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**May 23 - 30, 2010**  
**RUAEA Convention**  
**Orlando, Florida**

***It's Almost Time To ...  
 Share the Magic  
 of Orlando!***



**DID YOU KNOW** ... That the **2010 RUAEA Convention** plans are complete and the Orlando RUAEA committee and our local chapter members are looking forward to greeting all of you and showing you around our “*City Beautiful*”! We are sure that the **February RUAEA Newsletter’s Convention Issue** answered all of your questions and that you’ve already reserved your spot on some of our great tours!

**DID YOU KNOW** ... That some of our most popular tours include spending the whole day in **St. Augustine**, the country’s oldest continuous settlement and home to Ponce de Leon’s **Fountain of Youth**! Or join us for an all-day adventure at **Kennedy Space Center** Visitor Complex that includes a bus tour of this working space flight facility, lunch with an astronaut, more than a dozen exhibits and two IMAX theater presentations. We also have great tour opportunities to see a “**gator**” up close and personal, take a **thrilling airboat ride**, or the **Scenic Boat Tour** that offers a glimpse of “the wildlife and the good life” that is pure **Winter Park**. Ride in a vintage aircraft at **Fantasy of Flight** or just get a closer look at more than 40 historical airplanes, dating from the early 1900’s to the 1950’s!

**DID YOU KNOW** ... That our **ZED fare agreements** are really economical! Right now, you can fly **stand-by** to MCO non-stop from SLC & LAX for \$63.00 and ATL & CVG for \$35.00 on **Delta**. Or take a non-stop to MCO from IAH & CLE for \$44.00 on **Continental**. **USAir** - Non-stop to MCO from PHL & DCA for \$30.00. And **JetBlue** is \$30.00 non-stop from NYC & BUF and \$23.00 from IAD. **Frontier** offers a \$44.00 non-stop from DEN and **American** is just \$44.00 from ORD.

**DID YOU KNOW** ... That we have been in contact with **Carnival Cruise Lines** and, in an effort to please those who want a long cruise and those who want a shorter one, Carnival is offering both a 4-day and a 7-day cruise for us! (See GENERAL NEWS section for more details).

**DID YOU KNOW** ... That, in addition to being the first man with “**One small step...**” on the moon on July 20, 1969, **Neil Armstrong** also once served on the Board of Directors for United Airlines. And in case you were wondering, “**Houston, we’ve had a problem**” was Apollo 13’s **Jack Swigert** with James Lovell, Commander, on April 13, 1970.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL HERE IN THE “MAGIC OF ORLANDO”!**

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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Other Convention News - Post Convention Cruise Information

The 2010 RUAEA Convention Committee has been in contact directly with Carnival Cruise Lines and they are offering the following interline rates for our post-convention cruise:

🚢 **7-night Caribbean – Tampa round-trip on the Carnival Legend** - May 30 In/Out/Bal/Suite (599/649/709-779/1139), Port Taxes 70.72. Tampa, At Sea, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Belize, Isla Roatan, At Sea, Tampa. \$250 per person deposit – Balance due 60 days before departure.

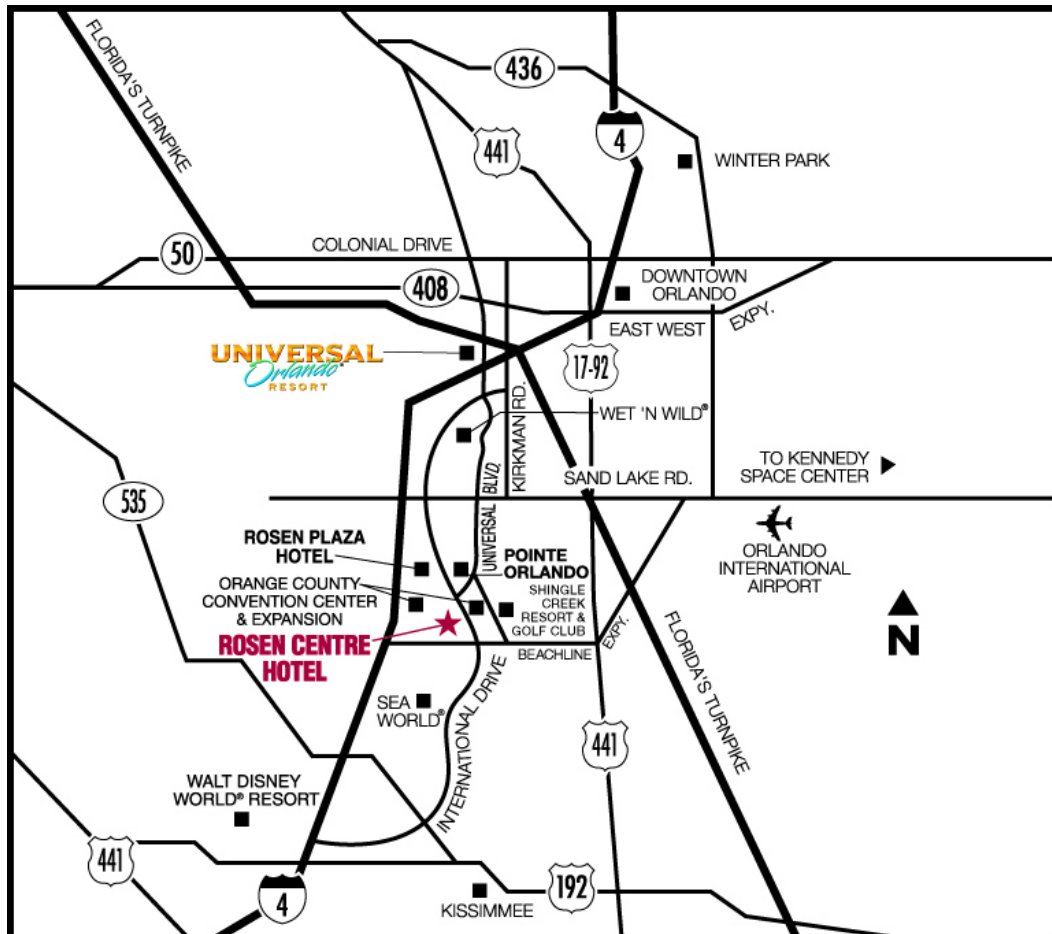
🚢 **4-night Bahamas - Port Canaveral round-trip on the Carnival Sensation** - May 30 In/Out/Bal/Suite (364/399/619/684), Port Taxes 53.95. Port Canaveral, Freeport, Nassau, At Sea, Nassau, Port Canaveral. \$150 per person deposit – Balance due 60 days before departure.

Friends and Family Rates are offered. Check with Carnival for details. It is recommended that you get a passport if you don't already have one. No visas are necessary.

**Javier Carrillo 1-800-819-3902 ext. 85024** will take your booking. **Call ASAP** as the cabins will fill up fast at these great rates. Our booking ID is “**RUAEA Convention**”. You will need to provide a copy of your UAL Retiree Travel Card to verify your status.

The advantages to booking directly with Carnival are two-fold:

1. Carnival will be able to secure cabins in closer proximity for all RUAEA members when we book and group us at RUAEA tables for our preferred dinner seatings.
2. Carnival will be in contact with the Convention Committee so that we can hopefully secure bus transportation for our members to either the Port of Tampa or to Port Canaveral for Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.





