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TO THE BANKS OF THE POTOMAC

PRESENTING:
"A CAPITAL EVENT"
RUAEA CONVENTION
MAY 21-29, 2006

Welcome to Washington, DC

We hope you will bring your friends & families to enjoy all the sights of the Nations Capital. The hotel rates & tour costs are the same for everyone, so take advantage of this "once in a lifetime" opportunity! You will enjoy the beautiful Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel!

Calling all Musicians

We would like to have a "Jam Session" on Thurs. evening, 25th of May, so get out that guitar, clarinet, trombone, or flute, etc. Show us what you can do!

Calling all Artists & Crafters

We are waiting for your paintings, sculptures, ceramics & other beautiful things that you have created for the "Arts and Crafts" raffle. Send them to:

Jewel & Gus Giustozzi, 2006 Chairpersons

8709 Standish Road, Alexandria VA 22308 Tel: (703) 360 4664.

Receive an acknowledgement, also be reimbursed for your shipping costs if you send your receipt.

For those members who plan to drive to the Convention, we have a special daily parking rate of \$9.00 per day with unlimited "ins & outs."

The Convention issue Registration form, Page C-13, has an error in the selection of the vegetarian choices for the Friendship Dinner & the Farewell Banquet. The meal choices for both dinners on Page C-11 are correct. If your entrée choice is the Vegetarian selection for either dinner, be aware that items C: **Beggars Purse [Vegetable Wellington]** will be served for the **Sat. Banquet**; item F: **Grilled Vegetarian Tian** will be served for the **Friendship Dinner**. There is no need to change the Registration form.

Your Vegetarian Selections will be served as shown on the Menu page C-11.

There are still opportunities available to volunteer some time during the Convention, send your name to Ms. Jeri Juth by Email jmjuth@hotmail.com or telephone her # (724) 378-3316. It's a great way to meet your fellow retirees!

Come & mingle with some of the over 13,000 members who represent more than 50 Chapters around the Nation.

WELCOME ABOARD

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GENERAL NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I received an email from Linda Fredrick who retired as a Customer Service Representative in DENCS about a year and a half ago. I believe her thoughts and perceptions put what we all have experienced over the past five years into perspective. Linda gave me her permission to share this with you.

Marlin Lade
President – RUAEA

The Spirit of United (by Linda Fredrick - DENCS Retired)

There has been a lot of hoopla this last week regarding United's exit from bankruptcy. There are those who are the nay-sayers, & those who oppose those views. There is the broad majority of people who simply do not understand or fathom what really happened, other than they took hits financially themselves, in many cases lost lifetime dreams and their hope for a better future.

It seems this has been the case for many years now, since the Summer of 2000; 9/11, as well as a consortium of other problems too numerous to mention. What really has been happening in our Country, to all those many companies, who have politely moved our employment base to other countries & their foreign soil? They have found a niche of people who only provide minimal service for minimal wage. The spirit of service is not there.

We all know first hand that American workers have had to give up thousands of dollars in earnings, benefits & retirement. Individually each one of us was called upon to do the same. We not only gave up our salaries, benefits we had earned over the years, but also saw significant reductions in pension dollars for our futures. Why, what really happened to the "Friendly Skies" idea, where not only could we serve our customers with dignity but with belief in our hearts that this was America where every person is entitled to life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness. America where we were safe & secure, most of all, happy. What happened to all those jobs; and when will they ever return? Not

until the spirit of service returns, & workers once again can dream of better tomorrows.

Unfortunately much of what happened to us in the past 5 dismal years was a result of poor handling in the Summer of 2000 with a crisis that affected customers & employees directly, causing a paralysis of the Company in dealing with it. Then there was 9/11, a time so unimaginable, that the world stood by in utter disbelief & heartbreak. Along came SARS, rising fuel prices, & labor unrest. The recipe for disaster could never have been more prevalent with that mixture. So it went, furloughs, recalls, more furloughs & bankruptcy.

Still, UAL continued, the "Friendly Skies" which weren't always so friendly continued onward in spite of all the troubles and woes. Jobs lost, employees displaced, stations & organizations closed, but still that mighty bird flew the distance. One perilous step at a time, one long & arduous breath at a time. What was it about this thing called "The Friendly Skies"?

I have given long thought to this metamorphosis over these past 6 years. I have seen people fighting to keep themselves afloat, treading in perilous waters of financial ruin & hardship, but all the more determined not to surrender. I have witnessed many a person, weary from the yoke they carry & still continuing on doing the daily battle of serving the customer.

Heroes they are but so unsung. There are no mighty rewards or benevolent wealth packages for them. Only a hard days pay for a hard days work. Common people who loved a company enough to stand beside her in her darkest & most painful moment in history. People who refused to give up, when all odds were against them.

In today's competitive airline industry, we should all be looking for answers about the tough questions that face the employees & retirees on a daily basis. There is insight in many ways if leadership were prudent enough to find the answers.

There should be a compelling sense of purpose, a clear direction established for all to see, all to know and all to understand in the undertakings of the Company. The Company needs to distinguish itself in the marketplace, not just mimic the competition. Creativity in how the company delivers itself not only to consumers, but to its employees as well.

UNITED AIRLINES HISTORICAL FOUNDATION



United Airlines Historical Foundation

"Preserving the Past, Inspiring the Future"

VARNEY AIR LINES (continued)

After Cuddeback landed at Elko on the inaugural flight he warned pilot Franklin Rose about the strong winds & thunderstorms he had encountered in the mountains north of Elko.

Soon the Swallow was refueled, the mail exchanged, Rose took-off on the Elko-Boise-Pasco inaugural return-flight.

When Rose failed to arrive in Boise by 6 p.m. the Varney staff began to call the few ranches along the route that had telephones. A search began the following day, April 7, 1926, using government & private planes, cars, horses & on foot.

The other Varney pilots reluctantly agreed to continue flying their scheduled mail routes rather than join in the search.

Rose had been blown 75 miles off-course, landed in a desolate, muddy area just north of the Idaho-Nevada state line. The plane was undamaged but was stuck in the mud. Rose hiked to a ranch & borrowed a horse. He rode 30 miles to find a house with a telephone, called Boise - 48 hours after he had gone down.

By the end of his first week in business, Varney realized he needed more powerful engines for his Swallows. He asked the Post Office for permission to suspend service for 60 days, they consented.

He contacted Vern Gorst of Pacific Air Transport for help. Varney had decided he needed air-cooled 200 hp Wright-Whirlwind J-4 engines to replace the factory-installed Curtiss C-6 engines.

Gorst had a contract with the T. Claude Ryan factory in San Diego for the first ten production-line Ryan M-1s with the Whirlwinds, so Gorst and Varney made a "paper-deal", Varney got his new engines.

After installing the engines & a week of trial-runs, Varney resumed mail service in June 1926.

There needs to be profitable business decisions that are in alignment with principles that do not justify greed or self wealth over that which is wholesome, honorable, just, & fair. There needs to be a trade off over concern for profit & loss, for wholeness and peace. The continual stress needs to be addressed & people given the opportunity to be at peace with their work. Leadership's biggest journey will be to replace the fear of failure that exists in many, with confidence & good sense. There needs to be a redirecting from strife into enthusiasm also belief in the "can do spirit"

Relationships with employees & consumers need to be fostered. UAL needs to rid itself of the ideology the "Friendly Skies" will sell. After the damage that was done, no one believes that for a moment. There is a profound sense of mistrust in that. What does need to be followed is trusting in common sense, letting employees share in the understanding of the company direction, modeling to employees & consumers alike, United's intent to redesign itself with a new spirit.

A spirit of appreciation, a spirit of integrity & honor, one where peace exists not warfare, a spirit of decency, wise planning, resourcefulness, & consideration, for yes even the lowest on the totem pole. That is what will allow United to soar above its competition. United must work smarter, be fair & just to those who carried the burden. It will only foster the "can do spirit" which will enable United to soar, and give hope to those still working.

I am a believer that United should change its logo from "It's Time To Fly" & the "Friendly Skies" to something that honors what 100,000 plus employees did for the Company. They stood beside her, fought for her, sacrificed for her when the chips were really down.

I would call it "The Spirit of United ...the home of the brave".

That, my friends, would honor the thousands & thousands of people who gave their all, some who were lost in 9/11, some who lost jobs along the way, some who retired, still some who remain. You are heroes of an unsung nature. Those who never let it fail. Bravo for you.

Perhaps you won't have bags of money & wealth from the effort, but you do have one thing no one can take, that is your honor, your promise, your commitment, & your value.

You are the Spirit of United, and you are the best.



“Six-Birds-in-a-Row”

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

FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Most of you know that my work background is as a “green eye-shade accountant”. I, therefore, have a tendency to view issues in terms of their financial impact. Why am I bringing this up? Because of the soon to occur distribution of either cash or UA stock in settlement of the retiree medical insurance claim, and for some of you the SERP claim, that appeared on the ballot many of you received in Oct. to vote on the company’s reorganization plan.

The ballot showed the dollar amount of these claims, i.e. United’s indebtedness to you. Upon receipt of the cash or stock you will know the amount paid to you to settle your claims. The difference between these two amounts could be substantial and might be a “bad debt” for federal income tax purposes. If this kind of analysis makes as much sense to you as it did to me, you might want to discuss the possibility of a bad debt tax deduction with your tax advisor.

Mort Wax
Executive Vice President

SUMMARY OF RUAEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (JAN. 20, 2006)

Pres. Marlin Lade opened the meeting which was held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA, the site of the 2006 Washington, DC RUAEA Convention. Commented on UAL coming out of bankruptcy Feb. 1, the direction RUAEA will continue to take re. retirees interests, concerns and issues; also continue working with the appropriate principals at United airlines regarding these matters.

The quarterly & yearend Membership Report for 2005 was distributed. RUAEA membership totals 11,720. A new computer was purchased for the Denver Newsletter office at a savings of \$146.94 from the original request. The number of RUAEA WEB users has increased 7.1%. A few of the many Website advantages over Paper Newsletter are: quicker access to new timely information, provides for online access to the current Newsletter 2 to 3 weeks sooner than the mailed copy, allows for questions to be asked & answered quickly regarding UAL Policies, Procedures & Discounts, provides archive access to past 36 Newsletters also there is a saving of \$1.25 per copy to RUAEA by using the Website versus the paper Newsletter. A new 3 levels of access to the Website is under consideration for further development. Level 1 – Members & Visitors, Level 2 – Members, Level 3 – Members with Online Newsletter access. RUAEA now has an 800 phone number for both the PDX & SEA Travel Desks. RUPA has agreed to pay 50% of the cost for the 800 phone numbers. Both Travel Desks will be maintained by local chapters.

The 2005 Financial Report was distributed. Our net income for Jan-Dec '05 was \$242,708.81. The 2006 Budget was distributed & discussed. Motion made, seconded and approved as presented.

Report on Washington DC Convention presented. Everything is on schedule.

Proposed Chapter realignments, renaming & addition of a new RUAEA Region was presented and discussed. Motion was made, seconded & approved. Three Chapters from both the Midwest & Northeast Regions will move to a newly created Region (Southeast). The new region will have the Tennessee Rockytops, Atlanta Dixie Flyers, Arkansas The Naturals, Dulles Loungers, Virginia Beach Tide Water Gulls, & the Roanoke Blue Ridge Mountains. The current Southeast Region will be renamed Florida. RUAEA will now have 10 Regions. A Region Director for the new region will be appointed for a one year term; then subsequently there will be 5 Region Directors up for election each year to serve a two year term.

Region Directors presented their Chapter reports.

Helen Cauwels
RUAEA Secretary

UNITED WINS CERTIFICATION FOR POTENTIALLY HUGE TRAINING MARKET; CHINESE PILOTS TO TRAIN AT TK

United Services Flight Training has become the first training provider outside of China to receive certification to train the nation's airline pilots under the Civil Aviation Authority of China's (CAAC) new approval process.

United has signed one contract under this certification with a Chinese airline & is finalizing a second to train their pilots on Boeing 757 plus Airbus 320 aircraft at the Denver Flight Training Center, (DENTK).

Airline industry estimates indicate a need for up to 10,000 new pilots in China through 2010 – making it one of the fastest-growing markets for the type of flight training United provides.

While training employees remains our primary mission, we are looking forward to having China's pilots join those from the many airlines & governments around the world that we already train in DEN.

DID YOU KNOW?

The RUAEA web site at www.ruaea.org is being frequently updated with valuable information for retirees. Much of this information is located on the Home Page & can be viewed without restriction.

The Newsletter, in the restricted section (Registered web members only), can be viewed 2-3 weeks before the paper Newsletter is mailed. So, if you desire to receive your Newsletter early, consider switching to the web. To get instructions how to switch to the web go to www.ruaea.org, click on "Newsletter" & follow the instructions.

RESERVATION CANCELLATION POLICY NOW 30 MINUTES

To improve customer-processing time & facilitate on-time departure, reservations will be canceled within 30 minutes of the flight time instead of 20 minutes for customers who have not checked in & obtained a boarding pass. This ruling was effective 2/1/06.

MEXICO SERVICE EXPANDED

United announced new service between CHI & Puerto Vallarta, also LAX & Cancun; service began March 4, 2006.

The new weekly Sat. service between CHI & Puerto Vallarta will be provided by A320 aircraft & is scheduled to increase to daily on Dec. 15, 2006. The new weekly Sat. service between LAX & Cancun also will be provided on A320. Beginning June 8, 2006, the service will increase to daily & be offered on Ted.

As of March 2006, United will have 91 weekly departures from its hubs to Mexico – a 30% increase over last year. Since last March, United has added 4 completely new Mexico routes to its schedule: LAX-Cancun, DEN-Mexico City, CHI-Puerto Vallarta & CHI-San Jose del Cabo (Cabo San Lucas).

OPERATIONAL CHANGES

As part of the focus on continuous improvement in all areas of the company, United has announced several operational changes to support cost-efficiency & service improvement. Affected areas include Onboard Service, Revenue Accounting & Mileage Plus, Inc.

*** Onboard Service**

United will align its domicile structure with current & forecasted flying, as well as consolidate & transition certain types of administrative work in Onboard Service. Specifically, it will close the Paris & Newark domiciles also the Philadelphia modified co-terminal. Last day of operations will be May 1, 2006, for Paris, May 31, 2006 for Newark & Philadelphia. It will also close crew desks in LAX, SFO, DEN, & CHI O'Hare & consolidate that work in System Operations at Headquarters. To give domicile teams more time to focus on safety & customer service-related activities, some of the administrative work currently handled at the domiciles will be moved to the Service Center at World Headquarters. Additionally, some of the transactional work currently performed by the Service Center will be handled by an outside vendor that is currently supporting United's Reservations Division.

*** Mileage Plus, Inc.**

Mileage Plus, Inc. (MPI) will close its office in

Tucson, AZ, April 29, 2006. The MPI call center in Rapid City, S.D., will handle some of the customer service work previously handled by Tucson. Additionally, MPI will contract out some of the Mileage Plus customer service work to IBM Daksh in Manila, Philippines, which began taking calls in Feb. The 130 IAM-represented employees in Tucson have the option to relocate to the MPI call center in Rapid City. Tucson's 20 salaried & management employees will be furloughed.

