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## **RUAEA Convention Pittsburgh May 18 - 24, 2008**

### ***United At the Point - Historical Places***

**LET'S GO RUAEA – LET'S GO - RUAEA STARS** – *When you wish upon a star – anything you wish will come true when sharing them with our RUAEA friends!*

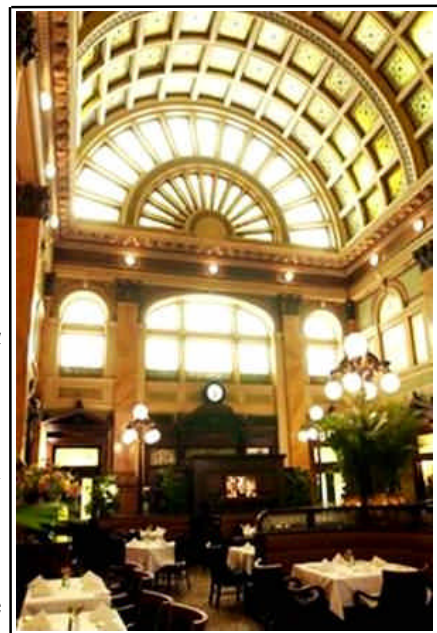
Imagine what you can do in Pittsburgh. What makes Pittsburgh “America’s Most Livable City” is interesting neighborhoods and friendly people - rich in culture and history. *It’s a city that loves its sports, ethnic foods, and fireworks!*

*Our RUAEA Committee is waiting to share good times and pleasant memories with you.*

**Grand Concourse Restaurant** – *A National Landmark!* Located on the Monongahela River, overlooking downtown Pittsburgh. Grand Concourse is located in the historic Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Station; serving fresh seafood and steaks. You can dine in the adjacent Gandy Dancer Saloon, or Riverfront Dining with a great view. This is a favorite tourist stop for a delightful around the world shopping experience, with fountain, floating boardwalk, park/pavilion and restaurants along the riverfront.

Experience **The Church Brew Works** – Pittsburgh’s Finest Restaurant & Brewpub! There is a breathtaking view of the brewpub when guests walk through the Church Brew Works’ door for the first time. A combination restaurant and the first and only Brew Pub in the country, which is located in a former church. Renovations to the 8,000 square foot restaurant brought the building back to its turn of the century splendor. An extensive menu of upscale pub food, late night wood-fired pizzas, sandwiches, pastas and Buffalo strip steaks is available.

The *charm of Pittsburgh* is in the many cultural art institutions. Within walking distance from the *Omni William Penn Hotel* are the options to art and live entertainment. **The Cultural District** - *Your Show Place!* Six world-class theaters! Bringing the Best of Broadway to Pittsburgh! **Benedum Center for the Performing Arts** and **Heinz Hall** are located just a few blocks from our convention hotel - **OMNI William Penn Hotel**. The **Benedum** is the largest theater in Pittsburgh’s Cultural District, historically restored 2,889 seats, one of the largest stages in the country. The **Benedum Center** - home to the **Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre**, **Pittsburgh CLO**, **Pittsburgh Dance Council**, **Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra**, **Pittsburgh Symphony Pops**, and the **Pittsburgh Opera** - part of the **PNC Broadway Across America** – classical and contemporary music, ballet, modern dance, visual art, opera, musical theater, and drama. Registered with the National Trust for Historic Places, the **Pittsburgh Benedum Center** has been named the “Number One Auditorium in the U.S.” by **Billboard** magazine. The stage is comparable in size to the Paris Opera House and the New York Metropolitan Opera, and one of the few theaters in the United States large enough to stage full-cast, first-run Broadway shows. For a cozier setting, attend a play at **Pittsburgh Public Theater** at the contemporary **O’Reilly Theater** or enjoy a dance performance at the restored **Byham Theater** and the new **Cabaret** at **Theater Square**, also the **Harris Theater** hosting some of the finest and most provocative independent and foreign films. The **Backstage Bar** at Theater Square is open to the public and has live entertainment with no cover charge. Summer is a perfect time for this delightful outdoor setting!



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# **GENERAL NEWS**

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We are looking forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh! There are many great and exciting tours to choose from on the registration form. If possible, **please register early and get together with your friends** since there are some of you who may want to travel together! The weather in May is always warm, usually 60 and up to 80 degrees! Make sure you have your walking shoes and a light jacket! Sometimes the nights are cooler in May but due to weather changes lately, we are not always able to guess any more. Please call anyone of us and we will be happy to answer any questions or help in any way possible.

## **Tours Highlights:**

- ( **Tour #21AA, 21CC – Mon, May 26, 2008:** The rate for the Pittsburgh Airport Hyatt is \$95.00 for *double or single* occupancy including all taxes.
- ( **Tour #11 – American Heroes - Thurs., May 22 - 8:00 am – 600 pm:** If you are interested in another tour on the same day after returning from American Heroes, Shanksville, join us in the evening for **Tour #14 – Pittsburgh Pirates vs. Milwaukee at PNC PARK – May 22 – 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm.** The bus will be returning from Shanksville approximately 5:00 pm: You will have plenty of time for the baseball game which starts at 7:05 pm. Please register as early as you can (SPACE IS LIMITED FOR BASEBALL GAME – PNC PARK!)
- ( **Tour #10 – Pittsburgh City of Lights Dinner – Mt Washington:** Dinner at Monterey Bay – There are 6 choices including NY Strip Steak, Chicken, Fish Entrees and more.

## **Transportation Updates:**

- ( **Rental Cars:** The following is based on car pickup at the airport.
  1. HERTZ - #CV 022Q3897 – (800-654-2240). UNITED AIRLINES RETIREES EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION.
  2. AVIS CAR RENTAL – Discount (AWD # J995450 – (800-331-1600)
- ( **Express Shuttle:** (412) 472-3180. \$20 - one way, \$35 - RT.

One of the highlights of the Convention is Arts & Crafts display and raffle. RUAEA's talented Artists and Crafters – Arts and Crafts' Raffle will be a part of Pittsburgh RUAEA's Convention 2008. Please consider donating your arts & crafts, so that they may be exhibited in the Arts & Crafts (Monongahela/Hospitality Room). Thank you for all the crafters who have already sent donations and your talented work! Please contact **Gwen & Dave Detwiler – Chair, Arts and Crafts** (724) 626-9558. Please forward all Arts & Crafts: 284 Kelley Road, Connelsville, PA 15425 or email - [davydee2@gmail.com](mailto:davydee2@gmail.com).

**Let's Go RUAEA – Let's GO! 50/50 RAFFLE** – We will be having a 50/50 raffle on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday till 4:00 pm. Drawing will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday. (Chairman, **Bill Redfern**). It is always nice to look forward to being a winner!

*Imagine what is happening at the Convention in Pittsburgh 2008! We will be having around the hotel - manicurists and beauticians for hair, etc. who will provide maybe a nail color change or manicure! And other surprises for RUAEA to be announced at a later date. See you soon!*

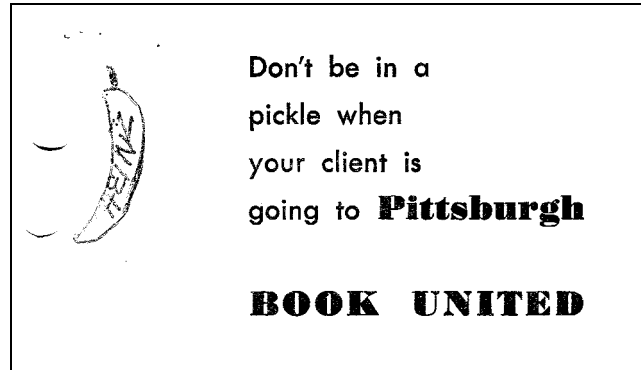
## **A SPECIAL LETTER & POEM FROM MARJORIE SEGAL ON PITTSBURGH**

I grew up in Pittsburgh and immediately after graduation from the University in 1948, became a hostess on Capital Airlines. My career in flying took me to six different bases but it was never difficult to commute home. The flights were plentiful from Chicago, New York, Washington, and south as far as New Orleans. However, after the United merger in 1961, many changes were made in scheduling. NYC – PIT flights were cancelled and reinstated a few times.

I was working as an AE in New York City sales when after a long absence; we put schedules back on between LGA, EWR and PIT. In order to get the information to our accounts, who were both travel agents and corporate travel arrangers, I wrote a poem and card to which a Heinz pickle pin was attached. The PIT sales department secured the pins at my request. Pickle pins were used by Heinz for years in promotions to visitors at their plant.

My promotion was delivered to the territories in our region by our sales force. It was very well received and resulted in many bookings. Unfortunately not long after that, we pulled out of the NYC – PIT market for good. I will probably fly USAIRWAYS to the Convention.

I hope my poem will give you a little more insight of what this city stands for. Enjoy the Convention!



***"Pittsburgh"***

*It has three rivers of international fame  
and a stadium that has been given that name  
It has Steelers, Pirates and Panthers too  
Mellon, Heinz and Carnegie are just a few  
whose contributions to this city fine  
have given it industry, art and theatre divine  
This city of Pittsburgh which stands on seven hills  
has a population with the will of iron & the strength of steel  
The importance of travel to this city has been recognized  
and we have done something about it in the "Friendly Skies"  
Beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup> you'll have a choice of prime times  
Select flights from Newark & La Guardia on United Airlines!*

**UNITED EXPANDS NETWORK WITH NEW SUMMER ROUTES**

This week, United is announcing service to two new destinations in Canada - Quebec City and Victoria, BC. We will also begin service between Denver and Helena, MT and Chicago and Kalispell, MT on June 5 as well as a new service between Los Angeles and Tulsa, OK.

- ( United Express between Chicago and Quebec City will be operated by regional partner Shuttle America with an Embraer 170. Service between San Francisco and Victoria, as well as Los Angeles to Tulsa, will be operated by SkyWest on Canadair regional jet 700's (CR7).
- ( The two daily flights from Denver to Helena will also be operated by SkyWest on 50-seat Canadair regional jets (CRJs). United's daily, seasonal service between Chicago and Kalispell will be operated by SkyWest on a CR7.
- ( United will now serve 10 destinations in Canada and six in Montana.

**UNITED ANNOUNCES NEW CHECK BAGGAGE POLICY**

United is introducing a new, simplified checked bag policy for customers who purchase nonrefundable domestic economy tickets, as part of our continuing effort to offer customers choice, flexibility and low fares:

- ( Customers who purchase nonrefundable domestic economy tickets and do not have status in Mileage Plus or Star Alliance may check one bag for free and a second bag for a 25 dollar service fee.
- ( Customers who have Premier status or higher in Mileage Plus or Silver status with Star Alliance are not subject to changes to the number of bags they can check for free. **Employees/Retirees traveling on a positive space or NRSA basis are also exempt from this policy.**

## RETIREE HONORED



**Harold “Hal” Weary**, a 99-years-young member of the Chicago Skyliners, has logged more than 10,000 hours serving the Mt. Prospect, IL Public Library, the Mt. Prospect Historical Society and other causes. Last November, Hal received the 2007 John McNamara Award at the Sunrise Rotary Club’s third annual holiday breakfast.

The award, named in memory of one of the club’s founding members and first presidents, honors non-Rotary members who offer their time and talents to make a positive impact within the community. It is

also known as the “Service Above Self Award.”

Club President Michael Putz said Weary’s life “exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of Rotary.”

The Club also named Hal, a Paul Harris Fellow, an honorary designation named for the man who founded Rotary in Chicago in 1905. This is one of the highest honors given for outstanding personal service and is recognized by the whole worldwide membership of Rotary International.

“His consistent good nature, whether he was running the rummage sale at Trinity United Methodist Church, selling hot dogs at the car show for the historical society, or selling Library Foundation fund-raising items at the Library’s entrance, all reflect his selflessness,” said Putz.

Hal retired as a financial analyst in the comptroller’s office in 1968 and is an original life time member of RUAEA. He was treasurer for the first 2 Chicago conventions.

*(Submitted by Carol Faust).*

## NEW CHAPTER IN COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Some United Retirees are trying to start a chapter in the Colorado Springs area. If any Retirees in the area are interested in getting together and forming a social gathering and sharing old memories and stories about the years past. Or, just renewing old acquaintances, contact **Del Hall**, email [delcs22@msn.com](mailto:delcs22@msn.com) or phone (719) 579-0559. You may also contact **Tony Sortino**, RUAEA Regional Director/Mountain region. Email [tjsortino@cox.net](mailto:tjsortino@cox.net) or phone (402) 551-7653.

## FROM THE DENVER OFFICE

It’s been a while since I’ve written about the following subject. However, it is a good time to give our members some vital information. As you know back in July, we modified our database to better accommodate renewals.

In the past, if you were late, there wasn’t really any hurry to get your dues paid in a timely fashion. Now, if you don’t, you get one of those letters telling you that you are in arrears. You know you’ve sent in your dues before the end of the month and don’t want to miss an issue. We don’t want you to miss one either. This is where the problem starts. Let me give an example of what may happen with a simple, but effective solution.

If your renewal date is towards the end of the month and you wait until then to mail it to the office, you may think that is enough time. This may be a wrong assumption on your part. In June of this year, Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> will fall into that category. Your check may arrive on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, but won’t get posted because no one is in the office, until the first full week in July. I will still have to mark the arrears list for June on July 1. Which means you will get a “Reminder” letter.

At present, our staffing does not have anyone in the office on Mondays as in the June 30<sup>th</sup> example, or the secretary who would normally work on a regular day is sick and couldn’t make it to work. We would not get your check posted and you will show up on the arrears list. The two days prior to that are a week-end and there is no mail delivery.

The best way to prevent a “Reminder Letter” is to have your check in the mail, so it arrives in our office about seven (7) business days before the end of your renewal month. I’m sure that there will be times when seven day before is on a Saturday or a Sunday. Just modify the number of days so it arrives in Denver well

before the end of the month. If you like, you can always pay in advance such as the month before your renewal month. Your renewal month won't change as you are paying in advance.

If you've mailed in your dues late, and you get a call or a reminder from your director, don't worry. You have the one month grace period before your newsletter stops. But if you see the second notice saying in part, **"This will be your last issue"**, call or email our office and let us help you with this situation. Our number and email address is on the back of every newsletter. In fact, you can contact the Membership Manager personally as his name and address is also on the back of the newsletter.

Last but not least, if you mailed in your dues and you know this for sure, don't worry about it. No matter when we get your money it will be put into the data base as soon as a secretary's hand touches it. That's a promise!

Howard Tress  
Membership/Support Manager

### **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

All correspondence for the Newsletter is due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column", obituary listings, and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. There is one exception to the above deadline: *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day**, if the report is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Reports may be sent by e-mail to [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list the Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

If you have not received a copy of the new guidelines (dated 6/1/2007) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

Virgil Gooselaw  
Newsletter Manager

### **Attention All Golfers**

***The 2008 UARGC Golf Invitational will  
be held in Mesquite, NV from  
April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>.***

**If you are interested, contact Frank  
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# LOCAL NEWS

## ARIZONA



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Update on March 8 All-Arizona Luncheon at Casa Grande The Property Conference Center: We were having trouble communicating with the representative from The Property Conference Center in Casa Grande. Finally, after numerous phone calls, we got in touch with Russell and he confirmed our date of March 8 for the All-Arizona luncheon. The price will be \$20 P/P. I assume, by this time, those interested in attending will have gotten their monies into their chapter treasurer ... and, subsequently, to the Azures' treasurer, **Laura Ehas**. We are truly sorry for the delay in communicating to the other chapters and hope we'll all have a "howdy-partner" good time.

We were thrilled to be able to hold our February 9 luncheon at Pebblecreek Tuscany Falls Chianti Room after an absence of a few years. The previous management advised of a \$500.00 non-refundable deposit on the room ... which has since been changed to \$0 deposit. The Pebbleaires Singers from Pebblecreek entertained us.

A memorial service was held January 19 for our good friend and member, **Chuck Sharp**, who passed away after a long illness.

Our breakfasts seem to have about 19 or 20 in attendance. Remember to contact **Mary Toeppen** at (623) 214-1504 before 4pm on the Monday before the breakfasts. Regulars should contact Mary, if you are not attending.

### Calendar:

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

**March 4** – Breakfast meeting.

**March 8** – Casa Grande – Property Conf. Center – 11:00 cocktails/12:00 lunch - entertainment by Jeff Harrison, cowboy singer from Goodyear, AZ - \$20 P/P, raffles/gif baskets, fun!

**March 18** – Breakfast meeting.

**April 12** – Luke Air Force Base – Last meeting of the season. "Grill-your-own" steak or chicken outside - \$20.00 P/P.

### PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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We want to welcome any retired RUAEA members in our area to join us at any of our activities listed below. We are a friendly group of United retirees and would love to have you join us at any time. You can contact President **Jim Zarek** at (480) 288-6685, or **Hank Falk** at (480) 893-1226 for further information.

Our January luncheon was held at the Grandview Steak House in Mesa. We had a wonderful turnout, with 61 people attending. First timers were **Ted & Judy Higley**, who live in Casa Grande. Judy worked for United in Seattle, Washington. Welcome! Hope to see you again at future Re-Uniteds events.

Treasurer **Bud Hubbard** mentioned that if anyone wished to get a new badge with a pin, the charge would be \$6; with a magnet, the charge is \$7.50. If you haven't paid your membership dues for this year for our Re-Uniteds Chapter, please give or send your dues of \$5 P/P to Bud Hubbard at PO Box 183, Sedona, AZ 86339. New, up-to-date address and phone numbers will be given out at the April picnic. Please advise Bud Hubbard if any corrections need to be made to our membership list.

We had Stephen Jacoby and Lisa Hartmann from Alliant Credit Union speak on "Identity Theft" at the luncheon. They gave us many pointers. One was it is important to use a shredder to dispose of any statements,

pre-approved credit cards, and any junk mail with your name and address on. Also, check your credit report annually with one of the three major credit bureaus. This is available free once-a-year. Don't carry your Social Security card with you; memorize your number. Make all passwords hard to guess by using a complex combination of numbers and upper and lower case letters. Protect personal information by keeping information safe and private. Everyone felt they learned a lot.

Our February 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon was held at Buca Di Beppo in Mesa, with an Italian menu. **Shirley Claggett** made the arrangements. We will report further on this luncheon in the next newsletter.

Our All-Arizona luncheon, sponsored by the Azures from Sun City area, will be held at the Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Hwy in Casa Grande on March 8<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:00 a.m. for cocktails; followed by the luncheon at noon. The menu is BBQ chicken & ribs, beans, corn-on-the-cob, and cobbler. Entertainment will be provided by Jeff Harrison, a cowboy singer. Price is \$20 per person. Checks should be sent to Bud Hubbard, P. O. Box 183, Sedona, AZ 86339 before Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a 50/50 raffle plus gift baskets being raffled off. We hope many of you will attend.

Saturday, March 22, is the Chicago White Sox and Cubs spring training game at Hohokam Stadium in Mesa. **Ron Paluch** will get a number of tickets for those interested in purchasing any for that game.

On Thursday, April 15, we will have our picnic at Crescent Run Adult Community Building in Mesa, arranged by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. We enjoyed having our picnic there last year and look forward to the wonderful luncheon again.

Happy Easter!

#### Calendar:

Breakfasts are the fourth Friday of each month at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Hank Falk** or **Jim Zarek** by the Wednesday before the breakfast if you plan on attending. Their phone numbers are noted above.

**March 8** - All-Arizona Luncheon, hosted by the Phoenix Azures at the Property Conference Center in Casa Grande.

**March 22** - Chicago White Sox and Cubs Spring Training Game at Hohokam Stadium in Mesa.

**April 15** - Picnic at Crescent Run Community Building in Mesa



#### **TALL PINES**

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Our first meeting of the New Year was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Coco's with 21 wonderful UAL Retirees in attendance. We had a very good get-together and collected an additional \$50 for the Fantasy Flight which was held in December 2007. This made our grand total \$150.00 - a BIG THANK YOU to Tall Pines members. Also, one of our members - **Jan Tomlinson** - won the second prize of \$50.00 from the Fantasy Flight raffle - way to go Jan!

We also welcomed back **Nadine & Dennis Weller** who regaled us with tales and photographs of their travels abroad. Here's looking forward to many good meetings for 2008!

#### Calendar:

**March 25** - Coco's - 11:00 am

**April 22** - Coco's - 11:00 am

**May 27** - Coco's - 11:00 am

## CALIFORNIA

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Now that the holidays are over, we can look forward to another great year. Let's try to keep it from going by so fast. Fortunately, our chapter members didn't have any life threatening illnesses this past year and we are grateful for that and hope it continues.

I received great news from **Bob & Pat Wagner** regarding their grandson. He returned home to Austin, Texas on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> from Iraq. What a Christmas that had to be. He will be getting married Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>; Bob and Pat will be attending. They plan on being back for our Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting. I'm sure they will have a lot of stories to tell.

Speaking of our Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, **Bob & Esther Bartlett** will be the hosts and we will gather at the Chumash Casino buffet. Several of our members stop by the slots on the way to the luncheon and I'm sure there will be good and bad stories.

Did you know that the first bar code was on Wrigley's gum?

### BRAZEN RAISINS



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The Brazen Raisins' January 2008 meeting was hosted by outgoing President and Secretary **Jack & Pam Hartman**. New President **Don Nessling** presided. The Brazen Raisins welcomed new members **John & Eloise Fisher**. **Jack Hartman** told of his and Pam's December trip to Carlsbad, CA, with Pam's sister from London, England. **Don Nessling**, a stamp collector, asked BR members to save used stamps for him, as he gives talks to school children about stamps and collecting.

**John & Peggy Oakshott** hosted the Brazen Raisins' February 2008 meeting. Sunshine Lady **Donna Nessling** was absent due to sickness, so she spread no sunshine. **Dick Hayes** had flown to New York and got 1<sup>st</sup> class premium service on a 757 - reported that the service was great. RUAEA Director **Ron Bertacini** attended and spoke on a number of items of interest to UAL retirees. And last, we had a few jokes!

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The January meeting of the Desert Sunbirds was hosted by **Sandy Sereno**. Sandy had her plate full with an ill husband, but still found time to host 25 people for lunch and supply dessert too. We are glad that her husband is now doing OK. The final count for our charities was noted at \$356 so we thank all who contributed.

**Al & Jenny Pennington** celebrated their 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month and **Mike Bailardo** celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. He didn't win the birthday lunch, too bad. **Ron Aggson** won the birthday lunch and **Fred Kellerhalls** won the 50/50 raffle.

Next month will be at the Elephant Bar Restaurant in Palm Desert. Contact **Mary Frank** at (760) 329-1870 or at [mbfrank@roadrunner.com](mailto:mbfrank@roadrunner.com).

February birthdays with two people turning 95! They are **Gay Traber** and **Rochelle Swiatek**.





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The Sacramento Gold Diggers meeting on January 30 was held at the Old Spaghetti Factory, Nimbus Winery, Rancho Cordova hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola** with 63 Gold Diggers and 1 guest. **Helen Kalczynski** was the guest of **Ken Stephensen**. Chapter President **Bob Fulkerson** welcomed those attending and thanked the Esolas for hosting.

Bob told us we have had two recent deaths, **Harry Caldwell** who died January 8<sup>th</sup> and **Leonard Cech**. Both of them were Past Presidents of Gold Diggers.

**Officer's Reports:**

VP **Francis Domaratus** - Francis reported on dates for our future luncheons for 2008.

Secretary: Colleen forgot the anniversary list but she knows **Bob & Jo Cuff** are celebrating 57 years.

Treasurer **Judie King**: Absent but Bob Fulkerson gave our Chapter's balance. Bob also read a letter that Judie received from the CHP/Grass Valley area & Nevada County area, thanking us for the Toys for Tots donations at Christmas time.

RUAEA Director for Northern California – **Ron Bertacini** was out of town so **Bob Cuff** gave the report. There is a battle going on between unions to represent the mechanics. The merger talks are still continuing with Northwest and United. The main topic at present is concessions which will lead to a 40% reduction in wages and benefits. Both airlines have declined to comment. Southwest said the quarterly profit nearly doubled last year. Their 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. profit rose \$111 million compared to \$57 million a year earlier. Delta posted a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter loss which was \$70 million. UAL Corporation reported pre-tax income of \$695 million for 2007 which is the highest since 1999. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter results were negatively affected by the high fuel cost; however, the company reported passenger unit revenue growth was among the best in the industry. As a result, the company reported an operating loss of \$64 million for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007, a pre-tax loss of \$98 million and a net loss of \$53 million, which was \$8 million better than the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2006. A special distribution of \$2.15 per share of UAL common stock or approximately \$250 million will be issued to holders of record as of January 9, 2008. The distribution was made on January 23, 2008.

**Bob Fulkerson** reported about **Harry Caldwell**, President from the Placerville Hangtown Miners and also a member of the Sacramento Gold Diggers. Harry went into the hospital in October and he never came out. He was there for a little over two months. He was a member of the "Buckboard Bunch". They were frequent performers at local events. He passed away January 8<sup>th</sup> and his memorial service was January 12<sup>th</sup> with 400 people attending. There will be a special memorial dedication to Harry on February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hangtown Grange in Placerville.

Sunshine: **Angie & Frank Dellinger** - Sent a sympathy card to **Harry Caldwell's** family and also to **Leonard Cech's** family; a get well card to **Margaret Eggert** and **Wayne O'Kelly** recovering from their surgeries.

Roster Chairman: **Jack Raynor** reminded us to get our dues in, as in March a new roster will be printed and only those who have paid dues will be included. **Bob Fulkerson** said he would collect dues from anybody who hasn't paid yet.

We concluded the meeting with our raffle.

**Calendar:**

**Feb. 27** – Past Presidents Luncheon, Trolley Junction, Nevada City

**March** – Sizzler in Auburn

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Redwood Empire retirees kicked off the new year at our favorite French restaurant, La Gare, in Railroad Square, Santa Rosa. New president **Judy De Ford** welcomed 52 members and guests on a gray and rainy morning. Talk was about how everyone fared during the previous week's storms. It was a pleasure to see **Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly** return after Wayne's recuperation from a stroke. Appropriately, he was the winner of the complementary birthday lunch.

Guests were numerous, considering the weather. **Corrine Geppert** brought **Pat Bresler**; **Barney & Claire Hagen** (so good to see Claire back and looking well after her many physical crises last year), hosted **Lee Trevelyn** and **Clem Shanahan**; **Ron & Joanne Huhn** had **Karen Van Dyke** as a guest; **Diana Quinn** brought her sister Judy Roque and friend Sherri Quock; **Ted Bell** had **Prudy Wilcox** as his guest; and **Naomi Tolf** introduced **Ed Bonostel**.

Treasurer **Ted Bell** happily announced that the treasury was in good shape. Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** added rays of that sunny stuff with one of her famous jokes along with announcing the birthdays and anniversaries. She also told us that **Brandon Maus** was recuperating from surgery as was **Bernice Anderson** from cataract surgery.

We look forward to another year of luncheons (held the second Thursday of each month) in Sonoma and Marin counties. Vice President **Oscar Chambers** (415) 883-7914 should be contacted by anyone wishing to host a luncheon. Sites have been secured for most months, so the hosting duties are minimal. Open months include April, June, September and October. Of course, our greatest attendance is usually in August, when we have a chicken barbeque, in beautiful Armstrong Grove among the redwoods near Russian River. **Verda Burr** and her family are the perennial hosts for that event. Save the date and join us.

Calendar:

**March 13** - La Gare, Santa Rosa - **Charlie & Bernice Anderson**

**April 10** - Quail Inn, Oakmont, OPEN

**May 8** - TBA, **Joan Sheahan & Anne Sullivan**

**June 12** - Quail Inn, Oakmont, OPEN

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A few interesting trips were taken by members and not previously noted. **OlgaJean Barnes** traveled to Northern Ireland, as a celebration of her return to good health. **Cindi & Gary Edson** took a wonderful trip to Israel and were able to visit many of that country's sacred places.

The **Horompolys** and the **Klobes** were all able to get on airplanes for holiday trips - See! It can be done, don't give up trying, folks! The Klobes ran into **Pat Olivares** at the Kona airport as she was leaving - as in moving - from there to her new home in Oklahoma City.

**Linda Muche's** surgery for cancer in her tonsil and soft palate was postponed until she had a series of chemo and radiation treatments. She knows it will be hard, but she's a very strong and positive person, who will get through with it, as well as humanly possible. She says she's overwhelmed and much encouraged by the number of emails, calls & cards she's received. Keep up the overwhelming and encouraging you all - she has a tough row to hoe for some time.

Many of you remember working with **Mary Glaister** and will be saddened to hear that she passed away on Jan. 12, of diabetic complications, while under going a heart procedure in the hospital. Mary worked in LAX Res, Agency Desk, Apollo Travel Services and was an Asst. Sales Rep. in LAX Sales when she retired in 1990. Mary's daughter, Kathleen Hoosier advises that her dad, Jack, is doing OK and that he plans to remain in ANC to be near their large family. Drop a note to - Mr. Jack Glaister at 1766 Wildberry Loop, Anchorage, AK 99502 - (907) 344-0501.

At today's meeting, we heard of the passing of **Tina Washington** (retired from LAXRR & BURRR) on 12/30 and of "**Mitch**" **Mitchell** on 1/21. Details are not available as yet. I don't have family contact information for Tina. But you can reach **Mary Louise Mitchell** at 2341 234<sup>th</sup> St., Torrance, CA 90501 - (310) 325-0919.

This evening, I read the notice of the death of **Gil Leiendecker** on 1/31. Although Gil retired in SEA where he'd been Sales Mgr. for many years, he was one of the best liked Sales Reps in LAXSS (and Hollywood when there was a sales office there) in the 40s-60s. He was such fun to work with and we missed him when he was promoted away from LAX. I know he will be missed by his family and the SEA retiree group.

I know the former fellow workers of these great people extend their deepest sympathies to their families.

Our luncheon meeting was held Feb 7 at the Sportsmen's Lodge in the valley, with 54 attendees. Several folks not able to attend often were there. It was so nice to see **Norma Besse** - we were able to wish her a happy upcoming (2/19) 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was also nice to see **Fran Sturdivan** again, thanks to her guest, the lovely lady who helps her out at home and does the driving. I know I've missed mentioning a couple of others -- but my note taking is a bit shaky, so I hope they will forgive me.

For your information, meeting location plans are: one meeting north of LAX to accommodate those residing in "the valley", one near LGB for those living in the southern suburbs, the summer picnic in El Segundo and the remaining 3 meetings near LAX. We know driving can be a real bear in the LA basin and gas prices in Southern Calif. are about the worst in the country, so try to carpool or give the Metro a chance. The Metro-Rail trains are really great - red and gold to the blue, blue to the green, to Aviation for the Proud Bird or to Mariposa for the Hacienda. (Call me for better details - I'm getting to be good at the trains). Let our powers-that-be know and we'll arrange for pick-ups for you. Only \$1.80 for seniors for all day. Such a deal! Can't get too far for a buck eighty worth of gas, can you? So be sure to come next time - at the Proud Bird.

The change of meeting dates to the first versus the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. is going to work well. To help in getting newsletter information, I made up a questionnaire for our meeting today asking for information on members' recent travel, family events, volunteer jobs, paying jobs, favorite sports and "other stuff". I got ten responses with an amazing list of activities. Whoever says they don't know what they'll do when they retire, hasn't met our group! Of the ten, travels included 4 cruises, two family reunions, an annual Wisconsin camping trip, visits to 7 countries all the way from Canada to Antarctica, from Australia to Spain. Between trips, those folks volunteer in libraries, churches, Travelers Aid, USO @ LAX, Fantasy Flight, write newsletters (LAXRR ret. Bulletins, ReLAXers news, this column), keep computer records for close to 50 groups, make videos of musical reviews for distribution among friends, serve on boards of directors of condo associations, and of course a number are volunteer baby-sitters for grandkids. In their spare time, one lady works (as in gets paid) as a make up artist, others work at conventions in SAN and in LAS. Sports activities include walking, golf, fly fishing, gym attendance, kayaking and gardening a 7 fruit tree orchard. Two sports answers were "is piano study a "sport"?" and "Not at 86" and a volunteer query answer was, "Not if I can help it!" Aren't you impressed? This is such a great list and each person's efforts need to be shared - so one or two at a time, alphabetically as I receive them:

**Judy & Roger Dunworth** took a 4 day Mexican Riviera cruise with 4 other couples, they had a great time and reported even the weather was super. For sports, they both go to a gym 3 to 6 times a week and Roger goes kayaking in the sheltered bays east of LGB whenever he can. **Margie Equihua** went to LON last year and goes camping in Northern Wisconsin every August. She volunteers for the production of the LAX Fantasy Flight - she's a great face-painter and the kids (and other volunteers) love it! For travel money, she is a free lance Make-up Artist. For sports - one of the best activities - walking.