## MEARS MOTOR SHUTTLE



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- For questions / reservations, please call our toll free number at **1-800-759-5219** (if calling from central Florida, please dial **(407) 423-5566**).
- You must present this coupon for discount.

*Mears Motor Shuttle...a great way to start your meeting!*

 <b>ORLANDO 2010</b> <b>Retired United Airlines Employee Association</b> <b>RUAEA CONVENTION</b>	<b>Conference Dates: 05/23/10 - 05/30/10</b> <b>Valid Coupon Dates: 05/20/10 - 05/31/10</b> <b>\$3.00 Discount Off - Regular Round Trip Price Of:</b> <b>\$29.00 per adult \$23.00 child (4-11 yrs)</b> <b>Present this coupon to MEARS MOTOR SHUTTLE COUNTER for round trip transportation to and from the Rosen Centre Hotel</b> <b>SALES # 056 ORDER # 369737</b> <b>COUNTER COLLECTS PAYMENT</b> <b>Tickets Must be Purchased Online or at Airport Location for Discount. Gratuity not included.</b> <b>This coupon is valid for shared ride shuttle service via Mears Motor Shuttle.</b> <b>Wait time may be incurred at the airport prior to departure.</b> <b>Each vehicle may make additional hotel stops prior to your destination.</b> <b>**2ND LEVEL**</b> <b>"A" TERMINAL: DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM AMERICAN BAGGAGE CLAIM #5</b> <b>"B" TERMINAL: DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM UNITED BAGGAGE CLAIM #24 OR DELTA BAGGAGE CLAIM #29</b> <b>• THANK YOU FOR USING MEARS TRANSPORTATION GROUP •</b>	 <b>MEARS MOTOR SHUTTLE</b> <b>ROUND TRIP</b> <b>RATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE</b>
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### Cathay Pacific, Dragonair and Turkish Airlines Now Offering Enhanced Travel Privileges to United Employees



Effective February 8, United employees, travel eligibles and retirees will have access to Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) medium-fares for economy pleasure travel on Cathay Pacific Airlines.

Headquartered in Hong Kong, Cathay Pacific serves 117 destinations in 37 countries and territories worldwide.

Also launching on February 8 is a ZED medium-fare agreement for economy travel with Dragonair - a member airline of the Cathay Pacific group. Dragonair offers about 400 weekly flights from Hong Kong to 17 destinations in mainland China, as well as 29 destinations across the Asia-

Pacific region.

Effective February 15, employees, travel eligibles and retirees will also have access to ZED fares for business and economy pleasure travel on Star Alliance partner Turkish Airlines.

This agreement for ZED low fares with Turkey's national flag carrier - with 460 daily departures to 159 destinations across Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas - as well as the agreements with Cathay and Dragonair, significantly expand the number of destinations available for pleasure travel.

ZED pricing is designed to simplify and significantly reduce the cost of non-revenue, space-available interline pleasure travel. ZED fares are offered through an interline fare program used by many carriers worldwide for space-available travel, replacing industry discount (ID) 90/95 fares for interline travel on specific carriers.

For more information about all elements of United's travel privilege program, including new and existing agreements with other worldwide carriers, visit the Interline Travel Privilege page in SkyNet's Travel Section and click Individual Carrier Agreements.

### **A New SkyNet Is Coming**



A new SkyNet is in the final stages of launch preparation, and soon the intranet will feature new design, navigation and features.

Employees across United have been working mostly behind the scenes for months to get ready for the transition from current SkyNet to the new platform, which will offer enhancements that will make it easier for you to use and find information.

*"Supported by modern software, the new SkyNet will make for an overall better platform for us to provide work tools, information and news to our employees,"* says Keith Halbert, SVP and CIO.

Another significant change is how information is organized and managed on the new intranet. *"SkyNet will be organized around "communities," which are similar to the current department sites today but with new features to better display divisional news, policies and procedures,"* says Tony Cervone, SVP-Corporate Communications. *"Longer term, this community structure provides the foundation for us to introduce new ways for employees to engage with leaders and each other."*

A self-guided tour of the new SkyNet is available at <http://fivefortyone.com/SkyNetDemo/>.

A network of more than 400 community managers and content authors has been working with Corporate Communications, Creative Services and IT on the project. Having built the new communities, these 400 people will also be managing the content directly. This should lead to more relevant and timely community content to support employees across all work groups. Detailed planning and testing is ongoing to support a smooth transition.

Transition Details - An important change is that the URLs, or web addresses, of SkyNet's pages will be different, so bookmarks on your computer's internet browsers to existing SkyNet pages will need to be updated once the new SkyNet is launched.

The way information will be organized on SkyNet should make items easier to find, so not as many bookmarks may be necessary. Also, a new feature lets you store SkyNet pages as "My Favorites," which will work whenever you are logged on from any computer.

Look to NewsReal and SkyNet in the coming weeks for updates on the transition.

### **UAL Corporation Reports Fourth Quarter 2009 Results; Losses Narrow, Liquidity Strengthened, Operational Improvements Continue**



United reported a fourth quarter net loss of \$176 million, or \$1.05 per basic share, excluding non-cash, net mark-to-market hedge gains and certain accounting charges, narrowing its net loss by \$391 million compared to the fourth quarter of 2008. United reported a GAAP net loss of \$240 million, or \$1.44 per basic share. GAAP stands for Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and is the commonly accepted way of recording and reporting accounting information.

Reported a full year 2009 net loss of \$1.1 billion, excluding non-cash, net mark-to-market hedge gains and certain accounting charges, an improvement of \$645 million compared to the full year 2008. The company reported a full year 2009 GAAP net loss of \$651 million, an improvement of \$4.7 billion compared to full year 2008.

Consolidated passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) for the fourth quarter declined 5.2 percent year over year, a significant sequential improvement compared to the 14.7 percent year-over-year decline in the third quarter of 2009.

Mainline unit cost per available seat mile (CASM) for the quarter was up 1.1 percent year over year, excluding fuel and certain accounting charges, despite a reduction in mainline capacity of 6.0 percent year over year. Mainline CASM, including fuel and excluding non-cash, net mark-to-market fuel hedge gains and certain accounting charges, was down 9.0 percent year over year. GAAP mainline unit cost, including these items, was down 19.8 percent.

United closed the quarter with total cash of \$3.4 billion, unrestricted cash of more than \$3.0 billion and restricted cash of \$341 million. Completed financings totaling more than \$2.1 billion in the fourth quarter and approximately \$700 million early in the first quarter 2010, generating approximately \$1.8 billion in new liquidity and reducing fixed obligations in 2010 and 2011 by more than \$700 million.

United was ranked No. 1 in on-time arrivals among the major network carriers for the fourth quarter and the full year 2009, based on preliminary industry results.

United welcomed Continental to the Star Alliance and filed, along with All Nippon Airways and Continental, for antitrust immunity across the Pacific, creating a joint venture similar to the already approved joint venture across the Atlantic with Lufthansa, Continental and Air Canada.

More information concerning the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. results can be obtained by going to SkyNet and reading the January 27, 2010 Newsreal.

### **Governor Turns to United to Deliver Orphans Home to Colorado**



As United's series of flights to support the people of Haiti continues, Colorado Governor Bill Ritter turned to United last week to request a humanitarian flight to retrieve dozens of Haitian orphans who had nearly completed the process for adoption by families here in the United States.