MPI's other offices are located in Huntington, W. VA. ; Rapid City, S.D. & Rolling Meadows, IL. The Tucson closure is not expected to affect service to Mileage Plus members in any way.

*** Revenue Accounting**

United will reduce the number of employees working in Revenue Accounting later this year & contract out some of this work. Approximately 200 management & salaried employees will be affected. The company has not yet finalized a contract with a particular vendor, but expects to have a contract in place for mid-2006 implementation.

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 2006 RUAEA Newsletter under "Contributions" – a mistake was made in the generation of the Contribution list which was responsible for 7 pages of names.

RUAEA MEMBERS

**UPDATE ON MARILYN LADE,
MARLIN'S WIFE:**

Marilyn is doing quite well, physically. She's having a tough time with aphasia. (Her spontaneous speech is really good. It's the thinking, reasoning, thought process & short term memory that is difficult). Going through the therapy marathon she's pretty mentally exhausted by afternoon. We look forward to the weekends. I talked to the therapy team & doctor, asked if would be okay - safe - for us to go home to our home in Fraser this weekend. They all said yes, it would be a good thing to do. So, after therapy Fri. afternoon Marilyn & I are heading up to our home in Fraser. We'll be there the weekend; drive back early Mon. for another week of therapy.

In talking to the therapy team, they have

specific plans for the next 3 weeks. So it looks like we will spend most of Feb. in the DEN area. As soon as they all believe it would be okay, without compromising the therapy/recovery process, we will return to FL, however, in FL we will continue comprehensive therapy, probably for a number of months.

We will have a change of address while in the DEN area. Our daughter, Michelle, has sold their house in Brighton. So we will be living with our son, Mike, in Boulder. His address is:

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**A NOTE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE
ABOUT TEMPORARY ADDRESS CHANGES**

As a large number of our membership travels frequently, an issue has come up that needs to be addressed. It is in reference to having a multiple address changes while on extended vacations. The request is to have the newsletters to be sent to the secondary address; then on a different date sent to the original address. If the multiple address changes are requested on the initial note, e-mail, etc, we cannot comply with this request.

Our office is not equipped to handle these types of changes. If you would like us to begin sending your newsletters to a address other then your present address, please send us a communication giving us your name, the month, & the temporary address. Also the month when you would like this to start. When you are ready to return home, again, send us another communication stating your name, month, & address you want to have the second change to take place, even if it is your permanent address. Please include your file number.

Make sure you give us ample time to make the change. We need the changes to be received by the 6th of any month prior to the change of address. If this doesn't happen you may not receive your newsletter in a timely fashion.

Thanks for you help & understanding on this issue.

Howard Tress
Membership and Support Manager

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS

Chapter reports for April are due in DEN by Mon. Mar. 6, May report by 4/6, June report by 5/5. Reports may be sent by e-mail ruaea@aol.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

Convention Registration Page Correction!

**The Box Number on the
Registration Page was
transposed during Production
of the Feb. Issue.**

***The correct Box Number is
#306***

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA



**THE
AZURES**

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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast meetings, please call Pat at (623) 935-9235 before 5 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list (you know who you are) need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Pat or Sherry.

Attendance at the recent breakfast was 28, guess the great weather brings us out. Be sure to call Pat to let her know you are coming.

We really had a good time at our luncheon at Briarwood Country Club on 1/14/06. The food was great, our very own chef, Cor Drop did the honors. It was our annual "White Elephant Auction" where proceeds are earmarked for the Fantasy Flight later in the year. Thanks to Tim Everhart & Susie Hughes for moving the auction along. Special thanks to all of you for your kindness & generosity. We will be sending the Fantasy Flight Committee \$275. The kids really need it and it just feels good to do something for those less fortunate. Remember you can bring that White Elephant back (re-wrapped) again next year.

Please note the addition of the annual Casa Grande All AZ Luncheon. This year's luncheon is being hosted by the Re-Uniteds. This is a great occasion to meet retirees from other areas of the state.

Also we have finalized the date & time for the outing to Paradise Race Track. Be there no later than 12:00 for lunch, first race is at 1:10 pm. We will be in the upper level of the Club house. Those driving should use the entrance off 19th Av. & Bell. Saint Patrick's day, may the luck of the Irish be with you and your ponies!

Congratulations!! Ziggy our resident golfing pro, hit a hole-in-one again. It's ironic that he went to breakfast the week before, decided on the way home to buy a new club. To his amazement he got this hole-in-one with that new club. But what are the odds that Ziggy would get two holes-in one in the same hole two consecutive years? Well that is just what he did. The 8th hole at the Tuscany Country Club (Pebble Creek), one on 8/23/04 & on 12/22/05. What a guy!

Kind Words are simple and easy to speak, yet they last forever. - Mother Teresa

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings - Location - 98th and Bell road

March 14

March 28

Fall/Winter Luncheons

March 7 - Casa Grande All AZ Luncheon

March 17 - A day at the races - Paradise Race Track (St. Paddy's Day luck to you!)

***April 1** (no fooling!) - Luke AFB cookout -

***Note:** This is a date change

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Ursula Dombrowski & Dorothy Pappas hosted 40 members at our Jan. meeting at The Naples Restaurant in Chandler. We were treated to a delicious Italian buffet. Pres. Skip Ward spoke & encouraged us to think about the nominating committee for the election of next year's officers.

The Re-Uniteds will host the ALL ARIZONA STATE LUNCHEON on March 7 at The Property in Casa Grande, AZ. The theme for the luncheon will be SALUTE THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE. Jo Anne Gaudioso asked for volunteers to help with the various committees for the luncheon. All 4 Arizona chapters will be present for an afternoon of socializing and a nice lunch.

We were asked to remember Rita Zarek, wife of Jim in our thoughts & prayers. She is growing stronger everyday, but had additional surgery Feb. 7 to correct a collapsed vein at the bottom of her heart. They will not be in AZ until after Rita's recovery.

Calendar:

March 7 – All Arizona State Luncheon – The Property, Casa Grande



TALL PINES

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Our luncheon for the New Year 2006 was on the 24th of Jan. at Coco's with 17 members attending. Since our Christmas party was so early in Dec., it was nice seeing everyone. Speaking of our Christmas Party - it was the general consensus that the Hassayampa will be our choice again for 2006.

Jeannie Risdon was honored by the Ambassadors of the Prescott Chamber of Commerce as the Ambassador of the year 2005 - a big congratulations is in order for Jeannie.

Calendar:

March 28 – Luncheon - Coco's - 11:00 am

April 25 - Luncheon - Coco's - 11:00 am

TUCSON

ROADRUNNERS

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Our Jan. 19 meeting at Hidden Valley was attended by 29 Roadrunners. We had 2 winter visitors, Ken & Laverne Haubl, from Lincoln, CA.

Gordon Starr gave us updates on something or other. We were sitting out of hearing range, but Gordon is impressive even when you can't hear him!

Alice Belzer's Trivia Item for the month: In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his wife with a stick thicker than his thumb. Hence, we have "the rule of thumb".

Calendar:

March 7 - The All-Arizona meeting at the Property Conference Center in Casa Grande, 11:00 a.m.

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS

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Our Chapter meets every-other month, because we did not have our luncheon during Jan., this will give me a chance to catch up on events that have occurred.

This chapter was formed in 1995 by Bill & Dana Noyes, Bob Wagner, Jack Cunningham, & a few others that I don't want to omit but they know who they are. The Cunninghams live the farthest south and the Sandys live the farthest north while the rest of us live in what we call "Paradise". They decided to form this chapter after getting together at a convention in OR. After a rocky start, the chapter has taken off; we are very lucky that the

organizers had the foresight to get this started.

I didn't get to comment on the convention in Hollywood before; this was my first convention I was able to attend, it was "terrific" ... The hotel was one of the most convenient & comfortable I have been in a long time also the price was right. Parking worked out great. It was a pleasure to leave the car & not worry about it for the week we were there. All those who worked on getting this convention together should be congratulated & praised for their dedication & effort. I think they have been thanked.

We were able to see the American Idol finalists in the courtyard with all the TV media & celebrities. John & Barbara Stilwell were walking in front of the theatre just before the performance when someone offered them 2 tickets to see the show, which they took; ended up on the second balcony, center section, the best seats in the house!

The answer to the Trivia question: Who were the founding members of the Mile-High Club? It was probably flying ace Lawrence Sperry & a married New York socialite. They accomplished this feat in 1916 over Babylon, NY aided by Sperry's invention: the automatic pilot. Their plane crashed in the waters of Great South Bay, the pair, as naked as jaybirds, were discovered by duck hunters. Their explanation was that the crash stripped them of their clothes.

Next month's trivia question is: When was the first in-flight movie?

For chapter information, call Bob Stanger (805) 929-2901.

Calendar:

April 19 - TBD.

BRAZEN RAISINS

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The Brazen Raisins' Feb. meeting was hosted by Millie & Charlie Barnett. It was reported that Bob Frost had a pacemaker installed in Jan., he was in attendance at this meeting, appeared to be in good shape. Donna Nesslinng has passed all her real estate license exams, now is getting listings & selling real estate. A letter was read indicating that

UAL is exiting bankruptcy Feb. 1, 2006, this, of course, inspired another discussion about retirees' pensions - all questions and no answers.



THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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Our Jan. luncheon was held at The Alta Sierra Country Club, the same place as our Christmas luncheon. Hosts were Jean & Forester Sinclair. Attendance was 83 members, 3 guests.

Guests were: Mercedes, guest of Robert Gray & Gayle Holt, guest of Karl & Ruth Stammnitz.

Treas. Judie King & husband Ronnie are vacationing in Mexico! Forester Sinclair is acting Treas. in Judie's place.

VP Jean Sinclair introduced her Seeing Eye Dog, a black Lab named Bonsai, as her second assistant, the first being her husband, Forester. (Or is it the other way around?). Jean also announced the next luncheon, a Past President's luncheon to be held at the Buggy Whip Restaurant in Sacramento.

Jo and Bob Cuff celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Ron Bertacini & his wife Barbara traveled to Washington DC for RUAEA convention planning meeting. The Marriot Crystal Gateway Hotel met all their expectations as convention hotel should.

Bob Cuff, Regional Director, stressed airline security in the wake of terrorist threats. He said this is a war unlike any we have fought before, that it would be ongoing for many years also that not enough politicians & news media people seem to realize it.

Bob also stated that we, (United), are finally out of bankruptcy & can go back to the good old days when we laughed & talked of good things unrelated to airline bankruptcy woes.

Bob will not continue as our RUAEA Rep after March. He has done a terrific job in keeping members informed about RUAEA and United over the past four years. GREAT JOB BOB!

Calendar:

March 29 - The Elks Lodge in Cameron Park,

hosted by Joe & Jeanette D'Amico.

April 26 - hosted by Bill & Donna Dews, place to be announced.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREEES

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The 1st meeting/luncheon of 2006 was held at Brando's in Petaluma with 37 members & guests. Pres. Norm Burnett thanked hosts Matt & Norma Stilman & assistant hosts, Dan & Judy DeFord.

VP Patrick Cadden introduced the guests: Clem Shanahan, guest of Clare & Barney Hagen & Pat Bresler, guest of Corinne Geppert.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr announced the 60th anniversary members, Harry & Amy Rogers. Marge Matschinegg was the birthday lunch winner. Verda received a note from Charles & May Heffley advising that they would resign from the group because of health problems.

Patrick announced he was in need of hosts for the April, May, June, Sept. & Oct. meetings. Check your schedules, call Patrick to set up your favorite month.

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH - FORGIVE YOUR ENEMIES, IT WILL DRIVE THEM WILD!

Calendar:

March 9 – La Gare, Santa Rosa - Barney & Clare Hagen

April 13 - Host needed

Re-LAX-ers

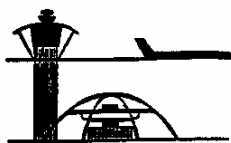
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CORRECTION: In the Jan. issue I mentioned that "Carol & Bill O'Neil" were absent from the Christmas Queen Mary party a/c in HNL on their honeymoon. OOOps! I know we've come a long way, baby, but I think it's still pretty much

accepted that men don't change their names when they marry. So, it's really Carol & Bill Rosenberg (or Carol O'Neil-Rosenberg?). Anyway, congratulations to you! (Did I get it right this time?)

Jim Ferrance underwent eyelid surgery to improve his vision. It involved several days of ice packs, eye drops, etc., but he's very happy with the results – can see a whole bunch better.

Jan 7, I got word that **Kim Sieren** was not looking forward to a knee replacement. Hope by now it's over, done, and rapidly improving. Speaking of knee surgery, **Mary-Lynn Anderson** had both done in Oct., but is still struggling & using the darned crutches. Best of luck, MaryLynn. Jackie Hills tells me that one of her LAXCS favorites, Dick **Austin** is suffering from a brain ailment, as she says, the brain cells are going.

I have to report again this month of losses to our local UAL "family":

Several of us attended the memorial/burial services for **Fran Goodrich** (LAXTO retiree) who succumbed to cancer after at least 8 episodes of cancer treatments over a period of more than 20 years.

Ray Pinault died on Jan. 22. Ray had been living in LAS, but was a retiree from LAXCS. Condolences can be sent to his brother, Edw. Pineault, 117 Edgemere Rd., Lynn MA 01904, (718) 598-2657.

Jackie Hills called to advise that she received word that **Vim Minihan Byrne** died Jan.31. Many remember Vim from working with her at LAXCS. After a stroke awhile ago, she died peacefully in her sleep. Her family members are Dick and Pat Byrne, 15 Brookglen Ln, Greensboro, NC 27410.

Jackie Abel was not able to overcome the cancer any longer, died on 2/4. No details of services or next of kin are available at present. Our most sincere sympathies are extended to all the families.

Many of you from awhile back recall that if you needed help in getting interline deals you would contact the LAXSS rep., **Chuck Johnston** for help as he had all the "connections". We don't see him often enough, but, you are not forgotten, Chuck. I received an email from him saying he doesn't know many of the folks about whom I write. He advises they are doing well which is great to know. We hope to see you at more

meetings this year.

TRAVELS:

Whoops! There aren't any! We had to cancel the PSP overnighiter – we didn't have enough to pay for the theater tickets.

I haven't heard of any travels by members recently, but did get a report a bit ago about Bob & Jeanette Curran's Mex. Cruise. At one of the stops there is an excursion where you zip across a river or a canyon in a harness attached to a single cable, then have to rappel down a cliff. Bob went for it & loved it, Jeanette watched.

COME VISIT L.A.: (But don't be surprised if at times we seem a bit strange – this L.A. Times report will help explain it) You've heard the description of greater L.A. as "La-La Land". I'm sure. Now, how could anyone think of this huge greater LAX area with residents of many colors, cultures & economic strata in such a way? Our cities have *serious* problems to think about & iron out, such as inflated real estate costs, mud slides, hillside fires, homeless, crime, to name a few. So, how do you resolve problems this heavy? You form a committee, of course! This L.A. committee consists of 60 folks from law enforcement, city councils, social services, churches & businesses plus mayors & philanthropists. What do you suppose this impressive body of movers & shakers named their group? Let's see, I think they call themselves "Bring L.A. Home". Dontcha love the acronym – B.L.A.H. LaLa Land, indeed!?