Last night, Pres. **Hal Klobe** got the call for jury duty for today, so VP **Howard Lackey** took over. Howard advises that he has received a few ideas for this year's Christmas party location (Queen Mary has become WAY too expensive) and that he and the Klobes will make a choice soon. He also gave us some statistics on our '07 Fantasy Flight. There were only 4 cities able to actual fly their kids - LAX, PHX, CHI and WAS. The main reason is the cost of the fuel which has to be raised by the F.F. group. Howard said they approached several of the vendors they know of at LAX and were overwhelmed with the response -- no one turned them down, and donations were in the 4-figures. That flight on a 747, even with a light load, guzzled up close to \$10,000 in gas!

**Donna Klobe** read us a letter from the Vista del Mar Children and Family Services; which is the group to which we collect toys at the Christmas party. We were able to give them 24 huge sacks of gifts for their kids and they sent a very gracious thank you letter. This organization has a housing facility for children who have no other home, and a letter from one of the child residents was included. It was a beautiful and articulate letter - almost made you feel teary. We had numerous door prizes plus Valentine center pieces - and whoopee! Yours truly won one of each! The center piece is yummy candy (which I didn't need) and the door prize, a bottle of red wine (which I did need!)

With that, I'll finish my glass of wine, email this to DEN and fold my tent for tonight.

#### Calendar:

**April 3** - Buffet luncheon at the Proud Bird.

**May 18-24** -- THE Convention of course - See you all in PIT

**June 5** - Luncheon - location TBA

**Aug. 7** - Famous picnic in El Segundo

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This month we're hoppin' and hopin' that the Easter Bunny brings some healthier weather and healthier days for all of us. Including this newsletter correspondent, we've **never** had so many members on our sick list: **Shirley Campbell, Wayne Guenther, Laura Hansen, Margaret Littlefield, Lois Munson, Paul Munson, Clint Sundstrom** and everybody's favorite national member, **Jo Madden**. Unfortunately, **Milt Cavalli** decided to celebrate his **95<sup>th</sup> birthday** by breaking his right hip. Kaiser Hospital couldn't stand seeing such a cheery, smiling patient with all those birthday balloons surrounding his bed, so they soon transferred him to a local rehab facility.

While celebrating her birthday, the angels called lovely **Dee Murphy** home to join their heavenly chorus. Son **Terry Murphy** can be reached at **Dee's** home address, 2235 Springfield Way, San Mateo, CA 94403. Per **Terry's** wishes, our chapter's memorial donation went to the **American Stroke Association, a Division of the American Heart Association**, Western States Affiliate, Data Processing Department, 1710 Gilbreth Road, Burlingame, CA 94010.

Congratulations to lovebirds **Joan (Cookie) and Don (Butch) Brochu** on their **58<sup>th</sup>** wedding anniversary. Topping this great couple by **2** years are our second set of beautiful long-time members, **Bob & Ella Mae Donovan** celebrating their **60<sup>th</sup>**. Admirable!

Historian **James Goodwin** has pleasantly made us aware that this coming **April 2008** will be our chapter's **46<sup>th</sup>** year since our original charter was established. (How can that be since we're all just "barely" over 21?).

Thanks to our contributing members prior to Christmas and the hard work of Charity Coordinator **Laura Hansen** and daughter **Betty Wyren**, we were able to present two appropriate local charities with 143 children's books, beautifully wrapped and labeled. Way to go, Ladies!

International Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has her "**African Safari**" 17-day tour scheduled to leave **October 9<sup>th</sup>**. She is also working on a **5-6** day **Alaska** land-cruise trip. As usual with **Ginger**, these will both be fabulous experiences. Email: [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or telephone (650) 224-1865.

Domestic Travel Coordinator **Betty Garner** has a day trip planned to visit the interesting downtown section of **Livermore** and to catch a sip or two (or three) at the local winery on **May 31<sup>st</sup>**. (Cheers, everybody!) Email : [garnerbee@yahoo.com](mailto:garnerbee@yahoo.com) or telephone **Betty** at (650) 355-4195.

After the General meeting on **March 24<sup>th</sup>**, featured will be our popularly requested Chinese food luncheon in place of the usual monthly potluck. (And of course, you may always bring your own bag lunch if you so desire.) Our after-lunch entertainment will be the return of "Beverly at the Piano" presenting standards and oldies. Sound like fun? You bet!

Personally speaking: This writer just took her written drivers test and passed ... wheee – good for **5** more years! And with a HNL trip coming up quickly, this reminded me that I needed to **update** the papers I usually carry on my person or in my separate carry-on should I lose my purse. **If this interests you, read on. I shall**

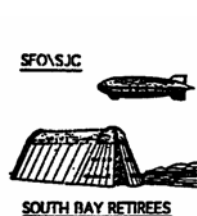
**print out both sides of:** my driver's license, the inside pages of my passport, AARP card, ATM card, secondary medical insurance card, Medicare Health Insurance card, miniaturized birth certificate encased in plastic, and the yellow "UAL Eligible ID card" since I was the spouse, not the employee. To that card, I've already attached an extra passport photo and encased it in plastic. (I bought the self-adhering plastic sheet at a local office supply store. Drug store photo departments also carry them.) In addition, I carry an "emergency contact list" which includes my children, primary doctor, current medications and possible medical hindrances.

If this all sounds like overkill: 2 years ago, I had a bad case of food poisoning while on a train between Frankfurt and Vienna. In Vienna, I was transported by ambulance to what I now know was the oldest hospital in town. No one spoke English and my German was rusty. I was coherent enough to hand them my print outs showing brief medical records and current medications. They were so pleased, you'd have thought I gave them a gift. They could partially read and understand English but not speak it. 3 days later a young nurse came in who spoke English. But by then, I was being released.

Happy traveling, Folks.

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 11:30 a.m. business meeting, Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.



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We started the New Year with **Tony Urso** as our president. On January 11, our past president, **Stan Kolman** was presented with a plaque honoring his work with the chapter.

Attendance has been very good, in spite of some very cold and rainy weather. It was good to see **Bob & Karen Devlin** back, as well as **Charlie & Barbara Brown**.

Visitors in January were Michelle O'Neill, daughter of **Dave & Joanne Saso**, and darling grandchildren Gabby and Mark O'Neill. We also had two new visitors, **Joe Mallett** and **Jim Holmes**. We hope to see them again at our meetings.

Some of our members who had been sick are doing much better. **LaDonna Eggert** came back from a Christmas trip to Southern California and came down with pneumonia; she was in the hospital but is now at home. **Dee Kolman** had respiratory problems, was back at our meetings. **Vic Kristen** had pneumonia, is now at home.

**Don & Deloris Burda** are at home, but not doing well. Please keep them in your prayers.

Recently, we lost one of our old time members, **Lee Ferrell**, who passed away on January 26. Services were held on February 3. Our deepest sympathies to his wife **Barbara** and to all of Lee's family.

**Cheri Scales** and **Alice Rostirolla** have agreed to host the Spring Luncheon which will be held on April 3 this year. Details will follow, or call Alice at (408) 245-8433 more information.

#### Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. **Tony Urso**, (408) 264-8580 for details.

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Our January meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> with only 12 members attending. What a surprise ... it seems the flu has struck with a vengeance. We wish all our ailing members and spouses a rapid recovery.

**Lou Kinkaid** was the winner of our 50/50 and **Tom Johnson** won a pie from Marie Callender's.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00 to 12:00, then lunch and business from noon on. \$17.00 P/P includes a choice of three entrees, beverages, dessert and tip. We have a diverse group from all job classifications and invite all retirees and their significant others to come.

### Calendar:

**March 10** - Meeting

**April 14** - Meeting

**May 12** - Meeting

**June 9** – Our annual barbeque picnic

## **COLORADO**



### **DENVER MILE HIGHERS**

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*Submitted by* **Tom Goodyear**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> was the Mile Highers monthly breakfast at United's Flight Training Center (TK). There were 46 retirees and friends in attendance. **Tom Goodyear** wished everyone a "*Happy Ground Hogs Day*". Nobody could verify that the Ground Hog saw its shadow, so we can look forward to another 6 weeks of winter. **BRRR!**

We welcomed **Cathy Burnes**, a first timer. **Gene Sibley** brought his wife **Kathy**, I believe it was her first time. Come back and see us next month.

Tom reported on his trip to Pittsburgh, PA to visit the site of the May 2008 RUAEA Convention. He said that the William Penn Hotel is a beautiful, old, hotel that has been totally renovated, but still retains its elegant stature. It appears there will be many good tours and a lot of good things to do in downtown Pittsburgh and around the hotel.

**Marie Cosby** has moved to St. Andrew's Village, her address is 13801 East Yale Ave., Aurora, CO 80014 - (303) 369-4506. **Jo Madden** is in Brighton Gardens; her address is 2500 Roslyn St., Apt. 233, Denver, CO 80231 – (303) 751-5433. **Lyle Burkholder** is at home. He is unable to get outside do to cold weather. His address is 1100 Florence St., Aurora, CO 80010 – (303) 366-8789. Feel free to send cards to these folks or give them a call.

It was good to see two of our "bionic men" up and around: **Walt Bumberger** after his hip replacement and **Earl Horner** after his latest knee replacement.

Sorry to report the following retirees have passed away: **Jacob R. Elliott**, on Jan. 19, his burial service was at Ft. Logan National Cemetery on Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. He worked at DENMM before he retired and moved to FL. **Lory Valencia**, on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, you may send cards to the family at 5350 S. Jay Circle, Littleton, CO 80123. **Ray Hutchinson** on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. Ray was Tom Goodyear's first Manager in 1953. You may send cards to Ray's widow, **Arlene**, at 7175 East Princeton Ave., Denver, CO 80231. **Charles H. Feis**, on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Charley worked at DENMM and retired in 1992. You may send cards to 11336 Downing Drive, Northglenn, CO 80233.

The following retirees returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Vic Andreatta**, **Walt Bumberger**, **Cathy Burnes**, **Charlie Hassler**, **Gene Sibley** and **Cas Spokas**. Thanks folks!



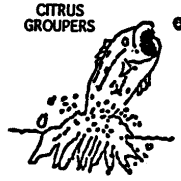
Calendar:

**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. each month, 9:00 AM** (**Note:** This new time will be effective starting with the April Breakfast), 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!

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The Citrus Groupers met on January 25 at the Pasta Fare in Leesburg with 16 members and guest attending. After a long absence, **Isabel Buchanan** rejoined our group, we were glad to see her back.

The **Dulens** are back from a visit to their son Dennis over the holidays. The **Woods** expecting a delivery at home and could not make it.

Calendar:

**Feb. 28** - Meeting - 11.30, Frankie's Grill, 1674 N. Florida Ave. in Inverness.

**March 22** - Meeting - 11.30, The Golden Coral, 1720 Citrus Blvd. (Hwy. 47/441) in Leesburg.



**SAND"DABS"**

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As we cancelled the January meeting, our February meeting day was on the 7<sup>th</sup>, the cut-off day for the Newsletter. I hope the grace period of one day gets this into the newsletter.

After our opening prayer and pledge to the flag, President **Dick Coughlin** got the meeting going. There were 18 Sand"DABS" and guest present. **Gail Woods** who has been with us before, visited with us again. We offered a prayer for **Karen Gammill** who is recovering from an emergency gall bladder operation.

We missed **Steve Moddle**'s birthday in January as we didn't meet, so we gave him a hearty rendition of the birthday song at this meeting. **Larry & Janet Horton** reached a milestone in their marriage by celebrating 50 years together. We all wish them many more happy years together. Larry also celebrated his company anniversary of 51 years.

Pres. Dick had some funny sayings and jokes for us. **Nancy Thomas** had a funny comic strip about working for United, which got passed around for everyone to see. It gave us all a chuckle.

Our treasury is quite full according to **Penny Logan**, so we voted and decided on giving \$200 to the Family Renew Community and \$100 to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler county. We hope the money will be put to good use.

There were two drawings in addition to the 50/50 as a Valentine's Day surprise. **Frank Thomas** won one and **Herb Gardner**, won the other one. Both envelopes contained a lottery ticket. We impressed upon them that when they win, they will share.

Pres. Dick gave us some brief information about the company and on the airline industry, in general.

Bobbie had some of her hand-made note cards for sale. She'll bring them again next month with some Easter cards.

At our next meeting, VP **Steve Moddle** will be handling things as the Coughlins will be off sailing in the Caribbean with some friends from the Yacht Club. Lucky them.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** *May you always have love to share, health to spare, a mind that's aware, of friends who care.*

Calendar:

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

**April 3** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

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

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President **Paul Brown** opened the February meeting with a big welcome to the 34 members present. **Stan Halterman** then “pitched” the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting which will be held aboard ship and many members reserved their places for the grand event!

We have some ill members – cards and well wishes are certainly welcome to: **Lee Cahoon** who is in rehab and doing very well, per wife, Dottie; to: **Al Mollet** who is home and recuperating, per himself, and to: **Lou Gaydos** who is home recuperating per wife, Joan. All sent many wishes for a speedy recovery and return to our meetings!

Happy Anniversary: **Marlin & Marylin Lade** on 56 years of wedded bliss on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

**March 19** - Favorite Restaurant Dinner, Crabby Bills on East Lake Toho. (in St. Cloud), we will meet there at 4:30 pm for dinner

**April 2** - Mark your calendars for our annual picnic at the Eastlake Fish Camp, Burgers and Brats will be provided. Spirits for sale. Bring a covered dish to share. Come to the camp at 12:00 noon and prepare to have an awesome time!

**September 11-20** - Motorcoach trip SFO to LAX –Great stops in between. For details contact – Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773



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President **Bill Burg** welcomed 19 members to the February 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers. Our tables were once again decorated with beautiful hibiscus from **Wanda Schmoyer**’s garden. Following the meal, our own member, **Mel Volz** gave the program. He had contacted local FAA staff for a speaker on the upcoming ADS-B tracking system to be instituted within the next few years, but they were unavailable. So Mel shared all the research and information he has been gathering about this new system, which will enable crews to monitor all aircraft in a given vicinity. It was an extremely interesting topic and very informative. We look forward to learning more about it in the near future.

Following the program, members discussed options for future programs. Most were interested in taking a tour of ECHO’s Global Farm which provided a speaker for our January meeting. Several other suggestions were made and will be pursued. The monthly 50/50 raffle was won by **Tom McNabb**, and lots of other gifts were raffled off. The West Coast of Florida RUAFA chapter extended an invitation to our members to join them on March 17 for their annual luncheon. Hopefully, several will be able to attend. **Terry Gilkison**

continues with health issues; most recently he's begun a drip therapy/daily regimen of antibiotics for a continuing infection. He and wife **Joan** need prayers and support to see them through this difficult time.

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (June-Sept.)

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We were able to welcome 36 members and guests for our January meeting at Ruby Tuesday's - new members **Bill & Kathy Frait**, **Michelle McIntire**, **Suzanne Goodman's** sister, who was escaping the Canadian cold, **Lynn Auchinclose**, WHQHR, came with **Mike & Ginger Hyde**, who also brought Ginger's Mom, Ruby Glasscock. Back for the season were **Woody & Barbara Dee** and **Pat Bell**, who was joined by her brother and sister-in-law, **Bill & Ileen Maxwell**. Pat has recovered well from knee-replacement, and Herm Kline looked good after defibrillator replacement. **Ken Baumann** is recovering from the second surgery for a broken elbow and is in physical therapy. Past president **Tim O'Donnell**, who was recently diagnosed with a lung disorder, is on full-time oxygen and extremely limited in his physical activities. However, he is in both pulmonary and physical therapy, to help him improve. All our best, Tim.

Calendar:

**Feb. 14** – Mattison's Riverside, 1200 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Bradenton (we need to know early if you wish to join us)

**March 13** - Lee Roy Selmon's, 8253 Cooper's Creek Blvd., Bradenton

**April 10** - TBA

**May 8** - Annual Picnic, South Lido Park, Sarasota, FL



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The meeting was opened on February 4 by President **Bob Lindstrom** with 33 members presents. There was a moment of silence to reflect on the passing of **Mike Marvett**.

**Jim Hottel** introduced **Marie Kocovar** from Chicago Reservations as a guest.

Birthdays celebrated for the month of February are **Sadie Tuten** on the 16<sup>th</sup> and **Martha Fitzgerald** on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Barbara Riecse** stated that she and John had a good trip to New Mexico in January. She did find that no matter where you go from Tampa, there is never a direct route. They had to go to Denver to get to Albuquerque.

President Lindstrom stated that various aspects of the West Coast Luncheon on March 17 will be taken care of by several members as **Mike Marvett** was the Chairman. The checks for this luncheon are to be made out to **Jean Linehan**, 17 Pelican Drive North, Oldsmar, FL 34677. The tickets are \$17.00 each and the reservations must be made by March 10.

