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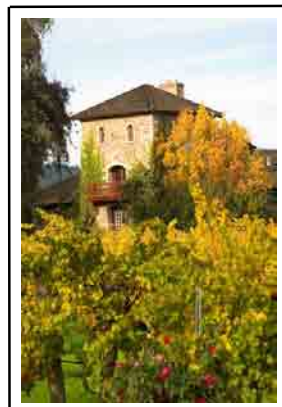
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## ***RUAEA Convention Sacramento, CA May 27 – June 2, 2007***

### ***A Full Day In-And- Around Sacramento, CA***



Sacramento's geographic location in the Central part of the state makes it a perfect focal point for "one day trips". Some of which I will mention here.

Thanks to early settlers, some of California's oldest vineyards are in Amador County which borders the south east side of Sacramento County. Snuggled mostly in the Shenandoah Valley, northeast of Plymouth, wineries reflect the continued focus on utilizing nature's assets for a commercial economy. Mostly family operations build on self-reliance & hard work, the county's 30 plus wineries grow more than 2,700 acres of grapes & produce some of the best zinfandels in America. Visiting Amador wineries amidst the area's rolling hills & views of the awesome Sierra, there is no such thing as a bad seat at an Amador winery. This enables a visitor to enjoy the wine, history & hospitality of some of the finest wineries in America.

Just a few miles beyond the town of Murphys is Ironstone Vineyards. This is an absolute must when visiting the area. It is a state-of-the-art wine production facility. It was built in the style of a 19<sup>th</sup> century gold stamp mill. In addition to the beautiful tasting room with its monumental 42 foot stone fireplace & historic oak bar, you'll find antiques & artifacts in this rustic & elegant four-story building, including a 44-pound crystalline gold leaf specimen. There is an outdoor amphitheatre & 14 acres of lakeside gardens further enhance the beauty and intrigue of this spectacular destination.

About 15 miles beyond Murphys is Calaveras Big Trees State Historic Park. The grove of giant sequoias (the cousin of the coast redwoods) contains "Discovery Tree", the first Sierra redwood noted in 1852. It has since been a major tourist attraction ever since & is considered the longest continuously operated tourist facility in California.

Another fabulous day in the Mother Lode would be a trip to Angels Camp & view the sight of the famous Calaveras Jumping Frog Jubilee which is held each May. Close by is the town of Murphys, often called the "Queen of the Sierra" ~ this is a charming gold rush town where the clock seems to have stopped 100 years ago. Among the gold rush buildings is Murphys Hotel where Ulysses S. Grant, Mark Twain, Horatio Alger, Thomas Lipton (the tea magnate) & other celebrities stayed in years gone by. You might want to stop in the Old Timers' Museum & the one-room jail; check out the many antique shops & boutiques that abound in this quaint community.

You will run out of time before you run out of things to do in Central California & the Sacramento Valley & Mother Lode area of California.

See you in Sacramento - May 2007

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# GENERAL NEWS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT - FEB. 2007

At its Jan. 31 meeting, the RUAEA Board of Directors reviewed the opinions expressed by the retiree community about the proposal to solicit a change by the company to restore "free passes" to retiree travel benefits. Comments which we have received indicate that no majority opinion exists that such action be initiated. We reached unanimous agreement that we will not endorse action by the entire retiree community or our membership which directs unclear messages to the company.

What we will do is continue to advocate for our membership & the retiree community at large on the Company's Travel Advisory Committee, of which RUAEA is a member. In those meetings & in independent conversations, we continue to bring to the Company's attention the intention that the retiree community retain & enhance their travel privileges. We will propose & support proposals for changes which will accomplish that goal.

We will also continue to advocate for our membership & the retiree community at large through the relationship & rapport which RUAEA has established with Glenn Tilton to emphasize the reliance which retirees place on the ability to have existing travel benefit policies retained & enhanced.

On behalf of the Board, I assure you we will remain vigilant to protect retiree travel benefits as they exist & to support enhancement of those benefits as it is possible to do so.

Mort Wax  
President - RUAEA

## FROM THE PRESIDENT - MARCH 2007

Hal Klobe, RUAEA's Executive VP resigned his post effective the end of Jan. for personal reasons. To say that we, & he, are disappointed with the circumstances which caused this action is an understatement. Through the years, Hal has been a stalwart to RUAEA, having served on more than one occasion as an officer with the ReLaxErs & as a Regional Director. During the eight months in which he held the office of Executive VP, I was

able to lean on him for advice & counsel also to depend upon him to manage the RUAEA operations for which he had oversight responsibility. He will be missed. We remain hopeful that the situations which caused his resignation will soon be alleviated & that he will be able to rejoin us in an active role with RUAEA.

Fortunately for RUAEA, we have a pool of talent whom we can ask for help in these circumstances. The Nominating Committee recommended the appointment of Gordon Starr to fill the vacancy in the office of Executive VP. At its Jan. 31 meeting, the Board voted to approve the appointment & installed Gordon in the office. Similar to Hal, Gordon has been an officer of the Tucson Roadrunners & a RUAEA Regional Director. We have welcomed Gordon to the Executive Committee & to the Board, I look forward to working with him for the balance of the term ending May, 2008.

Mort Wax  
President - RUAEA

## CONVENTION SURVEY RESULTS

First of all, I would like to thank each & every one of you that responded to the survey. Your vote & comments were most valuable for our future convention planning.

1. Do you attend the Annual Convention? - 65% yes, 29% no
2. Do you like having the convention yearly? - 86% yes, 1% no
3. Would you like the convention located in the same city yearly? - 84% no, 1% yes
4. What would be the preferred length of the convention?
  - a. Current schedule - 55%
  - b. Different number of days - 39%
5. Is the present time of year OK? - 65% yes, 34% no
6. Do you like having tours? - 87% yes, 1% no
7. Do you like having two banquet nights? - 60% yes, 27% no
8. Do you enjoy the present agenda? - 88% yes, 1% no

Some conclusions based on percentages only. The way the conventions are planned presently is favored.

Why people don't come to conventions:

1. Health
2. Cost
3. Travel difficulties

Regarding the number of days of convention, 39% thought it should be shorter, however, the main part of the convention is the 2 banquets on Fri. & Sat., the remaining days are a persons choice to take part in, tours, hospitality, art & raffles.

Mixed responses on the time of year.

Again, most comments were positive for what we are doing presently.

There are comments that will have value in future convention planning & we thank you for those.

Hank Gosselin - VP Conventions

Bob Halden - Assistant VP Conventions



#### NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT (cont.)



In 1927, NAT bought 5-passenger Travel Air Model 5000s & carried 1560 passengers between CHI & KC in 1928. (MB Note: carried inside, not on wings).



Early in 1929, NAT acquired seven 625 h.p. Curtiss Falcons for the Chicago - Dallas night-service mail flights, these replaced the smaller Car-

rier Pigeons. D. A. Askew (pictured) flew the final Carrier Pigeon flight, he had flown this same plane on the inaugural CAM 3 flight May 12, 1926.

In early 1930, NAT quit flying passengers and focused on the more profitable mail flights. Passenger flights didn't resume until Oct. 1, 1930 following the Stout - NAT merger.

By Marvin Berryman - from "High Horizons", Frank J. Taylor; Time-Life's "The Airline Builders"; Oct. 8 1930 "NAT Fly Paper", UAHF - Travel Air photo, UAHF - final flight photo, May 19, 1929 "NAT Bulletin", UAHF.

Please mail your tax-deductible contributions & donations of United memorabilia & artifacts to: UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207 - Visit our Website at: [www.uahf.org](http://www.uahf.org).

#### PAT PATTERSON'S MEDICAL KIT



UAHF sometimes receive unique items. In Jan. 2007 we received the above cardboard carrying-case with the typed label "CAMP MEDICAL KIT, Property of W. A. PATTERSON, UNITED AIR LINES".

The list of contents included: Aspirin, Alka-Seltzer, 6-12 (insect repellent, Murine (eye drops),

Sulfur Foam Pads (chiggers), Burn-A-Lay ointment (burns, sunburn), Rhinitis tablets (common cold), Aromatic Ammonia (faintness), Mercuric Oxide (eyelid irritation), Imadyl Unction (sore muscles), Thantis Lozenges (throat irritation) & Nupercainal ointment (anal itching).

If you have information regarding this Medical Kit or similar kits, please write us at UAHF DENTK.

### **OTHER CONVENTION NEWS**

**First there are a few corrections to the Convention Registration Package. The Hertz discount ID code should be 03YW0001 the code in the RUAEA website link is correct. The Avis discount code has also been changed, the correct code is J995450 the RUAEA website link is correct. Next, the email address for the Arts & Crafts Chairmen is vandfgracious@surewest.net. Tour 7 & 13 to the Doolittle Museum/Jelly Belly/Anheuser Busch should be \$68.00. Lastly there will be a change in Tour 21. We have been informed that the Julia Morgan House will be under renovation so another House or Museum of equal value will take its place. The Afternoon to Remember High Tea will not be affected.**

Another reminder is the Art & Crafts display & raffle. We are gladly accepting donations of art & crafts works to be displayed & raffled during the convention. Anyone wishing to donate an item or items please contact Francis or Veronica Domaratus at vandfgracious@surewest.net or (916) 789-0422 or by mail to 1972 Somerdale Circle, Roseville, CA 95761. As was the case at the Washington convention we will be having a special Hospitality time in the Hospitality Suite on Tues., Wed. & Thurs. evening.

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

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

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

We would ask that if anyone is planning to use Amtrak to let us know via one of the email addresses on the publicity page. This way we can make sure we have greeters at the Amtrak Station to assist with directions to the hotel. Speaking of assistance, for anyone venturing out on their own near the hotel, along the Downtown Mall or Old Sacramento there are City Guides dressed in yellow & black uniforms. They are there to assist with directions & other information. You will find them on foot or riding bicycles.

Lastly the Hyatt is now open for booking convention reservations. This can be done in several different ways. You can call their toll free number at 1-800-233-1234, call the hotel direct (916) 443-1234 or go to the RUAEA web-site at ruaea.org & there is a link to a Hyatt reservation page with the correct price of \$99 per night double occupancy plus taxes.

Ron Bertacini - Convention Chairman  
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## **UNITED PARTNERS WITH WORLD-RENOWNED CHEF CHARLIE TROTTER TO ELEVATE CUSTOMER' DINING EXPERIENCE**

Offering upscale menu choices in our premium cabins is one of the many ways we are enhancing our customers' overall travel experience. United recently announced its new partnership with legendary Chicago restaurant owner & chef, Charlie Trotter.

- ✈ Customers flying in United First & Business on eastbound flights to Europe & on all p.s. flights can select a menu option specially designed by Trotter, beginning this summer.
- ✈ Trotter will collaborate with Chef Gerry Gulli on the menu choices. United will be the only airline to offer these entrées.

By delivering an exceptional experience that our premium customers expect & are willing to pay for, we can increase customer loyalty. This helps to improve our profitability & make United a stronger & more competitive airline.

## **SCHEDULE CHANGES TAKE EFFECT TO OPTIMIZE REVENUE & MATCH CUSTOMER DEMAND**

With United's ongoing analysis of routes, revenue & customer demand, the company has made several changes to the international flight schedule.

- ✈ We will no longer offer service between Tokyo Narita (NRT) and Hong Kong (HKG), effective April 28, 2007.
- ✈ We will not operate a second daily seasonal flight between Los Angeles and London Heathrow this summer.

Both schedule changes now appear in Apollo.

The aircraft used for NRT-HKG is being reallocated to provide our customers with additional non-stop service between San Francisco (SFO) & HKG, as previously announced. Service on this route will increase from daily to 10 flights a week.

We will continue to offer our customers U.S.-Hong Kong service connecting over Tokyo via an agreement with ANA.

To optimize the company's revenue opportunities, United's analysis of routes is ongoing & often results in reallocating assets to where we see strong, high-yield demand from our customers.

## **TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB**

There are many changes taking place on UAL. Some of these changes affect us as retirees & some don't. United is trying to focus its resources on the revenue customer, therefore, is requesting that NRSA (Retirees) use every means to become self-service.

We are being encouraged to use self-service means such as intranet listing, check in, schedule changes & etc. All of these are available by accessing SkyNet. Using the VRU – Voice Recognition Unit system to list via telephone is technically not feasible for all people. Some of us have a hard time hearing & responding to the prompts, therefore, it will be to your advantage to familiarize yourself with the computer & the intranet, at least to the extent that you can list yourself & accomplish the other functions required to complete your travel. On the intranet you will also have access to other travel programs, such as Discount 20, Friends & Family, Rules for Companions & others.

Another available resource to use is the Portland & Seattle Retiree Travel Desks. These desks are staffed with 2 volunteers at both cities to answer your calls. The efficiency of the volunteers continues to improve & they enjoy their work largely because of the gratification of servicing callers. But, it is best for all travelers to know how to comfortably use the VRU (1-800-UAL-LIST, 1-800-825-5478) when the Travel Desks are not open. We are hoping that at some point, another Travel Desk can be established in the Eastern time zone.

Some other things:

- ✈ In the Dec 1, 2006 NewsReal: Effective Dec 7, employees, travel eligibles MUST use EasyCheck-in or EasyCheck-in kiosks when checking in for flights. New enhancements allow eligibles to change their listing to a different flight on the same day if they have NOT checked in for their original flight. Companions can change to an earlier or later time (Not itinerary cities).
- ✈ Be aware that the London Departure Tax to the USA has more than doubled to UK £80 = USD \$158.00 approx. WOW! European travelers may wish to make London there first stop & depart from Frankfurt, Paris or Rome when homeward bound, therefore,

give some thought & chose your departure city accordingly.

- ✈ South West Airlines has a minimum of \$25.00 for a walk-up ticket with a Letter from the UA Benefits Services at WHQ. They require cash or check only, **NO** credit cards.
- ✈ Arriving SEA travelers: The Alliant Credit Union has moved the ATM machine from the Main Terminal balcony to the North Satellite into the Operations Office. To get there you need a Departure Card to pass TSA Security, & a Port of SEA ID Badge & Door Code to get to the Operations Office. Not convenient for Retirees.
- ✈ Upcoming new flights from Denver to: Huntsville, AL; Idaho Falls, ID; Dayton, OH These flights are being flown by UAX. Another in the works is Springfield, IL to Washington D.C.
- ✈ Varig is now out of the Star Alliance & Shanghai Air is a possible new Star Alliance carrier.

Happy Traveling,  
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Seattle Travel Desk

### **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

Chapter reports for April are due in DEN by Tues. March. 5, May report by 4/6, June report by 5/4. Reports may be sent by e-mail [ruaea@aol.com](mailto: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.

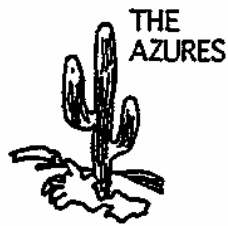
### **Attention All Golfers**

The 2007 UARGC Golf Invitational will be held in Mesquite, NV from May 7<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested, contact Frank Callahan: 19833 N. Calypso Lane, Sun City, AZ 85373, (623) 815-6899, [uargc@cox.net](mailto:uargc@cox.net). Registration form is available on [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org)

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ARIZONA**



### **PHOENIX AZURES**

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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast meetings please contact Mary Toeppen before 4 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list (you know who you are) need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Mary at (623) 214-1504.

We express our sincere sympathy to Jean Kerman & her family in the passing of her long time partner Peter Clanton. Pete succumbed to cancer on 1/4/07. He brought a lot of life to our breakfast meetings, he will be missed. Cards may be sent to Jean at 16217 N. Desert Holly Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351. We wish a speedy recovery to Dick Aaronson who had emergency oral surgery on Jan. 10.

We had 17 attendees at our breakfast meeting on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. On Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> we had 23 & 21 respectively. It is great to see all of you out & about even with our cold weather. On Jan. 13 we had 50 attend our Briarwood Luncheon & White Elephant auction. We had a very active participation in the auction. Unfortunately our favorite auctioneer Dick Aaronson had to bow out due to emergency oral surgery. I was asked to substitute & with help from Sally Illingworth, Dave Barry & Susie Hughes we were able to get all those white elephants auctioned off. Your patience & generosity were greatly appreciated.

*"A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour."*

### **Calendar:**

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

**March 13** – Coco's

**March 27** – Coco's

Fall/Winter Luncheons 2007

**March 14** – All AZ luncheon at Casa Grand AZ – details pending

**March 17** – Turf Paradise – St. Paddy's day at the races

**April 21** - Luke AFB – Cook out

### **PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS**

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On Jan 10 ReUniteds had lunch at the Arizona Golf Club with 45 people in attendance.