DUES & ROSTER: Tres. Jo Ann, Sec'y Donna, "Resrat" Jim & I reviewed the roster and the 2006 dues payment list. We deleted & sent to the inactive file close to 100 names! Check your records to be sure you sent in your \$5 annual dues (not be confused with your birthday due date \$20 dues for RUAEA) for ReLAXers. To verify payment or non-payment or to send \$5 call/write JoAnn Briggs, 21303 Legend Av., Carson, CA 90745 – (310) 830-8699.

Calendar:

APRIL MEETING CHANGE: Not the usual 2nd Thurs. a/c that's too close to Easter.

April 6 (New) - Luncheon at the Proud Bird.

May 22-29 - Let's all go to DCA to the Convention

June 8 – Luncheon, location t.b.a.

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If you wish to contact the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, their Customer Service number is 1-800-400-7242.

The next RUAEA Convention will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Crystal City, VA. The closest airport is Reagan National, with Dulles & Baltimore also being options.

To list for your flights, if you are not a "do-it-yourselfer", you may wish to contact the volunteers in PDX on Mon, Wed & Fri between 10 and 2. Toll free number is 1-888-278-7038.

Volunteers in Seattle are also available on Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs from 10-2.

Their number is 1-888-826-3375.

Calendar:

Spring Fling & Election of Officers - date & location to be announced



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We had 135 members present at our Jan. meeting. Mike Mewkalo was our greeter today. Mike said he enjoys greeting everyone & everyone enjoys Mike's cheerful greetings. He may have a full time job.

Mike Cavelli celebrated his 93 birthday. We added 3 new members this month: Richard & Anne Simonson & Betty Sullivan. Membership Secy. Carol Walter also reminded us that our 2006 dues are now past due.

Several "Get Well" & "Thinking of You" cards were sent. Jim Rosen had knee surgery Dec. 6. Emmet Landrum fell & broke his leg, but he made it to the meeting, doing well. Paul Munson had gall bladder surgery. Lowell Maloney had orthoscopic

knee surgery & an injection in his back. He is able to stand straighter & is more comfortable now. Clarence & Mary Juett have found it hard to get out & about. We sent them a "Thinking of you Card".

I'm sorry to report that we lost several of our members over the Holidays. Russell Cryder passed away Dec. 14. Condolences to his wife, Arleen Cryder, 3311 Adelaide Way, Belmont, CA 94002. Arlie Worley passed away over the Christmas weekend. Cards can be sent to his sister, Mrs. Ernestine Worley Bauers, 100 Cynthia Dr., Monticello, Kentucky, 42633. We lost Joe Purdy, Jan. 8, his wife, Goldie, can receive condolences at 825 Iris Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086. They will all be missed.

Pres. Ralph Trullinger announced that Rita Wahl made & donated a beautiful Afghan that will be raffled at the March meeting. Be sure to get your tickets. Rita, we appreciate you doing this for us.

Airport Volunteer, Ernie Bloom, brought new Brochures on shopping & dining at SFO & reported on some of the changes at the airport. He also said to be aware of what you carry on the plane since there have been some new changes, such as, small 4" scissors are allowed but not pocket knives of the same size.

Bob Donovan reported that Secure Horizon has been overcharging for medications. If you have that medical plan you should check you invoices.

Ralph Trullinger ended our meeting by giving us a report of his adventures (& mis-adventures) on his trip to South America & Antarctica. He had a good time, even with an airline strike, & he made it home only a little late.

After the meeting we had our potluck which was interrupted by a *fire drill*. The timing was not the greatest but luckily it wasn't raining. We were able to sit in the sun while our lunch cooled. When we were allowed back in the building Tony Hutt, 2nd VP, introduced our program, "Beverly at the Piano". Beverly was a great entertainer & pianist who played songs from the 30's & 40's, which we all enjoyed. As usual, a good program.

Travel info: Travel Coordinator, Ginger Dahlberg, cancelled the "Mystery Trip" & the "Pacific Northwest Wilderness Cruise" for lack of interest, *but* the cruise from Copenhagen to New York, Sept. 22 – Oct. 7 is filling up fast & one should reserve a space now. Call Ginger at 650-

224-1865. Email - gingersfo@aol.com

Domestic tour Coordinator, Betty Garner, is planning a Yosemite trip sometime in Oct. Call Betty at 650-355-4195. Email - garnerbee@yahoo.com for information.

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Mon. ea. mo., business meeting 11:30 am at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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We ended last year with the installation of our new officers, Garver Sandy, Pres., Stan Kolman, VP, Gerald Frisch, Treas., & Alice Rostirolla, Secy.

The big news here in January was Stan Kolman's wedding to Dee Cheas on Jan. 21. Many of our members attended the lovely ceremony. Stan & Dee are now on a Panama Canal cruise for their honeymoon. Our congratulation to them. We are very happy to have Dee as part of our group.

Visiting our chapter this month was Joe Bacheller, son of Lew & Nancy Bacheller; also Roger Kolman, brother of Stan Kolman, who was here for the wedding.

We are sad to report on the passing of Joe Purdy on Jan. 8. Our sympathies to his family.

Patty Smith had surgery. Delores Burda has been continuing with ongoing chemo. Don Burda has had problems with a heart valve. Dee Carlson has been undergoing treatment. Ruby Starkovich fell & broke her hip. Alice Frisch has a broken wrist due to a run-in with a car in a parking lot.

Calendar:

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

March 21 – Spring Luncheon – Hosted by Joan

Dahl & Nancy Walb

April 25 – Bus trip to Culinary Academy in SFO. Sponsored by Marion Gavert & LaDonna Eggert. They need 40 people. This trip is open to everyone – friends & family; deadline to sign up is March 16.

June 15 – Annual Picnic – hosted by the Ursos.



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our Jan. meeting was held on the 13th with 25 attendees.

We welcomed a new member, Dick Cross, from the Turbine Shop.

Tom Johnson gave us an interesting talk on the 70th anniversary celebration of the DC3. It was held at the Hillyer Museum. Many good memories were discussed by the group.

Our next meeting will be our Breakfast Brunch.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:15 to 12:00 noon. Lunch and business matters from 12:00 on. No need for reservations, just come.

Calendar:

Mar.13

April 10

May 8

June 12 - Annual Picnic

We will not have a meeting in July and will resume on August 14.

COLORADO

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Feb 1 the Mile Higher Chapter of RUAEA had their first breakfast at United Air Lines Flight Training Center(TK) cafeteria. Over 50 members

& friends attended.

The retirees that attended the breakfast were invited to attend a celebration meeting held in the cafeteria for exiting bankruptcy. The Managing Director of TK, Brad Thomann, opened the celebration with a big thanks to all the employees at TK for their help on the exit from bankruptcy. Gary Kelly, Chief Information Officer from WHQ also thanked the employees for their hard work the past 39 months.

The following members donated their 50/50 winnings to the Chapter: Frank Bennett, Walt Bumberger, Tom Ficht, Charlie Hassler & Charlie Norris. Thanks for the donations. We are one of the few chapters that doesn't have dues.

1st timers were Ron Meyer & Jim Peck. Glad to see Ladena & Bill Chambers also Ruth & Dwayne McKenny after a long absence. Thanks to Barbara Bartlett for directing retirees from Park Hill to UAL Training Center Cafeteria.

Ethel & Roy Rardin will celebrate their 57th Wedding Anniversary on the 1st day of Spring – 3/20/06 – Congratulations! Address: 15461 E. 33rd Av., Aurora, CO 80011, phone (303) 364-5946.

Dick Magee recently had a stent inserted in his heart, now at home doing quite well. Address – 2100 W. 100th Av., #69, Denver, CO 80260-5913, phone (303) 466-8763. Lonnie Kemp had heart surgery – now home – address: 6841 E Iliff Pl., Denver, CO 80224. Ken Sperring passed away 2/3/06 – Our condolences to his wife, Barbara. Address: 15047 E. Carolina Pl., Aurora, CO 80012. Lois Dick has been having some medical problems; address – 8685 W. 67th Pl., Arvada, CO 80004-3236.

Patricia Lavelle, formerly of Aurora, CO and Hanky Farms, PA passed away 1/14/06 after a lengthy battle with diabetes and related illnesses.

Let us not be saddened by her death, instead join Pat's husband Fran & her family for a memorial service and celebration to be held in Denver, CO on Sat., March 18. Fran & Pat were very active in RUAEA in the 1980's; Pat was known for her famous St. Patrick's Day party's. She always told her children to have a party when she died, so in honor of her favorite holiday – St. Patrick's Day. The memorial service will be followed by a party. Pat's famous **Corn Beef Casserole & Irish Soda Bread** will be served plus singing of Irish songs & sharing great memories.

The service will be held at New Life Fellowship, 3:00PM, address is 2241 S. Holly Street, Denver, CO 806222 (take the Evans exit off I-25, corner of Holly and Evans). If interested in signing or viewing an on-line guest book for Pat, visit. www.legacy.com/postgazette/Guestbook.asp?Page=Guestbook&PersonID=16400500. **Please R.S.V.P. no later than March 10.** Call Kathleen Lavelle, (510) 385-8066 in CA or email kal1012@hotmail.com.

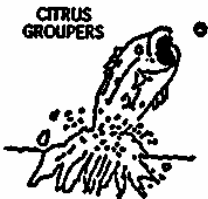
A lifelong Pittsburgh Steelers fan, Pat celebrated the Steelers wildcard victory over the Cincinnati Bengal's, at her son's home on Jan. 8. As a homemaker & devoted mother, she loved to cook, host parties for family & friends, also was a world-class baker, especially cookies & her famous Pound Cake.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Wed each month, 8:00 AM, DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans.

FLORIDA

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Our last meeting took place on Jan. 26 at the Olive Garden restaurant in Ocala. 32 members & guests attended the meeting. Cliff Hill from Orlando paid us a visit. We are always happy to have visitors. If you are ever in our area, please give me a call, I will tell you where our next meeting is going to be. Gerry Green & wife Barbara joined us for the first time. He retired from CHI Reservation Jan. 05. Also joining us was Rus & Lois O'Hare. He retired in '87 from EXO. Another new face at the meeting was that of Carol Christenson. A warm welcome to all new members.

The Hendersons spent their Christmas in SEA, enjoying the cold & wet weather. Frank & Maxine Wood were visited by their grandchildren from

Alaska who visited them for the holidays.

Calendar:

March 23 - 11.30 Westside Café, 1314 Highway 41 in Inverness.

April – Picnic – Details later.

SAND"DABS"

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Everyone was happy to see each other at our Jan. meeting at the Red Lobster; Happy New Year greetings abounded. Our officers for 2006 are: Pres. Dick Coughlin, VP Steve Moddle, Treas. Penny Logan, Correspondent Bobbie Rieck, Sunshine, Bobbie Rieck.

Prez Dick opened the meeting. Steve Moddle was our birthday celebrant present. We're getting much better at staying on key for our Happy Birthday song.

Treas. Penny Logan reported the chapter is in good condition & in the black. At joke time, Prez Dick always tries to get a good airline joke for us. They always seem to bring a hearty laugh.

Bud Gammill was back with us after undergoing a hip operation. It was good to see him; he only had to use a cane. Dick Perry has had a few falls lately, but was doing well & was at our meeting. Frank Thomas has been suffering with pneumonia, had a 25% loss in his lungs. We have heard since the meeting he is doing much better.

Prez announced that former member Jesse Jerigan was back in Daytona recently to accept the Wilbur Wright award. He is now living in OK to be closer to family. It was good to hear news of him.

By the time you read this, our Prez Dick Coughlin will have been installed as Commodore of the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona. Congratulations from all of us.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Never open a can of worms unless you plan to go fishing.

Calendar:

March 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



THE ORLANDO REAL McCoy's

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The Orlando Real McCoy's season is now in full swing, with our planned activities for the coming months it has, most assuredly, switched into "high gear".

"A Night In Italy" ... Fellowship & good conversation that prevailed at our Jan. Dinner Night.

A sumptuous dinner on Jan. 18, and a splendid time was had by all

40 Members participated at our Feb. Meeting which was held Feb. 1 at the Golden Corral.

The 50/50 raffle was won by lucky me. Thank you!

WELCOME BACK to Norma & Bill Butchart to their first meeting. Bill says THANKS for all your cards ... also CONGRATULATIONS! on their 52nd Wedding Anniversary ... WELCOME to our guests Jane & Jack Regan from New Hampshire.

We will be collecting again for the Children's Home. Sharon is going to get a list of supplies from them and will advise us at our next meeting.

CSR, Don Ulman is retiring. Party is set for March 11, 6:00 p.m. at the Preserve Club House located at Curry Ford and Econ Trail. Elaine will be collecting \$10 P/P for him at our next meeting.

Calendar:

March 1 – Golden Corral

March 25 - The Word Of Life Passion Play

April 22 - 42nd Street Play

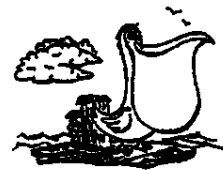
May 16 - Space Coast Nature Tour

Oct. 16 - Spectacular Sights of "Scenic Arizona"

For further details on either the plays or the upcoming trips, contact Stan Halterman (407) 852-6733.

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47 members & guests enjoyed lunch at beautiful Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club on Feb. 3. After lunch Pres., Carrie Belluso led us in singing "God Bless America". Tom McNabb made another plea for one of the members to take over leadership of our great group. Tom & Marilyn McNabb have been leading our group for 18 years; it is now time for some of the other members to step forward & volunteer to take charge. New leaders will have new ideas, ways to manage the membership & plan meetings. We have all met new friends through our membership in the Pelican Drop-Ins; it would be a great loss to lose this friendship & our get together meetings.

Carrie introduced, James Voss, our guest speaker. Mr. Voss is a practicing public accountant since 1989. He graduated from Terry Business College at the University of Georgia where he majored in accounting. He is licensed by the Dept. of the Treasury as an Enrolled Agent & as such is authorized to represent taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service. He specializes in retirement planning with a strong emphasis on planning for a secure income. He had lots of good information about taxes also answered many of the member's questions on taxes and financial planning.

One of our members, Ruby Singer, was here from AL & brought Judy Price, who formerly worked for TWA at RSW. Other guests were Janice & Gary Cittenden, from RUPA, Kay Brynelsen & Betty Vickrey were guests of Bill Burg. Lew & Carol Brubaker brought Betty & John Champion as their guests. Shirley Jardon was a guest of Harry Walton.

NEWS from our MEMBERS: Bonnie & Curtis Sawyer state that Buz Sawyer is making a good recovery with his broken shoulder, but he is not able to live without assistance. He would enjoy cards. He doesn't have a phone. His address is



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HARBOR HEALTH CENTER, 23013 Westchester Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33948. Sally Riggs has been in the hospital for one week with shoulder pain. It was nice to see Fred & Lolita Bauer at the meeting. Fred had Rotator Cuff replacement. Marge North recently returned from 3 weeks in Jordan & Egypt on a Grand Circle Tour.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the Month

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (October-May)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.)

