was discouraged about not being able to find a permanent job, and was ready to return to France. However, he saw an ad in the paper where United Air Lines (UAL) was hiring mechanics. He put in an application and was hired 2 weeks later. Leon states, “*I became a happy man.*”

Leon began at SFOPD Accessory Shop, overhauling EXCITER Boxes. For the next 10 years he worked on oil pumps, fuel pumps, fuel controls, gear boxes, and bleed valve governors were added to the list. Leon also worked on APUs and GPU Fuel Controls, then APU and GPU Engines. He also worked with/for **Tony Urso** in Sheet Metal. In 1980, Leon got his Air Frame License and worked on DC10-6 and DC10-50, and JT8 Engines. In 1989, Leon took the test for Inspector, but did not like the job so he returned to CF6. He became Lead Man in Big Engine Subassembly. A special job that he did for UAL was working on KC10 Air Force Tankers, which refuel airplanes in flight. Four of these planes were based overseas, but Leon only traveled in the United

States repairing KC10s. Leon retired from SFOPD September, 2002. Leon's wife, **Katrina Millar**, was a teacher and she came from Scotland to Canada to the United States. She was visiting her sister, Helen, who was a supervisor for UAL in Reno. Leon & Katrina met in 1969 and were married in 1970. Katrina worked in Reservations for UAL in San Francisco from 1969 to 1972. After the birth of their two children, Katrina went back to teaching - first as a teacher aide, and then as a Reading Teacher until she retired in 2007.

Leon's hobby is painting, and I have it on good authority (**Tony Urso**) that Leon is a very accomplished artist. Leon & Katrina have a daughter, Jacqueline, also a Reading Specialist. Jacqueline's husband, Christopher, works for Computer Graphics. They have two boys, Millar and Iain, and live in Lake Oswego, Oregon. (Thus all those trips Leon & Katrina take to Portland!)

Leon & Katrina's son, Daniel, works as a bus driver for Oracle and is a student at San Francisco Academy of Fine Arts, studying Computer Graphics and Texturizing. Leon states, "*I still have wonderful memories of the 37 years I spent with UAL.*"

Calendar:

Spring Luncheon time/place will be announced later

On-going – Donations for Palo Alto Veterans' Hospital – see **Harry Willever**



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As you can see **Bobby Wood** is our President for this year. He needs for someone to step up for VP. Bob & I have enjoyed filling in this year. We look forward to seeing everyone each month and finding out what is going on. It would be nice to keep our chapter going.

I would like to thank everyone who came to the December luncheon for paying their dues. Those of you, who were unable to attend, please send your dues (7.50 ea) to **Rudy Reyna** at 960 Cooper Count, Ripon, CA 95366. If your dues are not paid by March you will no longer receive the Newsletter.

Minutes from December meeting taken by **Rosie**

Walls ~ We are sorry that **Barbara & Ace Edkin** missed the luncheon due to illness. We hope to see them at our next luncheon. Get well soon!

We had a wonderful luncheon hosted by **Bob & Sandy Brooks** and the 2014 officers. There were 28 people in attendance and the food was delicious. The Garden Café prepared the buffet and left take-out boxes for people to take home the leftovers. **Bob Brooks** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Ginger DuMars** said a prayer and blessing before lunch was served. It was great to see **Bob & Ginger DuMars**, **Mike & Anita Millard**, **Pat Magee**, and **Ben Yates** join us for our luncheon. Thanks for coming and hope to see you again next year at one of our luncheons.

Bob Brooks passed around the sign-up sheet for hosting lunches in 2015. It was awesome to see the sheet all filled out. Thanks to everyone who signed up.

Bobby Wood still needs someone to step up to fill the position of Vice President. **Rudy Reyna** mentioned that our chapter will be donating \$100 to each of the following charities: Emergency Food Bank - San Joaquin County, Interfaith Food Bank - Amador County, Resource Connection Food Bank - Calaveras County, Salvation Army Food Bank - Stanislaus County, and Interfaith Community Social Services - Tuolumne County.

Hans Weber recommended to the group that we apply for a United Explorer Credit Card. When you sign up for the card, you automatically get 30,000 miles. The first year, the card is free, then every year after that the fee is \$95.00 per year. Charge all your purchases and earn travel miles. He also said when you list for a space available flight, you should always list for first class.

Bob Brooks announced birthdays and anniversaries for December and January. Then it was time for the raffle. **Fred & Joan Verbaere** donated a case of wine from their winery. Thank you from all of us for the donation. The final raffle ticket called was for the door prize of \$50.00 cash and the winner was **Fred Verbaere**. Congratulations Fred!

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Our January meeting was held at El Tapatio in Pleasant Hill with 27 members present, good Mexican food and Margaritas! Our regular cashier, **Tom Cunningham**, incurred a fall at home and will be resting for our next few meetings. Diane filled in.

Tom Johnson brought copies of Airways magazines to share. Great information and articles. Our book and

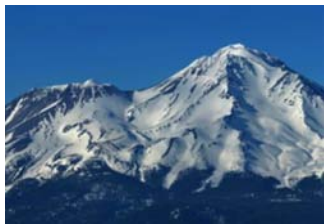
magazine exchange continues to be successful.

We were pleased to welcome Western Region RUAEA Director, **Roger Casterline** and **Zelma Kibler**. Roger stressed the importance of increasing our membership numbers for RUAEA. He has been contacting new retirees and has had good success in enrolling them.

Our thanks to Carol for the mints and donating wine for the door prize. Our meeting schedule is as follows:

- ❖ **March 9** – Sizzler, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord
- ❖ **April 13** – Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord (Todos Santos Park location)
- ❖ **May 11** – El Tapatio, 40 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill
- ❖ **June 8** – our Annual Picnic at Diane and Manny's home.
- ❖ **July** – no meeting

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.



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Talk about a beautiful January in the North State! We sure feel very grateful but are in need of rain. We are so sorry for our fellow retirees in the Midwest and East Coast. We are thinking good thoughts for you.

Merritt Odor greeted everyone and thanked **Sharon Simonton** for making the reservation at the Holiday Inn in Redding. There was a last minute change on the venue due to the closing of the Countryside Café in Red Bluff. Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Sharon Simonton** had a birthday in January as well as **John Delaney**. Merritt again mentioned that dues will be due for 2015 at this meeting. The dues will remain \$10.00 per family.

John Zoboli forwarded some information to us concerning outsourcing of 2000 UA/CO jobs at 20 airports. A discussion took place concerning the outsourcing.

An issue was identified concerning finding places for our meetings. It is very difficult to find a restaurant that has a separate room, will charge checks separately

and is in close proximity to everyone. **Mike Johnson** volunteered to help **Sharon Simonton** look for a place close to Red Bluff and then Sharon will check on places in Chico for the future.

Vincent Neidlinger talked about the Travel Insurance that the IAM union had in the 70's and 80's. Sharon volunteered to find out from **John Zoboli** if Aetna insurance (our retiree supplement) covers anyone traveling outside United States. Also, she will check the RUAEA Newsletter to find out other possibilities for Travel Insurance at a discount.

Mike Johnson volunteered to write a short article about his other group that he is involved in called SIRS (Sons in Retirement). Mike was hired by United Airlines in 1984, after working 25 years, he retired in 2009. He was hired as a mechanic at the San Francisco Maintenance Base after spending 17 years as a mechanic at Trans World Airlines. He spent time working not only at the MOC in San Francisco, he also worked Line Maintenance in various management positions including spending a few years overseas in the Pacific Operations. Mike's last few years he worked in the SFO Engine shop as the Senior Manager responsible for the PW 2000 engines which powered the B-757 fleet. He then went onto Senior Manager for the PW4 4000 engines that power the B-767, 747 and the B-777 fleets. Prior to retirement he was responsible for the heavy maintenance United outsourced overseas and here in the US for the B-747, B-777, B-767, B-757 and the airbus fleet.

Now Mike is involved with the SIRS organization. SIRS membership is open to men regardless of age, race, national origin or religion. It was begun in 1958 and has over 20,000 members in its 150 Branches throughout Northern California from Bakersfield to the Oregon border and Lake Tahoe to the Pacific Ocean.

They have monthly luncheons with interesting speakers and good fellowship. Additionally, the members and guests have lots of fun doing a variety of other activities such as: golf, fishing, bowling, cards, walking and horseshoes. Many activities like monthly dine-outs at local eateries, travel, picnics, group RV outings and holiday parties also include the ladies and guests.

SIRS does not raise money and they don't have a political agenda. They do not have a religious orientation. They don't sell light bulbs or anything else. They don't have a problem with organizations that do these things; it's just that they don't. *"You've paid your dues to the working world- you're retired; now it's time to enjoy life"*.