President Lindstrom stated that we do not have any speakers for the coming months and would appreciate if anyone knew of someone, to please let him know. **Beverly Alderdice** stated that she may have one for a future month.

**Barbara Riecse** reported that she will be looking into other group outings that we could take such as boat tours, plays etc.

President Lindstrom reported on the convention and stated that he would need a representative as he would be unable to attend. Several names were suggested from those that would be attending.

**Beverly Alderdice** reported on the picnics to be held in April and October. **Jon Wilkinson** secured Anderson Park for those months. Beverly also stated that we have not made a decision on desserts as to whether we will each bring a dish or we will purchase them.

**Terri Breslin** reported that cards were sent to **Loretta Marvett**. She also reported that a memorial service for Mike will be held in Cleveland, OH in April. Any cards for Loretta can be mailed to 3076 Eastland Blvd. #402, Clearwater, FL 33761. It was also mentioned that **Judy Steding**'s son had passed away at the age of 42.

President Lindstrom read several articles regarding news of United Airlines and other carriers. He mentioned that the stock price for UAL stock as of February 1 was \$41.14 a share. **Jim Hottel** explained about the extra fuel charge fee especially on foreign flights.

**Bob Taylor** passed around a Mass card on behalf of Mike Marvett and it was unanimously approved to donate the amount from our fund.

#### Calendar

**March 3** – 10 AM Buddy Freddy's

**March 17** - 11:00 a.m. Seven Springs CC West Coast Luncheon

**April 7** - 10:00 a.m. Buddy Freddy's

#### TREASURE COAST

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Well, as you know, our February luncheon meeting at RJ Gators was changed in lieu of going to the Gulf Stream Park Casino. We had 10 members and one guest from Ft Lauderdale, her name is **Luster Smith** from the Rockleigh, NJ office before it and the Newark Airport closed a few years back. Anyone wanting to contact her can give me a call and I will give you the particulars. She happens to be a snowbird and has been reading our newsletter and contacted me and joined the casino group. She and **Diane Brodis** connected and I guess, it was a little like home week! You see you never know who is reading your letters in the Newsletter and isn't it great to know people really care about contacting and staying in touch with everyone from UAL!

**Al Popek** decided since there were tables outside the casino and some nice chairs to sit in, to have a mini meeting at 11:30 AM. Everyone that attended, decided we should try to go on the Paddle Boat for either our April or May meeting date, instead of going to RJ Gators. Since yours truly could not go on the casino trip, I will investigate and get all the details for the Paddle Boat and it will be discussed at the March meeting. More details will follow and of course, all members that are not at the March meeting will be sent the information.

Just think we didn't have a 50/50, so the suspense will continue! **Al Popek** and **Diane Brodis** were the only ones that came home with modest winnings, the other 9 left donations.

After a 12 hour trip, 8 members had dinner at Mannero's in Palm City. What a great restaurant for steaks and other beef dishes. Great food and a great way to end the day, and what a day it was!

OK, all you Jersey and Big Apple retirees, come and join us. We would love to welcome you into our crazy group - we really do have fun, and there is no dust under our feet!

On the lighter side of life:

- ☉ A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- ☉ Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, dogs only have 10.
- ☉ All 50 States are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
- ☉ A snail can sleep for three years.
- ☉ On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament Building is an American Flag.
- ☉ Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

- The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid ... Global warming?  
See you next time!

Calendar:

**March 4** - 11:30 AM - RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting

**April 1** - 11:30 AM - RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting

**May 6** - 11:30 AM - RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting

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The regular luncheon meeting was on January 9 this year at The I-Hop Restaurant in Fayetteville, GA hosted by **Frank & Barbara Russey**. This will be a compilation of both months as it fell after the newsletter deadline. Twenty nine Flyers and two guests were in attendance. We had as our guests **Joe & Loretta Fabian**. Joe worked on the ramp in Atlanta, transferred to Denver and retired there. It's always good to visit with old friends. **Sandy Lis** opened a business meeting by reading a letter from the Promise Place acknowledging with appreciation, the memorial gift honoring **Jeanne Barber** and all the gifts and monthly donations of goods for the needs of the residents from the Flyers.

**Gary Tuttle** reported about plans for an airline museum in Clayton County near the airport, and the need for airline memorabilia. **Willie Foles** had additional information concerning this venture. He said that this was not a new idea, and provided us with some details. Basically, being airline people, we are always interested in "airline stuff". There was some more enlightening discussion on this subject. The new 2008 officers officially took office this month. **Barbara Russey**, past treasurer was recognized for her service with a gift and appreciation from the Flyers. Sandy remembered **Judy Gurganis** who passed away in late December. There is a Life Party in remembrance of Judy planned for June.

Twenty one Flyers attended the lunch at the City Buffet Restaurant in Riverdale, GA. Hosted by **Bogi & Jodie Wallace** on February 6. The regular meeting room was not available as it had a roof leak from the recent bad storms we have been experiencing. We had an isolated section aside, and it worked quite nicely. The food was of a great variety of oriental to seafood, including desserts, and was good. **Sandy Lis** had the business meeting and reported The Promise Place's thank you note for great support of donations every month. It was reported that **Bill Carlson** has been ailing and is not getting around too well lately. We have missed him at the meetings as of late. **Bruce Brodersen**, having just returned from The RUAEA Board of Directors meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, reported the preparations for the Convention are coming along nicely and it looks like it will be a very good one. Hotel accommodations and planned activities are very good. Bruce said one of the objectives this year will be to try to recruit more recent new retirees and increase RUAEA membership that has been declining the past few years.

RUAEA is anticipating on embarking on great new and exciting directions in the future.

Bruce also answered questions on travel policies and procedures, especially for the Air-Tran travel benefit he has personally used and how to go about getting the travel passes, checking in, etc. Good to know! We will be working on getting more guest speakers for our meetings, that are knowledgeable on subjects that may concern us as retirees, in the ever changing airline business, mergers, takeovers, etc, and how they will affect us and our travel in the future.

Calendar:

**March 7** - Norman's Landing Restaurant, 12:00 Noon, 365 Peachtree Ave. NE, Cumming, GA. 30305. Hosted by **Jone & Bill Manley** and **George & Bette McAfee**.

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Happy Feb. Birthdays to Gems' **Dave Adams, Marlene Groghan, Ossie Haugen, Lil Jolly, Sharon Kolins, Ann Rose, Bill Heath,** & Notables **Abe Lincoln, & George Washington.** Ossie celebrated on Feb. 3, saying he had reached the half-way point. Best gift was from a generous neighbor who with his snow blower, cleared their walks & driveway. For years, Ossie gave his age as being 29, but he had to move it up a notch, because he said: "My kids were catching up with me." If I missed anybody, please phone me, so that I may update our birthday list.

Twenty-three GEMS showed for our Feb. breakfast at JB's on Feb. 4 – weather or not.

Last month, we mentioned that Idahoans were delighted to receive early snow, & that farmers, skiers, & most everybody were happy to get the moisture needed for the summer growing season. Now, they're saying *enough already!* Depending on the altitude, Idaho has everything from 4-feet to 7-feet of the stuff – breaking the record snowfall in the mid 1980s. And it's still snowing! North of here, they are having to shovel it off the roofs, so they don't cave in. In Coeur d'Alene, the Idaho National Guard was called out to help clear the snow off the roofs of schools & other public buildings.

It was a happy ending for **Charles & Shirley Perkins.** They connected with **Rick & Shirley Dempsey,** without having to rent a paddleboat. They all had a wonderful 16-day cruise through the Panama Canal. Shirley Perkins described it as "wonderful journey, weather perfect, too much food, great company." Charles is now known as "the Chick Magnet," for he always managed to have his picture taken with attractive young women. The only dent was UAL temporarily losing one of Shirley's bags (containing her cosmetics & formal wear). As it turned out, it went its own way, flying BOI-LAX-DEN-Panama-Costa Rica-BOI, completing the circle trip a week after its owner had returned home.

During the last week in Jan., **John & Carole Bell** drove from their home in Payette to Twin Falls. "*The 3-hour drive was beautiful, with snow everywhere,*" Carole said. "*In fact, right out of BOI, it snowed so hard that we almost turned around. But from TWF, we went on to Shoshone Falls to see the falls in the wintertime. The river was flowing well, with snow & ice surrounding the scene. We decided it would make a nice Christmas card, so even though it was a cold 27 degrees, we took lots of photos.*"

**David Adams,** who became a charter-bus driver following retirement, conducted a Harmon tour group to McCall, a beautiful resort town 80 miles north of BOI (on Payette Lake), for the Annual Winter Carnival. "*The snow sculptures were great,*" said **Carol Adams,** "*set amidst more snow than usual,*" adding "*We enjoyed the small-town parade, & on the return trip, dining at the lovely Ashley Inn in Cascade was a real treat.*"

Sidelined are **Joyce Saunders** who is recovering from pneumonia. **Roni Adams** is having eye problems, & is facing laser surgery. **Chick Adams** is still fighting emphysema. **Wayne Duvall** was released from the VA Hospital in Boise, on the same day that **Al Burkhart** was admitted to the same hospital with complications related to his back problems. **Gloria Trotter** is recovering from a painful foot inflammation. Our prayers go out to the seriously ill, & we hope to see the others real soon. (If anyone reading this would like addresses on any of these people, please shoot me an email, or give me a call.)

Our thanks to **Ned Yundt** for arranging a 1:30 p.m. luncheon on Feb. 13 at the Pad Thai House on S. Fivemile Rd.

### Calendar:

**March 3** – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

**April 7** – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian



## ILLINOIS



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From all appearances, the good cheer, excitement, and fellowship that celebrated Christmas, Chanukah and New Year holidays spilled onto the overflowing crowd at the January breakfast group. Everyone was bursting with their holiday adventures. Our youngest guest was Patrick, the seven month old grandson of **Tina Acoba**. He is such an adorable cuddler. There is never any shortage of doting members that want a chance to tote him around all the tables. If he could talk, I bet he could give a good account of Tina's family reunion in Disneyland. Another big celebration for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Nov. was hosted by **Ben & Linda Agana**. Fourteen relatives including 6 & 7 year olds were treated to a Carnival Caribbean cruise for 10 days. Then Ben and Linda went on another cruise to all the Hawaiian Islands (by themselves).

**Cecelia Yates** is planning a ten day trip in Feb. to the United Arab Emirates. **Pat Guerra**, while enjoying the San Antonio River Walk, found \$19.50 for two drinks at Jimmies a bit too much. **Al & Liesel Schroeder** will be celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary in Feb. Keep up the good work.

Had a few new members at the Northside breakfast. **Delores Due** who retired from CHIRR on 7-7-2007 and **Sylvia Archer** also from CHIRR.

I talked to **Helen Collins** who had a spill and hurt her shoulder. Cards would cheer her up and shorten her therapy time. Her address is Smith Village N. 2315 W 112<sup>th</sup> Place, Chicago, IL 60643.

On a very sad note, our Sunshine Lady **Angie Waun** passed on to her eternal rest on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> at her home. She retired from Accounting in 1976 and was a founding member of the Skyliners chapter. Right to the end, she was still sending cards and attending our luncheons. Condolence cards may be sent to her family at Robert & Donna Waun, 4515 Johnson Ave., Western Springs, IL 60558. On a further sad note, **Ed Murray** was also called on Jan 17<sup>th</sup>. His wife Joan's address is 9404 S. 56<sup>th</sup> Court, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. I have been advised that **Jo Madden** is recuperating from a re-injury to her back at the Brighton Gardens, 2500 South Roslyn, Denver, CO 80231.

The news is out that the picnic will again be held at the Schaumburg Country Club in their restaurant called Chandlers on July 22. Every one at the last two picnics found the food to be good and plenty. The theme is luau so dig out your muumuus and your brightest shirts to get in the mood but leave your surf boards home. We didn't rent the pond.

The holiday excitement carried over to the January Southside breakfast. To get all 24 who attended in a pre-Valentine mood, **Rudy Maki** passed out chocolate candy hearts. Low calorie, of course.

A few we have not seen in a while that we welcomed back, included **Andrew Michalic**, **Al Eberhardt** and **Sylvester Gant**. An effort is being made to contact the absent ones to inquire about their continuing interest in our chapter. If any of our MIA's forgot to send in their \$5.00 Skyliners dues for 2008, **John Koehl** will be happy to accept a check made out to RUEA SKYLINERS. His address is 2 Pepperell-on-Asbury, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Your file number on the check will be helpful.

Our raffle winners were **Javier Chavez**, **Ed (Scottie) Ward**, **Caryle Brandt** and **John Kealy**. They all won enough to pay for their breakfasts. Not to be outdone by the attention given to the Presidential Primaries, on a local level, we have been informed that **Mary Brandt** was elected President of the Greater Oak Lawn Seniors Group. She succeeded her husband Caryle.

**Ernie Codilis** had sinus surgery last month and then found out he's due for more surgery to remove a tumor in his face. I'm sure a card and your prayers would hasten his recovery. He's at 6950 S. Hillside Rd., Countryside, IL 60525-4705.

#### Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House (**Mar. 25 & Apr. 29**) at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**March 12 & April 9**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**March 4 & April 1**).

**March 13** - Spring Lunch at 11:00 a.m. at the Wellington

**July 22** - Picnic at Chandlers Restaurant, Schaumburg Country Club

## MASSACHUSETTS

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No Jan. or Feb. meetings, so little news. Treasurer **Bill Vanderwal** & **Elaine** are visiting VP **Lew Shakley** & **Sylvia**, in Bonita Springs, FL. They were discussing the possibility of shorter breakfast meetings for retirees only, besides our regular luncheon meetings. They will meet with **Paul & Mary Ward** in Ft Myers next. I heard from **Jayne Reagon** in Orlando about health problems. I'm typing this from Ft Lauderdale, I might add with quite a tan. Seems like the New Englanders have moved south to sunny Florida.

**Woody Withrow** would like to be back in Florida, but both he and **Christine** have part time jobs, Woody with two.

Pres. Carleen, back in frozen chosen, advised snow has come and gone. Of course, the groundhog saw his shadow, so a lot more snow is surely in the future. One of my neighbors in NH advised me, my driveway is a snow field.

Rumor has it, **June Alberino** was the first female sales rep for UAL. I also heard she would eat the pink orchards in exotic Hawaiian drinks. Well, she wasn't alone there, as I enjoyed eating them along with that exotic drink!

March birthdays: **Bob Austin, Olga Kondratiuk, Lee Lyon, Mary Beth Mc Dermet, Bill Shailor** and **Jimmy Yip**. March anniversaries: **Marcia & David Kilpatrick; Don & Kathy Latter, Gerald & Margaret Peters** and **Lew & Sylvia Shakley**.

## MICHIGAN



### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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15 Escapees and a guest of our host, **Marguerite Venn** gathered at Thomas' in Livonia on January 31<sup>st</sup>. We decided to move our Feb. gathering up one week, as Thomas' Family Restaurant had a special coupon to donate 20% of all sales to Angela Hospice, good between Jan 27 and Jan 31. As a result, \$30.67 went to Angela Hospice in memory of our own **Loralie Kennedy**. What a wonderful idea Marguerite had for this great cause.

**Bernie McManus** is getting stronger everyday after his back surgery. He will be in rehab for 2 to 6 months. Love and prayers to Bernie @ 13185 Lakeview Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-4600. Also, **John LeRoy**'s tumor has grown and they found two more tumors. He may have to have surgery again, then more chemo or just chemo. John's attitude is good and he is a fighter, let's help him and Judy with our love and prayers, 6911 Edwards Rd., Belleville, MI 48111-1135. In addition, **Dee Hegle** wrote she was feeling ill and ended up in the hospital with pneumonia. She is on oxygen, and doesn't know for how long. She says she feels fine now, as long as she doesn't do anything. Keep Dee in your prayers too @ 1102 S. 114<sup>th</sup> St. # 36, Mesa, AZ 85208-7932. Lastly, love, hugs and prayers to our beloved Jo.

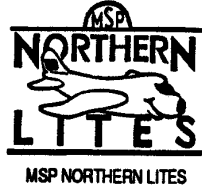
### Calendar:

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

## MINNESOTA

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January's group numbered 35, which is pretty good for a chapter which has so many snowbirds! Way to go, Hard Core!

We received responses from some of our members that aren't seen very often to whom Christmas greetings were sent. We haven't seen much of **Era & Bill Hoffmeyer, Ray & Yvonne Thorson & Barb Wilmes** for some time, so it was good to touch base again.