We had a report on our Fantasy Flight from Jo Ann Fearing about how successful it was; how we are getting more & more support from the Airport Police & securing more volunteers for next year.

The Regional Director of Arizona for RUAEA, Ron Robertson, was there & talked about the coming convention in SMF.

Guest speaker was Captain Bill Norwood who was the first Afro-American pilot hired by United Airlines in May 1965. He was the first Afro-American to make Captain in 1983. He spoke on how he got into aviation also a little on his career in the Air Force & with United.

Carol Hinkle's husband took her to LAS for her (?) birthday; they left their donation at the casinos. Both had a good time. Carole said everything stays in Vegas, so no more info.

Sad news: Bill Irwin passed away, our condolences to his family.

Skip Ward's sister passed away in MI. Our condolences to his family. Good luck to Skip's daughter on her coming surgery.

Many of our members lost their greenery with 3 nights of below freezing temperatures, which was a record for AZ. Now that the worst part of our winter is over, we are back to decent temperature.



### **TALL PINES**

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Our Tall Pines Jan. meeting & luncheon was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at Coco's with 18 loyal UAL retirees present.

Jeannie Risdon had several topics to discuss - the location of our 2007 Christmas party, which, by popular vote will be the Hassayampa Inn in charming downtown Prescott & also, what our Tall Pines group would like to do in the summer months for our meetings: picnic, potluck or perhaps trying a different restaurant. So please put on your thinking caps & have some brilliant ideas for our March 27 meeting.

We will have a new caller to remind you of the meeting - Dennis Weller has volunteered. Thank you, Dennis!

### **Calendar:**

**March 27** - 11:00 AM – Coco's

**April 24** - 11:00 AM – Coco's

### **TUCSON ROADRUNNERS**

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Donna Kuehn hosted our Jan. 18 luncheon at Stuart Anderson's Black Angus Steak House with 44 retirees in attendance. Donna gave us a report on our Christmas project. She delivered 3 boxes of back packs (70) & 2 boxes of school supplies ... & a check for \$1,085 to the school for their use.

By all means plan to attend the All Arizona Luncheon on March 14 at the Property in Casa Grande, AZ. The theme is Las Vegas, with social hour & cocktails at 11:00, lunch at noon. No long-winded speeches this year. No short-winded ones either. But there will be outstanding, not-to-be-missed entertainment featuring that scintillating tap dance group, the Desert Star Sweethearts. Don't miss it!

Alice Belzer reports on our sick list:

- Jeanne Gilstrap had hip replacement on Jan. 22.
- Hank Belzer is undergoing treatment for lymphoma - 6 down, 3 to go.
- Pat DiLallo had back surgery on Feb. 1. Rich says Pat is doing fine. She came home on Feb. 3.

Alice's trivia for the month (I think Alice makes these up) - *Each king in a deck of playing*

*cards represents a great king from history:*

- ✈ Spades - King David
- ✈ Hearts - Charlemagne
- ✈ Clubs - Alexander the Great
- ✈ Diamonds - Julius Caesar

#### Calendar:

**March 14** - All Arizona Luncheon at The Property in Casa Grande. Cost \$19.50 P/P. Deadline to mail in check is March 7, mail check to: Stephanie Rayburn, 4182 E. La Espalda Dr., Tucson, AZ 85718.

Ph. (520)-232-1171. Our theme is Las Vegas. Our flight attendants are hard at work getting things underway.

### ARKANSAS



#### "THE NATURALS"

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The year seems to be off to a rather erratic beginning; I'm sad to report that we lost one of our members, Roy Nilson, husband of Evelyn Zaloudek Nilson. They had been married for over 60 years, he will be greatly missed by everyone.

Our weather has not been overly cooperative lately, we ended up postponing our Feb. 1 dinner at the Red Lobster. An ice storm made travel impossible.

We'll have more to report next month.

### CALIFORNIA

#### CENTRAL COASTERS

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I haven't heard any news from our Chapter members since our Christmas luncheon, so I assume everyone had a great holiday season.

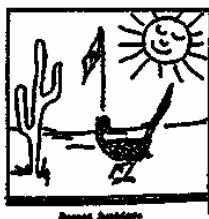
Our Treas. Dana Noyes, took time to look into

her archives & found records from the beginning of our chapter. I found this was quite interesting since a small group consisting of Bob Wagner, Bill & Dana Noyes, & Kay Millington, met in 1995; took on the challenge to establish our chapter as we know it now. Bob Wagner contacted Garver Sandy to help get us started since he was quite familiar in starting chapters. We finally became a chapter with the help of Virginia Beckworth from the Southern Division in Sept. 1996. So now we all know.

For those of you flying out of SFO, I did receive some important information. If you are unable to park at the Maintenance Base, for whatever reason, here are some alternatives. This is for the Park & Fly package: The Red Roof Inn rates start at \$90 per night with \$9 per day parking fee, El Rancho Inn rates start at \$145 with 14 days free parking, & the Clarion Hotel start at \$118 per night with 7 days parking or \$149 at night with 14 days parking. Reservations must be made direct to the hotels.

Last month's trivia question: When was the first plane used in War? The answer was: In April 1914, U.S. Air Forces began using planes for reconnaissance in hostilities with Mexico.

Next month's question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?



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For the 2<sup>nd</sup> month in a row we were saddened by the loss of one of our members, Patsy Kolar, a long time member, passed away Jan. 9 at the age of 75. Patsy suffered from a number of illnesses over the past years. She was able to join us at our Dec. Christmas Party, looking lovely & was her usual happy, smiling self. She will be missed. We were also disappointed to learn that Miriam Osgood has advised that she will no longer be a member of the group as her health no longer permits her to attend meetings. Miriam & John (before he passed away) were among our most loyal members who joined us almost at the inception of our chapter. Miriam was



our Secy. & Newsletter Editor for many years; rarely missed a meeting. We are hoping she may feel well enough to join us occasionally.

Dede Utzinger hosted the Jan. meeting at Monterey Country Club in Palm Desert attended by 21 members & guests. Many of our regulars were missing as they were attending or volunteering at the Bob Hope Chrysler golf tournament. Maureen Williams brought her friend Mike Reed, Marge Slavik was the guest of Sandy Sereno. We were pleased to see Liz Clapper out of her wheel chair & graduated to a walker after fracturing her pelvis in a fall in her home.

Ron Aggson won the free birthday lunch. Jimmy Clapper didn't win the birthday lunch but took home the 50/50 winnings so he came out ahead!

#### Calendar:

Call or Email hosts for information & reservations.

**March 14** - Lynda Davis – (760) 365-1367 or [sty-miedinyucca@earthlink.net](mailto:sty-miedinyucca@earthlink.net)

**April 11** - John or Maureen Schultz – (760) 200-9859 or [johninpalmdesert@aol.com](mailto:johninpalmdesert@aol.com)

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Pres. Jean Turley-Sinclair thanked Tom & Betty Obert as she opened the Jan. 31 meeting held at the Spaghetti Factory in Rancho Cordova. There were 108 members & 1 guest, Judy Leimer, guest of Jim Raber. Forester Sinclair was asked to read some interesting trivia facts which gave us all a good laugh.

Jean continued with the Officers Reports:

The March 28 meeting will be at Stone House in Nevada City hosted by Bob & Margie Fulkerson. Hosts are needed for the April, June & Aug. meetings. The Nortons are concerned about the Sept. picnic & would like to know why so few of our members attended the picnic last Sept. Please give

your comments to Bob Fulkerson or Ken & Stephanie Norton. They would appreciate hearing from you.

Bob would like to continue where Rosy Rosenthal left off with making cork trivets. If you happen to have a supply of wine corks, please bring them to the next meeting for Bob so that he can proceed to make the cork trivets for future meetings & raffles. He has the wood but needs wine corks.

Treas. Judie King was unable to attend the meeting as she was caring for her husband Ron after his extensive back surgery. Forester filled in for Judie in collecting dues. Co-Secy., for Mailings & Meeting Notices, Coleen Escola was unable to attend today as she was caring for her ill grandson.

Co-Secy., for Reporting Chapter News, Barbara Bertacini was also unable to attend as she was hosting a day tour for the RUAEA Board Members' spouses while the Board Meeting was taking place at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento. Thanks to Harold Escola who turned the tape recorder on to record the meeting discussion, as well as taking notes.

Sunshine Francis Domaratius reported that John Muir had neck surgery on Dec. 19 & is doing well. Ron King is recovering from extensive back surgery. Monroe DeVore had a stroke, is in a rehabilitation hospital in Sacramento.

Jean reported that \$216 was made from today's raffle.

RUAEA Director & 2007 Convention Chairman, Ron Bertacini, was attending the RUAEA Board of Directors Meeting, asked Forester to give his report which included the following:

United has made a profit for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive quarter. They have also landed the coveted IAD to PEK route which could realize \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000 annually.

Convention planning is in full swing & the registration package is in the RUAEA website & in the February mailed issue. Judie King has already received registrations. The Hyatt has allotted extra rooms for Sun., May 27 & Mon., May 28. This is over our original block of rooms. Mark your calendars for May 27 to June 2 as the week for the 2007 RUAEA Convention at the Hyatt Regency at Capitol Park, Sacramento, CA.

The following is from Mort Wax, RUAEA President:

*United has provided us with a list of deceased*

retirees/employees to whose beneficiaries notes or equity distributions have been unable to be made. The lists of file numbers, names, beneficiaries & last known contacts addresses follows. The list is available from Ron if anyone would like to see it. If you are able to contact any known member of the deceased family, they should call the Payroll Care Center at 866-825-7297.



### **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

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The Jan. meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held at Josef's in Santa Rosa on the 11<sup>th</sup> of the month. Incoming Pres. Patrick Cadden thanked Norm Burnett for his work as the Past Pres. Norm also worked to find places to have our lunch meetings.

The new slate of Officers is as follows: Pres. - Patrick Cadden, VP - Judy DeFord, Secy. - Clare Hagen, Treas. - Oscar Chambers.

VP Judy DeFord reported that we had 40 members & guests today. Prudy Wilcox was the guest of Ted Bell, Clem Shanahan & Lee Trevelyan were the guests of Clare & Barney Hagen, Sherri Quock was the guest of Diana Quinn, Ed Von Borstel was guest of Naomi Tolf, Elaine & Brook McKusick were the guests of Ruth Loy.

Treas. Oscar Chambers reported that all charities sent thank you notes for the Christmas donations; we are starting the year with our accounts in good order. \$25.00 was sent to Mario Carillo jazz group who entertained us at our Christmas luncheon.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr reported we had 11 Birthdays, the winner of the free lunch was Ted Bell. There were 4 anniversaries for a total of 155 years. Verda read to us her comparison between old cars & old age. We can all relate.

Patrick reminded us that pass travel is becoming more difficult with the advent of Regional jets from the Express carriers taking over a lot of Mainline flying. Boarding priority on the Express flights is not on a seniority basis but rather on time of check-in. The ability to check in online & 24

hours in advance is a big help in getting on your flights.

We need hosts for April, June & October.

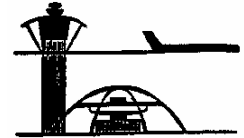
A great raffle, handled by Norm Burnett, assisted by Matty & Marge Matschinegg ended the day.

#### **Calendar:**

**March** - TBA - Hosted by Clare & Barney Hagen

#### **Re-LAX-ers**

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Here are a few items which were missed last month (one of these days I gotta get organized!)

**John Utzinger** passed away Dec. 11 after a long bout with anemia. He had retired not too long ago from a 33 yr. career at LAXCS/LL/CG/OO & FF. He was much loved by family & friends. Condolences can be sent to his wife, Dede (also UA retiree) at 41620 Balaclava Dr., Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203. Our sincere sympathy to the whole family.

**Norma Besse** was in the hospital in Nov. for heart problems. Are there belated get well cards? If you find one, send it to her at 418 E. Ave. 39, L.A. 90031. **Shirley June Bailey** followed her June knee replacement surgery with having the other knee replace. She is faithfully doing rehab, things are going well. She is at 18319 N. 129th Av., Sun City West, AZ 85375. Best of luck to both of you.

News received since sending last month's column: On Jan. 9 our dear friend from LAXRR, **Patsy Kolar** passed away. After more than 35 yrs with UA she retired, moved to Desert Hot Springs which was a much more favorable climate for her. Though we feel very sad to hear of her passing, we know that she is now out of the pain & suffering of many years of crippling arthritis. Cards of condolence can be sent to her sister: Ms. Sally Kolar, 6487 Quail St., Unit A, Arvada, CO 80004.

**Dottie DeCastro** had a great 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party given by family & friends. That helped ease the pain & problems with the knee surgery from which she's still working hard to get fully back to what-

ever is considered normal! **Natalie Frayne** sent an email to many friends thanking each one of them for the response to the news we published in Nov. about her busted ribs, lung cancer surgery & treatment. She received over 70 cards, letters & emails which touched her so much. You know the saying "it only hurts when I laugh" ... having had a broken rib, I can say, it sure does! But, Natalie, we need to know the toy trucks story that made you laugh so hard it hurt. **Lois Bowns** is doing well at her new digs, has had several visitors from her UA crowd. So far I know that she has had visits from Donna Klobe, OlgaJean Barnes, Joan Hoffman & Fran Elsner. Donna, Betty Houck & I will be going to join her for lunch in a couple of weeks. Although the folks at the Villa do not encourage taking residents out, I understand it's ok for short times & distances. One of our members may be able to take her out for Mexican food - with maybe a glass of wine? - neither of which are served at the Villa - which she misses.

Helpful hint for traveling to/from/through LAX or even LGB: In the Sun., Feb 4, L.A. Times Travel section there was a great deal of very useful info about everything, but the one which really caught my eye is for those of you meeting someone or being met when arriving at LAX or LGB. Those 2 airports have free "Cell Fone Waiting Parking" lots. Of course, the "meter" has to have a cell fone -- but who doesn't these days? The "meter" simply drives to the airport, parks in the CellPhoneWaitingLot lot, stays in the car a for the "arriver" to call. Within the next week I will have made dry runs to these lots so I can help any who need it with details. If you didn't save that page of the paper, contact me, I'll sent you a copy.

Once more, about employee/retiree parking near LAX. These lots can be used by anyone with airline ID even if you are from out of town. For instance, I will be sending a tag to a retiree from Columbus, OH. It will be a big help for this visiting retiree & hosts to be able to use the tag when they all drive to LAX to go on tour together. Maps for these lots also available.

#### Calendar:

**April 12** - Luncheon.

**May 27-June 2** - Convention, see ya all in SAC

**June 14** - Luncheon



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Our next meeting will be our delightful Spring Fling & Election of Officers. Fliers will be mailed to all members giving you date, time & place as soon as arrangements are finalized.

Meantime, please put on your thinking caps. Marian Owens has been our lovely & dedicated Pres. for some time & would now like to turn her gavel over to another. Please attend with your nominations.

Please note change of address for secretary, Carolyn Hastings, to [CarolynH777@yahoo.com](mailto:CarolynH777@yahoo.com).

On the convalescent list:

Herb Cohan had Open Heart Surgery Jan. 9; 4 blocked arteries & a Heart Valve Replacement. He is now in ICU at the Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, IL. On Jan. 5, the day before he & his wife were going to depart for their condo in Rancho Bernardo, Herb had chest pains.

Cards may be sent to their home - 13 South Ridge Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

We now have later word that Herb is convalescing at home, he & Irene will be staying in Arlington Heights for the winter.

Shirley Criscione writes that husband, Peter, is having after effects from his esophageal/stomach surgery, but has been referred to a specialist to check out his digestive process. He has a good appetite, is now beginning to perk up following 6 hours of surgery.

#### GOLDEN GATERS

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Our year began with a new name & an anticipated 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary in April. Membership is growing, our monthly general meeting Door Greeters generously give away free smiles & hugs.

Money is tight but we were still able to send our annual donations to 6 charities. We're excited that this year's RUAEA convention is just a couple hours drive north of us in Sacramento. What more could we ask for!

The angels have taken 3 of our members: Evelyn Kleiner (write daughter Karen Kleiner at 320 Staysail Court, Foster City, CA 94404); Marie Tilson (write daughters Pat M. Hechim at 1849 Evergreen St., San Mateo, CA 94401 & Patricia Barnes at 1146 Tulip Place, Colorado Springs, CO 80907); Joseph Merics (write spouse Ellen Merics, 1537 Carol Avenue, Burlingame, CA 94010). On the brighter side, long-time member Milt Cavalli celebrated his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday in Jan.