Pictured: One of United's employees with a Haitian child on an earlier humanitarian flight.

Stephanie Villafuerte, Deputy Chief of Staff to Governor Ritter, sang high praises for United's employees working on the mission. *"Because you're dealing with a refugee situation, there is no predictability, and much of what you get is rumored information heard on the ground in orphanages, from the State Department, from the military. Because of that, figuring out travel arrangements is difficult, given the continually changing nature of the flight plans. United was phenomenal - all the employees had great senses of humor and compassion."*

The story of the flight began with Gov. Ritter's request to Lori Fox, Manager - Governmental Affairs, for a charter flight that would bring as many of the children as possible home to Colorado, and ended when United Flight 9903, carrying 32 Haitian orphans, landed at Denver International Airport, staffed and supported by United employees who worked side-by-side with relief workers to deliver the children to their eager new families.

With all the uncertainty involved in coordinating relief efforts, Governor Ritter knew he could count on United to coordinate the rescue. Colorado also sent physicians, social service workers and other volunteers to Florida to participate in our humanitarian flight from Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB).

*"United received confirmation Friday night that we would operate the flight, so we had to build it, get it catered, get a crew, and coordinate the operation, including landing and parking",* says Sylvia Menias, staff planner-Charter Sales.

Team members working on Flight 9903 worked literally through the night, communicating with the OCC, government affairs, the State Department, the airport and the TSA.

Sylvia also complimented the efforts of the flight attendants who worked on board. *"They were amazing. They went above and beyond in terms of doing whatever needed to be done,"* Sylvia says. *"And the rest of the crew were fantastic. Chicago-based Customer Service Representative Calenita LaGuerre, who speaks French Creole, greeted the children on board in their native language and made them feel comfortable and welcome."*

Stephanie, in Governor Ritter's office, complimented United for anticipating the special needs of the children, from oxygen, to car seats, to Gatorade and Pedialyte. She also expressed gratitude to Lori for staying with the evacuees throughout the night as they waited for the departure from SFB.

*"The captain came out and introduced himself before the flight, talking to all the kids,"* Sylvia continues. *"These children were very warm and resilient and you could just see the thankfulness and the anxiousness of meeting their new families."*

*"It was clear to me that people with United got what we were trying to do and wanted this all to be successful,"* Stephanie concludes. *"I was amazed at their ability to pick right up like they had done this before. There was nothing that had not been thought out. It was a really unique situation, and we were incredibly grateful. It was just a great operation."*



## United Completes B747 International Fleet Upgrade



All 24 of United's B747s have now been upgraded to the International Premium Travel Experience (IPTE) featuring fully lie-flat beds in United First and United Business.

The last B747 (nose 8471) converted to IPTE reentered revenue service on January 5, as Flight 882 from Tokyo to Chicago. That same day, United retired the last B747 with the old cabin configuration; it was used for charters and as a spare during the busy holiday season.

All 24 planes in the active B747 fleet have been repainted - 23 feature the new United livery and one is in the new Star Alliance design. IPTE conversions and fresh paint jobs for our 21 international B767s were completed last summer.

Starting in February, United's fleet of 46 international B777s will begin modifications. In that process, expected to last into 2012, most of the planes – 32 - will be converted by the Airframe Maintenance crews at the San Francisco Maintenance Center. Work on the other 14 international B777s will take place concurrently with heavy maintenance visits scheduled at an outside vendor.

The IPTE B747s have 12 United First suites, 52 United Business lie-flat seats, 70 United Economy Plus seats and 240 United Economy seats. The total is 374, up from 347 in the old configuration.

## *Dues Rate Change Effective June 1, 2010*

Effective June 1, 2010, the discounted multi year Dues Options will no longer be available.

The effective rate will be as follows:

	<u><i>Membership Dues</i></u>
Regular Member	\$25.00
Resident of Canada/Mexico	\$45 US Currency
Resident of Other Foreign Countries	\$50 US Currency drawn on a US Bank or paid with an American Express Check

Regular Foreign Members may receive the Newsletter by the web for the same rate as Domestic Members.

Both web and paper are available for an additional \$5.00 per year. Note: This option is not available to Life Members. RUAEA dues are payable 12 calendar months from the date dues were last received.

Retirees, widows and widowers should submit the applicable fee when applying for membership for the first time. Life Membership is no longer available. Life Memberships do not pass on to the surviving spouse. Widows and widowers of Life Members can become Regular Members.

If you are submitting for the first time, applications can be obtained by contacting the Denver Office by mail: RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207, by phone: (303) 780-5022 or by email: [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net). You may also download the application from our web site at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

## **EASY DOES IT – Corned Beef & Cabbage In Beer**



Helen Cain

With St. Patrick's Day ahead of us and good cuts of corned beef (bottom round) prevalent in the marketplace, even if you have never liked it before, do give this E-Z recipe a try! My Swedish-German blood always turns "green" in March for this typical Irish dish. And I'm already looking forward to the reuben sandwiches I'll be making the next day!

### **Purchase:**

- ☞ 4 lbs piece of **bottom round corned beef** (*ask your butcher*) as lean as you can get it.
- ☞ 4 cans (or more if you like) of inexpensive **beer**. (Save the "good" beer for yourself.)
- ☞ Enough little **red potatoes** (some states call them "**new**") to feed yourself & "company" if you like.

- ☞ 1 small head of **cabbage**.

- ☞ Enough small **carrots** (“mini” or cut large ones into thick pieces) to suit yourself & “company”.
- ☞ 8 whole **peppercorns** (in the spice section of your store), (regular black pepper just won’t do, sorry)
- ☞ ¼ teaspoon **ground thyme** (or freshly dried if you’re lucky enough to have it).
- ☞ 4 whole **bay leaves** (spice section of your market). (NOTE: Some markets will include a small packet of peppercorns, bay leaves & thyme with the meat; use that.)

**Preparation:** Keep the little potatoes whole but quarter the cabbage. Keep “mini” carrots whole or cut large regular size carrots into thick chunks. (Do not peel ... you’ll lose your vitamins!) **Set Aside.**

**The meat:** Use as many cans of the inexpensive beer as is necessary to completely cover the meat that you’ve placed in a large heavy pot. Add **8 peppercorns, 4 bay leaves & ¼ tsp. thyme (OR the packet of spices that might have come with the meat).** Bring liquid (beer) to boil on top of stove, and then **reduce heat to LOW, so that it just barely bubbles.** **Cover.** Cook **4 hours** (slightly more if meat is over 4 lbs.) **Check the pot** from time to time. (If you’ve had the heat turned up too high and the liquid is below the meat, add more beer (to the pot and maybe yourself).

30 minutes before meat is done (that would be 3½ hours after you start the meat), add the potatoes, cabbage & carrots. Cook, covered, the remaining 30 minutes.

**You’re finished. Easy, yes?**

**Hint(s):**

- (1) **Discard** all remaining liquid. Not even your dog (or my little Welsh Corgi) will drink it.
- (2) Serve with your favorite mustard and/or horseradish.)
- (3) *Before you put everything together on one large platter, the corned beef is easier to cut cross grain if you still have an “old fashioned” electric knife. (I just bought one at the drugstore for \$14 ... probably necessary because I don’t keep my butcher knives as sharp as I should.)*

I hope you like this recipe. It’s a “standard” in my home.