**Jim Simon** recounted his Christmas visit to relatives in Florida & friends in North Carolina. We were glad to see he made it back in time to join us for lunch.

Recently, **Arlene & Joe Kelley** had occasion to be on a flight which took them over the Grand Canyon. They were pleasantly surprised when the Captain took the planeload of appreciative passengers for a narrated tour, over that magnificent natural wonder. Wow! That hasn't happened since the days of "Pat" Patterson. That Captain also thanks every passenger as they deplane, & gifts the 1<sup>st</sup> flight attendant with a copy of "The Age of Flight". Since the 1<sup>st</sup> FA on that trip had already received one, she gave it to the Kelley's & our chapter now has it for loaning to those who wish to read it.

The January birthday paid-lunch was won by **Lee Storlie**, but then, his is the only birthday in January. We made him do the coin-toss anyway.

#### 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 great turnout at Old Country Buffet with approximately 40 attending.

**Larry Weare** was in the hospital for 16 days with pneumonia. He is now at home with the help of a visiting nurse, physical therapist, etc. He told me when he went in, his left lung was so bad with fibrous fluid, they had to do surgery under his arm and insert two tubes to drain his lung. Cards may be sent to Larry at 1501 Ave. N, Carter Lake, IA 51510. Our best wishes to Larry that he will recover quickly.

**Marge Stankoski**, fell New Years Eve getting off the davenport and ended up going to the hospital and having 6 stitches put in her elbow. At the present time, she is not undergoing any chemotherapy.

**Bracston Olds** is doing pretty well especially for what he has been through. He is still recuperating from his surgery but is trying to gain back some weight.

**Nick Nekonchuk** has been taking water aerobics and he made it upstairs by himself over the holidays. Since he has been in a wheelchair for several months, this is good news! See, miracles do happen.

We have our calendar full for this year. Thanks to everyone who came forward to host a month.

#### Calendar:

**March 4** - House of Hunan, Hosted by **Marge Edwards**

**April 8** - Sons of Italy, Hosted by **Gary Procopio & Linda**

**May 6** - Jack & Mary's, Hosted by **Bob & Carolyn Kraft**

## NEVADA

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Not a lot happening with our “Gamblers” this month. Fortunately, no sick members. We all complain about our “aches and pains”, but just part of life to deal with.

Weather in the Las Vegas area has been decent; a little rain and a lot of wind. Our mountains are getting some snow, which is greatly needed for our water table. Thankfully, the Colorado mountains are getting plenty of snow, which feeds our Lake Mead and the Colorado River.

Retirement is great when you don’t have to fight the snow and ice to get to work, and then fight to keep the airplanes and passengers in the air.

It was nice to hear from **Lee Ricketts**; an old LASCs buddy. He and wife, **Sandra**, are living in Iowa, not far from DSM. Lee writes that he is now cancer free, after taking Chemo for colon and liver cancer. The BIG ‘C’ has affected a lot of our fellow retirees; guess it has a lot to do with our environment these days.

Other former members of our Chapter who are living in Iowa are **Jimmy & Sue Legg**. We had an opportunity to see them when they were in Vegas a couple of months ago. They both looked great, and seem to be enjoying their Iowa move.

We missed **Bob & Marlene Morwick** at our last luncheon. They were enjoying their time-share on Kauai.

We’ve also missed **Marge & Ray Gibson**, since the passing of Ray in December. We hear that Marge will be moving to Chicago with her daughter.

We wish you all a happy St. Patrick’s Day ... don’t drink too much green beer!

Remember that “*Growing OLD is mandatory; growing UP is optional*”.

### Calendar:

**April 8** – Meeting



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There were 32 attendees at our January meeting – our first meeting at Heidi’s. While it was a tight squeeze, we managed to fit everyone in.

**Kathy Robinson** will be assisting **Mary Withers** in the role of Treasurer for a period of time. Just a gentle reminder, folks, that it is time to pay your 2008 dues. Thank you to those of you who paid at our meeting. For those that still owe, please send the money to either Mary or myself. It’s \$5/person (\$10/couple). Thank you. Shortly, we will be paying the deposit for the picnic area and the money sent in is appreciated. FYI, in case you are wondering, our dues cycle runs January – December.

RUAEA has posted the information on its website about this year’s convention in Pittsburgh. Also now posted is information on the tours being offered. Sounds like some good ones – a trip to the Amish country, a ball game (Pirates) and a trip to Falling Waters, a home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. John plans to attend. He will also be attending the President’s Breakfast. If you are planning to go and can cover the correspondents meeting, please let one of us know.

We are saddened to report the death of **Harry Caldwell**. Although he was a member of the Sacramento chapter, and newly elected President of the new Chapter in Placerville, he traveled to our picnics, where he was a stranger to no one. John attended his memorial service in Placerville.

**Gil Wehrenberg** won the 50/50. **Duncan Scaife** won the warm head scarf and hat.

January birthdays were celebrated by: **Jean Stephens, Mary Withers, Duncan Scaife, Tamar Nagley, Kathy Robinson, Nina Mischker & Ralph Mischker.**

## NEW JERSEY

### THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Gardenstaters met on January 30 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. President **Richard Confer** opened the meeting with a salute to the flag, a moment of silence was held for the "last flight" of 3 retirees from Newark (EWR), **Jimmy "Scotty" Ross, Joe Glydon**. Flight Attendant **Lorretta Adams** and from SFO, **Terry O'Brien**. In the November news, I reported that **Gene & Ada Enfield** celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, it was incorrect; it should have been **Joe & Agnes Jaken** and today, we celebrated the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of **Lorraine & Ev Eaton**. A bouquet of flowers was given to them.

**Jerry Confer**, our formal representative for the U.S. Marines "Toys for Tots", presented a certificate of appreciation to the Gardenstaters for their participation. Over 7,500 children were given over 50,000 toys.

The annual Expo for the children in the Newark area will be held at the Newark Liberty Airport on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be a little different this year by holding it at the old United Airlines Freight Building.

**Marty Etler** reported that the RUAEA newsletter asked that any death of a retiree or spouse be reported to the United Service Center. Telephone number 1-888-825-0188. It cannot come from a third party; it must be from a relative.

Minutes were read by **Violet Etler**. **John Murphy** gave the Treasurer's report. A donation of \$100 is being made to the Flight 93 memorial.

The motif for the tables was to celebrate Valentine's Day and several door prizes were given out to the winning ticket holders.

Calendar:

**Feb. 27** – Next meeting, Easter celebration

## NEW YORK

### GUYS AND DOLLS

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*Submitted by Marge Segal*

February 5<sup>th</sup>, Super Tuesday in New York was a very busy day. Between the ticker tape parade for the Super Bowl champions, New York Giants, the Primaries for the Democrats and Republicans and our Guys and Dolls luncheon, everyone was on the move.

United received recognition on all of the major channels when the Giants team arrived in Phoenix for the Super Bowl. The Giants have chartered us for many years through the leadership of now retired EWRSS AE **Joe Hegner**. It wouldn't surprise me if Joe was invited on the trip.

Our small meeting was joined by two new members who are awaiting their first RUAEA Newsletters. They are **Judith Nagib** - LAXRR and **Ratomer Sunderic** - JFKSW. We hope to see them at the future meetings and perhaps in PIT.

**Jeanne Leo** and hubby **Phil** left last week for their Palm Desert retreat, but will return in time for our April gathering.

Calendar:

**April 1** - Luncheon meeting – 12 noon – San Martin Restaurant. RSVP Marge Segal (212) 355-1788.

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The Metros had 45 members & one guest attending our first luncheon for 2008. We continued our custom with the “Pledge of Allegiance” to start the meeting and a moment of silence for our deceased members and those who can not be with us today.

**Joan & Dave Curtin** sent a thank you card for the basket of fruit Dave received when he returned home from the hospital & rehab after his stroke, (516) 541-1586.

Both **Maryann Ferrara & Gerry Rizzo** spent time in the hospital and we received thank you notes for baskets of fruit we sent them to help aid their healing and lift their spirits. Ditto for **Rose Schneider**.

**Ron Haft** sent a thank you note for the sympathy card the chapter sent for his wife, **Joann**, who passed away suddenly on December 2, 2007. Joann worked for United Airlines at JFKCSR and retired from LGARCC. Our thoughts & prayers are with Haft family.

We received a phone call from **Henry Jazwinski** that his wife, **Joan**, of 48 years has passed away on January 7. After working for United Airlines at JFKMM & LGAMM, Henry & Joan retired to Ocala, Florida. The Metros send the Jazwinski family our prayers and sincere sympathy.

Hopefully, **Treatie Karwoski**, Northeast Regional Director for RUAEA, will be visiting the NY Metros Chapter this coming spring. Several members are talking about driving to Pittsburgh this May for the annual RUAEA convention. Think about it?

**Paul Cohen** has done a great job as chapter treasurer. Keeping the finances up to date and collecting chapter dues alone is a difficult job. Thanks for a job well done, Paul!

Vice President **Charlie Kaczinski** updated the membership of United Airlines active employees’ latest policies. But, we always look forward to his routine of funny jokes.

Our married couple of the month is **Gerry & Dom Rizzo** married 58 years on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Great going guys!

**Clara & Arthur Wildorf** celebrate their 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

The NY Metro Octogenarian Birthday greetings for February are:

- ( **Dave Curtin** on the 1<sup>st</sup>
- ( **Ruth Olenick** on the 6<sup>th</sup>
- ( **Frank Kittle** on the 9<sup>th</sup>
- ( **Marie Breiva** on the 26<sup>th</sup>

Good Health and many more Februaries!

**Carol Maley-Davis & Ron Weick** brought **Carolyn Robson**, this month’s only guest. Welcome Carolyn!

Calendar:

**March 5** - 12 noon - Per Un Angelo, (516) 783-6475

**April 2** - 12 noon - Per Un Angelo

**May 7** - 12 noon - Per Un Angelo



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Just a quick note to announce that the spring meeting of the Loonies will be held May 6-9 in Green Bay, WI. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** This means you may arrive the afternoon/evening of the 6<sup>th</sup>, enjoy the meeting and special interests on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> along with lots of good conversation, and depart the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> for home or parts unknown. When plans get firmed up, you will be notified via special mailing from us, and via the Newsletter. If you are new to the Loonies or have ever wondered what in the world we're all about, don't hesitate to give us a call. We'll answer all your questions. Just bear in mind, that just by inquiring, you become marked as a Loony for life. We'd love to hear from you.

It is also official, that we will be staying at the Airport Settle Inn located at 2620 South Packerland Dr., Green Bay, WI. 54313. You need to phone for your own reservations and ask for the Group ID: "Northwoods Loonies". Their phones are: 800-688-9052 or 920-499-1900. If you need to talk to their group coordinator in sales, Angela Peterson is the gal I worked with. The rooms are \$69 a night and we have a block of rooms reserved. Contact me if you get the chance so I can send you more information closer to the date. See you May 6-9 in GRB.

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We had 78 attending our February 5<sup>th</sup> luncheon. The meeting was held at Dimitri's in Parma and hosted by **Marilyn Gschwend**. I was unable to attend, but I'm sure the food was great. Thanks again Marilyn for hosting this event.

Most people will agree that the month of Feb. seems to be the longest month of the year, but it has the least number of days. Well, this year is Leap Year, so we have an extra day to relax and enjoy retirement.

I would like to thank Treasurer Dolly, for filling me in on the comings & goings of the luncheon. Thanks again Dolly; I sure do appreciate it. John & Dolly have been busy adding additional info. on the Buckeye's website. When you have some spare time please log on [www.ualohiobuckeyes.org](http://www.ualohiobuckeyes.org).

I would like to say "Welcome" to new members, **Dave & Sharon Simpson**. Hope you enjoyed yourselves & look forward to seeing you in the future.

**Bill Gatesman's** guest was Sandi Matthews. I hope you enjoyed your luncheon and come back anytime.

Happy Anniversary to **Ray & Carol Waldron** who celebrated 59 years of marriage. **Robert & Beverly Templeton** - 50 years. God Bless you all & many more happy years of wedded bliss.

Treasurer **Dolly Taucher** wanted me to remind you that yearly dues may be sent to her. Her address is: 8301 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1031.

The semi-yearly packages were handed out at the meeting. If you were unable to attend, the package will be mailed to you. I can't emphasize enough how important it is that you contact an officer if your mailing or email address is changed.

President **Carol Hacker** & her husband **Ray** continue to need our prayers. Many chapter members are also in need of our prayers. May God watch over you all on your road to recovery.

Calendar:

**April 4** – Agostino's Ristorante & Catering located at 4218 Ridge Rd., Brooklyn. Gather at 12:00 noon, pre-paid.

**May 4** - Bucci's Italian Restaurant – 1 Commons, Berea. Doors open at 12:00 noon, pre-paid.

**June 4** - J- Bella 12201 Pearl Rd., Strongsville. Gather at 12:00 noon, pre-paid.

## OREGON



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Our chapter started the New Year off with 73 at the January luncheon. The door prize was won by **Linda Tracy**, birthday **Johni Wilson**, anniversary **Carol & Bruce DeFord** and 50/50 was won by **Claire & Jack McCoy**. **Nancy & Jack Hooper** handed out beeswax candles to anyone who in any way helped the chapter in 2007. Nancy made the candles and the recipient was able to choose from several colors.

I would also like to remind everyone the door prize is a Dew-er's lunch, but remember you must attend a meeting to be eligible to win.

The following members were sent get well cards: **Ron Gurski** - knee surgery, **Freida Marley** - hip replacement, **Pat Degerstedt** - eye surgery, **Jack Hoage** - illness and a thinking-of-you card was sent to **Dorothy Shanley** as she had to put off sciatica surgery because of bronchitis.

The local chapter dues must be paid by March 2008 to have your name listed in the Oregon Dew-er's roster. The yearly dues are \$7.50 single or \$10.00 per couple. Please mail your payment to Jack and Nancy Hooper, PO Box 286, Washougal, WA 98671.

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 and load information.

### Calendar:

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

**March 12** - Social

**April 9** - Social

**May 13** - Social

### OUR CLUB

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Now that we're into the New Year, OUR Club (an acronym for Oregon United Retirees) would like to remind all RUAEA members of our schedule so you can join us if you're in the area ... or a "local" not yet among our ranks. OUR Club holds quarterly business luncheon meetings on the first Friday of March, June, September and December. In between, we gather for social luncheons on the first Friday of each month. We take turns hosting the luncheons and thank **Robert Machado**, our capable and ever-cheerful secretary, for also drawing up each year's host/hostess schedule. Welcoming visitors and new members pleases us no end. Therefore, if you'd like to have further information, I'd be glad to answer any questions at the above telephone number or email address.

The January 2008 luncheon was held a week late at Flores Tacos Locos restaurant in Grants Pass. Despite the delay and chilly weather, 16 of us turned out to enjoy catching up after the holidays. **Peggy Wilson** was able to come and was welcomed with open arms and supportive hearts. Peggy's husband, **Walter Wilson**, has

been undergoing further treatment in Portland for recurrence of esophageal cancer. We're all holding Walt close in our hearts and cheering him on to beat this re-emergence into remission as he did before.

**Laurie Jordan** hosted the February 1 luncheon, which was held at Sophia's Italian Kitchen in Grants Pass and was well attended. Laurie, however, was unable to come because she had undergone knee surgery two days prior. We certainly missed her. When we delivered flowers to her after the luncheon, we were encouraged to find her already up and about with her usual spirit in full bloom. We all wish Laurie a quick and easy recovery.

Some of our members have already grown snowbird wings and headed south to escape the winter cold. Although the Rogue Valley has seen more snow in the past month than is typical, the Medford-Grants Pass banana belt has prevailed and saved us from the unusually heavy snowfall that came down in other areas in this region.

We're looking forward to the March 7 business luncheon, which will be hosted by **Bob & Ida Rogers** at the Grants Pass Elks Club. **Bob Lindberg** has arranged for Gail Turner Bauer to speak. Ms. Bauer is an amazing woman who obtained her pilot's license in 1975 and subsequently built the two planes she flew - one of them painted bright pink!

Calendar:

**March 7** – Details in column

**April 4** - TBA - **Bob & Miriam Lindberg**

**May 2** - TBA - **Robert & Judy Machado**

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Happy Easter to one and all! By now, you all should have received your Convention Registration package and are sending in your reservations for the '08 convention. Hope to see all yunz former PIT- transplants and friends. We promise yunz a good time.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our former chapter treasurer **Jo Kuehn**. Jo was one of the founders of our local chapter along with **Lou Kroeck**. She served in the local chapter for many years. RIP Jo!