We were very honored to have RUAEA Western Region Director Howard Payne & wife Jo at our Jan. meeting. They are a very hard-working duo, we appreciate their efforts.

Due to the successes of our past Chinese food luncheons occasionally substituting for potlucks, we're having another one March 26. Cut off date for tickets is March 10<sup>th</sup> but if you beg nicely & telephone one of our 3 Auditors, you might be able to reserve a ticket after that date. You may also bring your own lunch if preferable.

Our monthly after-lunch entertainment has offered pianists, violinists, guitarists, vocalists of many types, magic tricks, dancers, speakers of great interest; yes, even authentic belly dancers! You should see the male attendance at those meetings! The variety of programs we offer should please the most selective of tastes. Come join us, remember, first-time guests get a free lunch. This month's attendance was 102.

We will be raising our 2008 membership dues a whole \$2.50, still a bargain & a meager pittance if compared to what most other organizations charge.

International Tour Coordinator Ginger Dahlberg is offering a Jan. 2008 Auckland, New Zealand – Sydney, Australia cruise Jan. 21 – Feb. 2, 2008 on the "Sapphire Princess". Be aware this is a popular cruise & expected to fill up quickly. Dahlberg also has a Pacific Northwest Wilderness Cruise on a 30-passenger ship which will include one of the most beautiful passages in the world, the spectacular Princess Louisa Inlet with fjords comparable to those of Norway. She is presently working on another French barge cruise. I can personally testify to the magic of all Dahlberg tours as I

just returned from getting a ride, a song and a big wet kiss from a dolphin in Acapulco. Contact her (not the dolphin) at (650) 224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

Domestic Tour Coordinator Betty Garner reports both dates; port of arrival & departure has changed for her West Coast Wine Cruise on "Celebrity Mercury". It is now a round-trip out of SFO on April 20 – 27, 2007. Ports of call will be Astoria, Oregon, Seattle, Washington, Vancouver, B.C. & Victoria, B.C. Garner has scheduled a Cache Creek Casino trip on July 16. Also planned is a day trip by narrow gauge locomotive from Roaring Camp to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. The Boardwalk celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Contact Garner at (650) 355-4195 or email [garnerbee@yahoo.com](mailto:garnerbee@yahoo.com).

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**March 26** - Chinese luncheon

**\*Jan. 2008** - New Zealand-Australia tour

**\*April 20-27** - West Coast Wine Cruise

**\*June 20** - Roaring Creek train trip

**\*July 16** - Cache Creek Casino tour

(\*) - Need deposits now. Further details in column.

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Stan Kolman, our newly elected Pres., has taken over for Garver Sandy; Garver is now serving as Treas., Gerald Frisch as VP, & I am Secy.

At our Jan. 26 meeting, Stan read a letter addressed to Bob Bradley, from the Salvation Army to the chapter thanking us for the donations from the Thanksgiving food drive.

Howard Payne, our Western Director was a guest at the Jan. 12 meeting. He brought us up-to-date on United's policies & on the new route structures. He is always informative; we enjoy having

him visit with us.

Dee Kolman is still undergoing chemo, thankfully the tumor appears to be shrinking. We know these procedures are difficult; our prayers & thoughts are with her.

Great news about Patty Smith, she has been declared cancer-free!

Jim Shelton had a stroke, is coming along well.

Charlie Brown is still recovering from his knee operation.

Don Burda ruptured a disc in his lower back; his wife, Delores, is still on chemo.

Our longtime member, Ray O'Brien, fell, then became progressively ill. We are sorry to report that he passed away on Jan. 27. Our sympathies to his wife, Genevie & family.

#### Calendar:

**April 11** – Spring Luncheon at the Shoreline restaurant in Mountain View - this will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our chapter. Wilma & Garver Sandy, charter members, will be hosting. We are hoping that many past members who no longer come to our regular functions will make an effort to be there for this special event.

**June 14** - Our annual picnic, hosted by Sally & Tony Urso at Vasona Park.

For those who have not been able to come to our meetings because of the early hour, our Pres., after polling the members, has decided to change the start time of the breakfast to 8:00 with meeting starting at 9:00; beginning on March 2. We will continue to meet each Friday at the same place, Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road, across from the Home Depot.

We would also like to encourage all other fellow UA retirees in the area to join us. We are a fun & social group. There are no dues to belong to our chapter, nor do we require any commitment.

For all the unfortunate things that have occurred at United in the recent years, we do not want to forget the good associations, particularly the many fine people we got to know during our years there. It is mostly because of these associations that we still get together.

If you would like to come, just drop in during our breakfast. If you'd like further information, please call our Pres., Stan Kolman, (408) 736-1775.



## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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Even though winter is half over. On Sat. Jan. 27, 45 retirees prepared the newsletter for mailing. It was snowing very hard that day. Thank you all for coming to help get the newsletter out.

Tom Goodyear reported the passing of Joe Harrison on Jan. 29. If you want to send his widow a sympathy card, mail to Elaine Harrison, 1163 Winslow Circle, Longmont, CO 80503.

Tom also stated he received a box that rattled at his home from Paul Le Van in Mesquite, NV. It cost Paul \$9.70 to ship the box to DEN. Tom took the box to TK in a blinding snow storm thinking it was something for United Airlines Historical Foundation. On opening the box Tom found pop cans! That proves it pays to advertise. Please don't forget the pop or beer cans.

The next breakfast will be March 7 at the training center.

It is with deep sorrow we also report the death of 2 DEN chapter members; Gerry Johnson 1/2/07 & Juanita Jouett 1/3/07. We do not have names of survivors.

Everybody liked "Bernie" - the first CSR in DEN to retire. On & off the job he had a ready smile, his helpfulness was well known. During his retirement we would see him at CSR breakfast meetings where his sense of humor contributed to the congeniality. Bernard McLeran at one time served in the Navy; United Airlines eventually gained a valuable employee. Bernie died in the beginning of 2007 at the age of 85, a victim of heart & assorted other problems.

We'll remember Bernie as a man of quiet dignity, with a ready smile, who left his mark on both United & his fellow employees.

54 retirees attended the Mile Highers monthly breakfast at TK on 2/7. First timers were Jim Spate & Gene Sibley. They promise to come back & see us next month. The following retirees returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: Frank Bennett, Ron Milton & Steve Wasuta.



Special Announcement:

- RUAEA Newsletter Manager Virgil Goose-law announced his resignation, which will be effective June 15, 2007.
- Membership/Support Manager Howard Tress is also resigning effective June 30, 2007. This position is responsible for the membership office, which includes the membership records & systems that support the Newsletter.

If anyone in the DEN area is interested in assuming these positions, please contact Virgil, Howard or Executive VP Gordon Starr. Phone numbers & email addresses are listed on the back page of the Newsletter.

Calendar:

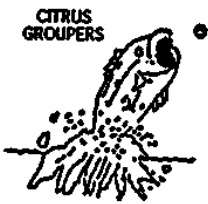
Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

**Mar. 7 - Breakfast Meeting**

**FLORIDA**

**CITRUS GROUPERS**

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The Citrus Groupers met on Jan. 25 at the International Super Buffet in Leesburg. 25 members & guests attended the meeting. We must be the most boring group of all chapters. Nobody had any news to report. Nobody went to any interesting destinations.

Our Feb. meeting took place at the Olive Garden in Ocala. The March meeting will be in Inverness at Ruby Tuesday, 2235 Rt. 44 W past Wal-Mart next to Lowes on March 22 at 11:30 AM.



**SAND“DABS”**

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Well hello everyone. I'm back on the job again after being dealt 2 “whammies” in a 6 week period. On Sept.5, I had a complete knee replacement & leg straightening surgery. A week after that John was hospitalized for 10 days, then went to a nursing home; he passed away Oct.16. My knee therapy lasted until Jan. 17 so it's been a long haul to deal with everything. Well, enough of that. Things are getting better. Thanks to everyone who sent cards, prayed, did nice things & helped me in many ways. I appreciated everything.

There were 18 Sand“DABS” & a guest at our meeting today. Everyone seemed in a friendly mood. Pres. Dick Coughlin opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag & a prayer. New to the group were Bill & Irene Rankin from MD who are “snowbirds” to FL. Judy Sherk from IL was our guest, visiting with Penny Logan. Many of our members who were unable to attend either due to illness, medical appointments, golfing or traveling. Only the pull of grandchildren can make anyone go north at this time of year. Jane Kress was finishing up her training to work as a volunteer at Hospice.

Birthday celebrant present was Al Warner. Company anniversary present was Larry Horton, 50 yrs. We learned that Ed Genry fell & broke his neck. We wish him a complete recovery.

After lunch the meeting continued with some jokes. One was the way the word “up” is used, which ended very funny. Treas. Penny Logan reported we are in the black. Next month we will have a discussion & vote as to what charity we want to give some money. Pres. Dick brought us up-to-date on UAL company news as well as news of the industry as a whole. Bud Gammel gave a report on important information regarding the downing of TWA 800.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** *Those who fly off the handle usually require very little ground for take-off.*

Calendar:

**March 1 - 11:30 -- RED LOBSTER**



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There were 33 members & 2 guests at our Feb. 7 meeting at the Golden Corral. Past Pres. Rich Llewellyn brought his son, Rich, visiting from Portland, ME & Ray Winterhalter, FL Regional Director for RUAEA, came & spoke about the recent board meeting in SMF, also about the upcoming convention there. He also reminded everyone to renew their RUAEA membership each year during their birthday month.

Two BIG Anniversaries in our chapter this month. Marlin & Marilyn Lade celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Feb. 23; Norma & Bill Butchart celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on Feb. 27. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!!!

#### **Calendar:**

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

**April** - Annual picnic - Date and Time to be decided at March mtg.

**Oct. 12 – 24** - Sail the Black Sea Discovery on the Avalon Waterways Poetry. For details on this cruise, contact: Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773.

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This will cover the Jan. & Feb. meetings. Pres. Mike Rice will be retiring after the Jan. meeting. He has served for the past 3 yrs. There were 32 members & 2 guests attending. Guests were Albert Guesia & Ethel Cargill. There were 55 members at the Christmas Party, a good time was had by all. \$162.00 was raised for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Chapter added \$88.00 to give a donation of \$250.00.

Several members told of travel. Ken & Deborah on their cruise around Cape Horn. Beverly Alderdice had the misfortune of being injured at IAD by an airport police golf cart that had been commandeered by a 3 year old child. After 3 hours at the hospital she & her traveling companion were returned to IAD in a police cruiser. She said it was some sight, 2 white haired ladies in the back seat of a police cruiser. John Riecse told of their trip to RDU, getting caught up in the big DEN storm but finally getting to RDU. John Wilkerson spoke on their cruise to the Panama Canal.

Bob Lindstrom volunteered to replace Mike as Pres. of the chapter. Mike now can attend in a relaxed atmosphere.

A get well card was sent to Beverly Alderdice as she was recovering from her ordeal at IAD. A thank you was received from the J.D.R.F. for the donation. Also a thank you letter from Gabrielle Epifano, a juvenile diabetes patient, for allowing her to give a talk on the disease & how it affected her life.

Feb. meeting was presided over by Bob Lindstrom in his new role as Pres. A fine job he did.

After a short business meeting we were treated to a guest speaker, Mr David Dewey. He gave a very informative & interesting talk on hearing aides, hearing loss & the many advances being made in treatment of hearing impairments. He is the owner of New Life Hearing Aid Center. Mr Dewey will return for the March meeting to talk on fingerprinting & the advantage of it. Terri Breslin is thanked for getting Mr. Dewey.

President Lindstrom closed his first meeting which was handled with flying colors.

#### **Calendar:**

Our meetings are held on the 1st Mon. of the month at Buddy Freddy's in Holiday. It starts promptly at 10 AM.

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Hello – a warm greeting from FL. We hope everyone around the country is staying warm. By the time everyone gets this, we will be well in to 2007. Our Jan. meeting was attended by 17 members & 1 guest. It was great to welcome back our members who are up north for part of the year.

A special notice to all of our Treasure Coast members: We had an unexpected change in a place for our meeting and luncheon. As of the Jan. 9 meeting, we no longer meet at Johnny's Restaurant. Effective immediately, we will meet at RJ Gators - 7950 S; US 1 – Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. Meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month at 11:30 am. Also, in the works for our April meeting, are 2 cruises to choose from. Detailed info will be sent to each member.

Getting Old? Listen to this. Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says, "Slim, I'm 83 years old now, and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?" Slim says, "I feel just like a new born baby!" "Really? Like a new born baby?" "Yep. No hair, no teeth, & I think I just wet my pants."

### Calendar:

**March 13** - 11:30 luncheon meeting at RJ Gators

(See above)

**April 10** - Cruise time in lieu of meeting

## **IDAHO**

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**Rick Dempsey** opened our breakfast meeting (well attended) by outlining our plans for this year.

We will continue meeting at JB's in Meridian, with the usual preemptions for holidays. That means we need somebody to host something Labor Day. Please phone Rick (939-1713) with suggestions, or email Shirley at [brandyjake@cableone.net](mailto:brandyjake@cableone.net). He will also need a host for a get-together of some kind in April. He is planning a July picnic, & would welcome help for that, also our annual Christmas party/dinner. In short, please give us your ideas for extracurricular activities, such as golf outings, lunches, dinners, cooking classes, speakers, whatever.

**Bill & Martha Stokes** were in town visiting relatives, & *voilà!* They thoughtfully joined us after a long drive (257 miles) from Idaho Falls, & a nice visit with relatives. Conveniently, JB's is right next door to their hotel. Their family is OK, "and so are we," adds Martha. They say they are glad to see us, & to enjoy our warm sunny valley weather. "It's much colder in Idaho Falls."

Everybody here knows it's also much colder in McCall, but that didn't bother **Gloria Trotter**, a CA transplant. She braved the cold during McCall's Winter Ice Festival. She said the ice sculptures were "absolutely beautiful."

**Shirley Law** had surgery for a detached retina, but that didn't slow her down. Her daughter turned 50, so Shirley & her family flew to Kauai for a birthday celebration, & family reunion. "It was a nostalgic trip for me," says Shirley, "for Charles & I honeymooned at Princeville almost 30 years ago."

**Charles & Shirley Perkins**, another great combination of 2 first names, have moved again. They say, "It is the last time." They left Garden Valley last June & were "street people" for 3 months. Taking advantage of being footloose & fancy free, they traveled 8,000 miles across Canada & the U.S. When they returned they purchased a home in Meridian. They say they love being back among friends & the wonderful shopping malls of the Treasure Valley. Their (dare we say) "permanent" address is 2699 Gemstone Dr., Meridian, ID 83680. Phone: (208) 288-2779.

Another move to be reported, this time out of ID, involves **Ted & Ann Pumphrey**. They write that they arrived in West Virginia on Thanksgiving Day, their furniture arrived one day later. They add, "It took us a while to get unpacked, but we are all settled in at RR1, Box 32-B, Augusta, WV

26704. Our family here has been wonderful to us, & included us in all their Christmas activities. Here we can look out the kitchen window & see black Angus cows, now with 10 little calves.”

**Bob & Joyce Wicklund** have had their ups & downs. First, Bob’s blood sugar dropped suddenly, & he had to be hospitalized. Then on Dec. 22, Joyce fell, breaking a shoulder. She didn’t realize it at the time, so had to have it operated on, on Jan. 25. **Pat Peters** had a similar experience with a broken bone in her foot. Both she & Bud attended the breakfast meeting, but Pat has a cast on her foot & still can’t drive.

**Carol Birt** is visiting her son’s family in Georgia.

**Doreen & Richard Hardy** had a trip of a lifetime. They left New Year’s Eve on a 3-week tour of Thailand, Cambodia & Laos, returning Jan. 27. We hope they will tell us about it.

For those of you who think all we grow out here is potatoes, the sugar-beet crop now being harvested & trucked into the Amalgamated Sugar Plant in Nampa, gives the state’s economy “a big oomph.” The factory processes up to 12,000 tons of sugar beets a day, keeping more than 500 workers – from chemists in the lab to warehouse workers -- busy. The industry as a whole employs more than 4,000 directly & more than 6,000 indirectly, & provides half of America’s sugar needs. Idaho’s 2006 crop is estimated to be worth \$218 million, a 22% increase over 2005. The lowly beet is Idaho’s fourth largest crop based on revenue, behind potatoes, hay and wheat.

#### Calendar:

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> first Mon. of each month, at JB’s in Meridian at 9 a.m.