### **Ask The Pharmacist – Dispelling Common Cold and Flu Myths**

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Americans suffer from approximately 1 billion colds annually<sup>1</sup>, making it the most common ailment in the country. Each year, on average, from 5 to 20 percent of the U.S. population is infected with influenza. That results in approximately 36,000 deaths and more than 200,000 hospitalizations from flu-related complications, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.<sup>2</sup>

Consumers may hear many common myths about colds and influenza. However, those myths can result in misdiagnosis, miscommunication and mistreatment.

In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness and dry cough are more common and intense. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections or hospitalizations.<sup>3</sup>

Armed with the proper information about the differences between the two illnesses and the appropriate treatments for each, many people would be able to avoid or effectively treat their condition. Here are some common myths, along with facts, about colds and flu:

**Myth: The flu shot causes the flu.** The flu shot vaccine is made from an inactive virus, which means you cannot catch the flu from the vaccine.

**Myth: Antibiotics should be used to treat the flu.** The overprescribing of antibiotics could create a global healthcare crisis. Disease-causing bacteria are quickly becoming resistant to many of these medications. Influenza is a viral infection, so it does not respond to antibiotics.

**Myth: Chicken soup and herbal remedies are great treatments for cold and flu.** Though chicken soup may make you feel better, it has never been clinically proven to be effective in treating colds or flu. Appropriate treatments include plenty of fluids - including soup - and lots of rest. A variety of nonprescription medications - such as analgesics, decongestants, expectorants and antihistamines are available to help relieve some cold and flu symptoms. For some patients, those products may provide modest benefits.

**Myth: You can catch a cold from going outside in cold weather.** With apologies to grandmothers everywhere, you cannot catch a cold by going outside without a jacket during the colder months. However, by touching common surfaces or through face-to-face contact, you can catch a cold from other people who are infected.

For more information about cold and flu season, visit **[www.medco.com](http://www.medco.com)**.



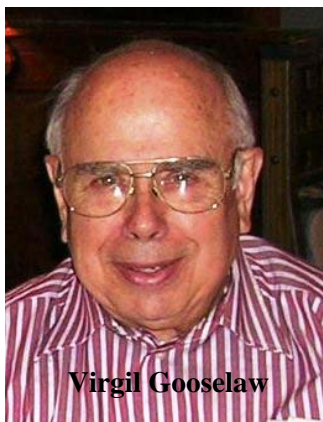
<sup>1</sup>U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health (Medline Plus) “Health Topics: Common Cold.” Available at: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/commoncold.html>.

<sup>2</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “CDC Says “Take 3” this flu season!” Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm>.

<sup>3</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “Seasonal Flu: Questions and Answers: Information for Schools,” Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/school/qa.htm>.

### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**

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



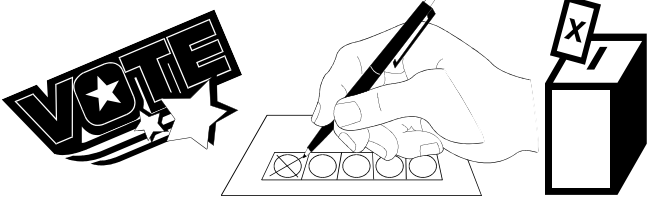
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*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel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

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**RUAEA Election Ballot and  
Candidates' Bios can be found  
in this issue of the Newsletter  
and RUAEA Website!**

*Your Vote is Important,  
please vote!*



### **Attention All Golfers**

***The 2010 UARGC Golf Invitational will  
be held in Mesquite, NV from  
May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010***

If you are interested, contact:

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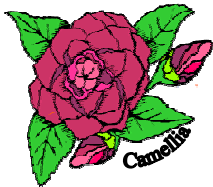
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***Preferred registration by March 10.***  
***Registration Cut off is May 1, 2010.***

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ALABAMA**



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February's meeting was held in Hayden, Alabama at Fred Campbell's Restaurant. Fred is a retired Eastern Airlines' employee.

**Joe Duncan** was the lucky winner of our cash drawing. Two of our members are having health issues, and our thoughts go out to **Gary Young**, in St. Vincent's East Hospital, and **Edna Mann Aronson**, scheduled for surgery on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

New Officers for 2010 were announced: **Herb Wilbanks** will remain as President, **Bobby Cox** as Vice President and **Joe Singleton** as Treasurer. **Judy Slover** will take over as our secretary.

Motion was made and carried that we contribute to the "Honor Flight" program, which supports World War II Veterans and allows them to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. Also, we will contribute to the Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham, and the United 93 Museum in Pennsylvania.

Tentative plans were made for our March meeting at the Bright Star Restaurant in Bessemer, Alabama.

## ARIZONA

### PHOENIX AZURES

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I guess winter is here to stay. Fortunately, the rain we are getting helps with our drought conditions. We have been experiencing cooler temperatures than we are used to but we sure appreciate the rain.

We had 37 in attendance at the January luncheon. The restaurant CamaJones had a beautiful buffet. Everyone found enough to eat and the desserts were excellent. This was the annual white elephant fund drive for our charities. Thanks to **Tim Everhart** for being our auctioneer and to **Susie Hughes** and **Eldon Hostetter** for collecting the \$\$\$ and distributing the packages. We were able to bank \$270+ for our 2010 charities. We approved and sent \$200 to the Flight 93 memorial fund, \$150 to last year's Fantasy Flight. This work could not be done but for the generosity of the entire Azure Chapter. Thanks to all.

**Roxanne Grona** was unable to attend as she recently had knee surgery. We wish her a quick and full recovery. We missed you. I talked to **Helen Stowell** and she is on the road to recovery from a recent stroke. She is at home and cards may be sent to her at 14233 Sky Hawk Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375. We wish **Laura Ehas**, who is suffering from walking pneumonia, a speedy recovery.

Any UA retiree whether you are pilots, flight attendants, and ground personnel, all are welcomed to contact and join us for Breakfast at Coco's. We meet bi-weekly and all are welcome. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future. If you are planning to come to a breakfast, please call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 on the Monday before breakfast. He advises Coco's of how many will be attending.

*"People may doubt what you say, but they will believe what you do."*

#### Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell roads

**February 16**

**March 16** and also the Races at Turf Paradise.

**March 30**



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Spring is almost here and the desert should really be colorful after all the rain we had in January. It really is a beautiful time to be here in Arizona. We welcome any employee or retiree of United Airlines who is of retirement age, 55 or over, who is in the area to come and check our chapter out. We're a very friendly social group. Contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com), or our Vice President, **Peg Homfeldt Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317 or at [phomfeldt@xoc.net](mailto:phomfeldt@xoc.net).

Our January Luncheon was held at the Grand View Steakhouse in Mesa, with 37 in attendance. President **Jim Brigante** asked us to observe a moment of silence in memory of **Tom Carroll**, who died the end of December. He had been a good member of our Chapter.

**Jim** announced the changes in the by-laws, which were accepted. The changes will be shown in our Membership Directory, which will be given out at our annual picnic in April.