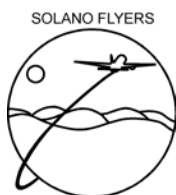
Linda Delaney won the 50/50 raffle and **Ursula Arndt** won the \$15.00 lunch certificate.

Calendar:

March 26 - Thursday at 11:30 A.M. Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. Hope to see you there!

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Submitted by Harold Mitchell

We had 24 members attend this month's meeting at the Denny's Restaurant in Vacaville, CA. In attendance were **Bob & Michiko Allen, Harold & Barbara Mitchell, Bob Zweighardt, Louis Pell, Rudolph Ar-saga, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, John Francis, Pad & Eileen Gardner, James Ellison, Ben Reed, Robert & Ellie Ewald, Robert Zirzow, Stewart McCale, Ed Meadows, Allan Pochop, Aujla Sukhdarshan aka (A.J.), Coustantino Poolos, Eugene Boyce, and Charles Johnson.**

The meeting was kicked off by President **Allan Pochop**. **Charles Johnson, Eugene Boyce, Pad Gardner and Ellie Ewald** celebrated their birthdays this month. We won't say how old they are but I heard one of them say he pulled chocks for the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk.

Allen discussed checking our credit. He mentioned that we could go to the website www.annualcreditreport.com and check them on Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. We're allowed one free credit report a year from each. With that in mind, we could ask for a report from a different one every four months. That would allow us to keep a pretty good eye on our credit reports for identity theft throughout the year.

Allen also mentioned that there are two Alliant Credit Unions listed on the web: www.alliantcr.com is located in Dubuque, IA and is not the UAL credit union, www.alliantcreditunion.org is the UAL credit union.

We had voted to raise our dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a person which starts immediately. Anyone joining after June will be charged \$5.00 for the remainder of the year.

Our 50/50 drawing winner for this month was **Stewart McCale**. **Al Pochop** donated a book which was won by **Pad Gardner**.

Calendar:

February 11 - Meeting at Benica Grill, Fairfield, 11am.



COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The Mile Highers met for breakfast Saturday, February 7th. Since we had a record breaking warm temperature in Denver, we had a great turnout. We had forty two people in attendance. We had **Doris Hall**, DENRR return to the breakfast after a long absence due to a broken arm with major rehabilitation. Welcome back Doris!

We had our longtime treasurer, **Harriet Ahr**, DENNOZ, retire from her chapter duties. She had served as our chapter treasurer for over thirty years. Thank You! We also sang "Happy Birthday" to her as she will be celebrating her birthday this February.



Virgil Gooselaw, Tom Goodyear, Harriet Ahr, Bob Ahr are pictured with the plaque that was presented to Harriet. Chapter President **Tom Goodyear** brought us up to date on all the news of some of our retirees. **Pat Dulin** had triple by-pass surgery on February 2nd, his wife; **Anne** can be reached at (303) 807-6141. **Marylou Dillner**, DENTK, passed away 1/15/2015. **Marvin Hembree**, DENMM, passed away 2/2/15. **Hank Heinz**, DENFO, passed away 2/2/15 and **Jack Wilhite**, DENFO, passed away 1/26/15. **Norm Meyers**, CO Captain passed away recently. He had given much of his mountain property, near Denver, to the Jefferson County "Open Space" which has a park named after him.

Terry Snyder, DENDE, shared his travel story of Guam, one of our newer destinations. With the DENNRT non-stop, it is a short flight to that beautiful island. **Eva Burnham** reaffirmed the beauty of Guam. **Jim Spate**, DENMM, shared the details of his reunion with some previous CLEMM snowbirds (1962-1986). They

met at a home in Venice, FL and they loved reliving the "good old days".

Lloyd Johnson, DENMM, told us of the National Harmonica Convention in Denver. The convention will be August 11-15, 2015 at the Crown Plaza, Chambers Rd. & I-70. The Mechanics breakfast, at Gala Gardens, was well attended on January 17. There were approximately 35 attendees. Again, it was a beautiful Colorado day and many just wanted to "hang out" before going in to breakfast. They meet the 3rd Saturday of every other month.

We will be having our Spring Luncheon at Cinzetti's Italian Market at 281 West 104th Ave., Northglenn, CO on April 15th at 11:30. If you are planning on attending, please send your reservation and monies to **Tom Good-year** at 9341 E. Jewell Circle, Denver, CO 80231. The cost is \$16.00 per person. That includes all you can eat buffet and a non-alcoholic drink, & gratuity. There will be cocktails for purchase, if desired. Guests are also welcome. The money should be in by April 10th.

Our 50/50 drawings were won by **Cas Spokas**, DENMM, **Ray Shoults**, DENMM, and **Clayton Smith**, DENMM who won twice. They donated their winnings back to the chapter. Thank you!

Calendar:

March 7 - Breakfast at DENTK 9:00 am

March 21 - DENMM breakfast at Gala Gardens 9:00 am

April 4 - Breakfast at DENTK 9:00 am

April 15 - Spring Luncheon at Cinzetti's

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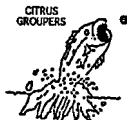
CITRUS GROUPERS

The Villages, FL

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Submitted by Kathy Faust and Ralph Brick

The January meeting of the Citrus Groupers was held on January 29th at the Nancy Lopez Golf Course Legacy Restaurant located in The Villages complex. After a great lunch and visiting, President **Ralph Brick** opened the meeting with all joining in with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States.

President Ralph introduced officers for the year 2015: VP **Claus Brinnitzer**, Treasurer **Joan Brandon-isio**, and Secretary **Kathy Faust**.

Info was passed along about member **Henry Gefrois**, he was injured in a fall at home, broke his left femur, and will be using a wheelchair for quite some time. Should any retiree want to send a card, please email President Ralph at brickralph@cox.net for address and/or the Gefrois email address.

Handouts were available covering various subjects, i.e. the **Kirk Moore** RUAEA Pass Travel Updates, Alliant Credit Union update, and the important phone numbers listing for us retirees that also includes e/mail addresses. A handy thing to have around when needed.

Nothing for sure on this subject but we may be looking into another river cruise this coming November.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Terri Davis**, her first ever!

We received a wonderful Thank You note for our donation of \$150.00 to the Flight 93 Memorial.

The meeting closed with plans for our next meeting on Thurs., February 26. If anyone has questions about our group, please contact President **Ralph Brick** at brickralph@cox.net.



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We had a good turnout on an overcast February day. **Bobbie Rieck** composed a beautiful prayer remembering one of our early Sand"Dabs" members. Sadly, **Jane Kress** passed away last week following a brief illness. A service will be held on February 21, at 1:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 724 Big Tree Road, S. Daytona, FL 32119. Phone is (386) 767-6542. A reception will be held immediately after the service and everyone is welcome. We wish her friends and family our deepest condolences and will remember Jane with a donation to her church.

We were happy to have our snowbirds, **Bill & Gail Rankin** back wintering with us in sunny Florida. It's always great to see them return.

It was a double anniversary month for the **Hortons!** **Larry** celebrated his 58th year since he started with United and **Larry & Janet** celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. We commented that she waited until he passed probation before she said "yes."

President **Dick Coughlin** had a few great chuckles for us, and related some UAL items of interest including customer service problems, potential outsourcing of jobs averted, UAL applying to fly to Cuba, and a hazmat fine. He also added that we have 10 new 777's on order with 3-4-3 seating in coach, and that we are negotiating to fly DEN-Montego Bay as Frontier has cancelled their flight. Lots happening back at the ranch!

Treasurer **Penny Logan** gave us her report and we voted to send donations to Cuda's UnHooked of New Smyrna Beach, The Jesus Clinic of Daytona Beach, and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The Mission of

Cuda's UnHooked is to provide necessary support to students dedicated to becoming educated, independent, contributing members of society. The Jesus Clinic provides free health care to those with jobs, but without medical insurance.

Janet Horton won this month's 50/50 and for Valentine's Day, we had 4 additional drawings. The winners of those were **Marian Wickersham, Bud Gammill, Penny Logan, and Lillian Moddle**. They each received potential winning lottery tickets! Good luck to everyone!

Calendar:

March 5 – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

April 2 – Same as above

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Ok, I think we might have paid for my cocky remarks about the weather last month! Today most of us weather-wimps were wearing sweaters, long pants, and shoes & socks! Darn! Our group of 51 folks kept up a constant chatter as we caught the latest news from friends. Quite a few members we hadn't seen in awhile joined us – probably to pay their 2015 dues! Ho! A big welcome to: **Sid Edelman, John Nelson, Bob & Sandy Duszynski, Chris & Donna Hess, Jim Feeney, John Wiseman and Ken Weisz**.