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THE SAND DOLLARS

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The Sanddollars met on Jan. 11 at the Perkins Restaurant in Bradenton, FL for a luncheon. 36 members & guests were present. Pres. Pat Trice asked those of us with guests to introduce them. Jack Traeger (JFKFO) brought his father-in-law, Larry Kameen. Sandy Palmer's guest was Harriet Smith, Ed & Lori Moran introduced their son Major Dwight Brenderabrandis (USAF Reserve) & his friend, Marsha Lambert. Our new members are Sandy Lacey MIASW, Pat Hamill MIASW & Linda West DENCS.

We were glad to see Marion Deckrow & Jinny Menerick, both of whom have been longstanding members.

Norm Bell was celebrating his 90th birthday; we all serenaded him with a Happy Birthday song. Pat & Betty Trice were celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary, Betty is still at home, getting ready to start her chemotherapy treatments.

Also on the sick list is Herm Kline & wife Lois; we wish all of them a speedy recovery.

Our Dec. charity drive for Meals on Wheels netted \$250 for the Manatee Chapter & \$45 for the Sarasota chapter.

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The Tampa Bay meeting was Feb. 7 at Buddy Freddys in Holiday, FL. 36 members & 2 guests in attendance. Guests were Kerry Rund, a TPATR retiree, & Betty Walsh, a retiree from CLE, guest of Beverly Alderdice.

A representative of Area Agency on Aging, Senior Victims Advocate of Pasco County, Kathy Cornwell, spoke to the gathering. She gave us many good hints to help keep us all safer from criminals & senior abuse. All services from this agency are free to all seniors. She also passed out free cell phones that are good only for calling 911. Her phone number is (727) 861-5233.

Mike Marvett thanked everyone who helped to make the 29th annual West Coast Luncheon a big success. We had 89 in attendance, with retirees from all around FL.

It was brought to our attention that A1 Express parking at TPA airport charges \$3.50 a day to employees & retirees, v/s the regular \$5.00 charge. The \$5.00 charge is effective around holidays. They do have bus transportation to/from airport. They are located at 5105 W. Cypress St., TPA. Phone 1-800-727-5842.

Also the airport economy parking lot, behind the post office, gives one day free if you are there at least 3 days.

Two new officers for 2006 are Treas. - Jean Lenihan & Secy. - Jennie Santacroce.

Calendar:

March - Meeting at Buddy Freddys in Holiday at 10 AM.

April - Meeting, our spring picnic, at Anderson Park in Tarpon Springs.



HAWAII



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On Jan. 10 the Menehune Steering Committee had a great turnout of planners & volunteers. They set dates for our 3 luncheons and next year's planning session. Here are the results:

Calendar:

Summer - June 22

Autumn - Sept. 28

Winter - Feb. 22, 2007

Steering Committee Meeting - Jan. 9, 2007

Times, locations & prices will be advised as soon as our volunteers firm them up.

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BOISE GEMS

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Sadly, we report the loss of very dear friend, & real GEM of a gentleman, David H. Robertson, a retired officer of the company. Dave passed away peacefully at the age of 91 Sat. evening, at his home in the River Run community of Boise. Arrangements are pending with Summers Funeral Home, Boise. Our deepest sympathies to his loving wife Margrit & the entire Robertson family. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Margrit Robertson, 2040 S. Springbrook Ln., Boise, ID 83706

As previously announced, Bob Smith, a retired F/O, is fighting lung cancer, & undergoing radiation & chemotherapy, as an outpatient. Bob's address is 2050 E. Meadow Wood Ct., Meridian, ID 83642.

Pres. Sharon Kolins welcomed all 30 of the attendees, & proceeded with mention of upcoming chapter activities.

Coming the 3rd week of April, an overnighter in Elko, NV. Date: April 18 & 19. Dave Adams will be our designated driver in his tour bus. Friends & family welcome. Transportation cost RT p.p. will run between \$20 & \$30, depending on how many sign on. We're still negotiating room charge. Mark your calendars -- more information next month.

Rich & Shirley Dempsey had a fun trip to Santa Rosa, CA in mid-Jan.

No shortage of snow in ID this winter. The Winter Carnival at McCall is having a field day. As of Feb. 6, Bogus Basin Ski Resort was reporting 67" at the base & 98" at the summit. Brundage 83" & 121"; Sun Valley 56" & 83"; Tamarack 63" & 112". Joe Varady has been busy doing 3 things, since winter has arrived in Garden Valley: plowing, shoveling, & blowing snow. His driveway rivals any Olympic Luge Run!

Shirley Law spent a few days in McCall during the Winter Carnival, saying the ice sculptures were fantastically beautiful. Weather: lots of sunshine, snow & tourists.

To the envy of all, Richard & Doreen Hardy just returned from a wonderful trip to the South Pacific, visiting Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, & Tahiti. It was an early 40th wedding anniversary trip.

Ron Hamann & wife, Denise, are back from a cruise to the Caribbean. Denise swam with stingrays, & both hiked through another rain forest in Puerto Rico. Says Ron: "One of our better tours was through a rum distillery." Now we are all envious.

Calendar:

March 6 - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

Apr. 3 - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

Apr. 18-19 - Overnighter to Elko, NV

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Over 75 attended our first monthly breakfast at

Artemis Restaurant. Everyone had a great time catching up on holiday news. Because of our mild winter our attendance has been good for the Northsiders' & Southsiders' get-togethers. Now that our days are getting longer & brighter, it's time for us to look ahead & plan some retirement activities organized by our Skyliners Committee. Listed below are some of the activities that are scheduled or are being planned for this year:

Northsiders Breakfast - Monthly, 2nd Wed. at Artemis

Spring Luncheon - March St. Patrick Gala Spring Luncheon at Manzo's Ristorante

Annual RUAEA Convention - Week of Memorial Day Holiday in Washington, D.C.

Southsiders Breakfast - Monthly, last Tues. at Grandma Sally's

Loop Group - Bi-monthly Luncheon at the Palmer House downtown CHI

Midway-Guys & Gals - "*Twenty-Fifth Anniversary*" Luncheon in Sept.

Chicago Food Depository - Monthly volunteer work (Free Transportation)

The **Y-Me Race** on Mother's Day (More Information Later)

June & July Summer Events - to be announced

Skyliners FALL Luncheon - to be announced

Holiday Gift Sharing Project - A program sponsored through DCFS

Annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon - to be announced later

Updated information on these events will appear in future Newsletter columns.

Come & join the St. Patrick's Gala Spring Luncheon on Thurs. March 16. at Manzo's Ristorante in Des Plaines. All are invited to join & spend time with friends at the cocktail hour at 11:30 with lunch at 12:30. Manzo's Ristorante is located at 1571 S. Elmhurst Road near Oakton Street in Des Plaines, very close to World Headquarters. Flyers are in the mail. Your reservation must be returned to Ginny Vlach at 404 S. Albert, Mt. Prospect, IL. 60056, received no later than March 9. Cost for luncheon is \$16 p/p with a cash bar.

Angie Malouhos, from the Loop Group, telephone area code was printed as 772 in some

newsletters. The correct area code is 773.

Pat Muha highly recommends a cruise she took on the Danube River from Czech republic to Romania. A tour that was relaxing & scenic. Pat would be happy to give you more details if you are interested in this trip, her number is (630) 595-7825.

There were 3 new comers to the Northside breakfast: Dennis Zacham retired from ORDF Jan. 2003, Thad Rogers retired from Accounting at WHQRA Sept. 2004 & Paul R. Rodzamsky also worked at ORDF in Air Freight, retired Oct. 2002. Paul says that he does more relaxing while his money lasts.

Annual dues are still outstanding for some local chapter members. Skyliners dues are \$5.00, should be mailed as soon as possible to Treas.: Ken Goetz, 722 Timothy Court, East Dundee, IL. 60018. Remember to include your file number on the check. An audit of our membership list will be conducted to correct data information of members. This audit will include members who have been delinquent of dues, as well as address, telephone or status changes. It is important that any changes regarding your membership status be submitted to Treas., Ken Goetz. This will help to reduce postage costs for unnecessary and undeliverable mail.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the 29th Annual Convention in Washington this May. Mail your hotel & tours reservation early.

Notes of appreciation were received from the Schaumburg Township's Food Pantry for our donations of paper goods & groceries from the Nov. collection from which they distributed into many food baskets; & from the Elk Grove Township Food Pantry for our monetary donation from the 50/50 raffle at the Christmas Holiday Luncheon.

The following report was received from Roy Schmitt about their Jan. breakfast: Attendance was 23 with 4 lucky people who won at their breakfast raffle. Roy also wrote that the Brandts are a busy couple. Carlyle was elected Pres. & his wife Mary was elected Secy. for the "Greater Oak Lawn Senior Citizens." This club meets weekly & hosts some hot pinocle tournaments. You can join them on Fridays at the Menard Center, an Oak Lawn Park District facility. Call the Brandts for more information (708) 425-5004.

Calendar:

March 8 – Come & share the happy chatting with breakfast with the Northsiders Group – 9:00 a.m. Artemis Restaurant - Golf & Busse Roads. in Mt. Prospect, IL.

March 15 – Luncheon at *The French Quarter* in the Palmer House – Downtown Chicago – starting 1:30 p.m. Open invitation to all.

March 16 – Spring Luncheon at *Manzo's Ristorante* - Near World Headquarters – 1571 S. Elmhurst Rd. in Des Plaines, IL. beginning 11:30 a.m.

March 30 –Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House, 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

LOOP GROUP

Chicago

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What a nice & unexpected surprise to see a large group for the 1st luncheon of the New Year.

It was good to see so many members. All in all, it was a friendly talkative get-together.

I made a suggestion because of the success of the luncheon at Costas that we consider having a lunch at the “95th The Hancock Restaurant”. The response was enthusiastic. So ... sometime this summer is being considered. More later. We are looking forward to greeting all of you in March.

Calendar:

March 15 – French Quarter – Palmer House, 11:30 AM

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Feb. is definitely the month for hearts, love, romance & the “all powerful love bug”. Jim

Gibson & his new wife, Christine Steele, tied the knot Feb. 11. Warren Allen & Gail McConnaughey are planning an April or June wedding. Jim & Chris, Warren & Gail, may all your dreams, promises & love bring you beautiful new lives together. Congratulations to both couples!

I would like to share a bit of inside knowledge with you all regarding these two couples. Jim & Chris have been through so much together as Chris has battled & triumphed over cancer & has now found new tumors in her brain. Her positive attitude & strong faith is an inspiration to all who know her. Jim's constant strength & love got her through the first illness also will continue to be ever present with this new battle. Please keep them both in your thoughts & prayers. I will continue monthly updates.

Warren & Gail were each previously married for 40 years when they lost their spouses. Probably never dreamt that they would fall in love again & remarry. Well, think again! They did & they're about to! The Indy Racers Christmas party of 2004 brought them together for the first time when they were so strategically seated across from one another during dinner. Yes, I planned the entire thing, if I say so myself ... I did a fantastic job! They're a perfect pair. I knew they'd hit it off. Best wishes for a happy future!

The Indy Racers had a full house during our Jan. meeting with a total of 25 members in attendance. We welcomed new Racers, Ed Loftus, Dottie Priscal & Terrence Martin to our meeting. It's always nice to see & meet new faces & friends while at the same time watching our Chapter grow.

Golfers Alert United Airlines Retirees Annual Golf Tournament is coming once again in May at the Oasis Resort & Casino in Mesquite, NV. I don't have dates on hand, but if you're interested, you're but a phone call away. Warren Allen & his new bride will be attending.

In the month of June, we will be having our regular Indy Racers meeting on June 12, our “Indy Racers Annual Picnic” on June 17. Don't forget to come to both!

The Indy Racers meet the 2nd Mon., Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd., Plainfield at 3:00. We have access to our own room at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting.

Calendar:

March 13 - Spring gardening by Terry Doppler

April 10 - Meeting

May 8 - Tentative ID Theft info

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

New England

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By the time you read this, the Nor'Easters officers will have already met to decide on the first few meetings of 2006. A REMINDER: All members with e-mail will now receive the meeting info, the exact same flyer, via e-mail. Those without, will still receive the flyer as they always have, via US Mail.

Mercedes Hersom has finally moved into her new NH home. She called to advise of an article found in the Vermont Free Press about one of BOSOO's infamous employees, Bill O'Neil, retired from BTVCS. Billy now works part time as a document checker at BTV security. The 32 year veteran of United is applauded as a light in the drab world of security checkpoints. With his upbeat manner, passengers view him more as a greeter than a screener. Good going Bill.

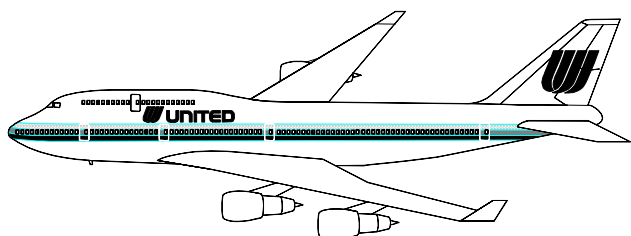
Yours truly spent Feb. on the Island of Kauai. The respite from winter, with sun & surf is just what the doctor ordered.

Our condolences to Frank DeStefano, who's Mother passed away in Jan. Cards & letters can be sent to Frank & Janet at 17 Elm Avenue, Salem, MA 01970.

***** *There are times when silence has the loudest voice* *****

Calendar:

March 29 - Isaac's Restaurant, Plymouth MA



MINNESOTA

NORTHERN LITES

MSP/St. Paul

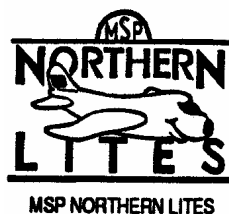
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After a 10-day stretch of zero-degree nighttime lows in early Dec., our mild winter continued into Jan. with temperatures running 15-20 degrees higher than average. That brought out a larger group than we generally see in the traditionally coldest month of the year. 31 members & Barb Wilmes' friend, Chris, met for lunch & fellowship.

El Prezidente Lee Storlie read thank-you letters that he'd received from donations we'd sent as a group: the Flight 93 Foundation & the Gilmore family in Louisiana. Our gifts weren't very large, but our intention was to let them know that we are still part of the UAL family & that we care.

We've received greetings from Dr. Janice Meyer, Ray Thoreson & Jack Doke, three friends who we rarely see. It was good to hear from them all, especially Ray. We miss seeing them & having a chance to visit.

We wish to extend condolences to Chuck Eichacker on the recent death of his brother.

Nel Brawner told us about her inter-island (Hawaiian) cruise & about the miniscule cabin she shared with her two friends, the collapsing pull-out bed & being inadvertently locked out of the cabin in her nightie. The mental image of that had us all in stitches.