**Bob Hallden** spoke about the Convention in Orlando, Florida. The hotel is real nice and conveniently located to restaurants, etc. If you wish to go to Disney World or Universal City, you would have to book these destinations by yourself. By the way, the February issue of our **RUAEA** Newsletter contains all the information you need to sign up for the Convention, which is being held May 23 - 30<sup>th</sup>. Friday's Friendship Dinner will have a Tropical Theme and Saturday's Banquet will have a Black & White Theme. Be sure and get your reservation in - the cut-off date is May 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Jim Fauber** spoke about Haiti. He spent some time there many years ago. It is a very poor country. He had never encountered anything like it before. He said, if we could possibly send money through the Red Cross to help them out in any way, we should try and do so.

Rev. **Al Young**, from Sky Harbor Interfaith Chaplaincy, spoke to us at the luncheon. The Chapel opened in 1995 in Terminal 2, and later moved to Terminal 4, on Level 3, with space for a chapel, conference room, and office. They have services for Protestants and Catholics on Sundays, for Muslims on Fridays, and also hold a meeting for AA's on Fridays. Since 1999, the Chaplaincy has been a member agency of Travelers Aid International; thereby, giving it access to discounts and other programs. They assist people who find themselves in difficult situations.

**Rita Zarek** brought up the **All-Arizona Luncheon**, which will be held Thursday, March 18, at the Holiday Inn at 777 N. Pinal Avenue, in Casa Grande. The social hour begins at 11:00AM., with lunch being served at noon. The Lunch Buffet consists of House Salad and dressings, warm rolls, Sautéed Chicken Breast, London Broil, Roasted Red Potatoes, Vegetables, Coffee, Ice Tea, and water. The theme is Hawaiian, so get your special Hawaiian outfits out. There will be a lot of baskets to be raffled off, plus other door prizes. The speaker will be **Dave Mooney** from the **Alliant Credit Union**. The deadline for signing up is Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact **Rita Zarek** at (480) 288-6685 or by e-mail at [rzarek1@msn.com](mailto:rzarek1@msn.com). For those wishing a hotel room, they are available for \$79. The regular price is \$119.

At the Breakfast on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Crackers in Mesa, a motion was made to make a donation to the Chaplain's group. The Board of Directors will take this under consideration. Another suggestion was that we send out a monthly newsletter to those members who do not belong to **RUAEA**. Our President will check into this. The Oktoberfest luncheon was also discussed, and it was decided not to make a decision yet as where we will meet.

The February Luncheon at Rosati's in Chandler hosted by the **Pedones** and the February Breakfast will be reported on next month. Election of Officers was held at the Luncheon.

March Birthdays are: **Jim Fauber** (3/6), **El Ailshie** (3/10), **Hank Falk** (3/12), **Ed Conlon** (3/14), **Olga Aguilar** (3/20), and **Graham Snediker** (3-21). Happy Birthday to all of you!

March Wedding Anniversaries are **Beverly & Bob Gerdes** (3/28/83) and **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak** (3/11/61). Congratulations to both couples!

#### Calendar:

**March 18** - All-Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande. Details above. Committee: **Rita Zarek**, **Peg Homfeldt Snowdall**, **Shirley Claggett**, and **Linda Cooper-Koltz**.

**March 26** - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa, starting at 9:00AM, located at 535 W. Iron Avenue (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue. Contact **Peg Homfeldt Snowdall** by the Wednesday before at (480) 396-3317 or [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**Apr 8** - Picnic, hosted by **Ron Paluch & Shirley Claggett**

**Apr 23** - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa

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Our New Year was started off with bang as our Roadrunner chapter met with the RUPA group for a fine luncheon at the Tucson Country Club on January 26. This gathering was put together by RUPA's representative **Randy Ryan** and our RUAEA member **Gordon Starr**. They also arranged for representatives from WHQ to be on hand to answer any questions regarding insurance and pension benefits that might be on the minds of some of us.

**Lori Wetzel** and **Colleen Pape** of the Benefits Service Center did a masterful job of answering the numerous questions that were asked of them. A combined 92 members of both groups got together on this day and enjoyed a fine afternoon of dining.

Among the notables in attendance were RUAEA national president **Ron Robertson** and his wife **Shirley**, Arizona's regional director **Mike Richards** and our Mountain regional director **Chuck Cole** and his wife **Sharon**.

February is going to be a busy month for the Tucson area as all sorts of things are happening. We have the world class Gem Show, followed by the Accenture Golf Tournament at Dove Mountain and the annual Tucson Rodeo. This of course means that our roads will be heavy with traffic getting to and from these events. Speaking of the Gem Show, our own **Luella Dykhuis** will be very busy as she does her thing at the tables. Lu is a licensed gemologist after spending time in schools in England and Australia.

Our next outing will be at the home of **Gail** and **Jim Rudolf** for our February 18 luncheon. Their address is 38190 S. Par Ct. in Saddlebrook.

Calendar:

**February 18** - Home of **Gail & Jim Rudolf**

**March 18** - All Arizona luncheon at the Holliday Inn in Casa Grande

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We are now in year 2010 and I'm hoping that our members had happy and healthy holidays. When I retired in 1987, I wondered if I would ever see the turn of the century since it seemed so far out of reach. The years seem to be flying by and when I was still working, time seemed to drag on. We are too busy and active with so many things now, that there doesn't seem to be enough hours in the day to do it all. Now there are plans for the next convention, when it seemed the last one wasn't that long ago.

After our December meeting and Christmas luncheon, **Bob Wagner** said that the Toys for Tots was a big success. With the help of the Marines, the toys were distributed to the 5-Cities children. They received about 4800 toys from generous contributions. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, this was a act of love by the Toys for Tots committee, the reserves from the Marines, and the Moose Lodge of Pismo Beach. I'm sure there were many more volunteers involved and there had to be, in order to distribute all those toys. Our chapter helped buy a refrigerator for a wounded veteran recuperating at home. The money was taken from our treasury, with the approval by our members. There were also individual contributions. **Bob Wagner** received thank-you letters that he will share with us at our next meeting.

I missed our Birthdays and Anniversaries of our members the past three months. The Birthdays were: **Jean Foster** (1/1), **Bridgett Zoldak** (2/4), **Betty Rupp** (2/29), **Bill Noyes** (3/9) and **Al Rybar** (3/24).

Anniversaries: **Al & Marilyn Rybar** (1/2/60), **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak** (2/7/70), **Bob & Marcia Stanger** (3/10/73).

Those of you who have heard of **John Stilwell** will be interested in his airline history. He hired on in 11/30/1960 with UAL. He worked in SFOMM, SFOIQ, and INDMC. His job was mainly in inspection and he retired in July 1, 2002. John has served as our Chapter President and his wife **Barbara** also attends our meetings when she isn't baby-sitting.

Calendar:

**February 17** – Hosted by **Esther & Bob Bartlett**. Time and location is to be determined.

**April 21** - Hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**

**June 16** - Hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**

**August 18** – Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**

**October 20** – Hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes**

**December 15** – Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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The Brazen Raisins' February 2010 meeting was hosted by **Millie & Charlie Barnett**. President **Dick Hayes** told the group about an article in the retiree magazine concerning the flight that was landed in Sioux City by Captain Haynes - 180 passengers survived; he also told us that United is retiring its 747s & 767s and is purchasing Airbuses and Dreamliners.

**Don Nessling** mentioned that US Airways is going to sell the airplane that landed in the Hudson River.

**Gil Gilbert** asked if anyone was going to attend the RUAEA Convention in Orlando, Florida, and **Reuben & Elida Rivas** said they would. **Dick Shryock** mentioned that **Rosie O'Grady's** in Orlando is a great place to visit.