**March 5** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB’s in Meridian

**April 2** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB’s in Meridian

### ILLINOIS

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75 attended our first of the year monthly breakfast at Artemis Restaurant. Because of our mild

winter our attendance has been good for both the Northsiders’ & Southsiders’ get-together. Now that our days are getting longer, it’s time to look ahead & plan for some of those retirement activities organized by our Skyliners Committee. Listed are some of the activities that are scheduled or being planned:

- Northsiders Breakfast - held each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. at Artemis.
- Spring Luncheon – March - St. Patrick Spring Luncheon at the Cotillion in Palatine.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Annual RUAEA Convention – Memorial Day Week Holiday in Sacramento, CA.
- Southsiders Breakfast - last Tues. each month at Grandma Sally’s.
- Loop Group - Bi-monthly Luncheons at the Renaissance downtown CHI.
- Midway-Guys & Gals - “*Twenty-Fifth Anniversary*” Gala event in Sept.
- Chicago Food Depository - Monthly volunteer work (Free Transportation).
- The *Y-Me Race* - on Mother’s Day May 13<sup>th</sup> - CHI lake front.
- Summer Picnic - Chandlers in Schaumburg the end of July.
- Skyliners FALL Luncheon - Planning around Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - more to be announced.
- Holiday Gift Sharing Project - A program in Dec. sponsored through DCFS.
- Annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Avalon Banquets

Additional information will appear in your future Newsletter column.

Our Spring Luncheon, St. Patrick’s Celebration, is being held March 20 at the Cotillion, 300 Creekside, Palatine, IL. Come join in with your friends wearing a “*little bit of the Irish*”. Cost P/P is \$18.00 offering an entree selection of prime rib, breast of chicken, orange roughy or pasta primavera. Family & friends are welcomed, they all can look forward to a good time beginning with the cocktail hour followed by a delicious lunch. Flyers with directions are in the mail. Your reservation **MUST BE RETURNED** to John Koehl-Treas., 2 Pepperell on Asbury, Rolling Meadows, IL. 600008. Please include your E-mail address on your reservation form. Payment & reservation must be received no later than March 5 - NO Exceptions.

There were 3 new comers to the Northside breakfast: John Desmond who just retired from WHQKF, Data Processing, in Feb. Some of you may have seen John helping out as a Greeter at the morning breakfast along with JoAnn Giannini & myself. Lind Cilona & her husband Gerry both worked at WHQAN joined us for the first time. Both said they are looking forward to the RUAEA Conventions in Sacramento, CA this year.

Treas., John Koehl, reminds our readers that the 2007 dues will be accepted through March 31, by the Skyliner Treas. As of Jan. 25, 224 active members have not yet paid their annual dues of \$5.00. If you are planning to attend our Spring Luncheon, this late payment for dues may be included with your Spring luncheon reservation. If you are not attending the luncheon, you may send this payment of \$5.00, to John Koehl, 2 Pepperell on Asbury, Rolling Meadows, IL. 60008. Payment should be made to "RUAEA Skyliners".

There seems to be confusion about the payments made for "Dues" as Retired United members.

Our Retirees in the CHI area have 2 types of Retirement dues: one is to the national organization RUAEA, the other to our local Chapter, The Chicago Skyliners. Payment of each groups' dues are separate events as payment for one group has nothing to do with payment to the other. The RUAEA yearly dues are \$20.00, payable during the month of the members' birthday which are processed through the DEN office. RUAEA dues are applied to hard copy mailings or access to the monthly newsletters via the internet; members may select only one of these options but not both. This selection may be made or changed at any time during the active membership year. This payment does not cover dues for Chapter organizations within RUAEA.

Our Skyliners Dues of \$5.00 are payable the beginning of each year. These dues cover printing & postage costs for the activity flyers distributed throughout the year. Remember to include your file number on your check & on correspondence. Checks should be made payable to "RUAEA Skyliners", addressed to John Koehl, 2 Pepperell on Asbury, Rolling Meadows, IL. 60008.

We encourage members to ask non members to join, also invite family, friends & guests to events throughout the year. It is also important that you

keep your family status information & address information current so that flyers can be sent without delay. An audit of our membership list will be conducted to update active members' information. This audit will include delinquency of dues, address, telephone or status changes. If dues have not been paid by March 31, the member will be dropped from the active membership list & will no longer receive notices of future Skyliner events.

If you have any questions, need to make address/phone number changes, inquire as to the status of your membership, or have any other concerns, kindly contact: John Koehl – (847) 397-4283, [papajn85@AOL.com](mailto:papajn85@AOL.com) or Ken Goetz - (847) 836-5157, [Goetz.k@SBCGlobal.net](mailto:Goetz.k@SBCGlobal.net).

Roy Schmitt sent his report from Grandma Sally's letting me know from the south side that 25 attended their breakfast gathering in Jan. 6 people came from O'Hare to visit & visit with their retired friends. 3 attendees were winners of the \$10 cash raffle prizes. Two of these winners being from O'Hare. Roy said, "*We hope they return to our future breakfast get-togethers*". Roy reported that Ed & Joan Murray recently celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with their family. Joan at the moment is recovering from a recent surgery. Anyone wishing to send a get-well card, Joan's address is: 9404 South 55th. Court, Oak Lawn, IL. 60453. Florence Constance suffered a broken hip back in Dec. & therapy in a rehab facility. We are sure she would love to hear from her friends, so here is her address: 5655 South Monitor Avenue, Chicago, IL. 60638.

#### Calendar:

**March 5** – Come volunteer at the Chicago Food Depository – First Mon. of Month

**March 7** – Come share the happy chatter & breakfast with the Northsiders Group – 9:00 a.m. Artemis Restaurant - Golf & Busse Roads. in Mt. Prospect, IL.

**March 20** – Spring Luncheon at the Cotillion, Palatine, IL. - 11:30 a.m.

**March 21** – Luncheon at The Renaissance – Downtown CHI – 11:30 a.m. 1 Wacker Drive (Corner of State and Wacker) 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor - "That Great Street" room.

**March 29** – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.



## **LOOP GROUP**

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Praying like the rest of the world, that beautiful but elusive world peace will enter our lives around the world.

The Loop Group will have their next luncheon in March at the Renaissance Hotel in the Café named "That Great Street". It is ironic that a March date was selected because March 25 is a very important date for Greeks. It is significant because that's the date that Greece received her freedom from Turkish Muslim rule after 500 years of slavery. Greece was able to retain her Christian faith & her ethnic identity, however, the problem is not over because the issue of Greek Island Cyprus remains unsolved.

Looking forward to saying "Hello" to you in March.

### Calendar:

March 21 – 11:30 AM, Renaissance Hotel – Café Great Street.

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## **YEAH INDIANAPOLIS COLTS!!!**

Now then, with that being said I can get on with the many other things at hand. For those of you who read Jan. newsletter, I'd like to take it all back! I made a whole deal about "global warming" & how the temps here in Indy were way out of the norm & the words I really need to eat are those stating, "I do miss a little bit of the cold and light snow". What was I thinking? It is absolutely drop dead freezing outside & I promise never to complain about the lack of cold & snow. You've got my solemn word. What is really amazing are the

large amounts of people celebrating the Colts win outdoors in downtown Indianapolis. It was way below zero last night & to think about being outdoors ... even to party. They must be crazy ... & "very young"!

I don't really have much news to share except that Jim Gibson underwent heart by-pass surgery, is doing quite well. With his wife Chris by his side, along with their strong faith, there couldn't have been a different outcome. Jim & Chris have had more than their share of health issues this past year but they just keep on going like the Energizer bunny. Jim, we all wish you a rapid recovery, mind Chris & you'll be just fine!

For all golfers: The 2007 UARGC GOLF INVITATIONAL will once again be held in Mesquite, NV May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Eureka Hotel. Check in is Sun., May 6<sup>th</sup> – Check out May 10<sup>th</sup> - Rooms are \$38.00 S/D. Cost of tournament is \$260.00 for golfers and \$50.00 for NON golfing guest. Contact the hotel for reservations 800-346-4611, mention you are with the United Airlines Golf group. More information to come.

A quick reminder to those interested, the Indy Racer's Annual Picnic will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville. More information will be coming next month.

### Calendar:

The Indy Racers meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd. in Plainfield. Meetings begin at 3:00 but access to our own room is open at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting. We welcome all new members also those just passing through. Hope to see you there!

**March 12** - Meeting

**April 9** – Meeting

## **MICHIGAN**

### **GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES**

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Jan. is already gone & today is the coldest day of 2007. It was very difficult to crawl out from un-

der my warm covers to make this NL deadline. It is freezing, but I guess it could be worse. At least it is not snowing ... yet ... & we are one more day closer to Spring, not that I'm trying to rush the year away any faster!

Feb. 16 Escapees gathered at New Peking in Garden City hosted by Maxine Raymond. Everyone had a chocolate heart at their place setting in honor of St. Valentine. It is good that the restaurant was not busy as we were a most chatty group. Before we knew it, 2½ hours had flown by. We missed Betty Martinez who called to cancel as she had 12" of snow in Spring Lake, near GRR, & Marlene Jeffery was on a NCL Mexican Rivera Cruise.

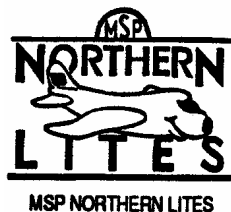
Thankfully Rod Jacob & Kathy Franz are both doing well after their knee & hip surgeries.

Love & prayers to Pat Warga, 5 Ridgecrest Dr., Sedona, AZ 86351 on the loss of her son. Pat was from DTWRR, before migrating to AZ.

#### Calendar:

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

### **MINNESOTA**



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Our Jan. lunch was well-attended, as the weather has been unseasonably warm. By the time you read this, some of the snowbirds will be thinking of making the trek back north in a few weeks. But then, some of them will say it's waaaaay too chilly to head back yet.

Our friend Cal Alderman thought he was having a heart attack recently, & so did his wife Dorothy. So did the staff at the emergency room & they went into full swing to prevent further damage. He spent the night there while they were doing tests & in the morning found out that he'd had a gallstone attack not a heart attack. Of course, they'd pumped him full of Coumadin to thin his blood for his heart problem & now they couldn't do the gallbladder surgery. The poor guy had to wait about 2 weeks

before he could get relief! He's up & back to his feisty self now.

One of our alumni from years ago took his last flight recently. Warren Phillips was a supervisor in Reservations in the early 60's & his wife, Connie, was in the Ticket Office. They both quit the Company to found a highly-successful travel & tour company in the Twin Cities, but some of us kept in touch with them over the years. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family.

A reminder that it's DUES time again! Keeping in touch with your buds from work is worth \$5.00 per couple per year, isn't it? It also entitles you to a current copy of the chapter roster of members, non-members & alumni. If you can't make the monthly lunches, you can mail your dues to Arlene Kelley, 3148 Magney Drive, Cloquet, MN 55720.

#### Calendar:

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

### **NEBRASKA**

#### **GOLDEN'EARS**

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A nice day for Jan. in the Midwest for our luncheon at USA Steak with 40 attending.

OUR SYMPATHY TO PAUL STEURI. Humbie Steuri passed away Sat. A Memorial Service was held Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bellevue Mortuary Chapel. Cards may be sent to Paul at 17112 Chalet Dr., Omaha, NE 68123.

Virginia Lang moved on Jan. 15 to a new home with her 2 daughters, Joyanne & Suzanne. Serving 35 years, Suzanne took early retirement from UAL.

Scott Gutschewski, who is now on the pro tour, graduated from Ralston High & lived here in OMA up until a few months ago when he moved his family to Dallas. Larry Nollette is 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin to Scott's father. Scott made his exemption here in OMA at the Cox Classic Tournament 2 years ago.

I had an e-mail from Sandy Bender, she came

through the eye surgery fine; however, her center vision will take 6 months to a year to come back. She did get new glasses which has helped her. She mentioned that many years ago when they lived in CA & United had a float in the Rose Bowl Parade, she & Ken would help decorate it.

This is sort of late news, but Bob Kraft spent 10 days in the hospital in Nov. with pneumonia, while there they found he had heart problems so inserted a Pacemaker. I talked to Bob, he said he feels better than he has for a long, long time.

#### Calendar:

**Mar. 6** - House of Hunan – Hosted by Marge Edwards

**Apr. 3** - Bohemian Café – Hosted by Tom & Rose Langan

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

### NEVADA



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There were 14 attendees at our Jan. meeting at the Black Bear Diner, including 2 new members - Larry & Barbara Leusing. Also attending was guest Ruth Schneck, a former contract nurse at the MOC, whose husband worked for UAL.

Mary was unable to attend the meeting but reported that the bank balance for the club is about \$700. We are in the process of spending \$200 of those funds for the summer picnic at Sand Harbor. John was unable to attend the meeting due to recovering from foot surgery. He should be at the meeting.

United was awarded the IAD – Beijing route, which hopefully will be a lucrative one. On a sadder note, furlough notices were handled out in early Dec. at the MOC.

RUAEA has posted the information on its website about this year's convention in Sacramento. Both John & I plan to attend. He will attend the President's Breakfast & I will attend the Corre-

spondent's Breakfast on Fri. morning.

Newest member Barbara Leusing won the 50/50.

Jan. birthdays were celebrated by: Jean Stephens, Mary Withers, Duncan Schaife, Tamar Nagley, Kathy Robinson, Nin Mischker & Ralph Mischker.

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The New Jersey Gardenstators met on Dec. 13 for their Holiday luncheon. Pres. Confer opened the meeting with a flag salute. 94 people attended, many came from out of state. A moment of silence was held for the Soldiers in Iraq. Iris Peterson, flight attendant, 85 years old, retired.

The Parking Lot where we all parked is gone, a new one is on Sommers Road, is very hard to find. You must leave at least ½ hour earlier. The Sheraton Hotel & the Holiday Inn, by the prison on Frontage Road, there is a parking lot for \$4.00 a day. You must register at the registration desk to park in the hotel. There are many parking lots that are less expensive than the ones at the terminals. To get a discount you must show an UAL ID. Carry on luggage you can only have 3 ozs of any liquid, it must be packed in a clear plastic container in a 1 quart bag. You have to take off you shoes & jacket.

There are pictures of the Memorial in Shankesville, PA. Newark flight attendants started the memorial. There were several door prizes, also holiday prizes & donations from the Toys for Tots. 400 toys were donated by the Gardenstators. They were given to children up to 15 years of age. 8127 toys were given by the Toys for Tots.

**SAINT  
PATRICK'S  
DAY**

## NEW YORK

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*Submitted by Marge Segal*

The deep freeze wasn't able to keep everyone away. We were a small, cozy group who met on Feb. 6 at San Martin for lunch. Correspondent Jeanne Leo & hubby are escaping the cold in Palm Springs. Lucky them!

We welcomed a new member, April King, who has been retired after 37 years working at reservations & various ticket offices in NY City. Member Barbara Mueller will be having knee replacement surgery this week; we wish her a speedy recovery.

Barbara Hill, our new Treas. collected the \$10 yearly dues. The rest will be collected in April.

Our next meeting will be April 10. The change to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week is due to the fact that the 1<sup>st</sup> week is filled with Passover & Pre-Easter holidays.

#### Calendar:

April 10 – Luncheon 12 Noon – San Martin Restaurant. RSVP Jeanne Leo – (212) 75306128 or Marge Segal – (212) 355-1788.

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

44 members & guests came in below freezing temperatures to attend The N.Y Metros' first meeting of 2007. Welcome Alice O'Hagan & Donna Feingold, both retired JFKSW & Kenneth Kleinhaut JFKKQ (computer repair).

Pres. Jim Richardson started the meeting with the Pledge to Ole Glory & a moment of silence for our departed members.

Jim left Ann Hluboky's name off the Dec. birthday list & wanted to correct his error. Now the Metro Chapter has 5 members celebrating the same birthday Dec. 4.

Feb.'s birthday list has 12 members. On the top of the list is Ruth Olenick, Dave Curtin, Frank Kittle, all are octogenarians.

Dominick & Gerry Rizzo is our couple of the month, married 57 years on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes for many more years of togetherness.

The Metros received a thank you note from Mary Zwiulich for the floral bouquet we sent as a fond remembrance of Joe, a retired United mechanic at JFK.

Manny Suarez' mother died, our thoughts & prayers to him and his family.

I received a phone call from Ann Maertz ... her husband, George, broke his left femur just above his knee replacement. George's right leg is in bad shape & has trouble walking. He is now getting physical therapy at Nassau county Hospital. (516) 794-5025.