Things are pretty quiet around here with about 1/3 of the retired population scampering away to warmer climes. For the first time, the Glattlys left for a winter trip. Not that they don't enjoy winter in MN, but friends who are Nat'l Park Service rangers were to be in Death Valley this year & what better chance to get personalized tours & info? A visit to some of the MSP contingent in AZ was also planned. Mary & Jim Brennan spent most of Feb. in Kona, & Gene & Cookie Delvaux did another cruise (how do they stay so slim?!).

Calendar:

Lunch the 2nd Wed. of every month, 11:15am, The

Old Country Buffet, just north of Hwy. 110 & Robert Street in West St. Paul.

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 33 who enjoyed the great food at Venice Inn which was hosted by Tom & Rose Langan. We were happy to see Dorothy Glover. She said Bob is doing okay at the Veteran's Home.

Our guest was Josh Van Houten, grandson of Van, who spent 14 months in Iraq. Those in the vicinity have seen Josh on the TV, read about him in the paper & also this newsletter. What a great young man he is. He told us about his time in Iraq & opened it up to questions & answers. Josh & his group were the people who drove huge trucks delivering military supplies to various stations all over Iraq. He said in his 14 months they drove 1,000,000 miles, no one was killed. Josh is now attending Iowa Western Community College. Readers Digest is looking into publishing an article about Josh & his grandpa's duffel bag which never left his side while he was in Iraq.

Bill Harrison had noticed he was walking to the right & dragging his foot. Mel took him to the doctor Jan. 3 at the University Hospital. After 2 days of extensive tests they found that Bill had 3 sizable tumors in his brain along with several very small ones. He was released from the hospital Jan. 7 to await the findings of the biopsy. Bill is now taking radiation on Tue. & chemotherapy on Thurs.; however his chemo is being given to him by pills. He is feeling good & has already seen a difference in his walking. Bill & the doctors are very optimistic that the treatments will prove successful. His address is 801 So. 52nd St., Apt 1813, Omaha NE 68106.

Shirley Slaughter, wife of Bill, has been ill for 6 weeks spending time in the hospital & nursing home. The doctors cannot seem to find out what is wrong. She has lost the use of both arms & legs. We hope they find out her problem soon. Our best wishes to Shirley & Bill.

Keith had a couple of notes from people paying their dues. Gene O'Brien said he was 88 on Christmas Day. Sue Manhart said Vince is doing pretty good; they think the cancerous tumor on his spine is gone. His legs are getting better but still needs a walker. I had a card from Jake Hutchinson, he wanted me to tell everyone "hello". His plans are to make it to one of our meetings this year.

Lorraine Stanfield gave me notice of Geraldine Schuelle's funeral. Gerry worked for UAL for awhile. Several of our retirees attended the vigil service or her funeral. She was the wife of Al Schuelle. Her service was held Dec 28.

Calendar:

March 7 - House of Hunan – hosted by Marge Edwards

NEVADA

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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It is that time of year again for 2006 DUES - \$5 PER MEMBER. Please send to either Mary Withers or me. Thank you. Mary's address is 1602 Mountain Lane, Reno, NV 89511.

The Treasury balance as of 1/16 is over \$600. Address lists will be sent out soon. Please let me know if you have any changes.

The membership donated 170 pounds of food to the Food Bank this year. Congratulations to all for a great year.

We are sorry to announce that Ralph & Nina Mischker recently lost their son. A card was sent with the Chapter's condolences. Also, we regret to report that Chuck & Wally Moore are relocating to Tracy as of the 24th. We wish them good luck. Gladys Lang sent her regards to the group. Louise Birch is now living in Grants Pass & would welcome receiving cards at Highland House, 2201 Highland Ave., Grants Pass, OR 97526.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Donna Reid for the Christmas Angels she so generously donated for our Christmas luncheon. Everyone was excited

to win a gaily wrapped package. Thank you again, Donna.

The 50/50 drawing was won by guest Ann Packer. Ann was a guest of Sylvia Pendleton. Ann's husband, Monte, was a founding member of the Sierra Roundup in 1982 & had worked at UAL at least 30 years.

The membership agreed to move the Aug. picnic to a Mon.

NEW JERSEY

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The Gardenstater met on Jan. 25 at a new restaurant "The Willows", 1013 N. Washington Avenue, Green Brook, NJ 08812. Pres. Dick Confer thanked everyone for attending, 69 retirees & spouses were in attendance. A moment of silence was held for Maureen Anderson, Flight Attendant, 1st in seniority at Newark.

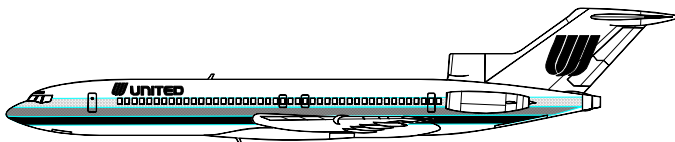
Everyone should have received a letter from PBGC that meetings were held at JFK on Feb. 1 & Feb. 2. One question was "What happens to the Met Life portion if the employee dies before the spouse. 50%, 66 2/3% or 10 years, depending what option was taken when you signed up for retirement will be received by the spouse.

At the Atlantic City Airport, Spirit & Jet Blue will give UAL retirees a discount. You will need a letter & I.D.

Everard Eaton & his wife just celebrated their 60th Anniversary. Tommy Owen celebrated his 80th birthday & Gerry Glydon celebrated his 82nd.

Calendar:

It was decided to use the Willows at next month's meeting.



NEW YORK

GUYS AND DOLLS

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(Marge Segal for Jeanne Leo)

And then there were twelve! Our first luncheon meeting of 2006 consisted of one of the smallest groups in many months. Some members are away seeking warmer climates, others visiting families & still others on the sick list.

A mistake had been made in a double booking of the private room used for parties. Since we were a small group we were able to lunch in the main restaurant. It was great! Everyone enjoyed the atmosphere & the closeness of the cozy group.

Ten dollars annual dues were collected from those in attendance. Those absent will be expected to pay at next meeting April 4. Hope to see more members then. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Marilyn Lade, wife of Pres. Marlin Lade.

Calendar:

April 4 – 12 Noon luncheon meeting – San Martin Restaurant. RSVP Jeanne Leo at above address or Marge Segal (212) 355-1788.

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

Today was to be our last meeting at Antun's of Hicksville. The doors were locked & members a little confused. Why were the doors locked? Where was the meeting to be held? Once again, our new Pres. Jim Richardson, our Past Pres. Joe Totaro & Leo Talochino came to the rescue! They walked a few doors down to the Asian Buffet & were able to make last minute accommodations for 57 New York Metros, including one guest, for a Chinese Banquet. Thank You Guys!

One member, Roy Portelli, was so engrossed with his car radio music; he passed Antun's & continued about two miles down the road to the Millerridge Inn. The Metros haven't met at the Millerridge Inn in over a year! Needless to say, Roy was on time for the meeting at the Asian Buffet.

Our guest was Dale Deuber, friend of Julius & Rose Schneider. Welcome Dale!

Our new member is Manuel Suarez. Manny retired from United Airlines after working 35 years at JFKDS, LGAOO & finally from LGAFF. Perhaps Manny will bring his wife, Blanca to future meetings. Remember, wives and friends are welcome to attending our monthly meetings. Don't be shy; we get to know the members by attending the meetings. We have United Airlines in common. At present, United is not very popular with most retirees.

We have 11 members celebrating birthdays in Feb., & one couple, Dominick & Gerri Rizzo, married 56 years. Birthday & anniversary greetings to all.

Terry Zabaransakas & John Muller both sent thank you notes for the basket of fruit each received from the Metros after their stay in the hospital. Terry was at the meeting with her husband Frank. John is still home recuperating from open heart surgery in early Jan. Speedy recovery John!

Associate member, Yvonne Guella, is home recovering from her surgery on the 23rd. Her sister, Mabel Bittar, is in rehab, after shoulder surgery on the 13th. Physical & occupational therapy is keeping Mabel busy all day.

Mary Butera is back in the hospital. (718) 357-6061.

It was brought to our attention that Ed Marshall's wife, Mary passed away in mid Jan. Condolences to Ed & the Marshall family.

Jim Richardson is asking for suggestions to help make our Chapter more appealing to the membership & any United retiree thinking of joining the chapter. Jim is in the process of having the call list & membership list updated to for the chapter. He is hoping the list will be ready for the March 1 meeting.

Jimmy Richardson is doing a great job as the new Pres. of the New York Metros. He has taken his new position seriously & has taken the transition smoothly. Continue doing what your

doing Jim.

Once again our monthly update on United Airlines was given by VP Charlie Kaczinski. He did his repertoire of jokes for everyone's enjoyment.

The new meeting place for our monthly meetings is:

Asian Buffet
276 Old Country Road
Hicksville, New York 11801
(516) 433-6688

There is accessible parking in the rear of the restaurant for everyone, also, handicapped parking.

Calendar:

March 1 - Asian Buffet 12 noon

April 05 - Asian Buffet 12 noon

May 03 - Asian Buffet 12 noon

OHIO



BUCKEYES

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A group of 94 lively people met at Dimitri's on Feb. 1. The sun was shining brightly as well as unusually warm temperatures for Feb. This was the 13th year that the Buckeyes held their meeting at Dimitri's. Thanks again, Marilyn Gschwend for hosting this event.

We had 2 visitors that attended. I really enjoyed visiting with Mr. & Mrs. Walter Zavada. Walter retired from CLE in 1984. He & his wife continue to keep busy. Come join us again.

Pres. Carol Hacker recognized Jan. & Feb. birthdays & Jan. & Feb. anniversaries. Ray & Carol Waldron celebrated 57 yrs. Congratulations to all. May you all be blessed with many more years to come.

Mark Gatesman is in the hospital with pneumonia. He is expected home in a day or two. His address is: 1601 S. Carpenter Rd., Brunswick, OH 44212-3800. Ellie Durbin is recuperating at home. I failed to mention the passing of Marilyn Neal's mother-in-law, Grace Neale. She passed

away Dec. 2, 2005. I do apologize for not mentioning it earlier. She was 89 years old. Please continue to keep the above people in your prayers. We know that some of our members are dealing with major health issues.

VP Sharon Minelli talked to the Chapter about the upcoming Fantasy Flight. It is scheduled to take place May 6. They are looking for volunteers to help with food, prizes, decorations, etc. If you are interested, contact Sharon Minelli or Carol Hacker for additional information. I can't think of a more worthwhile way to spend a day.

Just a friendly reminder, it's that time of the year again. Please send your dues to Treas. Dolly Taucher. Her address is: 8301 Lorraine Drive, Strongsville, OH 44149-1031. DUES MUST BE PAID BY MAY 1 OR YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE DROPPED.

The semi-yearly packages were distributed at the Feb. meeting. The remaining packages will be mailed. If you have not yet received one, please contact one of the officers.

Calendar:

April 5 - Bucci's Italian Restaurant, 1 Berea Commons, OH. 12:30 p.m., pre-paid.

May 3 - Frank Sterle's Slovenian Country House, 1401 East 55th St., Cleveland, 1:00 p.m., pre-paid.

June 22 & 23 - Niagara Falls Ont. DEADLINE for payment is May 5.

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

OREGON

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If anyone was at all interested in moving to OR Jan. was not the month to visit. It would have scared anyone away as it rained almost non-stop all month, just shy of setting a record for the most "liquid sunshine" during a certain time frame. Maybe that was why our attendance was down in Jan. There were only 88 members at the last

meeting.

Congratulations to Cora & Jack Harper on celebrating their 60th Anniversary. I remember attending their 50th Anniversary party 10 years ago. It seems like only yesterday, I know they must feel the same way.

Roy DeCamara & Merle Pitman had surgery last month. Merle's procedure has enabled him to have better movement in his leg & improved his walking ability. Fortunately our chapter seems to be a hardy bunch, as I haven't heard from anyone else who has been ill. There are a lot of colds & sore throats going around but nothing serious.

Last chance this month to pay your chapter dues & have your name listed in the roster for 2006. Remember your membership entitles you to a copy of Plane Talk that is published quarterly. The dues can be paid at the March meeting; however if you are unable to attend the meeting please mail them to Dave Smith, 8310 NE Brazee, Portland, OR 97220. The dues are \$7.50 single or \$10 for a couple.

Please remember to bring canned goods or non-perishable items to the meeting as they are being given to a local charity, Shepherd's Door. A note was received from them last month thanking us for our continued support of their program.

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

Calendar:

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

Mar. 8 – St Patrick's Day Celebration

April 12 - Easter Parade

May 10 - TBA

OUR CLUB

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Mary Chachere hosted the monthly meeting of

OUR Club on Feb. 3, at Eve's Garden Cafe in Applegate, OR. Eve's is a Victorian restaurant that serves home baked fare as well as high tea, therefore, offers a full array of Victorian hats & accessories for anyone wishing to dress up. Many of the lady members, plus one brave gentleman, received applause & a lot of laughter as they tried on the elaborate hats. Among the 18 members attending, first timers Jim & Dolores Hebbard were warmly welcomed.

After the 3rd wettest Dec.-Jan. since 1900, everyone was relieved to say that they escaped damage from the flooding of the Rogue, Applegate & Illinois Rivers. Trusting that winter won't last all year, plans for future chapter outings were discussed.

The March luncheon meeting will be held at noon on March 3 at the Medford Airport Red Baron Restaurant, will be hosted by Jackie and Bob Johnson. OUR Club member & retired pilot Jim McIntosh will give insights into his tour business.

Calendar:

March 3 - details in column

April 7 - TBA - Bob and Ida Rogers

May 5 - TBA - Bob and Miriam Lindberg

PENNSYLVANIA

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Pres. Joe Bradley opened our Jan 9 luncheon; I suppose the Dec. festivities were too much for some of our members as we had a very small turnout. Only 27 retirees attended.

Guest speaker was Officer Thomas Nee from the Upper Darby Police Security Division. He gave us an informative account on security. We learned quite a bit about what we are doing wrong. I would highly recommend other chapters think about inviting their local law enforcement departments to come & talk about senior security.

VP Bernie McNamee stated that plans for the up coming convention in DCA were coming along

fine. His team from PHL has been traveling to DCA to lend a hand in the effort to make this a great convention.

Unfortunately, we lost 2 more retirees: Ben Allen – PHLCG & Virgil Bruce – PHLJL.

Kathy & Al Edwards held our monthly committee meeting in spite of their major construction project. The background jackhammers & drill did not deter us.

VP Bernie McNamee briefed us on the progress of the committee for the DCA convention. It sounds like an event we should not miss! Pres. Joe Brad suggested renting a bus, a van or carpooling to cut costs. We need to see how much interest there might be among our members.

We need a means to learn the names of retirees who have passed away. As of now, it is mostly by word of mouth. Sometimes it is long after the death occurred.

We discussed a possible Independents website. After much discussion, we felt that there are too few retirees who own computers in our chapter to be of benefit.

Joe Brad read a letter from Lt. Sara Johnson in Iraq, thanking us for the box goodies we sent. With much sorrow, Joe reported that one of our military recipients was wounded & has been sent to an Army hospital. We do not know the disposition of our box of gifts.