**Elida Rivas** told of their trip to Egypt - Elida rode a camel to the pyramids. They had great food and a restful time. Elida commented on the 4000-year-old paintings and how vivid the colors still are; she also said that King Tut's gold headdress weighed 25 pounds and the gold chest covering weighed 300 pounds.

Jokes were contributed by **Charlie Barnett, Dick Hayes, Nile Jones** and **Dick Shryock**.



## **THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**

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President **Ken Norton** opened the Sacramento Gold Diggers January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting at Houston's Restaurant in Penryn. He thanked **Darryl & Dorothy Stroud** for hosting the lunch. There were 67 members present. Ken reminded those present that the Sacramento Gold Diggers were celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as members of RUAEA.

Vice President **Alice McPeak** spoke about the need for more volunteers to sign up to host future luncheons. Hosts are needed for eight months. She has called several restaurants that we have used before and will happily give this list to those of you who sign up for hosting.

There are two anniversaries for January: **William & Carol Clark** - 54 years, and **Syd & Sherrill Morgan** - 49 years.

Treasurer **Judie King** reported the account balance. She encouraged everyone to send their dues for this year. Her address is; 11886 Heather Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95949.

We welcomed two new members this month: **Bob & Kay Duerr** and **Bonnie Randall**.

The Presidents luncheon will be held in February and all past presidents will get to eat free. The luncheon will be hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratus**.

**Angie Dellinger**, our sunshine person, reported sending a card to **Jim Wagner**. He is recovering from bypass surgery, and is doing very well. She also heard from **Jack & Irene Kechter**. He is in and out of rehab and she is doing better.

**John Zoboli**, RUAEA Regional director for Northern California and Nevada, discussed the plans for the upcoming convention in Orlando. A list of tours and their costs will be coming out in the next week following the board meeting. They will also provide a list of other airlines that we might use to get to Orlando. December 22<sup>nd</sup> **Alaska Airlines** was available for **ZED** fares. The Lake Tahoe picnic, sponsored by the **Sierra Roundup** group has been scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup> this year. Changes were made in the schedule so it would not come on the same week as Hot August Nights.

**Ron Bertacini** advised us that re-election of the National Board of officers is coming soon. Please, everyone vote, even if the person running for that office is not from your chapter. There have been some changes in listing for stand-by. It is necessary to list your middle name and birth date. **TSA** is asking for more information.

The raffle drawing was conducted by **Glenn** and **Alice McPeak**.



Calendar:

**February 24** – Past Presidents Luncheon at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**

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The Hangtown Miners met on February 1<sup>st</sup> at Tahoe Joe's in Folsom. It has been several months since we were all together. Our December Holiday Luncheon was cancelled due to bad weather and we all enjoyed a "snow day". Actually, for most of us, it ended up being a "snow week". So we all had a lot of catching up to do. The luncheon was hosted by **J.R. & Rosemary Heier** with 35 attendees. We welcomed two new members to our group, **Bob Azbell** and **Gary & Mikki Dalleske**.

Our new President, **Jack Fitzpatrick**, was not at the meeting because of a previously scheduled trip so the meeting was called to order by Vice President **Jon Somplack**. Jon read a note from our past President, **Jeanette D'Amico**, thanking all the members for another fun year with great members making her job a pleasure. Joe & Jeanette are currently on a seventy (70) cruise to South America and Antarctica. We will all be looking forward to hearing of their escapades.

Jon talked about the several noteworthy anniversaries in February - **Glenn & Alice McPeak** (60 years), **Bob & Dorean Ames** (62 years), **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** (55 years). He went on to mention that two of our members had recently been written about and photographed by the local newspapers. There was an article recognizing **Ed Akin** for 50 years of safe flying and **Maria Buschman** for her line-dancing skills.

**Tom Stuchell** won the grand prize drawing and the drawing of opportunity was conducted by **Jon & Alice Somplack**.

We meet the first Monday of the month and we welcome any UAL retirees in the area to join us.

Calendar:

**March 1** - Red Hawk Casino hosted by **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**

**April 5** - Hosted by **Jon & Alice Somplack**



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The January meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on January 14, at the La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa. Our hosts were **Ron & Joanne Huhn** assisted by **Richard & Maria Southon**. There were 50 guests attending.

President **Joanne Huhn** called for a moment of reflection for the people of Haiti and all the volunteers who have gone to help. Joanne introduced our new member **Millie McCulloch**. We also had a Special Anniversary, **George & Lois Schwind** recently celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They received a nice gift.

Our guests were **Ed von Borstel**, guest of **Naomi Tolf**; **Arlene Harley**, guest of **Inara & Heino Witt**; **Lee Trevelyn** and **Clem Shanahan**, guest of **Clair & Barney Hagan**; **Randy Thurman**, guest of **Ron & Joann Huhn**; **Pat Bressier**, guest of **Corinne Geppert**; **Janice Di Vita**, guest of **Millie McCulloch**; **Bob & Jean Gianni** and **Vince & Rose Del Loso**, guest of **Jan & Grover Blackburn** and **Lou Gerhardt**, guest of **Elsie Kuhl**.

We had many January birthdays, **Ted Bell**, **Matt Stillman**, **Wayne O'Kelly**, **Kathie Larsen**, **Pat Ortega**, **Margie Matchinegg**, **Patricia Maus**, **Sheila Legnitto** and **Ruth Loy**. The winner was **Matt Stillman**. Happy Birthday to all!

Our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** sent cards to **Richard Henna** (back surgery), **Mary Bentharn** (surgery), **Matty Matchinegg** (broken femur) and **Madelyn Schmidt** (slight stroke). No emails please.

Verda also informed us that the fees for our Annual Picnic at Armstrong Woods have been increased and the entry fee after the first 10 cars will be \$8.00. It's best to carpool.

The autobiography of the month was **Naomi Tolf**. After graduation, Naomi checked the classified ads; she found a job for Domestic Help. It was located on Lake Michigan and sounded like a good summer vacation. She was a cook for a Judge and his family. She met many prominent people. When summer was over, she applied and was accepted at an Aeronautical School that offered placement. She left Michigan when it's 33 degrees, thinking MSP wouldn't be any worse. Naomi started her career with UAL in April 1947 in Passenger Relations at EXO. In October, the boss called everyone in and advised them of the move to DEN. Naomi said YES. She worked in DEN until 1959, when she transferred to SFO as a Sales Auditor. After awhile, she thought she might try something different. She quit United to take a very responsible position in Japan as a Missionary. In September 1965, Naomi returned to the U.S. and United Airlines. She worked in Maintenance Planning, Production Control and received a Special Award Merit. Naomi retired from SFOCY in May 1991 with 25 years and enjoyed working with many interesting people.

The February luncheon will be at Quail Inn in Oakmont. Hosted by **Judy DeFord** and **Mary Hill**.

#### Calendar:

**March 11** - La Gare, hosted by **Jan & Grover Blackburn**

**April 8** - Quail Inn, hosted by **Barney & Clair Hagan**

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These items are a bit delayed, but so was my USPS mail so I didn't get the info until after last month's deadline. While we had a big turnout at the Christmas party, a few of our regulars were missing! **Dee Wright** wasn't able to make the drive all the way in from PSP - hope it was car or highway problems, not Dee's. The **Daleys** were both a bit under the weather. John is doing pretty well after his heart attack in October, but not up to the party scene yet. We also missed the **Sokoloffs**, the **Opps** and **Jack & Joyanne Moore**. We heard from **Eleanor Jones** who passed up the December iffy standby risk and travel stress and hassles this year. For those good friends who weren't up to it - everyone's best wishes for the New Year and hope to see you all soon.