President **Rich** began the meeting, as always, with the Pledge. **Charlotte** gave her Treasurers Report and **Elaine** reminded everyone that today we are collecting items for the Children's Home. **Al Fields** graciously offered his SUV to deliver the donations after the meeting. Then, surprise of surprises! Pres **Rich** announced that the officers would like to acknowledge two ladies without which this chapter would not operate as smoothly as it does. He called **Charlotte LeGrand** to the presentation area, manned by **Ernie Vosges and Ken Michels**! Imagine my surprise when he called my name also! The plaques read *"In Recognition of your outstanding service as" Treasurer for Charlotte, and Secretary for Elaine Tillman-Mannella "of Orlando Real McCoy's. February 3, 2015"*. Wow, you could have knocked us both over with a feather!

Char admitted that she was elected in 2002 and I was voted in 2006.

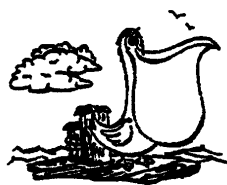
February Birthday Guys Only: **Al Mollet** (18th) and **Bob Duszynski** (24th).

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm

March 3 - 1:00pm at the Golden Corral

April 7 -Picnic planned for Cypress Grove Park



**SW FLORIDA
PELICAN DROP-INS**

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The meeting was held on February 6. Attending were **Wallis Alves, Rosemary Blake, Maxine Brown, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed & Judy Clarke, Gary & Janice Crittenden, John Dainus, Jerry & Peggy Kliner, Nancy Kopp, Tony & Darlene Novak, Paul & Ingrid Olson, Jerry & Sandy Pryde, Pat Reid, and Sally Sciple, Kathryn Taylor** was a guest of **John Dainus**. We welcomed new members: **Scott & Maria Langston**. Maria was a flight attendant based out of MIASW. A big welcome back to **Sally Sciple** who has been away on sick leave. It was great to see her!

The 50/50 was won by **Paul Olson** (again.) We'll have to get him to buy us Lotto tickets. He's got the Midas touch.

Our speaker was Jennifer Basey from Edward Jones Investments. She gave a really interesting talk on saving and investing for income to last as long as we do. Jennifer is very enthusiastic about her job, and she encouraged us to plan for our future needs, if we haven't already.

Luncheons are held at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits, 627 Cape Coral Pkwy W., Cape Coral, FL 33914.

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting 1st Friday of the month October through April. Picnic in May.

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February was kind of a dull month for us - no birthdays, no anniversaries.

Our April picnic is coming up so we have to find out who is going to be there. For those members who want to attend the picnic but didn't sign up at the meeting, please call **Don Fusina** at (727) 375-9194. He will be making arrangements with Pit Boss. The picnic will be at Anderson Park at the usual time.

Terri Breslin was able to make reservations at Heritage Springs for our December luncheon. The date will be December 10. We're giving you advance notice so you can mark it on your calendars.

Beverly Alderdice and **Jon Wilkinson** kept us up to date with what's happening at United.

If anyone knows someone who would like to speak at our meetings, please let us know.

Calendar:

March 2 - Meeting, 10:30am at the IHOP.



TREASURE COAST

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With 20 members in attendance plus 3 new members, 2 of them hail from Vero Beach; we got off to a very rousing start. Before meal orders were taken, our President **Al Popek** brought down his very large meat tenderizer to get everyone's attention.

Some of Al's topics were that Flying Together has many new items and when you get a chance, look at the website and make sure you login at least once every 90 days or your password will be reset. Did you know that the hackers got into the Alliant Credit Union site? Nothing seems to be sacred anymore, is this truly progress?

Sharon Kirk won the 50/50 and **Chris Taylor** won the Progressive but since she was not in attendance, the money goes back for next month's drawing.

We will discuss the picnic at our next meeting. The tally of the recent question in regard to our meeting location will be given there.

Have you noticed on our tables the candy and decorations for each holiday? Well, they are supplied by none other than our President **Al Popek** and his wife **Janice**. **Barbara Dodenhoff** helps the Popeks with the decorations. Thank you all!

Al & Janice Popek told us their harrowing story about the new cruise sailing out of the port of Palm Beach. It seems the PA system was not working and the Coast Guard cancelled the cruise after waiting for 8 hours in a holding area. Fortunately, foods and soft drinks were provided. They were given tickets for a future cruise; this is a two-day cruise to the Bahamas.

Our newest member is **Gerald (Jerry) & Josephine (Jo) LaRocca** who hailed from Long Island and recently moved to Vero Beach. Jerry worked in crew scheduling for flight attendant in SFO-LAX-NYC. Jo did not work for United. Another new member is **Aura Xifaras**, c/o **Constantinos Xifaras** in Port St. Lucie.

Birthdays ~ **Bob Langevin** (3/16), **James Morehead** (3/27), **Jo LaRocca** (3/20). Happy Birthday to all! There was no anniversary.

Remember to laugh, live and love. The clock is ticking! Do today all the things you want to do, don't wait until tomorrow. Yesterday is gone, tomorrow is unknown, today is a present.

Calendar:

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

April 1 - Luncheon meeting, same time and place.

May 6 - Luncheon meeting, same time and place.

GEORGIA

DIXIE FLYERS

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DIXIE FLYERS

Meeting of the Dixie Flyers this month was attended by 20 members and guest. Notably absent this meeting was **Bill Elk** who conducts our meetings. **Fred Cron** and **Gary Tuttle** led us down memory lane about funny things that happened during our working years. There were plenty of laughs when some Flyers told of other co-workers blunders.

It was just a fun filled hour and 45 minutes of good food and fellowship. We agreed to have no dues for 2015, as our treasury is in good shape.

Barney Knotts won \$20.00 on the 50/50 conducted by **Fred Cron** and **Tom Wheeler**.

Sybil Voss agreed to be our Sunshine Lady, to send birthday cards to the Flyers and spouses. Birthdays this month are **Richard Thompson**, **Ward Wagner**, **Elaine Harris**, **Sybil Voss**, **Young Paille**, and my lovely wife **Marge Heider**.

Retirement in February ~ **Andy Ryabik** (2003). The annual TPA & ATL reunion will be the 3rd Saturday in April, the 18th at Shelly's Ponderosa 115 Corley Lane, Locust Grove, GA; (678) 432-0010, starting at 2PM.

Next luncheon on March 4th at Broadway Diner, 535 Glynn St., Fayetteville, GA 30214, (770) 716-2628. They serve great food from a variety on their menu, something for everyone and reasonably priced.



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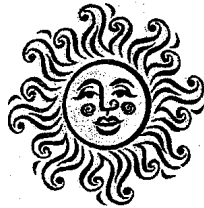


Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to HNLRUA@gmail.com and we will email you the details.

We look forward to seeing you in United's Little Corner of the World!

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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to annmedve@aol.com and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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Last month was our first time to meet and eat at The Black Bear Café. Because of the change to Wednesday, we are all glad to welcome back **Bob & Palmer Sarnoff**, who wrote: *"We're so happy that the Boise Gems' meeting day changed to Wednesday so we can attend the lunches again!"* Others who joined us were **Denny Snyder, Shirley & Rick Dempsey, Marlene Croghan, Roni Adams, Eve Estensen, Charles Perkins, Carole Bell** (who has the longest drive), and **David & Carol Adams**.

It is with sadness that we report the loss of **Bill**

Estensen on January 2nd. He will be greatly missed. In the very last newsletter, I mentioned that a son-in-law of the **Perkins** was curator at Idaho Military Museum. Yesterday we received news that he suffered a sudden heart attack Feb. 9th, after returning to Gowan Field following the inauguration of our Governor Otter. Our prayers go out to his family.

Roni Adams (a good last name!) shared with me her recent travels to Colorado (Denver, Pueblo & Castle Rock) and New Mexico (Santa Fe, Chimayo, and Taos). A highlight was the birthday (50th) of Roni's nephew, a veteran.

Shirley Dempsey needs little prompting when it comes to sharing the most recent photos of their little grandson in California. (I don't carry our granddaughters' pictures as often anymore. They're 21, 17 and 14. They moved from here in 2000 to western Oregon, and thankfully, back 12 years later.) You may need to ask him, but **Denny** will readily share his adventures in his small plane. **Marlene** continues to enjoy where she is living. I can imagine many new friends for her already.

David has just completed therapy, following his November knee replacement. That knee is without pain now, but the left one is really hurting. We walk often in our mall. He would so like to be able to drive on bus trips again. He has over 600,000 miles of experience since his UAL retirement in 1997, and he's still getting requests.