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Well the Pit-Stoppers certainly have something to celebrate – “Go Steelers”. Hopefully by the time this goes to print we will have “one for the thumb”.

The Valentines day luncheon held on Feb. 10 will be covered in the next issue.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Patricia Lavelle, wife of mechanic Fran. Fran & Pat were former Pit-Stoppers & were now living in Indianapolis. Our thoughts & prayers to Fran & family also to brother Pat & Rosemarie, current Pit-Stoppers. Cards can be sent to 404 West Country Rd 975, North Lizton, IN 46149.

The mother of Jim Weber passed away last month. Jim was a loving & caring son to his mother as she was confined to a nursing home for the last several years. Cards can be sent to Jim & Diane at 2137 Forest Grove Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

We were shocked & saddened to hear of the passing of Ken Speering, DENMM. Ken & wife Barb were members of the Pit-Stoppers even though they resided in Aurora. We will certainly miss them at the convention this year. I am sure Ken is up in heaven waving his "terrible towel". Our prayers to Barb and her family. Cards can be sent to 15047 E. Carolina Rd., Aurora, CO 80012.

Calendar:

March 17 – J. W. Halls in Hopewell.

TENNESSEE

**TENNESSEE ROCKY
TOPS**

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34 members attended our luncheon held at the Texas Roadhouse in Turkey Creek Shopping Center in Knoxville, TN. The event was hosted by JoAnn & Les Swallom. Food was good also the opportunity to visit and catch up with each others news.

We have received a note from Millicent Hinger's daughter that her health has deteriorated, she is now in a nursing home. Millicent & husband John were part of the original group who organized our chapter.

Main topic of discussion was the hearings on United's exit from bankruptcy.

Valentine treats were provided by our hosts along with door prizes won by the Taylors, Anthony's, Rotiskys & Nancy Krop.

Calendar:

Mar. 16 - 12:30 EST to be hosted by the Barr's (865 458-0815) and the Anthony's (931 484-0036). Location to be determined.

April 20 - 9:30 EST, breakfast at Shoney's

Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

May 18 - 12:30 EST to be hosted by the Ferrell's (423 745-9390). Location to be Determined.

UTAH



THE SALT LAKERS

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On Jan. 18, 20 chpt. members met at the Murray Heritage Ctr. for coffee, George Dalton donated delicious Krispy Kreme donuts. Thanks, George - we always appreciate your contribution!

We welcomed Douglas Roberts, Tony Brown, & Frank Christenson - all of whom had been missed over the past few months. It was good to see Carl & Lorraine Olsen brace a beginning snowstorm to drive from Layton to SLC. A note here: it was through our national RUAEA Newsletter report that an old-time friend/colleague was brought in touch with the Olsens again, much to everyone's delight.

The group asked about Hank & Mary Bons' whereabouts, as we had not seen them for the past two months. Bob Faydock was missed -- an earlier e-mail advised that he had been quite ill with short stays in the hospital. A call to his home today went unanswered. Although Kiyoko Olsen promised to come, but she was unable to make it. We trust life is well with all of them.

Visits to Marge Ringer & Leoma Williams confirmed that both are still in good spirits, albeit physically unable to come & join us. Our group wishes them well. - Sandy Cantonwine told us that Darlene was not well enough to come, we were sorry to hear that. We also missed Tony Brown's wife Dorothy.

Treas. Bill Ottman advised that Clair & Judy Anderson, when paying their annual chpt. dues, contributed a total of \$49 to the treasury. Thanks, Clair & Judy!

News for our Berlin Airlift UALers: M/Sgt. John Hanlon (92) died on 1/16/06. This correspondent, as an erstwhile "Berlin Kid" &

recipient of "Operation Vittles" was asked by the Hanlon family to say a few graveside words about John & his involvement in this great humanitarian US effort in 1948/49 to save a city of 2.5 million citizens from Soviet infringement & takeover. John Hanlon's aircraft (C-57) was one of the few that crashed during this heroic lifesaving mission.

On a lighter note: Frank Christenson, full of glee, brought in a wonderfully entertaining 2006 calendar, aptly captioned: *Stewardesses Stripped (of their Pension?)*. Six gorgeous female creatures, stripped down to monokini, with strategically placed feather boas, were featured for each month of the year, with captions alluding to our airline industry's pension fiasco. For more calendar info, go to: www.stewsstripped.com

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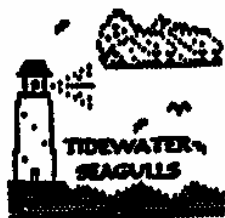
March 15 – Lunch 2pm – Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W., Bountiful, UT.

April 19 - Coffee - 10am - Murray Heritage Ctr. 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

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Our meeting at Locks Point Restaurant in Chesapeake had 22 in attendance including 2 guests. Meeting was opened by Pres. Riggs - back with us after having knee replacement. Paul Chase was back after a stroke. A third guest was Bob Caviness (son of Bill & Anne).

Jokes were told by Riggs & Gilbert, sponsoring the luncheon was Vi Hildebrand who provided our tables with plants, chocolate covered roses & valentines, & boxes of chocolates. Claire Hansen now living with daughter in North Carolina - calls were made to her from various members. Table decorations were won by several members.

Middle age is the awkward period when Father Time starts catching up with Mother Nature.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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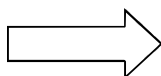
LETTERS

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

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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



Ann Herbek, 1229 Acapella Lane, Apollo Beach, FL 33572

Thank you for all of your great work on the Newsletter. It's been a long time since we've seen each other but I remember so well my trips on the employee bus over to TK to the Credit Union to talk to you about my finances. Thankfully, they're in much better shape now than they were when I was 25! Also, please pass along my thanks to those who are working to ensure the welfare of the retirees. The information provided about our medical insurance, pensions & most recently, the vote was invaluable. UAL isn't too good at communication, so you guys really fill a vital need.

Timothy A. Joslin, Sr., PO Box 54316, Redondo, WA 98054-0316

It's Jan. and the Anna's Hummingbird is at the sugar water feeder in freezing weather. No pension, no housing, no health care! How do birds survive? I probably feed the house sparrows too much birdseed but the feeder does attract the other less common varieties. Did I mention that I have become an amateur birdwatcher since retirement?

My youngest daughter, Jaala, was married this past Feb. after spending the better part of 3 years in the Peace Corps. Her husband, Rob, is a firefighter for the U.S. Govt., based in the Los Padres Natl. Forest District. Although Jaala spent the past summer employed as a firefighter, she just received her teaching certificate from CA, plus was accepted to Monterrey Language Institute starting next Fall for her Master's degree. Chinese is her 2nd language.

My Mother passed away on June 9 at age 90. My father still survives at age 93; seems to be adjusting to life without his wife of 67 years. I also lost two good friends this past spring. Erling Larsen, who I had known since college days at Univ. of Washington, lost his battle with recurring cancer. Capt Tim Stark perished in a tragic climbing accident on Mount Rainier. Tim was an active United Pilot & an outstanding person.

My son, Tim Jr., still persists with his medical career, now being a 1st year Resident in Family Practice Medicine at OHSU in PDX.

One of our favorite cities to visit, New Orleans, suffered grievous damage from flooding & recovery to normal looks to be many months down the road. Very sad.

Pension is the big question in everyone's mind. Checked to see if we could keep a roof over our heads & food on the table. Yes, it can be done! Hopefully 2006 will bring better news.

John & Dianne Calderwood, 775 Tacketts Mill Rd., Stafford, VA 22556

After retiring in March 2002, (41 yrs., 7 mos.) John started chemotherapy treatments. This year, 2005, he had a stem cell transplant. After some rough months his progress has been great.

We were always so proud of UAL. I as a stewardess in 1961, flew out of YIP to ATL, that's where I met John. In 1961, I was Dianne Norman.

We've been to LAX, now IAD. I remember when Dulles was built "way out" in the country ... No More!

United will pull through, but, the "good ole days" are long gone.

Thanks for the Newsletter & all the talented work. It's our only source of information. You're doing a fantastic job ... Keep it up!!!

Karen J. Lebert, 236 W. Harvard Cr., South Elgin, IL 60177-2732

Thank You Very Much – for all the information on UAL. I do not have a computer so you are my life line to what is really going on with United. I'm glad to see that other retirees are having the same feelings as I am, frustration & anger. United didn't need bankruptcy. It needed someone to come up with real ways of making money. One such way is to resume the flying of freight - they made money. Strange - the word is - freighters will be brought back after UAL comes out of bankruptcy – why wait? I agree with many retirees – United should restore the benefits, at a future date, that have been cut. Unlike pilots, I & many other retirees are not getting a large pension benefit. Also, like many others, going out & getting another job just isn't possible – due to medical situations.

All of us retirees can only wait & hope for better times.

Tom Moss, 2495 S. Quebec St., #16, Denver, CO 80231-6067

Hello Jo, and all the wonderful folks who help put together the RUAEA Newsletter.

I am going to beat that RED stamp this time.

Many miles have gone under the bridge since I

retired in 1981, as a Pilot Instructor at DENTK. It is good to hear that our Company has finally emerged from bankruptcy.

It is with great sadness that I report the death on 1/16/06 of my wife & best friend of 63 years. A memorial service for her was held on 2/18.

I hope to get back to help with the mailings of the Newsletter.

Sharon O'Hearn, 5122 S. Truckee St., Centennial, CO 80015

With Ray's retirement & the closing of DENRR, things have been crazy around here for a few months, but are finally starting to settle.

Now that Ray & I are both retired, we hope to update some things around our house, & spend as much time possible with our three grandchildren.

Would enjoy hearing from our friends back in CLE, as well as from DEN!

Dave Smith, 8310 NE Brazee St., Portland, OR 97220

Editor's Note: The following letter was written by Dave Smith, Pres. of the Oregon Dew-ers Chapter & published in their local Newsletter, "Plane Talk" (Jan. 06). I thought it is a great letter so telephoned Dave to ask permission to publish it in the RUAEA Newsletter.

Three years ago, before United Airlines filed for bankruptcy, we seemed to be living in the sunshine. We were working for, or retired from, a fortune 500 company with a bright past & expectations for a continued sunny future. Then we rode into the tunnel of Chapter 11.

Upon entering this uncharted territory there was a lot of confusion as the light of our expectations began to fade. We began to hear many misinformed opinions about what to expect, and in our worry & anxiety the tunnel began to get darker & darker.

We reached the depth of this tunnel when we began to fear the unknown track of what would happen to us; to our pensions, our medical coverage, our passes also our identity as respected United Airlines employees or retirees. Would we have anything left of our pensions? Should we search for alternative sources of medical coverage? Would we continue to fly on passes, or would we be consigned to the mass of full-fare-travelers? We had a lot to be concerned about.

Now we begin to see a light at the end of the tunnel. It is becoming more & more clear with each passing day. We will have some form of retirement pension money coming in each month. We will not be like those who worked for Braniff, Eastern, National or Pan Am. We will also have medical benefits. We'll pay a little more for them, but they will be better than what we could buy on the outside. Our planes will be more full than in the days when only rich & airline employees flew, but we will be able to use passes & continue to enjoy travel throughout the world.

With age & experience we begin to understand the saying that "the only thing constant in life is change". We will experience change as we reenter the light after bankruptcy. Our whole airline industry is going through profound changes. To some extent we will have been the leaders in this transformation. Many economic forecasters think United Airlines will be in an excellent position to take advantage of the new environment in this industry. We still will be United Airlines.

The end of this trip is getting closer & closer. We will exit bankruptcy. We will be glad that we looked for the light at the end of the tunnel.

Gertrude Holmbo, P.O. Box 1252, 400 Thames, Park Ridge, IL 60086

Time marches on. We went on a Holiday cruise & it is hard to get back to reality and the cold weather.

Thank you for all your wonderful work – appreciate all the news. We had a wonderful Christmas luncheon & with Marlin Lade speaking it was an extra special time. Looking forward to the Washington Convention. Thanks again for all you do.

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

Just to prove another birthday has not impaired my awareness, I decided to stay one step ahead of the red stamp.

Probably like all other members, I never get tired of seeing old familiar names of past acquaintances, brings back some good memories.

Many thanks as usual for the great work all the RUAEA staff does.

"Jack" D. T. Ferrell, P.O. Box 206, Athens, TN 37371

Wow! Time really does fly ... along with the Airlines.

I am still flying my little Mooney airplane. When I go on a Cross Country flight, I miss that 7 to 10 miles a minutes, now I am lucky to get 3 miles a minute. The real bummer is when I land, I have to pay for my own fuel. I will have to say, I really miss flying those nice, fast United Airplanes, & working with the best people in the world. I hope they are doing well. What a great job to have ... and it went by so fast ...

My wife Sue & I really enjoy our local RUAEA, the "Rocky Tops"! Thanks to Jerry & Mary Lou Barr, it has been a wonderful chapter. We really have a lot of comradery.

Era Hoffmeyer, 57808 720th St., Jackson, MN 56143-3246

My hat is off to Jo Madden, you & the entire staff of RUAEA. What a "splendid job" all of you are doing for the retirees!

I hope to see all of you at the RUAEA Convention in May.

Walt Harrison, walterbharrison@prodigy.net

Many members, I am sure, have received notification from the PBGC that their monthly pension payments were going to be reduced as of Jan. 1, 2006. I received such a notice that reduced my pension payment under the PBGC by approximately 28%. At my age of 63 at the time of the United Airlines Management, Administrative & Public Contact Defined Benefit Pension Plan termination, I thought that the amount I was receiving would be totally covered by the PBGC. The pension amount that I am referring to that I saw as the obligations of the terminated Plan, now the PBGC was the monthly amount paid to me prior to Plan termination minus (-) the amount paid by the Met Life purchased annuity in my names since 1985.

I talked to the PBGC regarding the change, they were very responsive in providing me with a faxed copy of the methodology they used to calculate my reduced monthly payment. In addition, they provided me with a copy of the text from their Actuarial Technical Manual that they refer to when handling plans, such as United's, which has a

purchased annuity component.

I really don't have an issue with the way the PBGC calculated the maximum benefit that I was entitled to, which was a reduced amount from that in their published tables. Those calculations also accounted for my 66 2/3% contingent annuitant. The new PBGC calculated maximum that could be insured in my case was still greater than the portion of my monthly pension amount that was the obligation of the terminated Plan. What I do take exception to is that once the PBGC determined what their maximum benefit was, they then subtracted the amount of the Met Life purchased annuity from their maximum to arrive at my new monthly payment. In talking to other retirees, this same methodology was used in deriving their new lower monthly pension payment from PBGC.

There in lies the question for all affected retirees. Is it appropriate for the PBGC to reduce the monthly amounts paid to retirees by subtracting purchased annuity payments from the PBGC maximum monthly obligation? I feel that it isn't. If others in our organization have the same concern might we collectively seek an opinion through counsel on this matter?

Al Kaiser, 8133 Ibanez Ct., Sacramento, CA 95829-6552

Since I am one of the few people remaining who have a life membership in RUAEA my Jan. Newsletter did not come with a red mark by my address & I almost forgot this is my birthday month. Since I outlived my expected life long ago I'd like to send a donation to the postage fund during my birthday month.