Travelers missing the Christmas events were the **Takakis** and the **Schusters**. **Ruth & Harry T.** traveled to attend their son's surprise wedding. **Barbara & Pete S.** spent the whole holiday in Germany - no travel problems obviously. Welcome back you-all.

As mentioned last month, we had tons of gifts for the kids of the Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services folks. We totally filled a large pickup truck with gifts.

But, I have to go back a bit further - seems that anyone with a computer should be sure to read everything that comes in and keep track - which I didn't do too well for quite awhile. As of this past week, I decided it was time to clear up all the deferred emails I'd been receiving, which much to my embarrassment, went all the way back into November.

I have a couple of back items this time - I cleaned out a much neglected email list and found them. Please forgive! First, I failed to mention that **Lita O'Connell** (who worked in LGBRR) advised us that her husband, **Bill**, passed away on Nov. 3, from an infection, which his system, weakened by Lou Gehrig's disease could not conquer. Her address is: Mrs. **Lita O'Connell & Family**, 18463 Santa Alverta Cir., Fountain Valley, CA 92708. I sincerely apologize for dropping the ball on getting this notice out so late.

Did you work in LAXRR from '79 to '95? I was at LAXTO in that lobby from about '79 to '84 and think I remember **Gloria Hom**. She moved east and worked in RALRR until '99. Gloria was enjoying a family party at her son's house on 11/29 when she had a stroke which resulted in very sudden death. This is another item which I temporarily lost track of (Jim's email of 1/29). Though belated, I am sure the family still will appreciate condolences from friends from her work days. Write The Hom Family, 514 Jeffries Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016. I really hate to have to be putting out such sad news, but friends from far away and far back do wish to know.

**Jo Ann Briggs** reported after returning from a Nov. cruise that she came back fighting bronchitis and assuming no news is good news, I guess she was finally able to shake it off. In the same message, she advised that daughter, Kathy Snow, was doing pretty well after her heart attack. They were able to do the stent procedure quickly so there was not a lot of heart damage - be good and take care, Kathy. Their contact is 21303 Legend Ave., Carson, CA 90745.

Now more up to date news about some of our members who've been ailing of late: **John Daley**, as you know, suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized in mid-November. He is at home and following doctor's orders to keep gaining strength and good health. His dear **Anne** is very weak and now spends a great deal of time in bed, needing full time care. Fortunately, they have a fine caregiver whose help takes the most of the pressure off John. They love getting cards and calls at 27117 Whitestone Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, (310) 377-5089.

Good news from **Olga Jean Barnes** who's had one set-back after another with regulating her heart. At Christmas season, she was again hospitalized, but they finally found an answer - her many meds were affecting her kidneys! Haven't you heard this before "*the cure is worse than the disease*"? But she's been taken off all that bad stuff and is getting stronger by the day. The **Klobes** live not far from her so they can keep us up to date on her progress. Keep it up, Olga Jean - we miss you.

**Al Tschirhart** is battling one of the worst ailments - vertigo. Getting around is such a frustrating challenge with this condition - can't walk straight, can't drive - really a bummer. Even with **Frankie** being able to be the chauffeur, just getting around the restaurant would have been impossible for him, so they had to skip the Feb. luncheon. Here's hoping for a quick recovery, Al. We miss you, too.

Reporter Donna heard from a long lost member recently - **Fran Sturdivan** called to chat and catch us up to date on her slow-down problems. Her arthritis is so bad now that she even has had to give up driving. For some time, she's been involved with youth groups at her church, but is quite concerned that she'll have to give that up, too. The neighbors in her condo building have all lived there for years and are like family, so she is still able to live at home. She would love to hear from friends - her contact is 569-C East. Tujunga Ave., Burbank, CA 91501, (818) 846-3115. Sorry to hear about your inability to get out hiking, Fran. I recall you're always being an enthusiastic explorer on all the ReLAXers tours in the past.

**Dee Wright** was diagnosed about a month ago with lung cancer. He had surgery on Jan. 21 and it was very successful, we're all very happy to hear that. By the middle of this week, he should have biopsy reports on the lymph nodes removed with the surgery. If they show no cancer, he won't have to have any follow-up chemo or radiation. We're all praying for the best results - we hate to have him held back from his usual visits to LA for meetings and especially in December with his great participation in the Fantasy Flight. The **Klobes** and **Jo Ann Briggs** went to PSP to be with him for his surgery. Another desert dwelling ReLAXer, **Chuck Lamas**, lives very close to the hospital, so he was able to visit Dee. Donna says that Chuck is doing well, enjoying desert living, despite having to walk with a cane now. Send fun cards to Dee at 78670 Palm Tree Lane, Palm Desert, CA 92211, (760) 345-6369. Chuck isn't that far away at 38708 Bauatista Canyon Way, Palm Desert, CA 92260, (phone ?), [cjlamas@msn.com](mailto:cjlamas@msn.com).

**Linda Muche** emailed reporter Jim, and tells us that so far, indications are her throat cancer is gone, but due to scarring and damage, they've stretched it as far as possible for now, so she still has to rely on the feeding tube as she can only sip tiny sips. But she is off all the drugs, so she can drive again. She thanks us all for the prayers and support.

Good news for a change from **Tarina & Charles Murray**! They are great-grandparents! Great grandson, Te'Rai Alexander Scruggs was born 1/21. For details (and I bet pictures), contact Tarina at 7619 Victoria Ave., Inglewood, CA 90305-1250, [tarinamurray@hotmail.com](mailto:tarinamurray@hotmail.com).

Good health news from **Jim Ferrance**. He had to go through quite a few tests in the past few months, and everything reports negative - no cancers. He did have two spots surgically removed from his back and his leg, but every other part of his anatomy that had to be checked came out clean and clear. He advises he is grateful for this good news - well, so are all your friends - we hate to even think of your being laid low by some dumb ailment! In Jim's "Resrat News to Share" column he sent a great recipe for pork chops. Email him for details at [resrat@aol.com](mailto:resrat@aol.com). Thanks, Jim, ingredients are on my shopping list - soon as I shake my stupid cold, I'm off to Ralphs.

Once more - about LAX parking. Seems it changes every time I go to their office for employee parking tags. Some of the latest info - Public Parking - remember when the big lot on 111<sup>th</sup> Street was called the "VSP Lot", then it was changed to "Lot B", then they took a chunk out of it for a small employee "Lot E" and now: The public can no longer enter that lot. Cars parked there will have no problem exiting. It is now EMPLOYEE ONLY parking, but a lot of the details are still being worked on. The closer, Employee lots "D South" and "D



North” are pretty iffy and I’m not sure if it is still open or not. Your best bet is to go to [www.lawa.org](http://www.lawa.org). Click on LAX, Parking Picture, LAX Employee Parking, all three subjects. I CAN get parking tags for Lot E, which is now \$30 for the month, with 3 months available at a time.