I've shared once before about the McCall Winter Carnival. McCall is a small mountain resort town about 120 miles north of Boise. Summers bring water sports; winter, snow sports, of course. One recent article in our local newspaper was headlined Winter Carnival Evolves with Spirit Intact. Then, the roots of McCall's party, which is celebrating 50 years come from a 1920s sports fest. Today, it attracts an estimated 65,000 people over 10 days. We've made many a trip to McCall during the 35 years our trailer was there. However, that was during the warm months. I do remember one Thanksgiving at the trailer when our Shauna and Rodney were small. Shauna's husband is program director and DJ at one of our local radio stations. He was asked to be at the Winter Carnival this year. McCall is one of the places that receive KTSY's programming. Near the end of the parade we saw Dave & Shauna in the KTSY van. I would not be able to describe here in words how fantastic the snow/ice sculptures are that draw such crowds of people each year.

Calendar:

March 11 - 11:30 - Black Bear Café, 1731 S. Entertainment Ave.



ILLINOIS

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March - Are you thawed out? Or are you thought out? The weather in Chicago has been horrendous. You can use every excuse in the book to stay home and not go out, or clean off the car/sidewalk. There are plenty of young'uns looking to make a few bucks. I thought I would clean off my car, but went back into my home when an army of snowmen behind me scared me off. We had over 20 inches of snow. Hopefully, the worst is over. However, I remember a storm on Easter Sunday one year, in mid-April. What a mess. Even the Easter Bunny stayed home.

Onto the "thought" section, are you thinking about traveling this year? Have you thought about a driving trip? We're lucky to be in the middle of the country, to see the six states around us. We can't forget Michigan, just a short ride through Indiana. Our Loonies' Group is meeting in the Manistique area May 19th - 22nd. Check the Northwood Loonies report for more information. I guarantee a good time! Speaking of traveling, our RUAEA Convention will be in PIT from September 23-26. Another guaranteed good time. Also, a short drive if you're afraid of pass riding and the airport hassle.

Our Northside Breakfast had about 25 retirees. It was an EXOKF kind of day. A newbie was **Vic Rose**, from KF. Someone we haven't seen in a while was **Usman Ravi**. Another lost soul that reappeared was **Rich Surma**. Since he brought delicious cookies, we welcomed him with opened arms, and forgave him for being gone so long. **Toni Van Kampen**, went to Lincoln Park on New Year's Day and participated in the 5K race/walk. She and a friend started the year off to a healthy start. Go Toni! At the ORDMM breakfast, **Bob Zeier** and **Jim Kraft** came back after being AWOL for a few months. There were not many people at any of the breakfasts, since many are in their Southern Snow Birds mansions. The cold weather and snow didn't help either.

Most of the conversation was about medical insurance, difficulty traveling, losing friends and relatives, falling down, holidays, the weather, and small house fires. Whew, that's enough for any get-together. The autumn of our years are slowly fading into winter. Let's make snowballs and snow angels. But, who will get us up off the ground? Maybe one of those snowmen I mentioned.

Our Southside Breakfast had an even dozen. **Marge Caliendo**, EXORA, brought candy for Valentine's Day, in memory of **Rudi Maki**, who always remembered us on holidays. **Barb Wesemann**, EXOAN, told of her 22-hour trip from COS to ORD. Don't you just hate when that happens? **Tom Hurley**'s good friend in GRR passed away. We all mourned the death of **Bill Adams**, ORDCG. Bill worked out of Air Freight for years. He was a good man and one of the mainstays of the Southside breakfast. His wife, **Sue**, works in CHIRR. Her address is 7768 W. Cressett Drv, Elmwood Park, IL 60707. Our raffle was won by **Gwen Brookins**, **Tom Hurley** and **Bob Pearson**.

Our list of United departed include **Vance Bridges**, ORDDD, who passed in December. **Linda Bower**, from CHIRR, died in September, **James Gerrity**, EXOHR, and **Antoinette Garofalo**, ORDSW, passed in January. **Lee Buhr**, from SFOLM, but spent many years in ORDMM, as a TATA ushering in the jet age at ORD. He was a highly respected Maintenance person. **Tom Treptow**, husband of employee **Penny**, CHIRR, died of cancer last month. One of the more colorful people ever, **Neal Hopkins**, OPBOP, passed away in December. He was also, "Mr. Tax Man", doing many employees' taxes over the years. You can blame him for my crazy sense of humor. He was a good friend to me and I'll miss him forever. From Hollywood, Lizabeth Scott, a film noir actress from the 50's. Also, Rod McKuen, poet and songwriter from the 60's. Another national hero has passed, "Mr. Cub". What a legacy he left to Chicago and the world. A true gentle man and gentleman who was loved and respected everywhere. We *Ernestly* will miss you, *Bank* on it! Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal. Goodnight, Mrs. Kalabash, wherever you are.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**March 11**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**February 24**). Last Tuesday of the month.

March 25 - Spring Luncheon, The Cotillion, Rt. 14 and Creekside Drv., Palatine, 1200 P.M.

September 23-26 - 2015 RUAEA Convention in PIT

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The January meeting found our attendance very low. Many of our members have struggled with sickness the past few weeks. January weather was just as cold as it usually is. Perhaps even a little colder. Most days revealed subzero temperatures and many of our members stayed housebound for the duration. Of course there are the few who braved even the coldest temperatures to attend to their regular schedules of errands, doctor visits, groceries and/or a new movie. We did have one really great surprise: Our esteemed President, **Mario Bre-gante**, was in attendance and moderated the meeting. His wife and our esteemed Vice President, **Margie Bre-gante**, was also there and kept a close eye on Mario to see that he ate well, and didn't exaggerate any of his "war stories" regarding his recent open heart surgery. Mario & Margie were both in good spirits. Actually, Mario & Margie both say they are doing well.

We discussed our Holiday Party. Because of weather restraints, our 2014 Holiday Party was held in November. Several ideas were brought to the floor but it was unanimously decided that December felt more like Christmas and we should have our Holiday Party in December this year.

Birthdays ~ **John Conway** (2/4); **Jeanne Matlak** (2/12); **Joan Romano** (2/17); **Ed Duffey** (2/18).

Anniversaries ~ **Ed & Concisa Loftus** (2/28).

Trips ~ **Dimple Rihel** will visit her son in Florida in February. When I spoke with her she was especially excited about seeing her three year old granddaughter. Dimple said she is the youngest and there are no other little ones in the family anymore. I guess we all really miss the little ones when all the grandchildren seem suddenly to be all grown up, that is they are too big to hold on your lap or take shopping at the toy store. Dimple will have an amazing visit we are sure!

Illnesses ~ **Hannelore Brabo** fell on her way out of church on Christmas Eve. While nothing was broken, she was banged up real good. She has had bruises and sore places she probably wasn't even sure she had before. We spoke to her this week and she says she is finally getting better. Ray, on the other hand, more recently had a very painful flare-up with his Neuropathy. He is doing much better now though. **Shary Johnston** was taken to the hospital for serious difficulty breathing. They decided to keep her to monitor her until they could get all of her health history and speak to her doctor. She

now has a virus that she thinks she may have picked up at the hospital. Earlier in the New Year, Chris had a bad bout with the flu, he's doing well now.

Calendar:

The Indy Racers have changed their meeting times due to the new hours of business at our meeting place. The meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at Emmy's Pancake House in Avon, Indiana. Those wishing to meet for lunch and fellowship will meet at 12:30 PM with our Business Meeting being called to order at 1:30 P.M. or when all those meeting for lunch have finished eating (whichever comes first). We will strive to adjourn the meeting by 2:30 PM.

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No February meeting, no meeting news. Our own **Bob DePippo** slipped and fell on ice in mid Jan. He ruptured tendons and was operated on the following day. He is home now, using a walker and being careful about bending. Bob says *"I'm alive and well, but won't be kicking for some time"*. I guess I spoke too soon last month when I stated New England has had a pretty mild winter season so far. So far is over! We now have enough white stuff to transform a desert, with more expected. Plus lower than normal temps. My snow blower can only reach so high. However it is New England, I've seen it all before and I'm sure I'll see it again. Like it or not, I can live with it. But, right now I regret not putting in that Hawaiian transfer years ago!

We seem to have lost contact with two of our Nor'Easter members, **Edward Burke** and **Bart Casey**. Phones and addresses are not current. Even the IAM lost contact with Ed. Any information would be appreciated.

A reminder: Several members have not sent in renewal and dues for 2015. If you are one of our forgetful, (easy to be), please send your renewal ASAP.

March's birthdays ~ **Robert Austin**, **Lee Lyon**, **Mary Beth McDermet**, **Bill Shailor** and **Jimmy Yip**.