The New York Metros' officials have to have a get-together to include the membership on a change of venue for 2007 meetings. Along with the 2 picnics in the summer, we would like to have a couple of meetings at the Asian Buffet & another couple of meetings at the Old Country Buffet on Hempstead Turnpike. Also, the Millerridge Inn in Jericho, a favorite of the chapter. The officials have to check the by-laws.

Hello Dan Duran!

Charlie Kaczinski advised the membership that United Airlines did not renew its lease with N.Y. Port Authority for hangar 19 at JFK. 14 mechanics are laid off - more will follow in March. Also, a good possibility that Hangar 22 at JFK will close.

What member finally broke down and purchased a cell phone after bragging he belonged to the NCCC club, NO COMPUTER, NO CELL PHONE & NO CABLE?

#### Calendar:

**March 7** - 12 noon Asian Buffet.

**April 4** - TO BE ANNOUNCED

**May 2** - TO BE ANNOUNCED



## NORTHWOODS

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#### LOONIES

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Spring is coming & time to start thinking about the next semi-annual gathering of the Loonies!

The wonderful little town of Bayfield, WI is the setting for our next event. It's located at the very northern end of the state on Lake Superior surrounded by the beautiful Apostle Islands. Get ready for a charming, quaint little town which runs down the hills to the marina at the Big Lake & is backed by apple orchards. If we're lucky & spring is early, the flower show will be spectacular.

For those who have been to earlier gatherings, I have your names & contact info & you'll be receiving information soon. For those who have not & are interested in attending, call or e-mail me. After all, if you worked for UAL, you too can be a Loonie!

## OHIO

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Our Feb. meeting was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> at Dimitri's in Parma. Our host Marilyn Gschwend was expecting 77 Buckeyes in attendance. Thanks again Marilyn for hosting this event.

The month of Feb. seems to be the longest month of the year, yet it has the least number of days. The last few weeks have been very cold. We are now encountering an Artic Freeze. The temperature is expected to have a high of 5 degrees above zero today (5<sup>th</sup>). I'm sure that we Buckeyes are looking forward to our monthly meetings again.

John Kercel had surgery Feb 1. He was released from the hospital on the 4<sup>th</sup>. I spoke with his

wife, Carrie & understand that he is recuperating nicely. Cards maybe send to: 4290 Coral Gables Dr., Parma, OH 44134-6314. We look forward to seeing you both very soon.

Carol Hacker, our Pres. still has a long recuperating time, let's continue to keep her in our thoughts & prayers. Hopefully she & Ray will be able to attend the next meeting.

Last month long time members Joseph & Bette Rowan passed away. Joe & his wife, Bette departed on the Jan. 13 within 5 hrs. of each other. Our condolences go out to their three children.

Our computer geniuses, you guessed it, John & Dolly Taucher created a website for our Chapter. She has emailed me some info. that I can share with all of you.

The web site is another avenue of communications for those members with computers. As information is received it is published on the website. So if you want to know what is going on, just go to [www.ualohiobuckeyes.org](http://www.ualohiobuckeyes.org) for up-to-date information.

Selections on the site are:

1. MEMBERSHIP (about us & RUAEA.)
2. NEWSLETTER (after Sharon Garrah has composed it)
3. MEETINGS (when/where/cost/contact)
4. ILLNESS/OBITS (after email notification received from Bernie Garrah)
5. PAST MEETINGS (pictures or comments)
6. IN MEMORY OF
7. FRAUD TIPS (prevent or what to do)
8. USEFUL SITES (just click & you are there).

The website is constantly being updated & adjusted to better serve our members. We are always open to suggestions. In fact, we have already been contacted by another Chapter & given information that we have published. The website is still a baby, & at this point-in-time has just learned to crawl. In other words, the publishers are still learning how.

We appreciate all of the emails that we have received at [dollyta1040@yahoo.com](mailto:dollyta1040@yahoo.com). Remembers this is your website too, so we will definitely read every comment or suggestion that we receive. We will need your permission to use your name on any information from you that we publish.

John & Dolly this is AWESOME! Thank you both for your dedication & hard work for continuing to make this Chapter GREAT. It is members



like the both of you that have made the Chapter what it is today!

Chapter dues can be sent to our Treasurer: Dolly Taucher; 8301 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1031.

As announced in last month's newsletter the semi-yearly package was distributed at our Feb. 7 meeting. It contains the events for the next six months. If you are unable to attend, your package was mailed to you. If you have a change of address or email, please notify one of the officers so that your address and/or email address can be changed.

#### Calendar:

**March 7** - The Old Schoolhouse, Litchfield, 1pm., pre-paid.

**April 11** - Agostino's Ristorante & Catering, Brooklyn, OH., SECOND WED. of the month, 12 noon, pre-paid.

**May 9** - Bucci's Italian Restaurant, Berea, OH., doors open at 12 noon, pre-paid.

**June 6** - Nautica Queen, Luncheon cruise, board at 11:am. & departs at 12 noon, pre-paid.

**July 11** - Annual Picnic, W.J. Green Lodge in METROPARKS, SECOND WED. of the month, 12 noon.

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The attendance was down in Jan. as there were only 73 members at the meeting. Snow was in the forecast, that probably kept some at home. Jack Hooper, our new Pres., announced that Charlie Stemper had agreed to serve as VP. A vote was taken, he was overwhelming elected.

John Donaldson, last terms VP, presented Dave Smith our outgoing Pres. a gift basket as a thank you for all the hard work he did the past 2 years. Margaret Borbely sang a wonderful version of "Thanks for the Memories" inserting words she wrote pertaining to Dave's tenure in office.

There were several get well cards sent out this

month. Joan Brotherton is suffering from shingles, Lenore Taylor had a mild stroke, Fran Rauschkolb has been "under the weather." Pat Williams the food manager at the Refectory who has taken such good care of our luncheon needs took a bad fall & is off work.

My heart goes out to the Blough family as Bruce died this week of cancer. He was courageous throughout his illness, fighting the disease every step of the way, even when he had to have a leg amputated. Everyone will remember the big smile on his face at the meetings. Bruce was also one of the early members of our chapter. All of us send our condolences to Lila & her family.

Several of the Dew-er's attended George Wese-man's memorial service in Kent, WA. I was there along with Jack & Nancy Hooper, Rosalie Bet-schart and Glen & Gaylean Swanson. There was a large presence of UAL retirees & employees at the service.

This is the last month to pay your dues so your name will appear in the 2007 roster. The dues are \$10 for a couple or \$7.50 single. Please make your check to RUAEA & send the payment to Nancy Hooper, PO Box 286, Washougal, WA 98671.

A couple of reminders: Lunches have gone up to \$12. Lois Pitman is collecting toiletry samples & please bring a food donation to be distributed to a worthwhile food bank.

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

#### Calendar:

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

**March 14** - St. Patrick's Celebration

**April 11** - Easter

**May 9** - TBA

#### OUR CLUB

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Who says you can't teach these "old dogs" new tricks? On Jan. 5, OUR Club began the year with a new venue for the monthly luncheon. Hosts Lorraine & David Presley graciously invited OUR Club members to their home for a potluck of hors d'oeuvres, salads & desserts. Everyone brought their favorite dish, we enjoyed a cozy winter afternoon in the Presleys' beautiful home in the rural area outside Grants Pass. Following a virtual feast of all the delicious food Lorraine prepared & members contributed, "some" gathered in the kitchen to exchange recipes & catch up after the holiday season, while "some" had equal fun touring David's shop. As a matter of fact, we all had such a great time that everyone stayed long past the hour when we're usually on our way home from the monthly luncheons.

The Feb. luncheon was hosted by Donna Andrews & held at Thai BBQ in Grants Pass - another fun, new place for us to gather. The 15 members who attended enjoyed chatting about everything from the snow, ice & freezing weather to local politics to Thai favorites on the menu. We were delighted to have Walt & Peggy Wilson back with us & to see Walt looking hale & hearty after completion of extensive medical treatment in Portland.

Jim & Eirlys McIntosh will host the March 2 luncheon & business meeting at Pioneer Village Retirement Center in historic Jacksonville. Since reservations will be required, please contact Jane Frincke at (541) 472-9212 or [jjfor@rascal.cc](mailto:jjfor@rascal.cc) by Feb. 23 if you're in the area & might be able to join us.

#### Calendar:

**March 2** - details in column

**April 6** - TBA

**May 4** - TBA

### PENNSYLVANIA

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Having just returned from our Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento, I urge each of you to

attend the convention in May. I can truthfully say it should prove to be one of the nicest conventions. Ron & Barbara Bertacini & their committees have done a fantastic job in preparing for this. Hope to see you all there.

The Pit Stoppers' Valentine Day's luncheon will be covered next month. Too late for this edition. Our condolences to June Schirialli on the recent death of her sister. June's address is 116 William Circle, McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Ron Bishop, former Ramp Service Man & Services Director. Ron met a tragic death in a traffic accident. He was the longtime owner of a specialty lawn service.

Rich "Cake" Guida is recuperating at home following heart valve surgery & a leg amputation. Barb & Rich love to hear from their many friends from UAL & USAir, c/o 195 Rosemont Dr. Coraopolis, PA 15108 - (412) 264-5057.

Continue to keep our ailing members in your prayers: Russ Potts, JoAnn Schneider, Lou Kroeck, Jim Doolan & Ken McQuiston.

We certainly have missed our "Piroghy" couple - Ted & Bernice Zyzak. I understand that Bernice has been under the weather lately. Hurry back you two - we miss you.

Now for some good news - our DEN Com-muter Mac Crampton has moved back to the Burgh - welcome home

Some tidbits from our roving reporter & VP Ken Wolfe - Two groups meet for Breakfast each month-on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. at 9am at Janoski's in Clinton, PA - mostly Ramp Service but all are welcome The other & longest in time since its origin meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. except Nov. & Dec. then the 3rd Thurs.

This originated in 1982 when Jim "Bulldog" Stanford, Paul Gaumer, Sam Cavallo & Paul Czamel decided to meet. One was retired, one working in PIT, one in ORD (commuting) & one commuted from DEN. Sad to say both groups have lost attendees the past couple of years either from health reasons or being called to a better place. If you are ever in town & would like some good company, please drop in.

#### Calendar:

**April** - Luncheon - JW Hall's - Hosted by Jeri Juth



## TENNESSEE



### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Antiques Road Show was the theme of our meeting & luncheon at Green Meadow Country Club. Our hosts Jackye & Don Jeacock did a wonderful job planning & hosting this great event. We had a delicious buffet lunch in the main dining room overlooking the golf greens. Thank you Jackye & Don!

We are sad to report the unexpected death of Bill Taylor on Dec. 28. Bill had a 34 year career with United as a pilot. Most of us knew that he had served in the Navy; however, we were unaware that he had earned his wings of Gold as a Naval Aviator. During the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, Lt. Taylor was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery & exploits while flying Low Level Photo Reconnaissance Missions over Cuba. Pres. John F. Kennedy personally decorated his squadron with the Navy Unit Commendation for bravery & selfless service to their country. We are truly going to miss Bill. Condolences can be sent to Terry Taylor, 100 Vinita Lane, Loudon TN 37774.

In our prayers this month are Phyllis Dale who has had a recurrence of her cancer - this time in her bones. She is currently undergoing chemo treatment. Les Swallow is at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville where they are running tests to determine the best treatment for his stomach cancer. Terry Taylor who not only is coping with the unexpected loss of her husband, still has one more chemo treatment for her lymphoma. On the bright side, her last scan showed the cancer is in remission.

After the 50/50 drawing & the wonderful door prizes presented by our hosts, we looked at all the antiques & "whatizits" brought in by our members. One of our guests, Jeannie Anderson, had brought a Royal Copenhagen ceramic hunting dog that came from Eleanor Roosevelt's Val Kill Cottage in Poughkeepsie. Jeannie had been to the cottage many times as a child with her parents. On Eleanor's death there was an auction of her possessions, her parents purchased the ceramic dog. Other un-

usual & interesting items was a doctor's blood letting kit, an old ink scribe set, tables & snakeskin bags brought back from India by a family member who had been a missionary there, old & unusual tools, a stereopticon & pictures, a 1900 gold & diamond locket, costume jewelry, old teapots, salt & pepper shakers & hand painted china, children's toys also an old Lionel Train Engine. There were many other interesting items too numerous to mention. In fact, we all enjoyed ourselves so much that Sue & Jack Ferrell volunteered to host the March meeting & luncheon. After this meeting we'll go to visit the Antique Mall in Athens.

### Calendar:

**March 15** - 12:30 EST. Hosts Jack & Sue Ferrell, 423/745-9390. Location to be announced.

**April 19** - 9:30 EST. Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**May 17** - 12:30 EST. Hosts Jerry & Mary Lou Barr (865/458-0815) & Terry Taylor (865) 408-1453

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On Jan. 17, 14 chapter members met over coffee & donuts, donated by Pete Loyola & Doug Peterson. Thank you, Pete - thanks, Doug!

It looks like we might be without a "serving chapter president" this year. Even Betty Davis, our longtime chapter VP, withdrew from the assignment. To Betty - a heartfelt thank-you for your efforts!

Today's low attendance was ascribed to the very cold weather in our area. Those who came had a nice visit; it included Doug Roberts, Pete Loyola, Simon Seikaly & wife Maureen. Missed were Lila Maughan, Bud/Beverly Farrington, Tony/Dorothy Brown, Sandy/Darlene Cantonwine, Hank/Maria Bons, & Aletha Cannon with daughter Shir-lene.

For information to those Salt Lakers who knew him & worked with him: Dale Reid Olson died 1/5/07, as was indicated in the local newspaper Obituaries.

This correspondent heard from longtime chapter member Maria Apperson, now living in HOU. She is doing fine, enjoying life in a "warmer climate", however, judging from official weather reports, Texas is as hard-hit as the rest of the USA with its severe icy cold spell.

To give our DEN team an A+ in systemwide communication: It is amazing how many of our far-flung UALers are trying to locate their former coworkers via the RUAEA Newsletter, either by phone, via letter or e-mail. Many times it works to everyone's satisfaction!

In case you wondered where some of the SLC chapter's dues money goes: Murray City Corporation, Heritage Center, in a letter dated Nov. 15, 2006, thanked Chapter Treasurer Bill Ottman for our annual Christmas donation. The Heritage personnel have helped our group with a prepared meeting room for over 20 years, free of charge - we always appreciated their friendly service to us.

#### Calendar:

**March 21** - Lunch - 2pm; Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W., Bountiful;

**April 18** - Coffee - 10am; Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

### WASHINGTON

#### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



The Jan. 9 luncheon had 54 attendees present for another delicious meal hosted by Lyle & Joanna Myers. Joining us following an absence of several months was Mal Andresen along with his guest Eleanor Schelbach. Another member Dick Waterous came too, thanks to Ed & Charlotte Rouso.

Noreen Krawczyk was at the check-in table along with Helen Stanger, our Treas.

Delores Steger has replaced Fern Lockhart as

one of the 3 people taking luncheon reservations. The Lockharts move to SEA to be closer to doctors.

John surveyed members about their format & location preferences. It was decided to keep the existing format & time, primarily at Fairwood. The room, ambiance & excellent food are well liked.

John reminded us of \$10 dues for 2007.

Bob Brumfield discussed several travel related issues. He suggested making hotel reservations now for the Sacramento National Convention & indicated that there is a travel card being issued for \$15. The card is good for use in automated check-in at the airport (as opposed to using your credit card). Call the Benefits Service Center for an application. Advance check-in from your home computer is now encouraged to free up airport agents for revenue customers. If you live in the SEA area, please call the Travel Desk at (206) 433-4218 rather than using the toll-free number, which costs the Travel Desk ø5.9 per minute.

We lost our junior past Pres. George Weseman on Jan. 12, 2007. He had taken a terrible fall last Sept. A beautiful service was held at St. James Episcopal Church. Friends came from far & wide as he had worked in Customer Service, Personnel & Reservations. We will miss him.

Door prize winners at the luncheon were Lyle Myers, Frances Radeck, Fern Lockhart, John Paulson, Jerry Opperman & Delores Steger. Helen Stanger won the 50-50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.

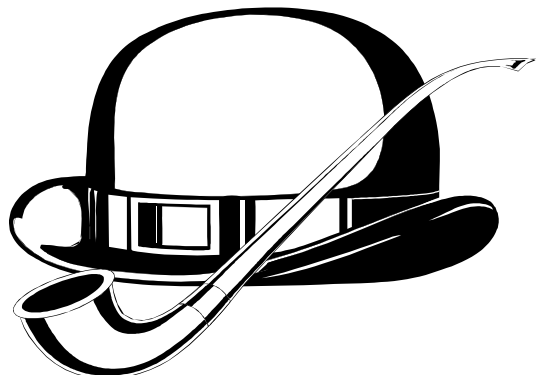
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#### Calendar:

**March 13** - Fairwood Country Golf

**April 10** - Muckleshoot Casino

**May 8** - Fairwood Country Golf



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Hello to the Spokane RUAEA members. Lance & I are in PSP - I have been fortunate to get some of the local gossip.