Our condolences and prayers to **Tina Cox**, wife of **David Cox** who passed away in Feb. after a valiant battle with leukemia. David worked in PITJL prior to transferring to DIA. David was the chapter president of the Dulles Loungers. David was known for his annual Pig Roast and will surely be missed.

President **Vic Ference** is recuperating from recent knee surgery. **Joan** is making sure he takes it easy. Cards can be sent to 133 Convair Dr., Moon Township, PA 15108.

The Valentines Day luncheon will be covered next month.

Roving Reporter **Ken Wolfe** reported the "Men Only" breakfast held in Jan. at Janoski's had 14 members. Hope to see yunz all at the Convention.

Speaking of the Convention, we met last month at the Omni William Penn along with the National RUAEA Committee. President **Mort Wax** and fellow officers were pleasantly surprised with the beauty of our city and are looking forward to May. Don't forget to register early.

Calendar:

**April 4** - Spring luncheon - J. W. Halls

**July 17** - Annual Picnic - Robinson Park

## TENNESSEE

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Flatwater Grill on Melton Hill Lake in Oak Ridge, TN was the destination of our January luncheon & meeting. Our hosts were **Terry Taylor** and **Jerry & Mary Lou Barr**. Although the day was dismal and gloomy, and the night before was snow and icy, 20 members showed up for our luncheon. The Flatwater Grill has panoramic views of Melton Hill Lake and is one of the finest rowing venues in the country. In 2007 it was the host location for the 2007 NCAA Rowing Championships. It is the home rowing venue for the University of Tennessee Women's Rowing Team. Many regattas and rowing competitions are again scheduled to occur here in 2008. The food was excellent and enjoyed by all.

Unfortunately our sick list is again long. We are sending cards to **Fred Green** (one of our original founders), **Bob & Sylvia Rotiski**, **Rhea Tantlinger** and **Cal Anthony**. **Rachel Adkins** has completed chemo and is doing well. After our usual business meeting, **Robbie & Joe Corbin** provided us with information on our May meeting. We will be changing the date to Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be seeing a matinee play at the Cumberland County Playhouse after our luncheon. The 50/50 was won by **Jerry Barr**. With door prizes won by the **Goodettes**, **Corbins**, **Betty Shipe**, **Mary Gilbert** and the **Emmels**.

#### Calendar:

**March 20** - Hosts **Jeanne & Al Barkmann** (865-539-0951). Location to be announced.

**April 17** - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**May 20** - **Note change of date** - this is a Tuesday! Hosts are **Robbie & Joe Corbin** (931-456-2790). Lunch at Beef & Barrel with a 2:30 PM CST matinee. Performance of Flight of the Lawn Chair Man at the Cumberland Play House.

## UTAH

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On **January 16**, 9 chapter members met over coffee, donuts, & cookies - on this bitter cold morning, not an overwhelming number of people at the Murray Heritage Center meeting. Most had opted to stay home, rather than facing snow-packed, icy roads with their increasing number of road-rage drivers.

Others attended the funeral of **Darlene Cantonwine** (died 1/11/08), wife of UAL retiree **Merrill "Sandy" Cantonwine** who was well known in the community & to his coworkers of 40 years. Our deepest sympathy to Sandy and his family!

Today's attendees were **Lila Maughan**, **Betty Davis**, **Nancy & Keith Tronier**, **George Dalton**, **Bill Berg**, and the **Murdocks**. After a long hiatus, we again welcomed **Doug Schwartz** who retired out of SFO and, a few years ago, moved to Utah to be nearer to his daughter. Although we were a small group, it did not diminish the good *United* spirit that binds us all.

During the week-long Utah State Capitol's rededication, this correspondent volunteered on three days to inform the many visitors, young & old, about the tremendous work that had been done on the Capitol, "*The People's House*" – work that had started with the first construction from 1912 to 1916, with another remodeling update in the late 1950s & with the latest earthquake-proofing, high-tech reconstruction (2002 & ongoing). While the original cost was \$2.7 million, today's outlay reached the sum of \$227 million of taxpayers' monies, according to newspaper accounts. The work done, inside & outside, is overwhelming. The interior looks

sparkling clean, with huge murals touched up or repaired; huge skylights had been carefully scrubbed to allow full sunlight that flood into the three-storied atrium where once was exhibited race driver Ab Jenkins' winning "*Mormon Meteor*" – as many older Capitol visitors recounted. As an aside: The car was recently sold by the Jenkins family in a multimillion dollar deal.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Report:*

On **February 5**, 17 chapter members met at the Murray Heritage Ctr. for coffee, donuts, & cookies. Chapter President **Clair Anderson & Sandy Cantonwine** provided the donuts, as did **Mike Brown**. **Betty Davis** brought two trays of delicious cookies, donated by "*Mrs. Fields*" Fashion Mall store. A hearty thank-you to every one of them!

We welcomed **Aletha Cannon**, her daughter **Shirlene Kohnlein**, as well as **Mike Brown**. The latter was also known for his active UAL work as "*Kris Kringle*" during United's "*Fantasy Flights*," once flown for terminally ill children over SLC Valley. Today, Mike contributed mightily to our entertainment with stories about his Las Vegas stint where he (with his naturally white head hair & full beard) had again played his usually lucrative Christmas Season's "*Santa Claus*" role for a major hotel. He recounted the breathtaking pleasure of seeing two beautiful young ladies walk into the hall, both of whom were clad in short tight-fitting & stunning dresses ... and when one of them turned her back to him, he saw no dress! None, nothing, nada.

He claims, he had to be revived with some oxygen. After our general laughter subsided, the question put to him was, how did the lady keep her dress "in place," to which he answered that "... *Duct tape took on an entirely new meaning.*" And remember: What happens in LAS stays in LAS, right?

We missed our usual regulars: **Carl & Lorraine Olson** from Layton/UT; **Shirley Ottman**; **Art Scott**, **Tony & Dorothy Brown**.

**Mary Ravarino**, an active SLCCS employee, came to visit with former coworkers to discuss some union voting matters. Just to remind us: UAL's CS agents unionized in 1998; RR personnel followed suit in 2000.

In the last two months, two local chapter members decided to join RUAEA's national organization: retiree **Bill Berg**, as well as **Hugh Cannon's** widow, **Aletha**.

**Sandy Cantonwine**, who recently lost his beloved **Darlene**, was very grateful for all the concern our retirees showed him during the funeral. **John Woodruff**, one of United's former ramp trainers, died in Jan. 2008. Some years back, upon the death of his father-in-law, he had quit UAL to take over the family's plumbing business.

**Sandy Cantonwine** is still in telephone touch with many of his old coworkers; he learned from **Norman Scown's** widow **Shirley** that she will spend some time in the warm South. Sandy also related that **Bud Farrington's** widow, **Beverly**, called to chat a bit. **Simon Seikaly** reported to this correspondent that he had very much looked forward to coming to today's meeting, but had to change his plans due to health reasons. He also mentioned that, a while back, his 95-yr.-old mother had returned to their hometown of Beirut/Lebanon where she died recently. Our heartfelt condolences to Simon & his family!

**Just a reminder: Our chapter will meet every first Tuesday of each month.**

Calendar:

**March 4** – Lunch, 2pm – Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W., Bountiful;

**April 1** - Coffee Time, 9:30am – Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray;

**May 6** – Lunch, 2pm – Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC.

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We had 13 members attend the Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and luncheon at the Edelweiss German restaurant at Christmas time. **John Rice** was able to be with us after heart surgery as he is recovering well. His sister Elizabeth gave each of us a stuffed animal. **Ginny Westover** gave out some of her homemade truffles. We thank them for their thoughtfulness. The German lunch was very good, the menu selection was great. The entrées came with red cabbage, noodles, Bavarian cabbage and green beans, all served family style. As the bowls emptied, they were filled up with more.

A few of our members had travel plans and were unable to attend. We all agreed at the meeting that we would skip our February meeting until April. Weather is often unpredictable with most of us having long distances to travel to the meeting. The April meeting will be posted later.

Since I was traveling and away to visit family, I appreciate the notes made by our Pres. **Gene Calvert** for this meeting. George and I hated to miss the Christmas meeting but look forward to April.

## WASHINGTON

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66 Slickers met at Fairwood Country Club in Renton on January 8 and were treated to an excellent luncheon. Our hosts were **Lyle & Joanna Myers**. Member **Charlotte Binkerd** had previously suggested that we try offering meat loaf as one of the entrees, so Lyle put it on the menu and it was very well received. Half of our attendees ordered it. Our good turnout was aided by reminder phone calls to members by **Dee O'Donnell**, **Sidney Reed** and **Dolores Steger**; President **John Haferbecker** thanked them for their fine efforts.

**Bob Paul** was welcomed back following his December surgery in Harborview Hospital. We also welcomed members we haven't seen for awhile: **Eileen Austin**, **Wyman Anderson** and **Ann Fleming**. Ann drove in from North Bend to re-enroll with us. **Doris Spence** suffered a serious head injury in a fall during the holidays; she was taken to Harborview Hospital, where she underwent surgery. She is now recovering in the hospital under the watchful care of her friend, **Art Thompson**. **Evalena Hatcher** brought a very large get well card to the meeting for us all to sign for Doris. We also congratulated **Lyle** and **Phyllis Lindblad** who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in December. And last, but not least, we applauded **Carol Soffel** for winning, along with her husband, **Kent**, Best Decorated Boat in the Argosy Cruises Christmas Ship Festival.

**Bob Howard** spoke to our group about the United Airlines Retirees Golf Tournament to be held Tuesday, June 18 at Allenmore Golf Course in Tacoma. Green fees for seniors are \$28 for 18 holes and this includes the prize fund. Get your foursome together and contact Bob at [bobnhoward@aol.com](mailto:bobnhoward@aol.com). You can call Bob at (425) 228-5290.

**Bob Brumfield** brought to our attention the Distressed Passenger Hotel Lists that customer service maintains in each city. These are special discounted rates offered to stranded airline passengers. United's lists are pink in color and are available upon request to retirees – at the Red Carpet Room, service desk or ticket counter. Even if you don't have a copy of the list and you're at the hotel, ask for the distressed passenger rate and they may give it to you. It's quite a savings. Other discounts available are Mrs. See's Candies in Federal Way with ID (formerly of Southcenter), FedEx for AAA members. Skynet lists more discounts.

**Hank Gosselin** was with us after an absence of a few months due to his duties as V.P of Conventions. Hank's holidays were tinged with sadness because his mother passed away unexpectedly during that time. He related to us that he continued his long-standing annual tradition of performing as Santa at a local function this year because of his mother's insistence that he do so, and he was glad that he did. We were pleased that Hank was able to join us. He gave us a very enticing run-down of the tours planned for the national convention in Pittsburgh. He also told us that the early morning flight from Seattle to Chicago continues on to Pittsburgh. He sure is a good salesman! Hank also told us about [www.airportrooms.com](http://www.airportrooms.com) which is a good website for hotel rooms, rental cars and tee times.

We also talked about the Chase Bank's Mileage Plus Visa card with the \$60 annual fee. If you give them your file number, they'll permanently waive the annual fee. They'll do the same if you complain that they're not competitive because of the fee.

The door prize winners were **Richard Devereux, Fern Lockhart, Ed Liesse, Otto Wieland, Bob Howard, Phyllis Lindblad, Don Anderson, Ken Wagner, Anita Malco and Dick Wiesner**. The winner of the 50/50 drawing was our fine host, **Lyle Myer**. We thanked the members for the many nice gifts donated for use as door prizes. **Richard Devereux** and **Noreen Krawczyk** assisted with the drawings.

**Ken Wagner's** wife **Pat** passed away in Swedish Hospital the evening of January 26 after having been re-admitted to the ICU January 16 with difficulty breathing due to lung congestion. Ken and Pat had just celebrated their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on January 9.

**Jeff Roberts'** wife **Madeleine** passed away January 12 of complications following surgery January 9 to relieve her back pain. Madeleine, known to most as Mal, was a graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit and then became a stewardess for United Airlines, where she met Jeff, who was a pilot. They raised three children together.

SEARR retiree **Francesca Sarina** made an appearance in the January 30 episode of ABC's hour-long television show Wife Swap. Her daughter **Sarina McDonald** of Suquamish, WA shared the starring role with a New York state woman, **Andrea Robarge**, and the two traded places for a two-week period. Francesca's daughter is a real estate agent by day and a burlesque dancer by night, while the New York lady shares lumberjack interests with her family, and the two had to swap roles in their respective homes. Francesca made the show by virtue of her role as "grandma" in helping son-in-law **Dan**, take care of her two grandsons, **Tyler** and **Will**, and actually had a lot of dialogue and was on screen quite a bit. Way to go Francesca!! When she was still working in SEARR, Francesca took good care of everybody in her role as Mainliner representative. Prior to arriving in SEARR, Francesca, then known as **Sarina Ames**, worked in LAXRR from 1967 – 1978.

**Bill Mohr** who was retired from SEACS passed away January 21. Bill retired from United in 1982, and still enjoyed getting together with the Customer Service group for their quarterly breakfasts at the Black Bear restaurant. His wife Carla resides in Federal Way, WA.

Seattle's long-time manager of sales, **Gil Leiendecker, Sr.**, passed away January 31 at the age of 98. Gil retired in 1973 after a 37-year career with United. In the early part of his career, he developed life-long relationships with many of Hollywood's biggest stars of the '40s and '50s and was one of the pioneers of the air travel industry. Phyllis, his wife of 66 years, survives him in Edmonds, WA. They have three grown children.

#### Calendar:

**April 8** – Meeting, Location to be announced

**May 13** – Meeting, Location to be announced

**June & July** – No meeting scheduled

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Our meeting was held on January 9<sup>th</sup>. I think I can speak for most of the Loungers in saying that spring cannot get here soon enough. We are ready for a warming trend. As always, it was great to have so many Loungers come out for our luncheon.

January's meeting was very informative. We were fortunate to have two speakers. First we enjoyed **Bruce Brodersen** who is RUAEA's Southeast Regional Director. He came and spoke about the national arm of our organization. RUAEA stands for Retired United Airlines Employee Association and they have their own website [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

The national convention will be in Pittsburgh this year. The dues are yearly \$20 and there is a monthly newsletter loaded with general information along with updates on what other chapter members are up to. The newsletter is about forty pages and has a new format and very interesting reading. Also, we had Roxanne Schneider, a former nurse from Senior Solutions, come and speak to us about Medicare advantage plans. Roxanne gave out much useful information along with handouts about the myriad of options to consider for your individual health care coverage needs.

It is dues time folks. Five dollars is the cost for individual and the same if you include your spouse. The dues deadline is February 29<sup>th</sup>. You can pay at the February meeting or send mail your check to: **Frank Contento** (Membership), 6443 Overbrook Street, Falls Church, VA. 22043-1912 -Or- **Judy Dunlap** (Treasurer), 13350 Feldman Place, Herndon, VA. 20170-4364. Please make check payable to "Dulles Loungers". Also include your name, address, phone number, email address, birthday and station code.

After our speakers, we got down to our drawings for prizes and our 50/50 drawing. The winner of our 50/50 was **Natalie Dacento**. Natalie walked away with her share which was \$47.00. It was great to see Natalie win as she always helps with the selling of the tickets every month. Then, winning tickets were pulled and a myriad of prizes given out from coffee mugs to certificates for free luncheons. The winners were: **Larry Knaub, C.P. Rice, Betty Williams, Judy Taylor, Tom Melgaard, Nancy Haskins, Cynthia Mayer, Kathy Katsurinis** and **Henry Heisler**. I probably missed someone because it is like Christmas morning when we get to this point.

We had a special little visitor of the baby kind. His name was Adam and he is the grandson of **Mari McColl** and **Dan Per-Lee**. Adam brought his mother with him and really enjoyed himself. He is just a few months old but is he ever a cutie-pie.

Quotes to Ponder:

- ( *"Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character."* - Albert Einstein
- ( *"No one can make you feel inferior, without your permission."* - Eleanor Roosevelt
- ( *"The clash of ideas is the sound of freedom."* - Lady Bird Johnson

Sunshine news:

- ( It is with deep sadness that I report the passing of **Dave Cox** on February 2. Dave fought a valiant and courageous battle against leukemia. He will leave a big hole in the heart of the Dulles Loungers. Dave always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Our deepest condolences to the Cox family and all of Dave's friends. Please check [www.Dullesloungers.com](http://www.Dullesloungers.com) for updates on funeral arrangements.
- ( McKenzie Rice (14 yrs old) daughter of **Keith** (IADCG) & **Amy Rice** and granddaughter of **Preston Rice** (IAD-DCAJL) continues her battle with leukemia. So far McKenzie is showing good results. Her family asks for your prayers. Cards can be sent to McKenzie in c/o Keith Rice, 114 Rebecca Drive, Winchester, VA. 22602-7626.