March's anniversaries ~ **Frederic & Rita Casey** (60 years), **Susie & Alex Dolgin** (19), **Marcia & David Kilpatrick** (21), **Gerald & Margaret Peters** (58) and **Lou & Sylvia Shakley** (52).

Calendar:

March - Jeveli's East Boston, MA. Date TBA.

MICHIGAN

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Once again I got a friendly call from Francis reminding me it was that time to be sending a report. As I am checking back, I don't believe I sent one for the last 2 months, I can't remember. I fell just before Christmas down the stairs and I'm just starting to get back to normal. So I just start back to January news.

Marion Orse left our world 12/10/14, she was cremated. Sorry I have no contacts for next of kin.

Janey McCauley had retina surgery January 8th, prayers and good wishes to 41293 Lore Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48038-2088.

Gunther Volkenborn's wife; **Frieda** had major surgery and is doing well, but has a long road to complete recovery. Love and prayers to 3207 W. Fletcher Road, Roscommon, MI 48653-9005.

We had 12 Escapees and 1 guest at our February 5th meeting, hosted by **Kathy Dewey** at Rose's restaurant in Canton.

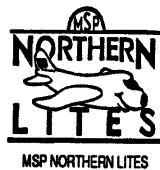
Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call

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Our new lunch place, the Old Country Buffet in Woodbury, saw 31 Lites plus December retiree, **Linda Phillips** on a warm (for January!) overcast day. Seeing all those smiling faces, though, takes away the gloom of the cloudiness. For some reason, **Linda** and her husband will be moving back to Florida, from whence they came about 15 years ago. She claims the weather has something to do with their decision.

Our prez, **Lee Storlie**, was curious how far our members drive for the privilege of hearing his bad jokes every month. Several of the hard core who show up every time come from Wisconsin and a few from northern Minnesota. So he had everyone write down their one-way approximate mileage driven. It ranged from 5

miles to 140 miles one way! That day's total miles driven was 626 for those assembled, not including those who carpooled.

We are saddened by the death of **Maureen Donahue Bain**, recently retired from MSP, of pancreatic cancer. Condolences to family at 11930 60th Place N., Plymouth, MN 55442. Memorials to Animal Humane Society, 845 Meadow Lane, No., Golden Valley, MN 55422.

We also learned of the death on January 9, 2015 of **Bill Hoffmeyer**, husband of MSP customer service agent, **Era Hoffmeyer**. After her death, we had lost track of Bill because of his failing health and no close family. I still have no contacts except the Spirit Lake, IA funeral home.

Jim Simon, recently removed to the Sacramento area, sent New Year's greetings to the group. Of course, it was in the form of a poem. Thanks, Jim, for thinking of us & for your kind words.

Breaking news: the chapter's officers have agreed once again not to ask for a raise in salary.

Travelling Lites ~ **Al & Mary Kilian** finally made it down to AZ for the balance of the winter. **Andy & Norma Holen** are spending a couple of months in TX. They were invited back to WI to attend the Packers/Cowboys playoff game, **Norma** went, **Andy** said "Are you crazy?" **Janice Meyer** and **Roger Jorgenson** will spend a month in Thailand then spend the rest of the winter in AZ. **Rosemary Soltis** is cruising the Panama Canal with her sister, then spending a month at Kona. **Jim & Mary Brennan** will spend February & March at their condo in Kona, having wine on their lanai with **Rosemary** after she arrives.

Just a reminder ~ we're getting a special lunch price at the Buffet; to be sure to get the discount, tell the cashier that you're with the United group in the party room. You should not be charged more than \$9.50.

Sonja Gunderson found the chair she had last month already occupied when she & **Lyle** arrived and true to form, her name was NOT among the winners of the 50/50 raffle.

Lunch the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 11:15am at The Old Country Buffet, 7433 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN.

NEBRASKA

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There were 30 who braved the cold weather to enjoy lunch at Golden Corral. We were pleased **Glen Saffer** brought his son, Ron, to join us. We were happy to see

Denny & Mary Pierson who re-joined our retiree group after being “missing” for a time. The winners of the 25/25/50 were **Sharon Farrell** and **Eileen Holly** for \$14.00 each. Our officers for the period January 1, 2015 to January 1, 2017 are: **Ev Payton**, President; **Tony Sortino**, Vice President; **Eileen Holly**; Secretary, **Marge Edwards**.

I received a Christmas greeting from **Syd Greenstreet**. He said he would be 98 January 4 – we hope you enjoyed your birthday. He said his constant companion is Arthritis. We are extremely happy to have you in our chapter and want you to know you have the “honor” of being our oldest member – way to go, **Syd**.

I also received a card from **Sue Manhart**. She said she is very happy in her new home and has lots of Nebraska people around. She and the lady next door watch the Nebraska football games together.

I visited with **Beverly Hughes** and she said she had surgery in July for the removal of part of her colon which was a long recuperation. She and her daughter were planning on coming to the Christmas luncheon – instead she had surgery on that day to repair her previous surgery.

February birthdays ~ **Casey Casebeer** (3); **Carolyn Kraft** (14); **Larry Farrell** (19); **Cary Manson** (22); **John Mason** (24); **Myrtis Olds** (27).

We have been notified that UAL/Omaha has a new Manager, **Rodney Russell**. At one time he was Manager for Continental here until the merger took place. We wish him the best and want him to know he has an open invitation to attend any of our luncheons.

Clair Soseman had 2 stents put in on January 5. He came home the next day and **Barb** said he is doing okay. We hope to see them at our luncheon in February.

RUAEA President **Hank Gosselin** states in the January Newsletter that “*membership must be our top priority for 2015*”. Like anything else, with the loss of members and not gaining new ones – things can change. If you would like to become a member, please contact me and I will see that you get the information.

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Our Chapter did not meet in January. Everyone is recovering from the Holidays, and Super Bowl Sunday, and looking forward to a New Year.

Christine Earl and her husband, **Woody**, just re-

turned from a Mexican Riviera cruise where they enjoyed awesome whale-watching, among other activities. **Zenta & Bob Berghofer** are cruising to Hawaii, but will be back in time for our Feb. luncheon, they spend a lot of time on cruises. I read somewhere that it would be cheaper to sell your home and spend all your time on cruise ships; which would include your meals and room and board, no property taxes to pay, sounds good to me!

Our condolences to **Mary LeChevallier** who lost her sister some time ago. She lived in Puerto Rico. Mary's husband, **Michel**, is dealing with a melanoma sore on his head. He looked like a catcher with his ball cap on backwards. **Leila Albert** is doing better with her Chemo treatments, and, hopefully, she will put a few pounds on that already tiny body.

I read in my local paper that **Maurie Nelson** (LASOO) has passed away. He had 42 years with UAL, and was our load planner in LAS.

Carrie Takeuchi had a nice party to celebrate her 80th birthday. Many of her friends and family attended. She and her hubby, **Koji**, (LAXMM) are still involved in running marathons. Carrie and **Eleanor Vasko** always bring candy for the tables at our luncheons; what a nice gesture. Speaking of marathons, our new member, **Jim Heinz** (LASCS) has been running marathons for as long as I can remember. He has run in every US state, except for 1 or 2; which I'm sure he'll accomplish soon.

We appreciate **Christine Earl** handling most of the responsibilities of Secretary for our Chapter. She is our Treasurer, and is hoping someone will help her with the secretary duties that I have been unable to handle. I try to send in the newsletter to RUAEA monthly, but Christine takes minutes and sends out info to our members. Hopefully, we will get some new members this year that will help out with the Chapter Board.



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There were 21 members at our January meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

Reservations for the Plaza Pavilion at Bartley Ranch County Park have been made for our August summer picnic. The reservation date is Thursday, August 20, at the Plaza Pavilion. If you have not been out there, you may want to stop by and check it out.

As we get closer to the date, we can check to see if our members are interested in having a docent available for a tour of the various buildings and exhibitions at Bartley Ranch. As a side note, Hot August Nights will

be August 4 – 9 so there should be no impact for our picnic.

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 **Mary Withers**. **John Zoboli** won a hand decorated plaque made by **Ruthy Schenk**.

Bill Perkins, our resident baker extraordinaire, surprised the group with German chocolate cupcakes and apple strudel.

Our next meeting will be February 9 at The Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St at 11:30 a.m.

NEW YORK

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Our February 3rd meeting was canceled due to snow, ice, and freezing weather.

Our next scheduled luncheon is Tuesday, April 7th, that is if the Lord's willing and the "crick" don't rise.

Calendar:

April 7 - 12noon - San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** at (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** at (212) 799-8061.