The Feb. dinner was held at the Ramada on Feb. 11 hosted by Theresa & David Reisenhauer. They were unable to hold it at the Olive Garden, as they would not make reservations for a weekend. They are sorry for disappointing those of you that would have preferred the Olive Garden but everyone attending at the Ramada had a great time.

Vera Graham is recovering nicely from a not-so-nice lung surgery. She hopes to be well enough to attend the Feb. event. They removed a portion of her left lung, fortunately they got it soon enough so she will make a full recovery. She told me on the phone that every day is a better day than the one before. Les is taking great care of Vera, she said her children, friends & neighbors are spoiling her rotten. Vera deserves being spoiled. Vera, our prayers are with you for a speedy recovery.

Warren & Fran Smith celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Feb. 9. Congratulations to the Smiths. The chapter will have a big party for the two of you on your 65<sup>th</sup>. Just a little something to mark on your calendar for 2012.

See you in April.

## **WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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The Jan. luncheon of the Dulles Loungers was the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to be held without our beloved David Cox as our Pres. David had to step down for health reasons. The 3 new Co-Chairs: Linda

Scriven, Kerrie Schneider, & Mari McColl led the meeting. We all laughed & said that it took 3 good women to take Dave's place. Little did we know that it would actually take 4 good women. Less than 2 weeks after the luncheon, Linda, Kerrie & Mari asked Camilla Warner to come on board & be, yet another, Co-Chair. Tina Cox has expressed her willingness to continue doing the local newsletter, for which we are MOST grateful.

The present Co-Chairs will "step-up-to-the-plate" & try to live up to Pres. Cox's standards until Sept. At that time, David will be able to evaluate his strength & health; he will decide to continue his term, or we will hold an election for the office. We are grateful that David is willing & able to continue giving us his guidance & support.

At the meeting 2 weeks after the luncheon, the new Co-Chairs decided to discontinue the tradition of the drawing each month for the gift basket. Each month, at the drawings for door prizes, one lucky recipient wins a goody-filled basket. The catch is that the winner must provide the basket for the following month. We had a big laugh over the drawing in Jan. because we had to draw 5 times before we found someone who would own up to holding the LUCKY number. So we are now trying to come up with some other clever & fun door prizes from which people will not try to run. We also have our monthly 50/50 drawing which is always fun. (and no one tries to run from that one). Half of the money collected goes to the winner, the other half is put into the kitty to finance our annual pig pullin'. Frank Contento (CS) brought in two commemorative T-shirts from CS to be given as door prizes & they were very well received. Normally we don't report on every winner of the door prizes, but I think we should mention that at his first luncheon as a "civilian", David won the Credit Union Cookbook.

Our guest speaker, Amy Harwood, is the Sales Manager of the IAD branch of the Alliant Credit Union. Since the closing of the Res. Center in Sterling, it has been most difficult for retirees to do their banking, since the only branch of the Credit Union is now behind security-lines. Ms Harwood was very helpful in informing us of alternate locations for deposits & withdrawals, & was able to explain how to handle other banking needs by telephone & computer. She is trying to work out a better, more convenient process for us, & will keep us



informed of all updates & improvements.

Dutch Schneider stood up & told us about the success of our SERVE project at Christmas. He delivered 592 pounds of food & towels for the needy from the Loungers. A note about Dutch: He had a pretty serious accident involving gun powder last week. There was an explosion which left Dutch with 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns on his face, neck, arms & hands. Kerrie took him to the emergency room where he was treated & released. He is in a lot of pain but fortunately has not lost his sense of humor & managed a slight chuckle when his son referred to him as "Sparky."

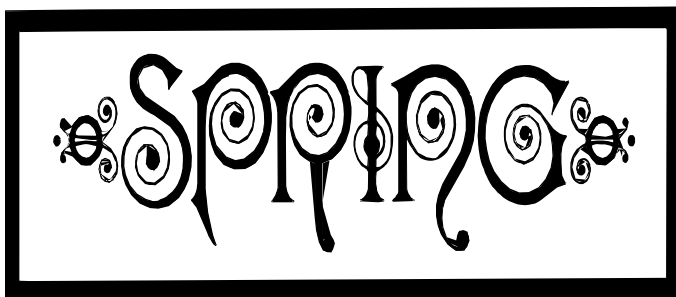
With sadness, we announce the deaths of Sheila Mitchell (IADRR), Bob Murch (IADCS), Pete Clanton (partner of Jean Kerman) & Marty Ullman (wife of Bob Ullman).

Our prayers & thoughts to Linda Scriven whose brother Eric is in the hospital in very serious condition.

Retirees Paul (IADCG) & Sandie(IADCU) Dreher, Vinnie (IADCG) & Sandy Geritano, and Isabel (IADRR) Buchanan all live in the area that was hit hard this past week with tornadoes. They are all fine & their homes were intact. Sadly, Ben & Marilyn Bogucki (IADCG) were not so lucky. Ben & Marilyn lost their home to a tornado.

Myrna Boyd (ORF & crew desk at DCA, ORD & EXO) has moved to an Assisted Living facility. She is no longer able to live independently but would love to hear from old friends at: 3306 Althea Dr., Algonquin, IL 60102.

Writing about the deaths, illnesses & tragedies of our friends is the sad part of this job. Each time I put the new names to paper, I grieve as do you. Each time, though, I remind myself how fortunate we are to have the wonderful UNITED family that goes with us through life. We met each other as we barely made it into adulthood & here we are in the Golden years, still close, still caring what happens to each other. How many people, how many groups, can make that claim?



## 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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son, Douglas White, Kathleen Warren Wilkin, Sylvia P Wilson, George Wittmann, Dorothy L Wolberd, Peggy O. Wolf.

## OBITUARIES

Correction: The January Obituaries listed **Eugene Miller** as the retiree but it should read that **Patricia** was the retiree & he was the spouse.

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

Retiree – **AULD, John**, WHQ, on 11/27/06

Retiree – **BOLEN, Robert I.**, SFO, on 1/3/07

Retiree – **DOMINICK, Sam**, ORD, on 10/29/06

Retiree – **LOPEZ, Joseph A.**, SFO, on 1/20/07,  
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Retiree – **NELSON, Byron E.**, DCA, on 10/24/06

Spouse – **STEURI, Humbeline**, on 1/13/07

Retiree – **TALLEY, Mary A.**, WHQ, on 11/27/06

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

**BARDEN, Robert J.**, SFOFO 11/23/06

**BECKERS, Gerald W.**, HNLMM 11/18/06

**BERGERSON JR., Clifford C.**, SEAFO 11/19/06

**BILGER, Richard S.**, JFKCS 11/01/06

**BISHOP, William**, SFOOV 11/19/06

**BRINKLEY, Dorothy L.**, MSPCS 11/20/06

**BURNS, Alfred M.**, DENRR 11/22/06

**CINAVI, Priscilla P.**, HNLSW 11/25/06

**CURCIO, Vincent P.**, ORDGQ 11/07/06

**DILLON, Frederick P.**, BUFTR 11/03/06

**DUNNICLIFF, Steven L.**, SFOFO 11/08/06

**EDELE, William S.**, LAXMM 11/30/06

**ERDMAN, William H.**, SFOCG 11/10/06

**FEIL, Ivan L.**, SFOFO 11/18/06

**FITZGERALD, David L.**, TPAOZ 11/10/06

**FOREMAN, Harold E.**, SFOFO 11/24/06

**FURGAL, Gustav A.**, SFOOF 11/20/06

**GAVIN, Pauline M.**, PHLOZ 11/21/06

**GIRLANDO, Samuel C.**, SMFOZ 11/26/06

**HOFFIE, Gordon L.**, WHQGC 11/12/06

**HOLT JR., Joseph E.**, DCACG 11/10/06

**HUDGENS, Thomas A.**, DENFN 11/03/06

**JOLLES, Vivienne J.**, LAXCS 11/01/06

**KARL, Mary I.**, GRRSZ 11/14/06

**KENNEDY, Loralie A.**, DTWTO 07/20/06

**KERSHAW, Tallulah E.**, LAXSW 11/07/06

**KUCHARSKI, Cecilia J.**, SFOHF 11/08/06

**KURTZ, Richard P.**, SEAMM 11/10/06

**LANGE, Ruth C.**, JFKMD 11/25/06

**LEFFERTS, William A.**, SFOOK 11/13/06

**LIMA, Jose**, SFOMK 11/17/06

**MAHON, Daniel C.**, JFKPM 11/09/06

**MANSFIELD, Ruth**, ORDMK 11/05/06

**MARTIGNETTI, Carmine A.**, BOSFF 11/16/06

**MC INERNEY, Daniel J.**, JFKCS 11/14/06

**MIGUEL, Lolito S.**, LAXMK 11/28/06

**MOGILEV, Alec**, SFOMP 11/17/06

**NARAYAN, Chandra D.**, SFOJJ 11/14/06

**NOROMA, Eduardo**, SFOPL 11/23/06

**OHM, Kathleen M.**, DENSX 11/12/06

**OUSTAD, Bjorn**, SFOIQ 11/03/06

**PEARSON, Evelyn E.**, LAXRR 11/10/06

**PEARSON, Martin L.**, MIAJL 11/28/06

**PIERRON, Harold B.**, SFOOV 11/14/06

**PORRAS, Valeriano S.**, ORDMM 11/28/06

**SAMUELS, William J.**, SFOFO 11/18/06

**SCALES, Kathleen**, CHIRR 11/09/06

**SCHNEIDER, Chester A.**, DENTK 11/30/06

**SIMMONS, Ann**, SFORR 11/05/06

**SMITH, Paul K.**, SEAFO 11/08/06

**STINE, John H.**, LAXFF 11/26/06

**SWASEY, Paul E.**, SEACS 11/29/06

**TONINI, Angiolino.**, SFOOV 11/20/06

**TRECKMAN, Joseph E.**, LAXKA 11/14/06

**TURLINGTON, Theodore R.**, DENCX 09/17/06

**VINDUM, Elidith**, SFOMP 11/11/06

**WAGNER, Eugene F.**, WHQAS 11/02/06

**WELTER, George M.**, ORDMM 11/04/06

**WHETSTONE, Dorothy A.**, SFOSW 11/14/06

**WILLIAMS, Charles**, PITCS 11/02/06

**WILLIAMS, Roger D.**, SFOMP 10/07/06

**ZEPEDA, Ricardo R.**, SANOZ 11/01/06

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If you have not paid your dues and this is your last issue, your dues needs to be in the RUAEA Denver Office within the first week of the month to ensure there is no interruption to your Newsletter delivery.

# LETTERS

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

Mrs. James Taylor, Marian J. Swanson, Jack R. Curran, J. H. Hoffman, Pamela Hussey, Judith Evans, Doris Baran, Elsie Kaenel, Mary L. Tarrant, Henry Sanchez, Jeanne B. Jeffrey, Sodie Ishida, Florence Ross, Bess McMannama, Barbara Bae-dorf, Patricia A. Thorp, Diane Bowen, Gerald W. O'Rourke, Frank S. Haida, Kathy M. Leonard, John M. Soja, Van & Doris Van Fleet, Gabrielle "Gay" Dentraygues, Carol E. Hatton, Peggy Wolf, Marilyn Cheadle, Robert Ader, Josephine Q. Roller, Juanita Schrecongost, Rosy M. Mc Caul, Adam D'Orazio, Craig Lyman, Iris T. Hastie, John W. Phillips, Lucy M. Hirst, Consuelo Maasch, Tom McDonald, Carl V. Dean, Ignatius "Iggy" Blanda, Robbie Howard, Norm L. Schuller, Doris Hall, Larry L. Rottet, D. B. Kopec, Barbara Taylor, David Henderson, Mike Bailardo, Koji Takeuchi, Grace M. Bowden, Ray Larson, Carl Brechter, George Voss, Edward L. Ellis, Lee N. Storlie, Pam Sheffield, Betty E. Rupp, Ida Cummins, Betty To-maino, Nancy C. Carter, Judy Kelley, Joseph Pre-ston, Hank Brower, Joe P. McFarren, Laura Man-sueto, Henry T. DeGuc, Gay G. Traber, Carol C. Outzs, Martin Buschman, Manfred Klein.

## **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.)*

### **Cecelia A. Silvestri, 7113 Stagecoach Cir., Roseville, CA 95747**

How about some good news for us retirees, like we're getting at least one free pass per year.

I really feel like we're the step-children of UAL especially when I see over \$100 per month coming out of my bank account for medical we were promised for years.

### **Nancy Wright Meyer, 770 Pearson St., Unit 804, Des Plaines, IL 60016-9219, nwmeyer255@aol.com**

To echo the comments made by so many retir-

ees, time flies even faster AFTER retirement! I worked my entire 32 year United career at EXO/WHQ, half of that in Account Payable. I've been retired 8 years ... Two years ago we moved back to downtown Des Plaines, now living in a condo just ½ block from where I grew up. We sit on our balcony (or in our living room) & watch the activity at ORD! When people ask if we miss the yard work ... no, we just walk across the street & do our volunteer gardening at the Des Plaines Historical Society's Visitor Center & Museum, where we also do a variety of other volunteer tasks throughout the year.

We continue to be grateful for our flying benefits, used mostly to visit extended family scattered all over the US, but really appreciate being able to check loads online before making our "standby" decision ... usually much earlier in the day than I would like ... the only time I see a sunrise is at an airport! Our younger son is a wine wholesaler in the ski resort town of Steamboat Springs, CO so we see the DEN airport regularly. Our older son's family (grandchildren, ages 6, 4 & 2) lives just west of Dubuque, IA, so that's when we hit the road.

### **Cecelia Yates, 318 E. Colfax St., Palatine, IL 60067**

How in the world did you get the Newsletter out on time with all your snow?

I've been retired 22 years now & you are my only link to happy days.

### **Linda Keim, 19766 N. Desert Song Way, Surprise, AZ 85374**

Another year is upon us - I'm trying to beat the dreaded "red stamp". Ron & I are well. With the recent storms in DEN, kind of glad to be retired. Although that doesn't keep us from wanting to be back in CO. We're trying to sell our house & return to the State. Being a native, it's really hard to call another state home, so we'll see what happens. Let's hope '07 gives us some peace, if not prosperity. Keep up your "most excellent" work. We do need to stay connected.

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

Hopefully, I beat the red stamp.

Ray is almost to his 1 year retirement date; I had my 3 year last Oct. We've been spending a lot

of time with our grandchildren, we even took the twins (age 9) on a road trip to S. Dakota. It was our first time there, we had a blast with the boys.

Thanks to RUAEA for keeping us updated on all the goings on with UAL.

**Pat Surwall, 864 Appewilde Dr., San Marcos, CA 92078**

Thanks for all your hard work & dedication. I have coffee every week with a group called "The Koffee Klutchers". We are all former United employees who never knew each other but find most of us at one time or another lived in the Chicago suburbs.

We range from pilots to EXO & airport personnel. Most of us are also part of the ReSans group, but like to get-together in our own area also.

If we didn't have RUAEA we wouldn't have a link to United. Thanks again for all you do.

**P. Marie Kady, 3129 Vinsetta Blvd., Royal Oak, MI 48073**

Thank you one & all for all the work you do for us throughout the year. I certainly enjoy the Newsletter - a terrific job in keeping us informed of our company activities & friends.

**Helga J. Pässler, 182 B, Zehlendorfer Damm, 14532 Kleinmachnow, Germany**

A big "Thank You" with a bouquet of roses for your wonderful & hard work to keep everyone informed, especially those who are so far away.

After 3 years of being retired DEN-LAX & LHR, I have yet to find out how to get from Berlin, Germany to the West Coast by means of utilizing the "Alliance-Ticketing" through UAL. Nobody could ever explain.

**Betty Opbroek, 310 Villa Point Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660**

A memory - circa 1960.

CV340 a prop plane - 1<sup>st</sup> class - 44 passengers.

Out of SFO to Ely-Elke-Grand Junction-Denver was called the "Vomit Comet" - guess why!

Out of LAX to Bakersfield-Santa Barbara-Visalia-Fresno-Stockton etc. was called the "Valley Queen".

Figure it out - 1 stewardess, 44 passengers & flying time 26 to 36 minutes.