I am now 93 years old & going strong. Health tests my doctor takes always (Thank God) come back normal or better in every category. But even for a healthy senior there are some bad features. For example, in the clubs I belong to I've known all the members & have had wonderful friends. But now if I go to a meeting I see few of my old friends.

A few months ago at a Sacramento Gold Digger meeting (RUAEA) new members were introduced. They were asked to give a short history of their UAL employment. All told when they were hired & when they retired. All 6 were hired after 1978 which was my retirement date. There are only a few of us left from that period.

However, I still have a lot of good friends left

in RUAEA; I hope some of you see this letter. I hope & pray that you are well & happy.

Ruth Reiner, 7650 W McNab Rd Apt 218, Tamarac, FL 33321

RUAEA NEWSLETTER:

So happy to say thank you for all the work put into this great Newsletter. Each person deserves a big, fat raise!!

My husband & I are still keeping busy at our Condo, cruising & traveling to CHI & ALT to see our children & grandchildren. Getting on a flight brings back many happy memories!

Every once in a while I see a familiar name from EWRSW. I love that!

Keep up the good work.

Mollie Cook, 1212 Ash St., Denver, CO 80220

Thanks for getting me into RUAEA. I really like the Newsletter. I used the Portland Travel Desk in Dec. when I was flying into Seattle & out of Portland, it was so nice to talk to a "real person".

John R Hansen, 266 Mountain Home Drive, Grants Pass, OR 97527-7559

I remember Marlin Lade & wish him the best with his wife's trauma. Perhaps he can put some of his stewardess training to good use. My wife, Marge, had open heart surgery then had a stroke a year ago. Been kind of tough But airline people are survivors.

If you see or talk to Bob Cuff tell him we said Hi! We set down in a few locations over the years MDW, ORD, EXO, SFO.

A. Laurance Moe, 6726 Bitterroot Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80918-7325

The year 2005 was rather uneventful except for 2 major events. The first was a 3 day stay in the hospital because of a little mix-up in medications. The second was the 50th wedding anniversary my wife & I celebrated in Aug.

We out here in "the field" cannot say enough about you folks in DEN who put out this Newsletter with the assembling, mailing & everything else involved. Thank you very much.

Ronald & Joanne Huhn, 1324 Ramona Lane, Petaluma, CA 94954-3454

Thank you for the fine job that you all put forth.

I can hardly wait for each issue to see who is in, where & what is going on with the other chapters.

The time flies by but for once I am getting my check in to you before I get a real flag.

(I hope)

A great deal of thanks goes to the convention committee last year. The information in regards to our benefits was most appreciated.

Nancy Murray, 3321 Dartmouth Pl., Evanston, IL 60201-1826

Thanks for the reminder. Senior moments seem to happen more often.

We appreciate the effort & work put into the Newsletter. It is my only source to keep informed of UAL & fellow retirees.

Patricia Muha, 182 Raleigh Court, Wood Dale, IL 60191-2319

I have been retired for 18 years & have gone to every convention.

I always enjoy the Newsletter especially the General News & Breaking News Columns.

All of you on the Newsletter Committee & the Directors are to be complimented for the great job you do.

James A. Sommerfield, 616 Sherwood Ln., Schaumburg, IL 60193

It's amazing that yet another year has gone by & it's time for my membership renewal, & I've already been retired 3 years. Special thanks to all of you working on the Newsletter, the DEN staff, website personnel & RUAEA officers. You do an outstanding job. I appreciate the excellent job that was done in keeping us informed regarding United's bankruptcy, our pensions & insurance information.

I'm glad to belong to such a fine organization, appreciate the camaraderie & friendship that I receive at both the local & national level.

Philip J. Oneil, 959 Moreno Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303

24 Years have gone by since I retired & joined RUAEA. The Newsletter has been a wonderful way to keep up with what's happening at UAL and hearing news about old friends.

The conventions have been something to look forward to but I'm sorry to say we will miss the

Washington convention. We had some wonderful trips last year including the convention and a train journey to NYC and WAS and a couple trips to SEA and the Camano Island.

Edith had a small stroke in August and at the same time I had some heart related problems which put us both out of action. There have been a couple of hospital stays for each of us since then but I am allowed to drive again so we are mobile.

We both seem to be on the mend so maybe we will make next year's convention.

Sharon Minelli, 4169 Story Rd., Fairview Park, OH 44126

I am into my 4th year of retirement & loving every minute of it. Keeping busy is the success to enjoying these years. I am a travel agent at a remote location for Allinterliners Travel Agency, booking cruises & land tours for airline employees & retirees. It's a fun job that I can do right from the comfort of my home. Call me to see what hot specials we might have available!

Mr. Norman Strange, 18107 Marine View Dr. SW, Normandy Park, WA 98166

It is interesting to read what retirees are doing since leaving UAL. They are the last group to be hired under the old procedures requiring them to pass the Humm Wadsworth Temperament Measure & the General Learning Ability Test before being accepted for hire. As a result, in my opinion, they are a cut above the hires that other companies accepted as new hires.

The fact that there is a retiree association attests to the desire of employees to continue the association with former co-workers after retiring. We all had something in common as a result of passing the aforementioned pre-employment tests in order to be hired.

Now for my story & what I have been doing since retiring. I have learned that horses are very much like people in their relationship with other horses. You see, I have a little farm (eleven acres) on Vashon Island with 3 horses. They are Appaloosas & 2 have not been broken, a Filly & Stallion. They do communicate though by whinnying regularly. Just like people. The Filly's name is Cee Cee (sounds French) & the Stallion is named Bandit. The third horse is actually a pony & has been broken for riding.

Well we live in horse country. I think they are noble beasts & have contributed greatly to mankind. They have their own temperament just like people. I'm sure you agree. By the way, the name of the Appaloosa comes from the Palouse area of Eastern Washington & Western Idaho. The Indian tribes there (Chief Joseph's group) captured some horses left by the Spanish in the West & bred them to withstand the cold winters.

Keep up the good work you & your crew accomplish. Remember, we are a cut above the average workers at other companies.

Ruth A. Adams, 10 Clearview Ave., Glassboro, NJ 08028

So much has happened in our personal lives & within the company since United filed for bankruptcy, all of us are affected in some way. With all that took place during that period, we would have a very difficult time keeping up with & understanding, the many changes that were taking place.

Thanks to the Officers and hard working Staff at RUAEA, we were kept up to date by the valuable information & explanations passed along to us through the RUAEA NEWSLETTER.

It is always great to see an article or letter from a former co-worker. It never fails to stir up old memories of the many friends I made & the fun times we shared, while getting the job done. When things are looking gloomy for our future, or the future of United, I just think about the great people I worked with & how much I looked forward to going to work each day. I will always have those memories; hopefully our paths will cross again in the future.

Fernando Cordero, 1315 SW Hibiscus St., Port Saint Lucie, FL 34983-2940

Thank you for your wonderful work & your continued support for all of us retirees.

My year has been one of up & downs, after 2 years 3 months of having my home in FL to be built, & fighting the company who built my home, not giving me the things I paid for. I finally got my home on 10/27/05. Bringing my household goods down, I almost broke my hand. The week before I went up to VA to pick up my wife, she had a very bad fall, broke her shoulder, both of joint cracked & upper arm bone broken in two places, she is

finally home.

Nancy R. Nofield, P.O. Box 23582, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-3582

Please change my mailing address to the above.

Thank you for all your hard work on our delightful Newsletter. It is greatly appreciated.

Chuck & Margaret Dinsmoor, 661 Kerry Ct., Galt, CA 95632

Late year end report & also over due for a thank you to all involved in keeping us so well informed by the monthly Newsletter. We will never be able to repay you. Again, many thanks.

For us this past year has been full of life experiences plus being blessed by joyous family events. The first life experience was the need for Margaret to undergo carotid artery surgery. Fortunately a very excellent surgeon did the operation. Everything came out fine with all sleep annoying noises eliminated. The second experience was Chuck's routine cataract removal on both eyes, one month apart.

We made a trip to OK May 6 through 16 to see our last granddaughter, Stacy Randall, graduate from University of OK. Two ceremonies were held, first in Norman then Oklahoma City and TX.

May 28 was a memorable day when our 7th great grandchild was born. This is 4th great-granddaughter being born to granddaughter Holly Leon.

Spent Sept. 26 thru Oct. 8 on Maui. Main reason was marriage of our new hygienist at Grand Wailea Resort Chapel to Callen Cochran on Sept 30. A beautiful family affair with parents, family, yours truly & with grooms brother performing the ceremony.

From Oct. 13 through 21, attending a reception for the newlyweds in Atoka, OK. While in the area made our first visit to Branson, MO for 3 days.

The newlyweds visited CA for a reception on Nov. 5 at the Woodbridge Country Club in Woodbridge, CA. This was so Stacy's local school, church & neighborhood friends could offer congratulations.

The balance of the year involved recuperating & holiday preparations.

Viola Mumaugh, Apt 410, 190303 N New Tradition Rd., Sun City West, AZ 85375-3861

Appreciate your dedication with the Newsletter.

It has been many years since my husband John started with UAL in 1943. My seniority helps with travel benefits. I still have United ties. Youngest son, James, is a Flight Attendant.

Basil & Mary Rabayda, 8144 N 17th St., Phoenix, AZ 85020-3951

I am a retired United Airlines employee, with 36 years service.

Recently my brother passed away suddenly. When I attempted to call United Airlines to list my son & myself on a flight, it took 40 minutes before I was finally able to speak with someone. When I finally had a real person on the line I explained my situation & was told that bereavement fares are not given by United Airlines. I had difficulty understanding what she was saying because of her heavily accented English.

My son went on to Hotwire.com & purchased the best fare we could find for round trip from Phoenix to Philadelphia, which was just over \$1000 for both of us on Delta Airlines. When I called Hertz Rent-a-Car through AAA I was given a bereavement discount for the 3 days I was in town for my brother's funeral. The service I received from Hertz was quite impressive; their customer service was impeccable.

My question is whether or not United Airlines has eliminated this service to employees or retirees; I know that bereavement fares have been available in the past.

Thank You for your attention.

Ampy Encarnacion, 6627 Windsong Ct., San Bernardino, CA 92407

I enjoy reading the newsletter & the opportunity to hear about United Airlines & the former employees.

My husband & I moved to San Bernardino, CA from Hoffman Est., IL months ago. We would like to know if there are any UA retirees in this part of CA called Inland Empire. We hope to form a group if there's enough of us living in this area.

Thank you for your wonderful service to United Retirees.

Margaret Hahn, 73 Los Altos Square, Los Altos, CA 94022

Thanks to all the volunteers who do such a

great job on the Newsletter. It was good to get information as we waited to hear about the pensions. The PBGC payments started with no complications.

Thanks also to the Travel Desk people. They got me booked on stand-by on my flight last Aug. What a wonderful service from an outstanding group of volunteers.

Carmen DiGregorio, 16222 Monterey Ln #211, Huntington Bch, CA 92649-2244

Sorry I'm a little late, but better than not at all.

Enclosed are my dues for 2006 plus a little extra for your postage.

Thanks for all the wonderful articles & letters from ex employees – nice hearing from them.

It's been 13 years since retirement, although the golden years have turned to tin, we still plod on as best we can & hope for the best.

Guy Hoffman, 15330 Ridgewood Drive, Sonora, CA 95370

Perhaps this will reach you before the red stamp reaches me. As head of the Central California chapter, the "San Joaquiners", I would like to place a plug for our friendly, informal group. Usually 50-60 members attend our luncheon meetings on the 2nd Thurs. of each month at various locations in our 5 county area of the Central Valley & the Mother Lode.

We have invited every retiree in our area to join us, unfortunately have not had a great response, i.e. 35 live in Modesto, 22 in Manteca, yet we have only 2 members in each town. There are 29 retirees in Sonora also close surrounding areas that have not responded to our invitation, so we have to assume they don't care to associate with some nice people, or they are extremely busy playing golf.

I do appreciate members letters, & read all the names in Contributions & Letters lists as I usually see someone's name that I've known.

Thanks to you all for your hard work!

Melind S. Lerg, P.O. Box 121003, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315-8948

I was so busy in mid-November getting ready to have my knee replaced, which turned out to be a hip replacement instead, that I forgot about my Dec. birthday.

Then in Dec. I was waiting for a date to replace

my knee. It seems my hip was worn out so the Dr. said it was better to do the hip before the knee, due to re-hab time, etc. As it turned out I went Jan. 24 for the knee.

The newsletter is a great way to hear what is going on around the system. I have seen names that I knew from my start with UAL, 1960-64; then from 1984 until my retirement in 1996.

The last 5 years have been hectic, with 2 years of care giving my aunt & the last 3 years "saving" our neighborhood marina, we haven't done any traveling or visiting friends. Things are going to change for the better, this summer.

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to stay in touch throughout the newsletter.

Bernadean Weiss, 859 E. 750 S, Springville, UT 84663-4301

As of Jan. 8, I have moved from White Sulfur Spring, MT to the above address.

Chic & Roni Adams news items in the Jan. issue is most interesting on the UAL service pins. Brought back things Ernie had told me about the early airline. Leon Cuddeback hired Ernie Feb., 1929. He started his 45½ year airline career with Varney in Boise, ID. I have 3 badges that were his. His first one was number "13". The other two were ID badges & didn't show his file number which was 2604. The first time he took me to Boise, there was a huge picture of him in mechanic's overalls on one wall in the lobby of the Boise terminal. I have a smaller one of the same picture. I have all of Ernie's service pins; we had them made into a charm bracelet. I'm not ready to part with it. He did receive a 45 year service pin. He told me the first airplane he ever worked on was the Swallow. His career took him from the Swallow to the B-747. He said the only part he didn't enjoy was being on the Accident Team for many years. The recovery of bodies was not pleasant. There were many neat airline stories he related in our short 13 years of marriage.

Ernie had many tools he had made to work on aircraft engines in those early years. He gave all those to his oldest son, Dick. He could name each one & what he used it for. Dick has displayed them on a long work bench so his Dad could identify them. The Tooling Industry wasn't there to support the early mechanics. I also have a picture of Ernie

standing beside an old airplane at the PDX Airport. There are 5 or 6 PDX Hangar with 4 management people on one end. Ernie identified all of them, July 31, 1931 – PDX, OR. The group is standing in front of two single engine bi-planes, very possible Swallows.

My thanks to the RUAEA staff for all the work they contribute in putting our Newsletter together. My thanks also to Jo Madden – you're invincible, also to Marlin Lade for the marvelous job you've done keeping all retirees informed of what's happening at UAL.

Diane A. Bowen, P.O. Box 179, Roxbury PA 17251

Where on earth did the last few years go?

Time to renew my RUAEA again, that means getting another year older!

We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me!

That's my story and I'm sticking to it!

Herb Ingram, 7373 E. 29th St. North #E318, Wichita, KS 67226

I really feel honored – my copy of the Jan. issue of the Newsletter had, not one, but two Red Stamps – one on the front cover, another on the back. Gee guys – ya really shouldn't have!