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For the third year in a row, our January into February weather has consisted of snow, freezing rain and more snow, leaving us with very treacherous traveling conditions, which accounts for our sparse number of Metros, only 23, at our February luncheon. Although it differs all over the Metro area, we got 16" in Setauket and it has condensed down to a glacial-like foot or so, still covering all the ground. Fortunately, our main roads have been pretty clear.

As I sit here typing away and looking at my patio door, it is snowing like crazy, but when the beautiful red cardinals come to the feeder, their red against the snow is like a beautiful gift from God. It is the black ice that melts during the day and freezes again during the night that makes walkways and driveways dangerous. I go out like Gretel, sprinkling sand before me, when I get my newspaper off the driveway. Where is Hansel when you need him?

I am a dyed-in-the-wool Long Islander (quite literally in layers of it) so allow me to quote from my favorite poem, learned decades ago in grammar school:

"The First Snowfall" by James Russell Lowell.

The snow had begun in the gloaming, and busily all the night.

Had been heaping field and highway, with a silence, deep and white.

Every pine and fir and hemlock, wore ermine, too dear for an Earl.

And the poorest twig of the elm tree was ridged inch-deep with pearl.

From the sheds, new-roofed with carrara, came chanticleer's muffled crow.

The stiff rails softened to swansdown, and still fluttered down the snow. "Is that not beautiful?"

Rest in peace for our two recently departed: **Frank Kittle** and **Vic Auletta**. There was a nice colored picture of Vic in the Newsday Obituary, he was 97 and he and his late wife, Martha, had been married 71 years!

Not too much news: **Nick Manfredo's** wife spent a week in the "W" hotel in South Miami Beach (very luxurious) and dinner at the Fontainebleau, where they spent the night. **Jim & Kathy Richardson** spent a month in Clearwater, FL. **Donna & Ron Feingold** also spent 10 weeks there for a conference, then Orlando after that. Kids at heart!

50/50 winners: (1) **Donna Feingold**, (2) John Green, (3) Werner Buck and (4) Jim Richardson. Happy Valentine's Day, we hope to see more members on March 4th. Stay warm or cool, as the case may be. I'll leave you with a quote in Newsday – "*Pete Carroll finally won a game for the New England Patriots*". What a game!

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Mark your calendars for May 19-22. Those are the dates for our 2015 spring meeting. If you have always wanted to take a trip around Lake Michigan but never got around to it, now is your big chance. If you begin and end around the Chicago area, when you reach the half way point, you will be at the meeting place in Manistique, Michigan. We are 89 miles west of the fabulous Mackinac Bridge and 60 miles east of Escanaba, Michigan.

On Tuesday the 19th, you will arrive and check in to the motel, meet and visit with our peers, (retirees from

United, Continental and Capital Airlines,) and go to dinner. Wednesday, we will visit a couple of points of interest; do more visiting and more eating. Thursday, new points of interest, visiting and eating. Our very brief business meeting will take place sometime Wednesday or Thursday. Friday is checkout day and adios till the fall and the next meeting. For those who are not familiar with us, there are no dues. We just share the cost of refreshments with the hosts. We all pay our own meals and accommodations, and if there is any charge at our points of interest.

There will be more information coming in the next couple of months with the details. If you don't hear from me by phone, email or U.S. Postal Service, call me by the end of April. If you are new to the Loonies, contact me with your information so I can send you what you will need. Keep in mind that depending on where you are coming from, there are interesting things to be seen and done on your way in or out of Manistique. We're looking forward to seeing you in May.

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It definitely is winter. But we are between snow storms so here we are back at the 100 Bomb Group Restaurant, across the street from Cleveland Hopkins Airport, and what a view. We had 65 members in attendance to enjoy the wonderful buffet luncheon. Our faithful volunteers, **Dave & Marie Placko**, who conduct our 50/50, sat loyally at the table selling tickets. After an hour of socializing, our president **Dolly Taucher** reminded everyone to sign the cards that will be sent out. Then she led us in saying "Grace". The wonderful food was only matched by the service. After lunch we had our 50/50 drawing which was conducted by **Dave Placko**. The lucky winners were **Tom Hockett** and **Kay Preston**. Treasurer **Steve Pytel** followed with an announcement that everyone in attendance had paid their 2015 dues. Checkout our website for all current news, and "Past Meetings" to see how much fun we have and what you missed by not attending.

Continuing the meeting, Dolly announced the passing of non member **Shirley Dennis** (CLE Cabin Service). Also passed away was **Joe Hartman** who was a founding member of our Ohio Buckeyes Chapter. We were updated on members with illnesses ~ **Judy McKnight** is home after back surgery and doing better.

Paul Rodjom is still in the hospital but getting better. His daughter Susan sent a message that Paul is doing so much better and the problems are pretty much resolved. She also said *"Thanks to everyone for your prayers and positive thoughts. I have no doubt that they helped."*

Sharon Garrah, however, needs our prayers, and so does **Bernie Garrah**, her care giver. **John Taucher's** cancer is back, and the plan of attack is first chemo and then surgery. Many of our members have said *"You don't realize how uplifting the cards can be until it's you that needs them and receives them."* We, Ohio Buckeyes, are keeping everyone in our thoughts and prayers.

Dolly then gave the results of the October, November, and December collection for the Flight 93 National Memorial. Our members had donated \$362. The Chapter matched that and then added \$76 to roundup the donation to \$800. She had received a thank you letter from Henry Scully, the director of the memorial. He also explained all of the things that still need to be done.

We had one Anniversary couple, **Bob & Beverly Templeton** with 57 years. We send our best wishes to those of you who are celebrating your anniversary and were unable to join us.

Last, but not least is Birthday greetings! The following members shared their day with us: **Nancy Carter, Jacki Craig, Kathy Elster, Tom Hockett, Betty Krischker, Mary Lou Kuretz, Mary Lou Mack, Marie Pivik, Kay Preston, Jim Schulte, Jeff Spooner, Dolly Taucher, Bob Templeton** and **Frank Wachs**.

Calendar:

March 4 - Luncheon at the North Olmsted Party Center

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January marked our first luncheon back at the Colwood Golf Course and was well attended with 79 members and two guests. **Nancy Hooper** was awarded a gift certificate to Skamania Lodge in appreciation for her two years of service as president.

Duane Rice, husband of **Linda Wilson-Rice**, passed away from cancer December 31, 2014. Linda worked in PDXRR/EADRR. **Kim Walker**, daughter of **Dale Walker**, now living in Prineville, passed away 12/2/2014. **Ophelia Nunley** was reported as ill but passed away on January 28, 2015. **George Witt, Roy Brown** and **Pat Rodgers** were all on the sick list.

January anniversaries ~ **Bruce & Carol DeFord** (47 years), **Gen & Lorie King** (52 years), **Jean & Si Feely** (72 years).

January birthdays ~ **Roger Tuckett, Cliff Blare, Audrey Walton, Judy Jones, Pat Ogden** and **Johni Wilson**.

Drawing winners ~ Lunch/Door prize - **Ruth Larson**, Men's Birthday - **Cliff Blare**, Women's Birthday - **Audrey Walton**, 50/50 - **Sarah Blare** (\$115.50).

It was decided that we would forego the annual July picnic. The location we planned on is no longer available. The group discussed that initially we were younger, in better health, and played lots of outside games. Now it is harder to get volunteers and few participate in games. Hence we will have a "fun" indoor meeting during our regularly scheduled luncheon, which will include "prizes".

Members will now sign up to provide table decorations each month since no one wanted to take on responsibility for every month. Seven months were covered.

Members were reminded to pay their dues if they have not already done so. Dues are \$5.00 per person/\$10.00 per couple, and can be sent to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116th, Portland, OR 97220.

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Course. Social Hour 11:00am, Lunch served at noon

March 11 - Social

April 8 - Social



OUR CLUB

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Greeting to all from soggy, windy yet ever so beautiful Grants Pass! The news of late has been dominated by the fear of another drought year and we have been getting so much rain the past couple of days, it is sure to fill up some reservoir. We are having such a mild winter that our ski resort in Ashland has only been open four days this winter, much better than last year as it never opened. We had our January Luncheon at the Beacon Bar and Grill last month hosted by **Barbara Horne** with 15 of us in attendance. What is nice about this restaurant is they change their menu every month or so which makes for a delight with new items always being listed.

Our February luncheon was hosted by **Ric & Gidget Walcha** and held at Elmer's, we go there so much because they always have a huge menu and give us our own room so we can be as loud and crazy as we want. We held it to a small roar today as there were only eight

of us. Our phone rang more times this morning than it has in a week. Poor Marge had her heat pump go out, thank goodness it is 50 out, Sonnia had very high winds and heavy rain that she did not want to drive, **Bob Lindbergh** also had high winds and the list just goes on from there. One thing we must agree on is you will never train Mother Nature.