Preston mentioned a fundraiser/blood drive for his granddaughter, McKenzie. The Fauquier Hospital staff with the Warrenton Rescue Squad will be holding a blood drive at the Warrenton Rescue Squad (on Route 29 on the base of the hill by the hospital) on Sunday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 4pm. They are also holding a raffle with a number of terrific prizes donated by businesses of the community. Preston is bringing some of the raffle tickets to our meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Monetary Donations for - McKenzie Rice, c/o Bank of Clarke County, 1508 Senseny Road, Winchester, VA. 22602. Make checks payable to "McKenzie Rice Assistance Fund".



- ( It was great to have **Judy Carroll** (IADRR) come to our meeting. Judy looks great and with her indomitable spirit and great medical care, she will beat her cancer.
- ( **Bill McCusker** has a new granddaughter - Rose Louise born November 15<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to the world, little Rose!
- ( **Dutch & Kerrie Schneider** will be welcoming two new grandbabies this year. Their daughter and her husband are expecting in March. Their son and his wife are expecting in August. Best wishes to all!

Let me say that as the new secretary I am pretty "green" with this newsletter stuff. Please have patience with me as I hope to get better and more creative as this process moves along. My mentor **Kerrie Schneider** is one tough act to follow. Thank you for all your help Kerrie!

#### Calendar:

**Feb. 13** - All United Airlines retirees, spouses, and friends are invited for an afternoon of renewing friendships, good conversations, and just enjoying each other's company at the Golden Corral in Manassas (10801 Bulloch Drive). Please bring your GOOD NEWS to share. We will have a speaker from Financial Freedom come and talk to us. The gentleman's name is Michael Poole and he is a Reverse Mortgage Specialist. Thanks to **Frank Contento** for setting this up.

**March 12** - Next Dulles Loungers meeting. All our monthly meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30pm at the Golden Corral listed above. The only exception is regular meetings are suspended for Jun, Jul, and Aug. All United Airlines Retirees are welcome. So if you will be passing through our neck of the woods, please feel free to come and join us. Please come share good food with good friends! Laughs are included and free to ALL!

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**CLINTON, Guy L.**, SFOWR 11/30/07  
**COLLINS, Chester C.**, SFOPI 11/03/07  
**CRUM, JR., James K.**, LAXFO 11/12/07  
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**EVANS, Donald J.**, JFKFO 11/21/07  
**EVANS, George F.**, SFOOV 11/26/07  
**FIFITA, Fungalei W. T.**, SFOGH 11/19/07  
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**GARCIA, Ivan U.**, LAXMM 11/26/07  
**GIBSON, SR., Raymond W.**, LAXFO 11/13/07  
**GOGUEN, Alfred E.**, SFOOV, 11/26/07  
**GUSTAFSON, Frank D.**, PITTR 11/01/07  
**HAMMERS, Jesse L.**, DENMM 11/18/07  
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**HETRICK, Robert L.**, DENSK 11/01/07  
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**HOTCHKISS, Johanna E.**, DENHH 11/22/07  
**HUDSON, John M.**, LAXFF 11/16/07  
**HUTCHENS, C Pate**, WHQPE 11/24/07  
**JESKEY, James E.**, SFODD 11/22/07  
**JORDAN, James E.**, DENMK 07/11/07  
**KELSEY, Margaret J.**, SEARR 11/30/07  
**KNOX, Arthur W.**, LAXFO 11/21/07  
**KOCH, Devella D.**, SFOIQ 11/02/07  
**KOTLARZ, Russell S.**, ORDMM, 11/02/07  
**KUEHNE, Olaf A.**, SFOIQ 06/22/07  
**KUSSMAN, Joseph P.**, SEAOO 11/10/07  
**LAW, Richard L.**, SFOMP 11/25/07  
**LINDSEY, Betty J.**, DENHH 11/18/07  
**LONG, Dale A.**, DCAFO 11/29/07  
**MC COMB, Kenneth W.**, DTWRR 11/04/07  
**MC EACHERN, Elden C.**, SFOFO 11/04/07  
**MCCARTNEY, Barbara A.**, DENSW 11/07/07  
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NAKATA, William, LAXFF 11/23/07  
PALMQUIST, Dennis A., ORDMM 11/22/07  
POLI, Ernest J., JFKMM 10/14/07  
RAICHLE, Sylvia, SFOKM 11/19/07  
ROYCROFT, Ronald H., ATLCG 11/13/07  
SAMMON, John J., BDLOZ 09/25/07  
SHAW, Susan K., SEASW 11/02/07  
SIMPSON, Conrad D., SFOPI 11/07/07  
SMALL, Edith M., SFOIS 11/25/07  
STANSBURY, Richard H., SFOFO 11/04/07  
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TIMMONS, Silvert M., LAXFO 11/05/07  
UTTERBACK, Winford O., LASGQ 11/01/07  
VOLKSEN, Robert W., SFOPK 11/30/07  
VON MARENHOLTZ, Alain S., HNLRR 11/05/07  
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DEANE, Donald W., RNOOZ 12/26/07  
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DODD, Lois H., DCARR 12/16/07  
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DUNN, Deanna S., ATLOZ 08/22/07  
EBY, Richard R., LAXFO 12/10/07  
ERICKSON, Edward A., CHISS 12/11/07  
FELL, Dale J., LAXFO 12/16/07  
GILLHAM JR., Virgle, DENFF 12/15/07  
GLYDON, Joseph B., EWRCG 12/28/07  
GRAYBILL, Lujean, OGGOZ 12/05/07  
GRZEJKA, Eugene W., ORDPV 12/29/07  
GURGANUS, Julia M., DENRR 12/30/07  
HAFT, Jo Ann M., LGATQ 12/02/07  
HOPKINS, Hurly S., DENCg 12/22/07  
HUTT, Anthony G., SFOPI 12/01/07  
INGALLS, Harold M., SFOSH 12/28/07  
IRWIN, Carole M., PITCS 12/09/07  
JACOBSON, Eva L., CHIRR 12/09/07  
JONES, Edith V., NYCRR 08/13/07  
KING, Myrna A., SEASW 12/05/07  
KLARMAN JR., Edward L., IADCG 09/24/07  
KOVACS, Emery M., SFOOR 12/21/07  
LEWIS, Mildred C., JFKHH 12/06/07  
LUNDE, William C., SFOFO 12/20/07  
MARTYN, William, ORDGQ 12/25/07

MC CLURE, Loren W., SFOTO 12/30/07  
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O'BRIEN, Ludwika B., LAXHH 12/06/07  
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OLNEY, C. Wesley, SEAFO 12/17/07  
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ROMAN, David M., SFOMM 08/28/07  
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SCHRANZ, Ruth R., WHQCD 09/28/07  
SLOAN, Terry H., OPBCM 12/02/07  
SMITH, Willis B., CLETR 12/06/07  
SOMMER, Ezma I., SFOMK 12/07/07  
SZYMANSKI, Leon B., SFOWR 12/27/07  
TIPPENS, Paul L., SFOME 12/08/07  
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## **LETTERS**

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

Grace Bowden, Carl Brechter, Ken Breitschopf, Isabel Buchanan, Carol Cersosimo, Manuel Cout, Ida Cummins, Wava Dalmadge, Carl Dean, Dorothy Engels, Judith Evans, Edward Finnegan, Ralph Fisher, Mary George, Olga Grancey, Stephen Gray, Elaine Haren, Carol Heisler, Mary Horan, Connie Hughes, Nick Hyland, Thomas Imhof, Sodatsu Ishida, Elsie Kaenel, Henry Kalani, Donna Lynn, Loretta Soltis Marvett, Bee McCarthy, Dennis McMahon, Rosy McOaul, Carol C. Outzs, Connie Pearson, Florence Pearson, Sandy Pontarelli, Cheryl Redclift, Frank Rippon, Larry Rottet, Barbara Rowe, Roy Rushton, Russell Schleske, Patrick Schultz, Patricia Smith, Winifred Smith, Richard Snyder, Bill Staffanson, Lee Storlie, Edward Szabo, Betty Tomaino, Helme Walter, Bonnie Wanderer, Cecelia Yates, Edward Wiehe.

### **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.)*

### **Gil Rohde, 1379 Charles Dr., A5, Longmont, Co. 80503**

Wow, another year has passed. I enjoy reading the monthly newsletters with all of the info for us. Thanks to the committee for the great job that they do. I have sold my house and have moved into a 60+ complex in Longmont. My house sold within a week and this place wasn't ready so I did lots of travelling, ~30,000 miles of driving plus flying to see lots of this beautiful country that I flew over so many times and vowed that some day I would take the land routes. Most of the driving was not on the interstates. I am blessed with good health so I am enjoying it while I can.

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

Another year in the history book and we are still alive and kicking. True, we are slowing down to a slower pace but that isn't all bad.

Norma and I did take a trip to Hawaii this past fall and discovered that travel has become more difficult than it used to be. Boarding areas are much farther apart than they used to be, waiting times are much longer, airplane seats are more uncomfortable, airplane meals (if any) are not as good. Waikiki sidewalks are much more crowded, the climate is much hotter, etc. and etc. Funny how all that happened since our last trip, or could it just be that old age is catching up with us?

The newsletter format is very nice and we enjoy it very much. I particularly like the **bolding** of people's names.

I ran across a slogan, the other day, which seems to fit us older folks. It read, "*Savor the Day*". Come to think of it, maybe it is good advice for any age!

**Janette Lee, 313 Cedar Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108**

I retired in December of 2002. I have been so busy these last five years, especially with my 13 grandchildren. I still have one staying with me who has special needs. Also, I have had knee replacement surgery.

I want to thank you all; for all that you do to keep us informed. **Jeri Juth** is the best. I haven't met her yet but plan to in the future. I wish her the best.

I will be 65 on 2/11 and am thankful to be here for another year.

**Lynn Hales, 2033 Foxswallow Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94566-5537**

I have sent numerous emails, and have not seen any acknowledgements of you receiving them. One way for sure is snail mail with a check enclosed.

I want to express my appreciation to all of you who spend so much time keeping us informed of the company and more importantly, keeping us informed of former associates and friends. Thank you.

I have been retired 26 years in June. We traveled extensively in 2005. I have slowed down somewhat but keep busy writing family history, some small wood projects, and doing my wife's father's genealogy. I am making plans to be at the convention this year in Pittsburg.

Keep lots of love in your hearts, it leaves less room for cholesterol.

**Lucille Nesbitt, 970 E. 700 S. Apt. 39, Saint George, UT 84790-2012**

*(Letter submitted by Claire Shuholm, Lucille's sister.)*

Lucille is in a nursing home now and asked me to write. She looks forward to reading the newsletter each month, as it adds much enjoyment for her.

She held several office positions in SLC for over 30 years and loved every day. Her loyalty is as great as ever today and she is always eager to hear the news of other retirees of United.

She is very grateful to all the dedicated people who work hard to publish a wonderful newsletter.

**Wallace Wong, 345 W 58<sup>th</sup> St. Apt. 6T, New York, NY 10019-1133**

Thank you for the reminder and keeping me informed.

I have been out of town and in Hawaii, to a talent audition, for a new musical "Forbidden City West".

The musical is about my sister, Jadin Wong, who has been in the theatrical business for several decades, performing as a dancer, singer, and comedian in the USA, Europe, China and Japan.

**Nancy Chaves, 15111 31<sup>st</sup> Pl. S., Seattle, WA 98188-2178, nancycee@email.com**

Sorry for the delay. I guess I couldn't believe another birthday had rolled around! I've been retired 5 years now after 41 with good ole UAL. I went back to school and completed my degree in Art History and now enjoy painting for fun! Hello to friends in NYC, EWR, BOS, SFO, and SEA. Where does the time go? Enjoy every day!

**Guy Hoffman, 15330 Ridgewood Dr., Sonora, CA 95370, grnah@sbcglobal.net**

Nancy and I spent seven weeks last year driving to New England and back (with a few stops here and there). We will probably do the same this fall to Tennessee, down to Florida, then back through the southernmost states.

I still see names of many I worked with at SFOMM/IQ: **Hank Sanchez, Lou Legnitto, Trevor Hewes, Baldor Ziel, Ralph Heitt, Eustace Nakagawa, Al Morashita** and many more. Hope to see their names for sometime to come.

My thanks to the staff for all you do on retirees' behalf.

**Ed Rooney, 3030 Indian Trail, Eustis, FL 32726**

It has been a great retirement so far. Mary and I have been on several great trips and a lot of our friends from "Up North", have come to visit since we moved to Florida. We really enjoy the monthly newsletter. It gives us a chance to keep up on company news and occasionally see the names of old friends turning up in the Local News updates.

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

My husband I look forward to receiving the RUAEA newsletter every month. Thanks to those who put their heart and soul into making all of us "happy".

We are still going strong and managing to keep out of trouble. I can't believe all of the phone calls and notes; I get from my dear friends, who worked together at EWRSW, thanks to the newsletter.

It is time for us to be poll workers again. Florida has an early primary in January. We enjoy doing this and it keeps us busy.

**Robert O'Connor, 3610 Pheasant Dr., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, bobcatsy@comcast.net**

February 8<sup>th</sup> is number 76, so it is time to gladly pay up for another year of news and helpful information, from the best officers and editorial staff that any retiree group could ever want.

We appreciate knowing what's happening around the world to fellow retirees and of course, seeing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. I have been gone from United since 12/1/94 and after seeing some of the letters, I guess I'm a short timer. I can hardly wait for the PIT convention. I grew up there, and left in 1959 to start work in MDWMM. Then it was to ORD for the winter of 59-60. What a great group we had there, too many names to list. I worked the gates for what seemed like forever, and finally got trained to taxi Convairs, DC6's, and 7's. After a couple of more years, I got to taxi DC8's, B720's Viscounts, and Caravelles. We had the best mechanics around. Great memories. Cathy is starting to work on a project for Davy D's Art and Craft Raffle. For now, it is off to Bullhead City/Laughlin for 2 weeks and then to Florida for about a month. See you in PIT.

**Jami Vaux, 7114 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98136**

I want to send a special Thank you out to **Bob Brumfield** for the wonderful job he does, providing travel tips to us.

It is a must read for me each month as I am traveling about 3-4 times a year. I also appreciate hearing about all UAL's new routes and the start updates. I sometimes plan a trip around that information.

**Jim Pelletier, 924 Peltier Dr., Cary, NC 27519**

We had a great time at the Sacramento Convention. I had a greater expectation of SFO bay area turn out, which was the only disappointment.

As of March 2007, we moved to a Del Webb 55+ active community, and it is great. I also hit another milestone of reaching Medicare status. How did I get that old, so fast? Keep up the great service you provide for all of us.

**Dorothy Priscal, 6900 Park Square Dr. Apt. A, Avon, IN 46123-8886**

I had a mild stroke the day before my last birthday, March 11, 2007. I finally feel my age. Before, I always felt like I was 10 years younger.

**Ralph Nardone, 6431 E. Mobile St., Inverness, FL 34452**

Where has the year 2007 gone? I guess that I am just getting older. I enjoy the Newsletter, especially the Boston write ups. I still have some friends in Boston. When I see their names, it reminds me of the certain times we enjoyed.

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## **RUAEA CANDIDATES YEAR 2008**

RUAEA is an organization for all United Airlines retirees. The management of RUAEA consists of six elected Officers and ten Regional Directors. (One Officer – Past President – serves in this capacity by virtue of formerly being elected President.) These fellow retirees, elected by RUAEA members, have the duties and responsibility of running the business of RUAEA – nationally and regionally. The business to further RUAEA as an organization of retired United Airlines employees is:

- ( Proactive in its relations with United Airlines management;
- ( Effective and efficient in communicating happenings at United Airlines with members;
- ( Involved in and supporting local chapters;
- ( Developing features and benefits that are of value to retirees;
- ( Effective in marketing membership in RUAEA to all retirees.

We are very pleased with the quality of candidates running for office. We are very thankful for the 13 candidates who have agreed to run for office, for their interest, support and commitment. We are entering challenging times in the industry and especially United Airlines. There will be major changes to come which will affect retirees. RUAEA must be in a position to meet these challenges and be an effective retiree organization in its relations with the company and equally effective in its relations with retirees. The caliber of candidates on the ballot can and will meet this challenge.

Your involvement is to vote. We must have your vote as a commitment of your support of these men and women. **Voting is open now through April 30, 2008.** You may vote by paper ballot and mail it in; or you may vote by e-ballot on the RUAEA website.