We are still plodding along here – happy as a clam. Our health is still holding up fairly well & we get out & about from time to time. We were able to get over to the Islands in Sept. It was nice, we enjoyed it but we don't remember it being so HOT in bygone times. Could it be our ages? We have always enjoyed Waikiki very early in the morning. The air was cool & fragrant – not many people out – the birds were singing, it was a lovely quiet time. Now – at six AM, the tour busses are lined up on Kalakaua with engines roaring, the restaurants are full, people are running around frantically, trying to get their day sightseeing started. I think we have just had our last trip to Paradise. It was nice while it lasted.

I always enjoy my paper copy of the Newsletter but, once in a while, I have the urge to take a quick look into the on-line version. If I do that, will that automatically void my paper subscription & put me

on the on-line list? I really don't want to have to sit & read 40 plus pages on the laptop screen.

I have read that UA is to emerge from bankruptcy in Feb. It has been a long hard pull with a lot of people left hurting along the way but I think that it was necessary if the company was to survive. It was that serious. Today, it isn't the same company that we call knew but the world has changed also. It changed while we were all standing there watching. I predict that UA will come roaring out with a big advertising splash, possibly fare sales, etc., plus an operation that is second to none. Look out you other airlines – a 400 pound gorilla is about to get loose!

Greetings & best wishes to members of the old Ground Radio group. I think of you guys frequently. (I wonder if the group has survived & is still active in this new company).

Thanks to the Newsletter team – what would we do without you?

Editor's Note: Members can elect to have Newsletter on the Web or receive the print copy – NOT both.

Ernie A. Ferreira, Jr., 7352 De Mello Rd., Vacaville, CA 95688-9440

Thanks for the great job you're doing on the Newsletter.

It's nice to read letters from our fellow employees but a little sad to read the Obituary column.

Let's hope the good old days on United come back soon.

Bob Ullmann, 33345 Kaylee Way, Leesburg, FL 34788-3833

We still do not have all the answers to our problems, nor do we have clear pictures of United's & our fate. If we all hang in there, a little longer, as we usually do, the clouds will dissipate. Just watch.

I'm remaining reasonably healthy, having started my 20th year of retirement; I hope we learned all the places NOT to walk, down the paths of the rest of my life, there will be no more tripping, etc. It's been a pretty clean year.

We thank the entire RUAEA gang for their usual great work in keeping us all up-to-snuff. I recognize fewer names as the years fly by, and, unfortunately, more names, in the Obits.

Arthur Paul, 13440 N. 44th St. Apt. 1080, Phoenix, AZ 85032-6354

Thank you for all your hard work in getting the Newsletter out.

I had a strange thing happen to me in regards to United. I received a ballot for the bankruptcy after it was due to be mailed. I guess the incompetence is still there, or they didn't want someone to vote!

George W. Lund, 1707 N. Vassault St., Apt. 5-1, Tacoma, WA 98406-2563

I am going to try to beat the "RED STAMP" & get my dues in before I have to be reminded. That will be one of the firsts for the New Year. Not having to be reminded, that is.

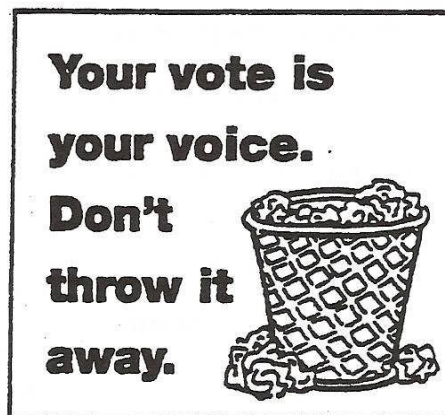
It has now been 14 years since I retired from EXO. Hardly seems possible. Time did not proceed as rapidly when I was working.

I keep pretty busy here in the great Northwest. I bowl 3 times a week, play bridge 1 to 2 times a week & when I find time, golf about twice a week. Then, I still subscribe to the Lyric Opera in CHI, make about 5 trips to CHI. Other than that, I don't have too much to do. Crossword puzzles help pass what spare time I can find.

Keep up the good work in keeping this retiree informed as to what is going on in the world. I would sorely miss the monthly news.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!!

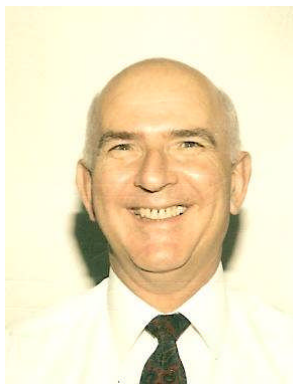


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President



Mort Wax - began his career with United Airlines 7/23/53 as an Accountant C in Passenger Sales Audit Section / Refund Unit in EXO-Chicago, retired 2/13/93 as Manager of Administration, Catering Division – WHQ.

He served on United Airlines Bankruptcy

Hearings as a member of Salaried & Management Retirees Committee – Section 1114 (Medical Plan Negotiation).

Mort was RUEA's National Audit Committee Chair 2 yrs, Treasurer – 4 yrs, Executive V.P. – 4 yrs. He served the Chicago Skyliners Planning Committee & was Treasurer of the Convention held in Chicago 2003. He volunteers in the Northbrook Civic Foundation, Northbrook Rotary Club, Volunteer Information Center of Glenview & Northbrook, Chicago Greeters.

Leisure activities: Grandchildren, reading & suffering with the Chicago Cubs!

Executive V.P.

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George (Jack) Hooper - started his airline career with UAL as a Pilot at ORDFO (Chicago) 2/21/66 & retired as a Captain in LAXFO, 9/4/93. Jack was Line Check Airman 1985-1989. He has been very active in RUEA; Oregon DEW-ERS a member since 1993, Pres. of the Chapter 2000 to 2004.

Volunteer involvement: Commissioner - Clark County Fire District One 1993 - present, Commissioner East County Fire & Rescue - Jan. 2004 to present. Leisure activities include Vancouver Rifle & Pistol Club, reading, travel & taking care of 5 acres in the country. He was a

naval aviator 1955 - 1959 (active duty), naval aviator (reserve) 1960-1972, General Motors - AC Electronics Division, Apollo Program Inertial Navigations System Engineer 1960-1965, NROTC National Pistol Champion 1954-1955.

Jack & wife Nancy have 2 children & 2 grandchildren.

Executive V.P.



Hal Klobe – began his airline career with Capital Airlines 2/4/57 as a Reservations Agent. During his career he held numerous positions ranging from Reservations Agent, Training Instructors, Supervisors in several departments & retired from UAL as a Supervisor in Apollo Travel Services.

After retirement he worked for UAL Employment on a contract basis. He remains in constant contact with UAL for their special functions i.e. Fantasy Flights & as Master of Ceremonies for retirement functions. He has been President of the Re-LAX-ers Chapter in LAX for the past 14 years. Served 2 terms as RUEA Director for Southern Calif. In 2005 he was General Chairman for the very successful convention – “Hooray For Hollywood”.

In his spare time he works part-time for “Samata Yoga” doing landscaping & general maintenance of the Meditation Garden. Also – he is the neighborhood “Nice Guy” (as he is called) assisting people with chores & minor “fix-ups”. His hobbies are gardening, adult education classes – also works out at the Gym 5 times a week.

He & wife, Donna, have 2 sons & 4½ grandchildren.

Executive V.P.



Gordon Starr – was employed by United Airlines 2/2/61 as a Passenger Service Agent in LAXTR & worked in HNLSS, HNLTR & OAKCS; received 7 Awards of Merit in Honolulu &

Oakland.

He served as the Arizona Regional Director for 2½ yrs, was a member of the Nominating Committee 2004-2006 also is a member of the RUAEA/UAHF Alliance Committee.

He was Pres. of the "Road Runners" Tucson Chapter 2 times.

In his leisure time he enjoys "puttzing" around the home. Gordon's wife, Dora, is also retired from United Airlines.

V.P. Conventions

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Henry (Hank) Gosselin - began his career with United Airlines Mar. 17, 1960 as an A&P Line Mechanic in New York (JFK), received an Award of Merit, was Shuttle Maintenance Coordinator, MM Representative for Employee Assistance Program; is active in volunteer work (FOE) Eagles Trustee - raising funds for various charities and did a great job as General Chairman of RUAEA's 2004 convention in SEA. Retired from UAL 4/30/2000 as Team Leader in SEAMM.

Hank is currently serving as the Northwest Region Director and as Co-Chairman of the 2006 Convention in Washington, DC.

His leisure activities include fishing, boating & dancing!

V.P. Conventions

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Bob Hallden - began started with United as a Station Agent in RNO, retired from San Jose with several years in SFO – time was divided as an agent & management; 35 years of services.

After retirement he first became involved with the SAC "Gold Diggers" (V.P. & Pres.) – then the "Re-United" Chapter in Phoenix, AZ (V.P. & Pres.).

RUAEA National: Bob was a member of the Site Selection Committee from 5/95-5/96; in May '96 he was elected as Director of Northern CA / Nevada Region – '98.

In 2001 he was again appointed to the Site Selection Committee as Chairman. He was instrumental in bringing Conventions to Hollywood, Washington, DC & the 2007 Convention.

Secretary



Marilyn Marcy – started her airline career with UAL May 1962 as a Reservations Agent in CLERR. 1965-1974 worked in Pittsburgh as a Reservations Agent, City Ticket Office & Customer Service Agent. From 1974-1991 CLE as Customer Service Agent & Station Training Coordinator. She retired 11/01.

Marilyn has received many awards during her career: Corporate Awards of Merit, Special Achievement Awards, Commitment to Excellence Award, Customer Service Exemplary Service Awards, etc.

Marilyn is married to Thomas Marcy, who is also a UAL Retiree. Tom was employed by United in 1959 in CLE. They have one daughter, married & living in Northern VA.

Treasurer

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Len Haubl – Len was employed by United 7/29/68 as a Training Specialist in Cabin Equipment in SFOCE & retired 1/31/98 as a Senior Staff Representative, Education & Development Dept. – SFOED. He received an Award of Merit & three Recognition Awards.

He is a member of the RUAEA "South Bay" Chapter, also the Sacramento "Gold Diggers". Enjoys working on stained glass, camping, cycling, and, of course, traveling.

Director - S. California Region

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Howard Lackey – Howard joined United as a temporary employee in 1957 at SFODS during his junior year of high school. The same for his senior year & freshman year of college. He is a graduate of San Jose State University. He was placed on full time in June 1963 as a Food Service Clerk. In 1966 he became a Budget Analyst in EXOSB, 1967 became Budget Analyst in LAXVR. 1971 transferred to SFOVG as Regional Analyst. The next year he returned to LAXHH as Business

Manager for the Food Service Division. 1973 became Assistant to the Pres. of the Food Service Division EXOHH. He became Manager of Food Service LASHH in 1974. 1975 appointed Administrative Representative for Station Operations, LAXOZ. Howard has been active in the LAX Management Club & Red Cross Blood Services. He is V.P. Re-LAX-ers – 1999-2006. He was also Asst. Chairman of the 2005 RUAEA Convention in Hollywood.

Director – Western Region

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Howard Payne – Howard Payne was employed by United 2/10/53 as a Reservations Agent in LAX, retired 2/12/87 as a Supervisor in SFOCS. He received company Award of Merit.

Howard served on the National Audit Committee, also is Pres. of the East Bay Diablos Chapter. He volunteers as Treasurer of the local chapter of “Rebuilding Together U.S.A”.

Leisure activities include genealogy, travel, & time with 7 grandchildren.

Director - Midwest Region

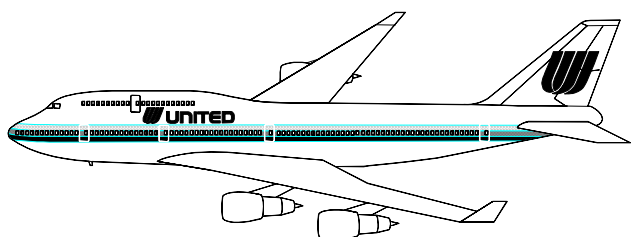
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Carol Faust – started with UAL 6/18/56 as a stenographer in EXORR-CHI-MIDWAY. Retired 3/1/99 as a Reservations Sales Agent – CHIRR. Her awards included: Award of Merit – EXOPB, Employee of the Month – CHIRR, & 2 Saving Bonds for 2 years of perfect attendance – CHIRR.

She served as Secretary of the RUAEA Chapter “Skyliners” 10/99-10/02, Pres. 10/02-Present. Her volunteer involvement includes Chicago Food Depository, UAL’s WHQ Christmas Charity program & several church committees.

Leisure activities include skiing, hiking, camping, biking, gardening, fitness center & traveling.

Carol served as the Art Raffle Chairperson for the 2003 CHI RUAEA Convention.



Director - Florida Region



Ray Winterhalter – started his airline career 6/3/57 as a Customer Service Agent – DCACS at National Airport in Washington, DC, transferred to IADCS in 1968, transferred again to IADFF in 1990; retired 2/13/93. Ray states his “Awards” were – he “stood first in line for deregulation in 1978!” He has been a member of the “Pelican Drop-Ins” chapter since 1999 & was co-Chairman of the annual picnic in 2002.

Volunteer involvement: Pres. of Italian-American Club of Charlotte County, member of Punta Gorda Elks, & was organizer of the Dulles Airport Bowling League.

When Ray became interested in running as Director of Florida, he visited 6 of the 8 chapters on his own. He loves to travel, especially enjoys cruises to the Caribbean or Hawaii.

Director – N. California/Nevada Region



Ron Bertacini – was employed by United as a Ramp Serviceman in Chicago (ORD), retired 10/31/96 as Customer Service Agent – SFO. In between these years Ron worked at several stations: SAC – Station Agent & Ramp Serviceman, SFO – Catering Rep, Supervisor – Food Service, EXO – Food Service Instructor, Info. System Analyst, OMA – Business Mgr. Flight Kitchen, SFOHN – Business Mgr & Buyer. He received a Company Award of Merit also the Frank Krasover Award – Food Service Division.

He is a member of the Sacramento Gold Diggers RUAEA Chapter – has served as Secy., V.P., & President, has volunteered with the Special Olympics (International Games) 6 yrs. Also mans the Airport Information Booth at the SMF Airport. He & wife, Barbara, enjoy golf, bowling, & genealogy.

RUAEA BALLOT AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

This is the official RUAEA ballot for the election of Officers and Directors.

Only RUAEA Members that includes all United Airlines retirees who are members of RUAEA in good standing and Associate members who have maintained their membership – are eligible to hold office and to vote.

Please mark you ballot with and (X) for your choice of candidates.

Sign the ballot, include your file number, enclose in an envelope and mail to the following address:

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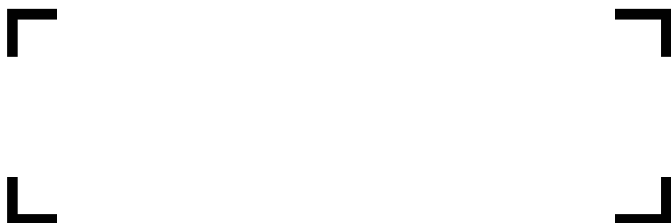
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