Linda Althouse read a nice letter from **Jane Frincke** updating us on her latest news. We are happy she is continuing to be a "member at large". So to those of us who braved the weather, "well done".

Our next luncheon will be hosted by **Bob & Mariam Lindbergh** on March 6th.

So as I sit here watching the wind blow and the rain coming, remember there is always something nice about it, you can listen to the music of a good wind chime and smile.

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Be prepared to join us at the Clarion Hotel luncheon at 12:30 on March 9th.

So far we have had a good winter except for a few icy mornings, ask **Joe Bradley** about that.

We still have people to be remembered who are not in the best of health: **Frank Eggles, Al Edwards, Tom Lyons, Jim & Barbara Fanto**.

Bernie & Mona McNamee are also ill. **Dick Ems** is improving. I know I am missing some people, let me know who you are!

See you soon.

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS



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Ok, it's time to shoot that darn groundhog, 6 more weeks of winter, brrrrrr!

The Pit-Stoppers are gearing up for the RUAEA Convention this September. A committee meeting was held on February 4th and our 3 Co-Chairs: **Treatie Karwoski, Dave Beatty** and **Mary Jane Stewart** were very pleased to see the great turnout. In attendance were **Jeri**

& **Bernie Juth**, **Paul & Betty Musko**, **Else & Gerald Schiller**, **Ed & Kay Yauch**, **Diane Weber**, **Jack & Betty Tinney**, and **Bill Redfern**. Many plans for the convention were discussed and we look forward to seeing “yinz” in September. Fly the Friendly Skies To PIT!

We were so sorry to hear of the sudden and unexpected passing of former CLERR and CLEFF agent **Jean Zavesky**, wife of **Bob Zavesky**. Jean was a very dear friend and traveling companion of our VP **Phyllis Smith**. They worked together in CLERR and she will be sorely missed. May she rest in peace!

We are also sorry to hear the passing of **Audrey Evans**. Audrey was the secretary for United Airlines prior to the United and Capital Airlines merger.

The following Pit-Stoppers will celebrate March birthdays: Pres **Dave Beatty** (1), **Dick Brinza** (3), **Ray Sellers** (3), **Ed Yauch** (4), **Treatie Karwoski** (15), **Lorraine Keith** (23), **Mac Seaholm** (23), **Barb Seaholm** (31).

Our March Anniversaries: **Barb & Mac Seaholm** (11), **Bob & Kaye Frye** (2). Congratulations to all!

Our Spring luncheon will be held on March 18th at JW Halls’ Happy St Patrick’s Day and come to see the Friendly Skies in PIT.

WASHINGTON

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Forty members and guests attended the January luncheon meeting of the Emerald City Slickers at the Burien Elks Club. **Ed & Gay Liesse** brought along their son **Ken**, who enjoyed chatting with former compatriots from ramp service. Our new space is perfect for the group and we were delighted by the efforts of a new chef, **Armando**. The January meals were so good and such an improvement that we called the chef out from the kitchen for a round of applause.

Thanks to **Doris Spence**, who is responsible for our space at the Elks Club, to **Mary Luke**, who deals with the club management, to **Dolores Steger** and **Tom Holford**, who accept telephone and e-mail reservations from members for each luncheon, and to **Noreen Krawczyk**, who relays the orders to the Elks Club staff and logs in attendees.

President **Dave Jones** challenged diners at each table to complete a multiple-choice quiz based on diners’ knowledge of United’s 787. We were pleased when our table produced the largest number of correct answers, but we have to acknowledge that it probably was be-

cause of **Ken Liesse**, the most recent company employee, and **Richard Devereux**, who is retired from Boeing. **Dave** read a note from retired treasurer, **Helen Stanger**, thanking the chapter for their departing gifts in honor of her 13 years of service in that office.

Secretary **Carol Soffel** was under the weather, so **Gay Liesse** took notes, which she needed for this column, anyway. **Phyllis Bowman**, vice president, also was absent. **Bob Brumfield** and **Bud Dice** conducted drawings for door prizes and the 50/50 reward. Without **Phyllis’** list of statistics, celebrants of January birthdays and anniversaries were met with unspecified greetings from the group. Unfortunately, **Phyllis Bowman** had fallen 2 days before the meeting, fracturing her pelvis, causing much pain and discomfort. Unable to sit in one position for very long or to drive a car, **Phyllis** was out of commission for a while.

We were shocked to learn by way of a message to **Phyllis** from **Helen’s** nephew that **Helen Stanger** had died of a brain hemorrhage a week after our luncheon. No further information is available at this writing. At the age of 92, **Helen** had been preparing to leave the following weekend for her annual vacation trip to the Cayman Islands. The widow of United retiree **William (Bill) Stanger**, **Helen** hailed from Iowa and had led a productive life. She served as a nurse during World War II, taught school for many years, and was a right-hand supporter of the Seattle Sonics, displaying many souvenirs from team members in her home. The back deck on **Helen’s** Mercer Island home provided her with a great spot for entertaining guests to watch the Blue Angels perform over Lake Washington during Seattle’s Seafair each August. **Helen** doted on her 2-year-old great grand niece **Emma**. **Helen** will be sorely missed.

Chuck & Dona Westpfahl noted the passing of one of their neighbors. His widow, **Chris Rooks**, had worked at SeaTac with **Ken Liesse**.

Not a member of the Emerald City Slickers in the Seattle area? E-mail me at the address above, and I’ll put you in touch with those in charge of membership and/or those responsible for making lunch reservations. Currently, 3 entrée choices are offered and are served with bread, salad, dessert and beverage. February’s entrée choices were beef stroganoff with noodles, oven baked herb chicken with mashed potatoes, and lemon butter shrimp with rice – all served with vegetables. All this for \$20, including tax and gratuity. That’s pretty hard to beat, so why not join us. Annual dues are \$10.

The Emerald City Slickers meet for lunch on the second Tuesdays of January through May and September through November. Publication of *Contrails*, our chapter newsletter, has been suspended until a new editor has been found. If you’re interested in basic formatting with or without photos and other additions, please volunteer your computer skills.

In the meantime, we thank outgoing interim editor, **Tom Holford**, for getting out a meeting notice for February. This is our only way of contacting Emerald City Slickers and distributing luncheon information.

Calendar:

March 10 - Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

April 14 - Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

May 12 - Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

Summer hiatus

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Very exciting news for us at Clipped Wings! We have a new chapter. "SFO Peninsula". We had our first meeting on February 3, 2015, with 12 members attending.

We were able to get our officers in place and get ready for installation. This is so wonderful. It is so needed on the West Side of the Bay. They have a lot of enthusiasm and are looking forward to getting their Philanthropy Project started.

We had about 5 people who couldn't make the meeting, but will be there for our next one. We are building our ranks!

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 3rd. Please contact me if you know anyone who might be interested in joining this Chapter or any of our 26 other Chapters. We welcome them in friendship and spirit.

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

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

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

Dolores Pitts, 2305 Sigwalt St., Rolling Hills, IL 60008

I want to say thank you to all of **Bob Pitts'** co workers and friends who attended his funeral services in March 2014, or sent cards. It was so appreciated to hear all the compliments of his crews while a lead or supervisor. His memories continue whenever a story comes to mind of his sense of humor, and brings a smile to your face.

I was previously employed with United in the 50's, until starting our family of 5 with a special needs daughter.

We have been a long time airline family with my father-in-law **Earl W. Pitts** having a 3 digit, in the 900's, file number with UAL, to a Captain with North Central/Delta and a nephew working there now. There are several others with other airlines and even a retired colonel from the Air Force. We now have an 18 year old grandson interested in the airline industry.

Ken Story, 16039 12th Ave. SW, Burien, WA 98166

I thought I might pay my dues early as I don't want to miss my newsletters.

We are on our way in a couple of days to Barcelona, Spain to pick up a Royal Caribbean cruise back to New Orleans. The stops are two more in Spain, Azores, Canary Islands and the Caribbean. It sounded like fun and we are spending our kid's money. It was very reasonable.

Jane Yaguchi, 906 E. Patten Dr., Palatine, IL 60074

I am a life member and enclosing \$ for the postage fund.

In January, I turned 92 years old and the monthly RUAEA newsletter is the only connection I have about news of UAL.

Thank you and Best wishes for the great work for the retirees.

Grace Bowden, 371 Moon Clinton Rd., Moon Township, PA 15108

I have been a member for over 30 years. My husband passed away 26 years ago and I am still member. I enjoy reading all of the news.

I reached the big 90 years on February 6th and time sure does fly by.