Your Nominating Committee:

Bob Cuff, Jim Fauber & Marlin Lade

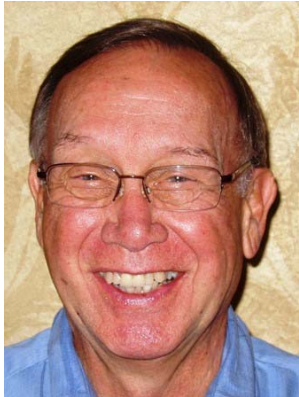
### **President**



**Ron Robertson:** Ron started his career in 1966 as a Management Trainee in OMACS. He retired in 2000 as General Manager – Mileage Plus in TUS. His recognition and awards include 2 Awards of Merit; SAN Airlines Managers' Assn. Award; Taiwan Intl. Airlines Assn. Recognition; Taiwan American Chamber of Commerce Award. He has been a member of the TUS Roadrunners serving as their President 2003-2005. He has been RUAEA's Regional Director – Arizona 2005-2008. Ron's volunteer work includes Board of Directors Friends of Western Art, Southern Arizona; Chairman FWA Artist of the Year 2004 fund raiser; Board of Directors Los Arroyos HOA and their past Vice President and Treasurer. Leisure activities include community service, golf, and travel; and although TUS is home, Ron and 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 and issues affecting retirees. As Regional Director – Arizona, he's been actively

participating in the business of the national organization representing all retirees and be a liaison for RUAEA and local chapters.

### **Executive Vice-President**



**Ron Bertacini:** Ron started in 1957 at ORDCG as a Ramp Serviceman. He retired after 30 years from SFOCS, Customer Service Agent in 1996. He spent a stint in SAC as a Station Agent and Ramp Serviceman. However, he spent most of his career in Food Services. (Ron's career paralleled his dad's career who was on the ramp in OMA and in the MDW Flight Kitchen.) Ron was a SFO Food Service Instructor, Catering Rep., Supervisor, Business Manager and Buyer in SFOHN and in SFOHK. He also was the Business Manager in the OMA Flight Kitchen. He also served his time in EXO as an Instructor, Information System Analyst Food Services. He was recognized for his work in Food Services with an Award of Merit, Frank Krasovec Award Food Service Division, perfect attendance 1982-1993, and Special Recognition Award Catering, 1992. In retirement, he continues to be involved in United retiree activities. He served as Vice President and President of the Sacramento Gold Diggers, was our General Chairman of RUAEA National Convention last year in SMF and served as RUAEA Director – Northern California/Nevada region 2006-2008. He is a Volunteer Ambassador at the SMF airport. His wife, Barbara, is also a United Airlines retiree and served as National President of Clipped Wings. Ron assisted Barbara and Clipped Wings as a volunteer in the International Special Olympics from 1993-2005. He also helped in the Special Olympics in Northern California 2002-2007. In his spare time, Ron likes to golf, bowl, travel, is a sports fan and is involved in genealogy. He would like to see RUAEA establish more local chapters in order for Directors to personally interact with retirees in smaller groups. (Ron has founded two new local chapters in Northern California within the past two years.) He wants to see RUAEA continue its liaison with United to voice members concerns.

### **Secretary**



**Marilyn Marcy:** Marilyn was a Reservations Agent in CLERR, starting in 1962. She transferred to IADCS and retired as a Customer Services Supervisor in 2001. She was recognized in her work, receiving the System Award – Customer Service Division and five Awards of Merit, and five Annual IADOZ Awards. Marilyn is a member

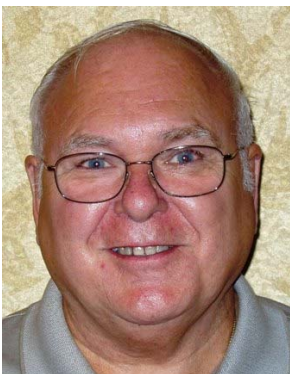
of the Dulles Loungers. Over the past two years, Marilyn served as National Secretary of RUAEA. She and her husband, Tom, like to travel, play golf and entertain. She would like to see the RUAEA membership increase, especially on the local level; and for RUAEA to continue to provide valuable information its members.

### **Treasurer**



**Len Haubl:** Len was hired in 1968 as a Training Specialist in Cabin Equipment in SFO. Thirty years later, he retired as an Instructor in SFOED. Len received two Awards of Merit and four Recognition Awards. He is a member of the Sacramento Gold Diggers and the South Bay – SFO. In the South Bay, he volunteered with the SJC Fantasy Flights and the SFOUA Explorer Scout program. Len has served as RUAEA's Treasurer the past two years. In his spare time, he likes to work with stained glass, camp and travel with his wife, LaVerne. Len wants to see RUAEA retain a positive liaison with United's management and being proactive in areas that are of interest, concern and affect retirees.

### **Vice President – Conventions**



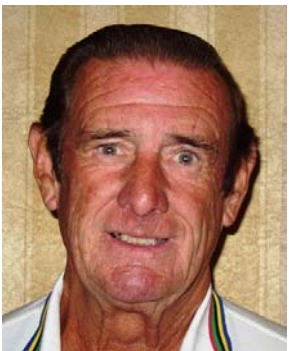
**Hank Gosselin:** Hank worked his whole career in SEAMM. He was hired as an Aircraft Maintenance Foreman in 1960. He retired 40 years later as a Team Leader – SEAMM. During his working years, Hank received the Award of Merit for the B-767 Program, Award of Merit for the Hong Kong start-up and Award of Merit as the Shuttle Coordinator. Hank has been a member of the Emerald City Slickers since he retired and served as their President. He was the General Chairman of the Seattle Convention in 2004 and Co-General Chairman of the Washington DC Convention in 2006. He also served as RUAEA's Director – Northwest Region. For the past two years, Hank has been RUAEA's Vice President – Conventions. In his convention work, he infused new life in the hospitality nights, bringing attendees together: Prop Wash at the SEA convention; Western and Hawaii nights in SMF; and in May, 2008 Sports night and 50's night in PIT. (Bring your appropriate attire and join in the fun!) Hank is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles serving as a Trustee and fundraiser. In his leisure, he likes to fish and travel. Hank is committed to see RUAEA continue the monthly Newsletter, annual conventions, and expand the Website as a more effective means of informing members in a timely manner with useful links. Hank feels that as leaders of RUAEA, we must continue to provide value for our members and increase our

membership. RUAEA must be an advocate for all retirees, which in turn benefits our members and increases our membership.



**Bob Hallden:** Bob retired in 1990 after 35 years of service. All his time was in Ground Service, Passenger Service and Customer Service. He started his career in RNO as a Station Agent B and retired at SJC with an interlude at SFO. His time was divided as an agent and management. After retirement, Bob became a member of the Sacramento Gold Diggers and served as VP/President 1993-1994; then with the Re-United in PHX, VP/President 2001-2002. His involvement with RUAEA includes being a member of the Site Selection Committee, serving as Chairman of the Committee since 2002. As Chairman, he was instrumental in bringing the convention to Hollywood, Washington DC, Sacramento and the as yet undisclosed site in 2009. Since 2006, Bob has been RUAEA's Assistant Vice President – Conventions. When he can, Bob likes to golf, work with his ham radio, read and RVing. With his convention experience – Site Selection and Assistant VP Conventions, his desire is to continue to work within RUAEA as your VP of Conventions. Additionally, Bob would like RUAEA to promote the “social” benefits in belonging to a local chapter.

#### **Director – Southern California Region**



**Howard Lackey:** Howard joined United as a temporary employee at SFODS during his junior year in high school. He was in the same position for his senior year and freshman year of college. He is a graduate of San Jose State University. He became a full time Food Service Clerk in 1963. He went to EXOSB as a Budget Analyst in 1966; then Budget Analyst in LAXVR and Regional Analyst in SFOVG. Back to Food Services: Business Manager in LAXHH, Assistant to the President of Food Services in EXOHH, Manager of Food Services in LASHH. Howard completed his career in LAXOZ as Administrative Representative in Station Operations. He has been Vice President of the Re-Laxers 1999-2008, Assistant General Chairman of the Hollywood convention in 2005, and Director – Southern California Region the past two years. He has volunteered for the Special Olympics – Southern California and the Red Cross Blood Services. In his leisure time, Howard likes to swim, hike and sail.

### **Director – Western Region**



**Roger Casterline:** Roger was hired in SFOEG in 1965 as an Aircraft Engineer A. He was Director of Aircraft Technical services 1980-1991 and retired as Manager of Engineering Systems in 1994. Roger volunteers in meeting, hosting and is a driver for aged and handicapped persons. In his leisure time, he enjoys golf, travel and riding his motorcycle. Roger is a member of the Redwood Empire in Santa Rosa. He would like to get younger retirees to join and participate in RUAEA and local chapter activities since the existing chapter membership is aging and not being replaced.

### **Director – Northern California/Nevada**



**Francis Domaratus:** Francis was a New Yorker attending elementary school and vocational high school in New York City. His key interest was art, receiving the Art Medal. He turned this skill into a custom furniture designer. The west called and he moved to California. In 1964, he was hired as an aircraft painter in SFOOV. Francis enlisted in the Air Force as an Airborne Navigational Aids Repairman. He received his FCC First Class license and returned to United. He worked at SFOMM, SFOES and SFOOV as an R&E Mechanic and Radio Shop Mechanic. He also got his A&P Certification. However, he continued working in R&E and the Radio Shop, became a lead and retired from SFORQ as a Radio Shop Lead Mechanic. Francis avocation continued to be art. He continued his education in art at Skyline College and College of San Mateo; he also studied digital art at Sierra College. Retirement permitted Francis to pursue his interest in art full time, exploring various subjects and experimenting with different media. He considers himself a “Mechanic of Line and Color.” Water color, pastel, ink, graphite, acrylic, colored pencil, Adobe Photoshop, and Corel Painter IX are his tools. His artwork is displayed at Gallery One in Auburn, Roseville Arts Center, Abbey Gallery in Folsom, Roseville’s Magic Circle Theater box office, Noel Flynn Gallery – Roseville and Sutter Roseville Medical Center. His work has sold in KVIE’s Art Auction. He has received a number of awards. You know what Francis does in his leisure time, however, he does find time to spend with his wife, Veronica, walking, bicycling and dancing. He is a member of



the Sacramento Goldiggers; was co-chair of Arts & Crafts at the SMF convention. He is interested in getting more retirees to join RUAEA.



**John Zoboli:** John's career was spent totally in the Maintenance Base. He was hired 1967 as an Engine Maintenance Mechanic in SFOPQ and retired in 1999 from SFOWR as a Foreman – Engine Maintenance. Being very active and involved in his job and community, John received many awards of recognition including: 10,000 Suggestion Award from Eddie Carlson, MOC Open House Award for Shop Displays, formal Awards of Appreciation, Employment West – Contributions to the School Program, Safety Department Certificate of Appreciation and Safety Gold Award in the Engine Maintenance Department. John's wife, Patricia, is also a retired UAL SFO Supervisor. In retirement, John and Pat continue to be involved with the United and his community. He is the President of the Sierra Roundup chapter in RNO, volunteers at the local food bank, travels, reads and explores Nevada. John sees the need for RUAEA to grow with new members and increase the number of local chapters as we recently have seen in Northern California.

#### **Director – Midwest Region**



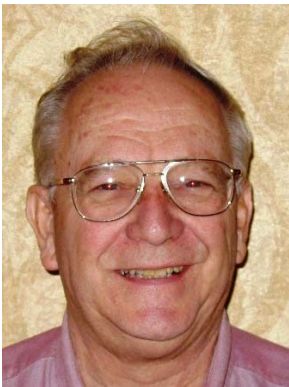
**Jim Simon:** Jim was hired in 1965 as a Shop Mechanic in SFOMG – Landing Gear & Components. He retired in 1998 from SFOPD as a Lead Mechanic. During his career in the MOC, Jim received several suggestion awards, letters of commendation, studied aviation, meteorology, got his AA degree in Business administration, commercial pilot's license and, A&P licenses. He was an FAA Accident Prevention Counselor for general aviation, author of Wing Tips (general aviation safety column), Volunteer of the Year for Rohnert Park School District in California; and some of his poems and writings have been published. Jim lives in Wisconsin and is a founding member of CART (Citizens Against Rising Taxes), past officer and member of B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge, volunteers for the food bank and senior assistance programs. He likes golfing, fishing, photography and flying. He is a member of the Northern Lites and the Northwoods Loonies. He would like to increase our membership by encouraging new members to join and provide them with communication services for direct interaction with company policies which affect our benefits, as well as continue to provide a social outlet for retiree enjoyment.

Jim believes RUAEA's involvement with UAL should focus on concerns for the protection of our membership regarding benefits & support and assist the company when asked.

### **Director – Florida Region**



**Paul Brown:** Paul was hired in 1955 by Capital Airlines as an Operations Representative at Midway Airport in Chicago. After the merger with United Airlines, he worked most of his career in the Food Service Division. He retired in 1999 as a Food Service Representative in the Catering Department – WHQHO. As United Airlines expanded its international routes, Paul was the company's liaison with caterers in Europe, Asia and Australia/New Zealand. His contributions were recognized with five Awards of Merit, numerous Customer Service recognition awards and letters, the Southeast Region Award in 1987, the Food Service Division Special Achievement in 1991. His work in Food Services has rubbed off, as he is an accomplished chef. Since retiring in Orlando, he is active in the Real McCoys chapter serving as President the past few years. His wife, Helga, currently is still working in a law firm in Orlando. Paul believes RUAEA should become a more action oriented proactive voice for all retirees. He sees a need to increase membership, especially in the local chapters, involving more retirees from union classifications.



**Ray Winterhalter:** Ray's career with United was spent in the area of our Nations Capitol. He started in 1957 DCACS as a Customer Services Agent and retired in 1993 from IADFF as an Air Freight Representative. Ray retired in Cape Coral, Florida; is the President of the Italian-American Club and is a member of Elks. He likes golf, swimming, boating and sightseeing. Ray is active in the Pelican Drop-Ins chapter and has served the past two years as RUAEA's Director – Florida Region. He sees the key challenge for RUAEA is increase the membership with the coordinated efforts of all our Officers and Directors. In addition, he sees the need and opportunity to increase the number of local chapters in areas, where there is a sizeable retiree population.

# RUAEA NATIONAL ELECTION

## 2008

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### *The "Original Eight"*

*Stewardesses* - Photo: Cheyenne, Wyoming May 15, 1930 - Ellen Church, Alva Johnson, Margaret Arnott, Inez Keller, Cornellia Peterman, Harriet Fry, Jessie Carter & Ellis Crawford.

*The following "stewardess-related" items are from the UAHF collection of "The Boeing News". Note: The July 1930 issue contains the first mention of stewardesses.*

**July 1930** - Dr. Walter Kleffel, German aeronautical authority, recently made a trip between Oakland and Chicago, flying to Salt Lake City in a 40-B and on to Chicago in an 80-A. Dr. Kleffel commented upon the excellent type of aircraft being operated on our lines, stating that he felt the 80-A was the sturdiest ship he had yet encountered. **Dr. Kleffel expressed interest in the new stewardess idea** and asked that after a three or four months' trial, he be given the company's candid opinion in regard to this feature.

Two new names have been added to the stewardess personnel, those of **Miss May** and **Miss Novelli**.

We hear good reports of the conduct of **Miss Stuart**, stewardess of 224 and Co-Pilot [**Elray**] **Jeppesen** for their coolheadedness and assistance in the changing of mail and passengers after an accident at Sacramento.

**Ev Carr**, [Oakland's] P.A.T. & B.A.T. traffic agent, made a trip to Cheyenne a week ago. The time for a tri-motor's departure came and no stewardess had arrived at the field. It developed that the stewardess had not received instructions for transportation to the airport.

With a load of passengers booked through to Chicago, something had to be done, so Ev enplaned and presided at the urn all the way to Cheyenne. The mechanics did their best to find a dress for him, but none was available.

**September 1930** - Someone should warn **Miss Church**, who is chief stewardess, or she may run afoul the law which says ladies mustn't work over eight hours a day, or 48 hours a week. We never did count the hours or days she works, but she's on the job all the time.

Two new stewardesses are on the line, **Miss Evans** and **Miss Kuel**.

**November 1930** - **Stewardess Evans** is resigning in order that she may attend a sister who is very ill. On this account **Stewardess Hasle** is being transferred to the Oakland - Salt Lake run and **Miss Ratcliff** is being employed for the Cheyenne-salt Lake run.

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