It definitely was anxiety time - am I going to

make it today or are the passengers going to land with trays on their laps! Inevitably we made it - to this day I have no idea why!

Boarding on the ground you immediately asked passengers if they wanted lunch, if yes, you put a pillow on lap & took their ticket. On take-off everyone had a pillow on their lap.

At the end of the flight the pilot would call & ask how you were doing - or would you like us to make another turn for you. Once our pilot gave his extra shirt to a passenger, when his child vomited all over him & his shirt.

Those were the days - when people were more kind - dressed nicely - showed us more respect. I'm so glad that I got to be part of that.

Flying was such fun - of course I was only 20 years old but truth be told I loved it for most of the 41 years I flew.

Thank you RUAEA for a great newsletter. Love to read about all retirees!

**Rilda Lewis, 5063 Prairie Grass Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80922**

I am writing to inform you of the passing of my beloved husband - John Lewis.

We were married 45½ years, he left behind 2 daughters, 1 son, 10 grandchildren & a grieving wife - Rilda. John was a Baptist Pastor in CA for 44 years - serving 14 years in San Lorenzo. Rilda is now in the process of moving to CO to be near her son & grandchildren. John, Jr. is a Capt. with Skywest Airlines so I will be traveling CA-CO often.

I took early retirement from United (1995) after 18 years in SFO to be with John when he was so ill, however, we did get to do some traveling - John's dream of the Holy Land trip.

Thank you for your concerns during this very, very difficult time of adjustments.

**Bob O'Connor, 3610 Pheasant Drive, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008**

Thank you all for keeping us informed about the activities, travel info. (Thanks Bob), insurance changes, benefits gone or hopefully reinstated, safety tips & the news of all the locals. Always enjoy seeing names from the past. Hope to see some of the friends but never seem to get there.

By the time this gets to print, I will have had a month in FL; not all in one place. Will visit Boca,

Palm Beach, Madeira Beach, Pinellas Park plus a couple of other spots. We stay in Clermont as a home base. About Feb. 10, we go home for a couple of days - then it's off to Maui for a week. Hope the flights are open for a few SA's.

Thanks again for the first 12 years of retirement news. I look forward to many more.

**Betty L. Schneider, 17618 Milburn Ave., Cleveland, OH 44153-1961**

Thanks to all of you for keeping us informed on the happenings of our United family.

Even though I don't travel much any more, I appreciate having the correct numbers to call when needed.

**Norma Stilman, 91 N. Napa Dr., Petaluma, CA 94954**

As usual Matt wrote the check when he saw the red stamp on our Newsletter, but he does not do letters, he says.

Matt will be 90 on the 19<sup>th</sup> - he wants to ignore it but our kids said - Not This Time! So they are having a party for him - he just had to show up.

He neither looks nor acts his age so gets lots of attention. We also had our 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Dec.

Thank you for your work & dedication.

**Martha M. Vallay, 40 Turkeysag Trail., Palmyra, VA 22963-2616**

I retired from United in July, 1997, with my last place of work at the Sterling (VA) Reservation Center. I was shocked to hear from the Christmas greetings of ex-colleagues that the office was closed recently; calls are going to India.

I wonder what happened to the 2,000 reservations sales representatives. I don't remember reading about this in the RUAEA Newsletter.

**Roy & Jean Rushton, 4192 Tahoe Vista Dr., Rocklin, CA 95765**

Just reached 25 years of retirement & still see an occasional name I recognize. Greatly appreciate everyone's hard work keeping us informed. Looking forward to SAC convention - 25 miles from home.

**Frenchy & Millie Bourgeois, 5457 E. Oakhurst Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85254**

2006 was not a good year for me. I spent too much time at Mayo Hospital & Clinic. I had kidney stones, squamous cell carcinoma surgery twice on my head, laminectomy, had 1 before in 2005. Low pulse (30+) required a pacemaker; gallbladder caused infection - followed by a Sepsis (a toxic condition) from the spread of bacteria. Was in ICU and a couple of times during the worst periods, I thought I was heading west for my final flight. But each time I was cleared to my alternate (SFO) & was told I was too ill to have my gallbladder surgery. After 5 days of intense IV antibiotic, they removed the gallbladder. After recovery at home, I visited Primary Care Dr. for follow-up. It was not my day as I had an episode in his office. Loss of my sight & ability to talk coherently. Dr. called ER. On my arrival, the tests started & after many tests, the Drs. felt I had a seizure & not a stroke. So I'm home now on seizure meds, my eye sight has gotten so bad I failed 2 exams for my 3<sup>rd</sup> class medical. We donated our C182 to our son Larry to carry on his Campus Ministry. I am unable to drive at present but if I can make it to Feb. without any more seizures, I will get my driver's license back. In the meantime, Millie says it is easier for her to drive than sit over there & tell me how to do the job.

Good news for the year is Millie & I drove to Palo Alto to attend the annual RUPA Picnic at the Elks Club. It was a wonderful gathering of old friends. We also visited friends & relatives in Sacramento, Stockton & Sonoma. I am so thankful for all the cards, hospital visits & prayers during the 3 months. Our children were great, spending time helping Millie through it all. Hope I can get back to our RUPA luncheon soon.

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

Just to keep my record intact, I hereby beat the red stamp by paying up.

Seems like a short year gone by, but no complaints. Haven't done much traveling lately, just to the Bay Area to visit 5 grandkids.

Been busy with quite a few woodworking projects, still have 10 fingers so haven't lost the touch.

Like a lot of other retirees' comments, I enjoy the newsletter & looking for familiar names.

My wife & I are doing fine, but she puts me to shame with her Sr. Olympic & Masters swimming

medals, plus her golfing attributes. I think I have the upper hand on crosswords, etc.

Thanks once again for all your efforts.

**Carmen DiGregorio, 16222 Monterey Ln. #211, Huntington Beach, CA 92649**

Wouldn't you know it, another year & late again. You would think after being retired for almost 15 years I would get it right for once. Anyway my dues are enclosed along with my heartfelt thanks for a job well done in keeping retirees abreast of the happening within UAL.

Also, a big "Hello" to all my friend & colleagues. Hope the New Year brings you much happiness & prosperity.

**Linda B. Robbins, 6035 Bellingham Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91606**

I hope I haven't messed up your bookkeeping by sending my check early for this year's dues. I didn't want to chance missing an issue. You all do such a great job with the newsletter that I look forward to seeing letters from friends that have become scattered around the US, plus activities they & others are doing. When the newsletter comes in, I turn off TV so I can devote my full attention.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Sacramento.

**Bill & Sharon Simonton, PO Box 2287, Paradise, CA 95967**

I can't believe it is that time again for my dues. Thank you for all that you do. Bill & I look forward every month to the articles & notes from everyone.

It looks like the convention will be coming close to our neck of the woods; we hope to see some people in Sacramento!

**Connie Hughes, 1993 Squire Ridge Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80919**

Thank you for all you do! I just love the newsletter. I used to work in the ground 5/2/62 in LAXDD - purple hands of a dispatch clerk! Then got my "Stewardess" wings 9/2/64 & off into the wonderful life of flying for 41 years with UAL!

Has been a great life, met many friends, babysat for crewman Bob Barden. In case no one has sent any information, he passed away Nov. 23, 2006. He was a crewman in LAXDD - later moved to

SFOFO. He was 85. His wife Lois passed away in 1993. If you need more info I have it! (719) 598-5344 or email [mrsokh@aol.com](mailto:mrsokh@aol.com).

**Viola J. Mumaugh, 19303 N. New Tradition Rd. Apt. 410, Sun City West, AZ 85375**

I appreciate the newsletter & dedication of your work.

Good to hear about the company also the busy life of retirees. I look forward to the news of OMA retired UAL friends.

**Robert H. Andersen, 8393 Pallux Way, San Diego, CA 92126-1832**

It's that time of the year for another birthday. Just had my yearly physical, all they could find wrong was I have a heart murmur.

I hired on with United at Midway 4/13/51, retired March 1987 at San Diego.

I haven't done much traveling this past year as I had a couple stints put in when I had heart surgery 6 years ago.

**Lois Hansen, 2 S. Regency Dr. E., Arlington Hts., IL 60004-6644**

Time to "re-up", i.e., pay my annual dues, cause it's my Medicare birthday. So much paper work, so much to learn, & so many questions. I have some mobility problems but still do the things most important to me. Last Sept. my son accompanied me to London. We had been invited to a wedding. We found "Strada" on Burlington St., off Regent Street for a pint. It happens to be a hangout for many airline employees. We had good conversation & many laughs. Looking forward to a transatlantic cruise this spring.

**Georgia E. Phillips, 825 Redwood Dr., Cary, IL 60013-1676**

Thank you so much for your dedication & hard work. It is greatly appreciated. It's great to see a letter from a former Credit Union co-worker. Good health to all of you.

**Robert Moir, 35 Rosemont Ave. Apt. 102-B, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-2717**

Thanks to my former co-workers for contacting me, stopping by the Nursing Home to visit & recall old times.

I have several great interests & hobbies, which I



enjoy a lot. One is my large collection of post-cards. Recently a friend sent one from the Great Wall of China which is one of my favorites.

My collection of state capitols is complete except for Montgomery, AL. I would also like one from Tuscaloosa. I can't tell you how much I will appreciate any help you can offer.

**Carol Cersosimo, 1750 Kalakaua Ave. #2702, Honolulu, HI 96826, (808) 941-9848.**

Thank you all for the great contributions on our behalf including letting us know where our friends are & what is going on in their lives. Finding out that John & Peg Dellelo had retired in BOS was good news to me & my husband, Joe. We hope to see them at our 50<sup>th</sup> High School reunion in MA.

The RUAEA staff is our life line to UAL & past friends. You are wonderful.

**Tim Joslin Sr., PO Box 54316, Redondo, WA 98054**

If you live in the Puget Sound area, you can relate to the following story. On Nov. 1, 2006 I was kicking the dirt & dust was flying. We were really dry. I was wondering if the forecasted El Niño effect (ocean current causing a warmer & drier winter) was actually going to happen! Then a few drops began to fall the next day - the rest is history! By the end of Nov. we had broken the record for the wettest month since records had been officially kept.

Then came a snow storm on Mon. night in early Dec. I remember the exact night because we were at Qwest Field in SEA watching the Seahawks defeat the Green Bay Packers. Talk about irony, you would expect this weather to be occurring in the Midwest, not here! Getting home after the game was real adventure because most people in these parts are just not equipped or experienced to drive in the snow. You can only go as fast as the slowest driver ahead of you who, in this case, was doing 3 miles per hour. Next came the Big Blow! This combination of torrential downpours & huge winds started, once again, while we were attending a Seahawks game on Dec. 14. May be "Somebody" was trying to tell us something. We managed to stay for the whole game, but it turned out to be a loss. Driving home we quickly learned, on the radio, that many areas were without power - the tremendous winds had not abated. After several detours to

avoid fallen trees & blacked out traffic signals, we were able to get home. Miracle of miracles, our power was still on. Just after congratulating ourselves on our good luck, the lights made one big burp & went out! That was Thurs. night - we finally got power restored Mon. noon. During that span, at one time, there were more than 700,000 households without power in the Puget Sound region. Things get real quiet & cold in the house when you have no power. It got dark at 4:30 PM - after that it was candles, flashlights & a crank radio to keep us connected to the news reports, etc. 55 cranks on the radio gave us 30 minutes, then do it all over again. I got tennis elbow over that 3 day period. We had fireplaces, but they were not efficient, sort of like bonfires. By Mon. it was 39 degrees inside the house. It was almost time to throw open the doors & let the warmer outside air in. Actually, we were lucky, considering some areas did not get power restored for a week or more!

Now it is Jan. 18, 2007, I am staring out the window at the remnants of a snow storm which happened over a week ago. Cabin fever is starting to set in because driving is hazardous so we can't do our normal activities. The garbage man has not made an appearance for several weeks, the city snow plows are ineffective because the temperatures have remained below freezing for the entire time. So much for the Maritime climate in the Pacific Northwest! Wait, did I hear raindrops on the roof? Things are finally starting to drip - it's cause for celebration! Hopefully, I will have a cheerier report next year.

**Jim & Willa Pelletier, 279 Potters Landing, Denton, NC 27239**

Almost 7 yrs. since retirement. Where does the time go? I have not been back to the MOC since 2000 so am looking forward to the Sacramento Convention in May 2007. It should be a great gathering of loyal & dedicated people.

We are in the process of selling our lake home (High Rock Lake) - looking forward to moving to Cary, NC. We bought into a Del Webb 55+ Active Senior Citizen community. It will also put us closer to our grandchildren.

Keep up the good work!



**E. E. "Buck" Hilbert, 8102 Leech Rd., Union, IL 60180**

Sorry about the late renewal. Things have been somewhat a muddle here at the Funny Farm the past couple of months.

Some of the old MDW people will remember my wife from her days at MDWMD working for & with Dr. Kidera from 1955 until I was able to co-erce her into marrying me just prior to the Move to Elk Grove & the new EXO in '61.

Dec. 2, we celebrated our 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary.

Unfortunately, she had had a series of what the medics called Silent Strokes that took place over the last 8 months & she passed away Dec. 5.

Couple this with the sudden death of my sister 2 weeks after Dorothy, makes for a good excuse in neglecting to renew.

**Dick Malm, 6 Cumberland Ct., Cary, IL 60013**

"Whoops". I saw the red stamp so no excuse. Here is my apology & dues. I can't blame it on anything except I guess I had "A Senior Moment". I just passed the big 70 on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Dec. Still in reasonable good shape health wise. Linda is getting along great (she is just a kid 6 years younger than I). No big travel lately. Linda & I are planning a trip to HI. We want to spend our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary (a few days on Oahu where we spent our honeymoon) then to Kauai or The Big Isle.

Still see some of the old dispatchers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of each month at the Ambassador in Hoffman Estates.

**Guy Hoffman, 15330 Ridgewood Drive, Sonora, CA 95370**

"Time waits for no man" & it's not waiting for me, but I'm trying to keep up. Last summer Nancy & I finally made our long postponed (15 years) driving trip to the Yukon, the Northwest Territories & Alaska. 67 days & 11,400 miles later we were home again.

Drove our truck camper north over gravel roads to many out-of-the-way villages in the Yukon & Alaska. One 490 mile drive was on the gravel & mud Dempster Highway (?) from Dawson City to Inuvik, NW Territories at an arm of the Arctic Ocean. All building & utilities there are above ground so as not to melt the permafrost & sink. In fact, the entire town had to move there from several

miles away due to melting.

Back in Dawson City, fuel was \$5.75 US, a rib eye steak for Nancy was \$22 a pound. She didn't buy any Bailey's Irish Crème because it was \$40 a bottle.

Light planes are everywhere, even villages of 200 souls will have a 3000-5000 foot strip, most are gravel; every 10<sup>th</sup> person is a pilot.

Went to several aviation & other museums in Whitehorse, Yukon; Valdez, Fairbanks & Anchorage. Very interesting to someone who is "plane nuts"! Panned for gold north of Fairbanks. Found \$22 worth over 45 minutes: not worth the effort!

Hope Jo is well mended & you all have dug out by now.

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

It's that time of the year again! The dreaded (?) red stamp will appear on the next issue. Thank everyone at RUAEA for keeping us (me, especially) for what in blue blazes is going on with the company.

It's been 15 years (now that Dec. 6 has passed) since I retired. Somebody must have been fooling with the calendar. Although I use a cart now (hills are getting higher) for golf. I bowl 3 times a week & play bridge as often as I can. I still subscribe to 5 operas at the Lyric in CHI. People out here look at me rather strangely when I tell them where I'm going & why. Especially why!

**Ann L. Shaffer, 13089 Glenwood Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703**

How past times passes. I totally missed my birthday month, Oct., but better late than never.

I keep busy doing volunteer work for my church, acting as Assistant Treasurer, also working at parish functions throughout the year.

Thanks for the wonderful newsletter.

**John Tiefel, 8942 E. Fairway Blvd., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248**

Thanks very much for all the volunteer work in writing & publishing the monthly publication. Every month I look forward to receiving your newsletter. It makes me very proud to know that I am still part of United Airlines. And when I fly FIRST CLASS to Europe & other international destinations on UAL. I do appreciate the special privilege having been an employee of UAL in SFOJJ.

**Sherry Muoio, 20108 N. 110<sup>th</sup> Ave., Sun City, AZ 85373**

Well another year has passed and I cannot believe how quickly it has flown. I attended my first ever RUAEA Convention & it was wonderful. The group did a great job of organizing & delivery. I never thought to see people I worked with back when I started at NYCRR in 1963. I hope everyone considers joining in the fun this year in Sacramento.