Marty Etler, 15-12 Elmary Pl., Fairlawn, NJ 07410

We didn't have a meeting this past Wednesday. Because of the pending snowstorm, we decided to cancel the meeting. However in its place I'm sending a letter to the editor hoping that you can print it in our newsletter.

Thursday, April 24, 2014, started out like any other day in my present life. There was an exception to this, because this day was my 85th birthday. Since my wife Violet had passed away two years ago, the memories of my long life have come to me more frequently. I suppose this happens to all of us if we are lucky enough to reach this age. I was wondering what happened to my childhood friends, my Army buddies, and those who I had worked with side-by-side at United Airlines. These things had become vivid in my memory; my great experiences, my shortcomings, and disappointments and of

course my marriage to Violet for 57 years. These thoughts came to me as a flood, and continue to prop up my rather feeble body that keeps me going from day to day.

At any rate, I didn't think much about this achievement of arriving at this milestone in my life, as I went about my business of getting ready for my "usual Thursday operations". For about two years now, I've been meeting with a discussion club at the YMCA in Wyckoff, New Jersey. We discuss all kinds of current events and that includes mostly politics. The trouble was that these folks are mostly Tea Party Republicans, and we are only a few Democrats. However, most of the discussion is civil and I have to admit, there are some pretty smart folks on the other side. Anyway, unbeknownst to me before the discussion started, they all got up and sang happy birthday to Mayor Marty. Then they brought out a large birthday cake that said happy 85th birthday from all your Tea Party Republican friends. Well for once, I was at a loss for words. I gave a very short speech and then there were a lot of best wishes from about 40 people. When I left there I headed for my Rotary luncheon, and even they all stood and sang happy birthday to me. When I finally got home; my two neighbors from across the street wanted to take me out for dinner. Well you know a good politician will never refuse a free meal or a photo op! We had a good Chinese meal and talked for a long time. Besides the many phone calls I got and some really good birthday cards, it was just a great day and I couldn't have asked for anything better.

I sometimes wonder if we would all be happier if we were born at the age of 85 and gradually work our way down to age 28? On second thought, I'm not so sure.

Raymond Knazik, 973 Tasker Road, Stephens City, VA 22655-2320

I enjoy receiving the RUAEA newsletter so am renewing my membership. I enjoy reading the local news, and news from other areas. I worked at the CLE airport before coming to IAD.

My hat is tipped to all of you for the jam-packed, informative pages tucked inside this gem of a magazine.

By the way, my wife loves the recipes. She said, keep them coming.

Anne Leder, 9 Magazine St., Wilmington, MA 01887

My association began with UAL in 1942 in San Francisco Personnel. I eventually became Charlie Urbach's secretary and then I moved to Boston in 1946 and became secretary to Merle Gallagher, the Station Master.

My husband was employed by UAL as well and stayed for 40 years.

Willard Olson, 667 W. Hawthorne St., Minden, Nebraska 68959

I joined United Air Lines in September 1955 working plane overhaul, radio shop, and instrument shop until January 30, 1987. I lived in Sunnyvale with my wife Ethel until we moved to Minden, Nebraska in June 2003 to be closer to family. I have been retired 28 busy years. Sadly, Ethel passed away on 1/15/15. We had many good trips together and lacked two months of 65 years of happy marriage. We received the newsletter each month from RUAEA and both enjoyed reading each and every one. Thanks much.

Carole Rogers, 2418 Welworth Ave., Rockford, IL 61108

I celebrated my 80th birthday in January. I had a new pacemaker inserted in July. I feel like a 20 year old again with all the energy I now have. Only problem is an old lady keeps sneaking into my bathroom and uses my mirror.

I can't believe it has been 22 years since I retired. UAL sure isn't the great company I remember. What used to take seconds to list for a flight, now takes hours to figure out all of the can and can'ts and what code am I.

I am looking forward to a better year in 2015. 2014 was a bad year. I had 2 broken pipes, one in January that flooded out the front of the house and one in April that flooded out the back of the house.

Well, it is time to get ready for work. Yes, still out in the public at a local credit union. I love it. It keeps me in beer money and skittles.

All the best for all of my fellow retirees!

Winnie Stone, 7750 Royal Oaks Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89123

Thank you so much for the magazine. It is my only contact about UAL; it keeps me up on all the new changes. I don't fly that often any more. Besides, computers are a strange thing to me.

I am 86 years old, retired since 1988, in good health and enjoy life. I worked for UAL 26 years, and enjoyed the work. I still miss my 2 days off every week. I have been retired almost as long as I worked.

Timothy Weaver, 78 Kreglow Ct., Hedgesville, WV 25427

Thanks for doing a great job keeping all of the retirees informed. I look forward to the newsletter every month.

This past year I went through 9 weeks of radiation therapy 5 days a week for a very aggressive cancer with a PSA over 10 and a Gleason score over 8. After the therapy, the PSA went down below 0 and of course no Gleason score.

Now I am taking daily medication and go to the doctor every three months for a shot. I will be doing that for the next few years. Over all, I am feeling great, getting in a little exercise by taking a walk every day.

I became another grandpa in August. My daughter, Kirsten had her first, a beautiful baby girl. They are doing fine.

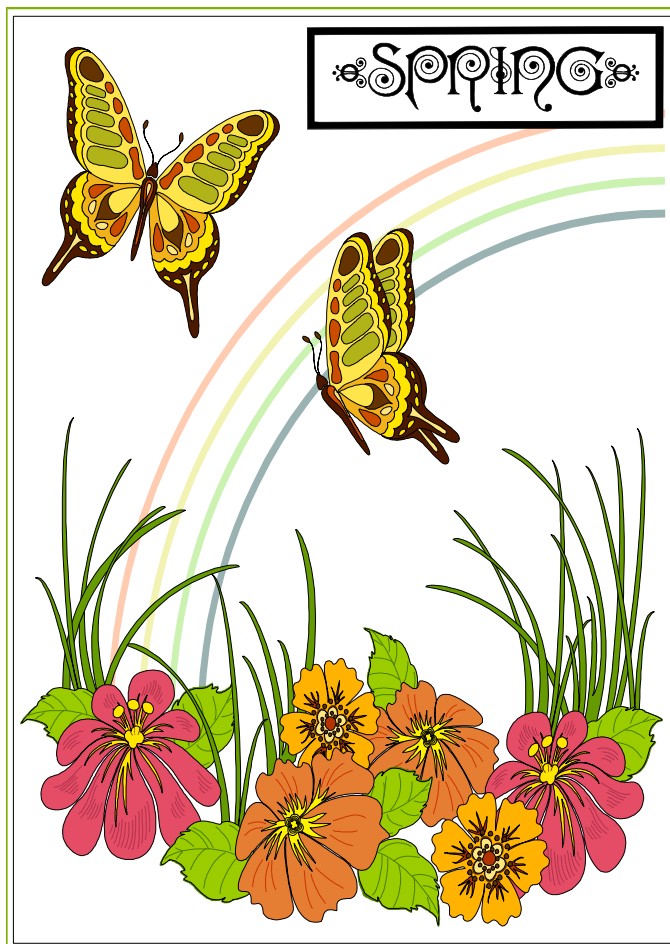
My son, Greg and his wife Vicky have a baby girl that is one year old. She is one happy little baby.

I am also proud of some other good news. My son's wife, Dr. Victoria Boccanfusa, a clinical psychologist was invited to be on the Doctor Show with one of her patients. It aired on CBS in September. There will be a follow up with her and her patient in about 6 months. She called me after the show aired; I told her how proud I was and she is just as pretty on TV as she is in person.

This past year or two my wife, JoAnn has developed dementia and has lost much of her memory. Sometimes she doesn't even know who I am and she will repeat questions over and over. She sees a neurologist but there is little they can do for it.

No man has ever had a wife who expressed her love and been there through thick and thin as she has for me and I know if it were the other way around, she would be there for me. So we take it one day at a time.

Keep up the good work keeping us informed; we sure don't get much inside news from the friendly skies.



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As we all know, the cost-of-living is going up everywhere. In order for RUAEA to survive, we must raise our annual dues very, very slightly. As of **January 1st, 2015 the annual dues will be \$27 per year Domestic, \$47 Canada/Mexico, and \$52 Foreign.** Only a two dollars per year increase. The major expense for our organization is the Newsletter. Your Newsletter staff feels the increase is realistic and minimal. Quite awhile ago, we asked our correspondents for suggestions regarding our financial situation and the small dues increase was mentioned. The Board of Directors delayed the increase as long as possible. It is now a necessity. We hope you consider the two dollars increase a bargain.

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Marvin Berryman DENTK A/V Retired - From the July 1956 cover & text of "United Air Lines News".



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