Thanks for all your hard work.

**Olga Grancey, 1220 Village Dr., Arlington Hts., IL 60004**

I enjoy receiving the newsletter very much. I wish to thank everyone involved who made it possible. Greatly appreciated.

**Ron Robertson, 62042 E. Amberwood Dr., Tucson, AZ 85739-1826**

Having a birthday means not only celebrating a blessed life but the opportunity to say hello to all the great friends & terrific people we met & worked with over the years. I've enjoyed the past 2 years serving as the AZ Director for RUAEA - look forward to the opportunity to continue doing so if it comes to pass.

Shirley & I continue to enjoy traveling; will spend all of March in Australia & New Zealand. We love our home in Saddlebrooke, near Tucson, AZ as well as our summer place in Maple Valley, WA, to be near the kids & grandkids. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento this May.

**Lonnie Autry, 3054 Oldfield Way, San Jose, CA 95135-1028**

Just cannot seem to find enough time to keep up with the mail & drink margaritas in Puerto Vallarta.

This cold weather in CA makes a person think may be we should trade position with our southerly friends.

Thanks again for keeping us posted on the whereabouts of our United family.

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

Recently, I asked a flight attendant what is done with the thousands of aluminum cans & bottles collected from passengers on United flights. He

thought they were discarded. I can't believe that. Used bottles & cans can be recycled & money made. In a year's time that must represent hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions. Does anyone know the answer to this query? If on flight less than 2 hours we are not handing anymore snacks, at least we should join the trash collectors to make some money and clean up the environment.

**Herb Ingram, 7373 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. North #E318, Wichita, KS 67226**

I always had a warm feeling when I received my newsletter with the red stamp wishing me a Happy Birthday. Made me feel that someone out there cared. This year the "aloha" feeling is gone & I am tersely instructed to "read your mailing label." I suppose it was inevitable ... United has alienated many people during the past several years, now it's your turn. As you said in the Jan. 2007 issue, "time creates changes, so it is true here at the Membership/Newsletter office". I SAY: "if it ain't broke, don't fix it". The "Happy Birthday" stamp was a nice touch & should continue to be used.

Norma & I are fine ... living quietly here in Wichita - enjoying our "Golden Years". We are ever so thankful that we are no longer a part of the rat-race that has become the norm in the world of travel. Retirement is "mo bettah".

Greetings to all of the old Ground Radio group. I think of you often. I wonder if the group has survived & still active in the company. Does anybody know?

**Jack Gage, 248 Foresview Drive, Crystal Lake, IL 60014**

It's my birthday month which means that I need to pay my dues. Enclosed is my check for my dues plus a little for mailing.

The newsletter helps me keep up with what is happening to the company & how it relates to retirees. A big thank you to everyone.

**James VanPatten, 40250 Oakwood Rd., Madera, CA 93638**

Life is busy, just did Panama Canal cruise, very interesting. Recovery from open heart surgery year ago, doing well.

Always look for names from past - Cedar Rap-

ids, DSM, FAT & Burbank. Thank you for UAL information.

**Rita Reynolds, 3919 SW Arroyo Dr., Seattle, WA 98146**

I really appreciate the RUAEA newsletter & the work that goes into it. It is a great link for retirees.

Syd & I are both in good health & celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Aug.

I will be retired 17 years in March, but life is good. I'm pleased that the SEA Travel Desk I started in 1995 continues to serve retirees.

**Tom McDonald, 1773 Heritage Ln., Apt. 1041, Sacramento, CA 95815-4908**

Having reached the age of just one year shy of Abraham Lincoln's famous "Four Score and Seven Years" speech, I am having many flashbacks since I started with UAL May, 1946. My hire UG-100 showed \$168.00 per month. Are we still using that same form for all personnel changes; where did that designation come from?

I remember our SFO terminal was a small building - what color? Our flight crews north to SEA using the beacon route. Eureka, CA was our most fog bound station. And FIDO (Fog, Intense, Dispersal Of) was introduced. Can any of you crew members comment on how it worked - or didn't work. I remember a time when stewardesses could not serve alcohol when flying over "dry" states; they couldn't marry; all wore sexy skirts. I remember we flew to Catalina; didn't we have an interest in some smaller Mexican Airlines? We had to push passenger stands up to all planes. Luggage had not wheels, dinner napkins in first class had button holes in one corner for men to save on shirt spills.

I remember our old family encyclopedia published in 1900; under aviation all it had was hot air balloons. I wasn't around Dec. 17, 1903 when the Wright brothers flew their first flight at Kitty Hawk, NC which lasted 12 seconds. Wilbur & Orville, wish you could be here for our Sacramento Convention May 27. We would take you to visit our new Aerospace Museum of CA for a walk down memory lane. The \$7 million state-of-the-art facility is the successor to the McClellan Aviation Museum. Too much to tell about here. As a special treat you would get to meet our Editor - Jo Madden & crew. Recovering from her wrist mishap, Jo is

up to Frisbee speed - it is rumored she can fly a Frisbee almost as far as your first flight. We've come a long way, baby. Thanks for the memories.

**Aurora Witting, 1608 Vista Loop SW, Tumwater, WA 98512-0406**

RUAEA has been a lifeline to this retiree. You have so capably provided us with the most accurate up-to-date & most helpful news on how United is doing. Thank you for the great job you're doing.

**Lola Wallace, 1625 E. Center Ave. #3A, Denver, CO 80247-1254**

These years go by so fast but I sure don't want to miss one single issue of our monthly newsletter so I'll send dues in a month early.

Also hats off to those wonderful people on the RUAEA Travel Desks who man the phone for those of us who use them to "list" our trips. You'd think they'd be a little "grouchy" after talking to 100's of people ... but, no. They're friendly, charitable, helpful & have a sense of humor. Thanks to you lovely people. I think that I owe them a special THANK YOU for all the info. they gave me.

You're all great!

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

GREETINGS- I haven't been in touch with anyone for a long time - My computers been down, I got a new one & the key board doesn't respond to my touch any better than the old one. I wrote you all a letter but apparently you didn't receive it, or it came in an issue while my computer was down. (more than a few months). Did you get my letter last year where I wrote about my historical photographic trip to take pictures to embellish the family history I have been writing?

I do have another trip planned for this April. Some friends want me to meet them in Myrtle Beach for a golf vacation, I think I could use a break. I have been so busy that I threatened to go get a job so I could have some break. Could you just drop me a note to make sure You got my letter

THANKS! YOU ALL ARE WONDERFUL- I COULDN'T FIND BETTER WORDS THAN SOME OF MY COMPATRIOTS HAVE USED TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE & PRAISE FOR ALL YOUR WORK. BLESS YOU ALL.



# **RUAEA Candidates**

## **Year 2007**

RUAEA has 6 elected officers & 10 Regional Directors. These 16 people are charged with all the organizational decisions, strategies & with managing RUAEA. This spring, 5 Regional Directors positions are up for election. It is very important that each member of RUAEA participate in this election. This is your commitment & "vote of confidence" for each candidate, charging each to accomplish the mission of RUAEA as detailed in the By-Laws. No matter what geographic area the Regional Director is from, he/she has the national responsibility for RUAEA; & you are voting for the persons you want to do this work. In addition, each is the key liaison to local chapters & all retirees in his/her region. Your vote is your statement to each that they have this responsibility, they have your support, & you have high expectations of them. Following is a brief biographical summary of each candidate along with his/her picture. Complete the ballot & mail it in to the address on the ballot. Also encourage your fellow RUAEA members to vote.

Your Nominating Committee:  
Bob Cuff, Jim Fauber & Marlin Lade

### **Director - Northeast Region**



**William (Bill) Betters** - Bill started with United in 1956 as a Mechanic in Plant & Equipment Maintenance at Midway Airport. Also worked at CLE & BOS. Retired in 1993 as Foreman Plant & Equipment Maintenance in DEN. Has been very active as a

member of the Nor'Easters serving as Pres. Was RUAEA's Assistant VP Conventions 2002-2006. Bill is a charter member of the Lions Club; participated in United's fantasy flights for 5 years; & currently is Vice-Commodore of the Marblehead Yacht Club. His leisure activities include boating, travel, hiking, fishing, the Boston Symphony, lec-

tures & book readings & signings. His wife Norma shares many of these activities with Bill. He would like to see RUAEA become a more action oriented proactive voice for all United retirees.

### **Director - Southeast Region**



**Bruce Brodersen** - Bruce started with United in 1960 as a Station Agent in FAT; received an Award of Merit working at OA-KOZ; retired from AT-LOZ in 1995. Bruce has been active in the Dixie Flyers - Metro-Atlanta since retiring, serving as Pres. 2002-2005 & Newsletter Correspondent 2001-2004. He was appointed RUAEA's Regional Director in the newly established Southeast Region in May, 2006. He has been active in the Piedmont-Fayette Hospital Auxiliary since 2001 serving as Pres. 2005-2006; is an AARP Tax Aide Preparer since 2000; & Pres. & VP of his Home Owners Association since 1999. His leisure activities include computers, reading & some traveling. He would like to see RUAEA do a better job retaining its members, get new members & be a stronger "voice" for the retirees with United's management; also explore more "givebacks" from United of benefits that have been reduced or taken away.

### **Director - Northwest Region**



**George "Jack" Hooper** - Jack started his career in 1966 as a pilot in ORDFO. He retired in 1993 as Captain in LAXFO. He worked as Line Check Airman 1985-1989. Jack joined the Oregon Dewers in 1993; served as chapter Pres. 2000-2004 & is currently chapter Pres. He was appointed RUAEA's Regional Director-Northwest in May, 2006. He is Commissioner of the East County Fire & Rescue out of Washougal, Washing-



ton; & is an active member of United Airlines Historical Foundation. His leisure activities include the Vancouver Rifle & Pistol Club; reading; travel; & taking care of his 5 acres. Jack is joined in all his retirement activities by his wife Nancy. Prior to joining United, Jack graduated from Purdue in 1955 with a BSEE degree. He was a Naval Aviator 1955-1959 & in the Reserves until 1972. He worked at General Motors in the AC Electronics Division on the Apollo Program as Inertial Navigation Systems Engineer 1960-1965. He would like to see RUAEA attract & keep as many United Retirees as members as possible; stimulate chapter growth across the country; support the UAHF by promoting monetary contributions & artifacts; & establish at least one travel desk in the Eastern time zone. He would like to see RUAEA continue to be as proactive as possible while maintaining the social aspects of our organization.

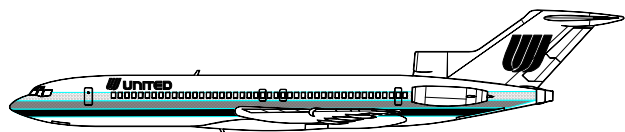
#### **Director - Northeast Region**



**Patricia "Treatie"**

**Karwowski** - Treatie started her career in 1958 with Capital Airlines as a Reservations Agent in NYCRR. She retired in 1992 as a Customer Services Agent in PITCS. She is an active member of the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers Planning Committee. Her volunteer

activities include Mills Hospital in San Mateo, CA for 9 years; Special Olympics for the past 8 years for Beaver County, PA; Planning Committee for the Children's Heart & Cancer Association fund drives. She also works two days/week at Hallmark Card & Gift Store. Her leisure activities include golfing in two leagues; Bocci ball league; herb club; "Gals of 55" group; & "Golden Girls" group whose members are retired PIT airport employees. Treatie would like to see RUAEA stimulate & unify more participation; & would like to see RUAEA recruit more "younger" members & keep the "United Family" together.



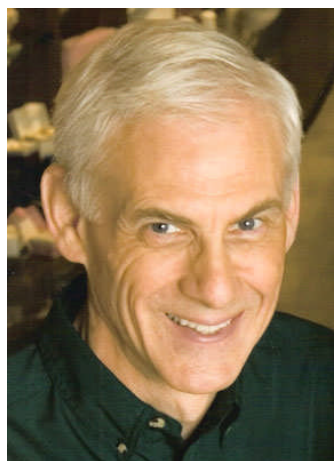
#### **Director - S. California Region**



**Ron Robertson** - Ron started his career in 1966 as a Management Trainee in OMACS. He retired in 2000 as General Manager-Mileage Plus in TUC. His recognition & awards include 2 Awards of Merit; SAN Airlines Managers' Assn. Award; Taiwan Intl Airlines Assn. Rec-

ognition; Taiwan American Chamber of Commerce Award. He has been a member of the TUC Roadrunners serving as Pres. 2003-2005. He has been RUAEA's Director-Arizona 2005-2007. Ron's volunteer work includes Board of Directors, Friends of Western Art - TUC; Chairman FWA Artist of year 2004 fund raiser; Board of Directors Los Arroyos HOA - past VP & Treas. Leisure activities include community service, golf, travel; & although TUC is home, Ron & Shirley have a summer residence in Maple Valley, WA. Ron believes RUAEA needs to continue to assume a more proactive role representing retirees with UA Management regarding interests, concerns & issues affecting retirees. The Regional Director's role is to actively participate in the business of the national organization representing all retirees & secondly, be a liaison for RUAEA & local chapters.

#### **Director - Mountain Region**

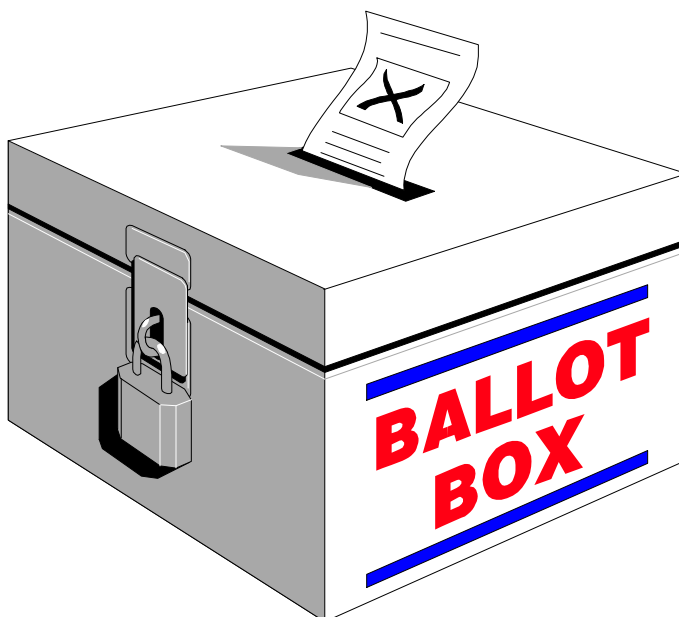


**Anthony "Tony" Sortino** - Tony started his career in 1962 as a Ramp Serviceman in OMACG. He retired in 2002 from Corporate Sales in DENSS. He received 3 Awards of Merit; Insight Trainer Mountain Region; Special Achievement Award; Community Service Humanitarian

Award; & top of the Mountain Region Sales Achievement 2000. Tony is a member of the OMA

Golden 'Ears serving as chapter Pres. since 2005. He volunteers at the Alegent Health Lakeside Hospital; Chairman S.I.D. #439; serves on his HOA committees. His leisure activities include utilizing his real estate license; theater; cooking; travel; & keeping in shape exercising. Tony believes RUAEA & the local chapters need to accomplish a greater partnership with retirees through more effective & efficient information about the company, retiree benefits & policies. He would like to see RUAEA be more proactive with all United retirees as a group if it is to continue & survive. Younger employees don't have the same allegiance to United as employees of the past. RUAEA needs to bridge that gap.

**It's your right to vote.**  
**Your Vote is important!**  
**Please exercise this right.**



## Important Phone Numbers



### **United Retiree Service Center**

1-888-825-0188 (M-F 7AM - 5PM Central Time).

<https://www.ualretirees.com/>

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

### **Blue Cross / Blue Shield**

1-800-535-9825

<http://www.bcbs.com>

Traditional Plan information, claim status, claim forms.

### **1-800-UAL-LIST (1-800-825-5478)**

For flight information and to list yourself and companions for travel.

### **Glenn Tilton's message to employees & retirees**

1-800-393-6682

### **Portland Travel Desk - Toll Free**

1-888-278-7038 (M/W/F 10 AM - 2 PM Pacific Time)

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1-888-826-3375 (M/T/W/Th 10 AM - 2 PM Pacific Time)

### **PBGC**

1-800-400-7242

<http://www.pbgc.gov>

### **Social Security Administration**

1-800-772-1213

<http://www.ssa.gov>



**VOTE****VOTE****VOTE**

This is the official RUAEA ballot.

Only RUAEA Members that include 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 an (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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