The February luncheon had an unusually light turnout which we assume was due to the threat of another torrential, tropical kind of downpour. Many of us live a few miles out and were downright afraid to risk the threatened floods, myself included. I don’t have to drive as I’m not all that far from our light rail system - but guess what? The bus-rail shelters only keep the sun away - everyone knows “it never rains in Southern California”. Then, since I go from ReLAXers to USO (’til 6pm), the driving risk was too much. Good thing - bus-train, I’d have been a soaked mess and had I driven, I’d have been trapped after dark by bad floods at my usual off-ramp. This rain has been soooo needed and I thank goodness that I’m in the relatively safe and undamaged coastal area. After the awful fall fires, the folks in the hills are so bad off. I haven’t heard yet of any ReLAXers affected by the flooding and mud-slides - here’s hoping everyone is OK.

As mentioned in previous columns, the chapter has chosen for buffet style luncheon service at the Proud Bird (except Christmas). A vote was taken at the last meeting and again the buffet style was chosen by the majority - only 12 votes against it. Nuts! I wait on myself at home, when I go out I want to be waited on!

#### Calendar:

All luncheons are now at Proud Bird Restaurant - 111<sup>th</sup> and Aviation at LAX.

**April 8 - Change - NOT APRIL FOOLS DAY AFTER ALL.** Same time (11am), same place (Proud Bird), same good company, same stand-in-line-at-buffet menu - see ya there.

**May 23 -30** - Convention. See ya in Orlando!

**June 3** - *Buffet* luncheon at the Proud Bird

**August 5** - Picnic in El Segundo.



#### **GOLDEN GATERS**

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What a way to celebrate the New Year! Members **Joan (Cookie)** and **Don (Butch) Brochu** have entered their 60<sup>th</sup> year of wedded bliss and **Bob & Ella Mae Donovan**, their 62<sup>nd</sup>! Hot Dog! Another proud announcement is that over 100 of us at the last General Meeting were able to celebrate *long-time* member **Milt Cavalli’s 97<sup>th</sup>** year on this good green earth. Including a rousing chorus from our membership of “*Happy Birthday, Milt*”, Membership Chairman **Barbara Underhill** presented this young old-timer with a beautifully crafted wooden (various woods) *1932 Model A car*, a gift from the talented hands of artist **Bob Taiclet** and our Chapter.

Still on a high, we were very pleased to welcome 6 new members into our organization. Also, recent member **Jacque Ahern** generously stepped forward to handle the job of “*Sunshine Lady*”. If you have knowledge of someone who would appreciate a note from us, have been made aware of the passing of a dear retiree member, or if *you, yourself* need a little bit of sunshine today ... do contact **Jacque** at [ahernj22@yahoo.com](mailto:ahernj22@yahoo.com). She’s an enthusiastic peppy lady and we’re very happy to welcome her.



Auditor **Gene Walter** presently has tickets for our **March 22** General Meeting *Chinese Luncheon*. Make your reservation now! (His telephone number is in your Membership Listing.) (If you chose not to participate in this small celebration of the **Chinese “Year of the Tiger”**, you can always bring your own lunch, of course.

Busy little bee 2<sup>nd</sup> VP **Kathlyn Hutt** has our monthly entertainment programs all set for the remainder of the year 2010: **March 22**, Beverly at the Piano (standards & oldies); **April 26**, Scott Holiday (vocalist and guitar); **May 24**, Mexican Folkloric (dance); **June 28**, Murphy Irish Dance Group; **July 26**, “Seminar:

Seniors Against Investment Fraud”; **August 23**, San Francisco Banjo Band; September 27 – no General Meeting: PICNIC; **October 25**, American Red Cross (Disaster Preparedness); **November 22**, Jewel Tones (ladies barbershop). December – no General meeting - Merry Christmas!

Our **January 2010** General Meeting raffle money will be donated to **Haiti** via “**Doctors Without Borders**”. Way to go, retirees!

International Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has had little response from our group to a proposed autumn tour to Oberammergau and has had to cancel. (These are tough times, folks, unless you have a thoroughly nourished Money Tree growing in your backyard ... we understand.) **HOWEVER** if you would care to contact **Ginger** at (650) 224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com), she **can** place you with an outside group who **will** be going to view the fabulous once-in-every-ten-years Passion Play. Contact her as soon as possible, please. A “Waiting List” is available for those interested in the “Western Frontiers – National Parks” tour May 23 to June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Both **Ginger** and Local Tour Coordinator **Shirley Dickinson** (343-7113), (email: [shirldickinson@gmail.com](mailto:shirldickinson@gmail.com)) will welcome any suggestions of “far and near” trips you might be interested in taking.

**Personally Speaking**: Even if you weren’t a **Boy Scout**, remember their motto, “**Be Prepared**”? Having had my elderly mother living with us for some years, my husband put up sturdy and attractive looking wooden railings on **both** sides of the stairs, a kind of “short grab rail” at the very top to hang onto, and railings from there (outside her bedroom door) to the end of the hall ... plus another shorter (wood) railing just before you opened the bathroom door. He also installed **long** metal safety bars inside the shower (**at an angle** ... this is important.) And, still ... another short bar **outside but alongside** the shower door to hang onto as you step out onto the floor. And of course, there is another metal bar beside the commode. (All bars inside the bathroom are metal.) I’ve gone into detail because neither my husband or I thought we would ever need this for ourselves. When my husband’s diabetes turned into kidney disease, then our transplant, then dialysis ... all these railings and bars were a blessing. God sure knows what He’s doing!

A couple months ago, unexpectedly, I woke up with a pinched nerve in my neck. This has progressed into both shoulders, wrists and fingers. My clever son recently put wooden clothespins, the springy kind, on the edges of my kitchen cabinet doors and drawers so that I won’t accidentally close them all the way and have difficulty opening them again. By the time you read this, I will have had even “more work done” by those people in little *white* coats (the last ones actually had *purple* outfits).

**Please don’t wait until you need them** to have safety bars and railings installed, even if you don’t live in a 2-story house. The bars/railings don’t have to be ugly. My wooden ones upstairs are strong and made of beautiful wood. P.P.S. When Mom first came to live with us, we purchased a shower chair **with a back** ... great investment.

**Quote from “Maxine”**: “*I’ve reached the age where Happy Hour is a nap*”!

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (except September and December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, William 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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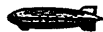
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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

As always, our Summer BBQ is on schedule and will be held 6/15/10 at Vassona which **Tony & Sally Urso** have hosted for many years. SouthBay looks forward to seeing any UAL families or friends that can join us on that day. Put it on your calendar. *We welcome newcomers at any of our events!!*

The January **Sunshine Report** by **LaDonna Eggert** has the following friends “***Grounded due to a mechanical problem***”: **Anna Howze** is a little better but being scheduled for tests at Stanford; **Dwayne Howze** is coping with side affects from Skin Cancer; “***Ready to Test***”: **Deloris Burda** has moved to the Sunrise retirement home and is participating and helping with their activities; **Elaine Kristen** is back home after

recuperating in a Convalescent Residence; **Alice Shelton** is much better, but confined to the house during oral Chemo; **Garver Sandy** is sounding good but was schedule for more tests on 1/12; **Jerry & Alice Frisch** were seen by our Sunshine Lady at Kaiser and they may not be ready for Test Flight just yet. **Helen Sidel** is fighting the Flu Bug. We accept “good vibes” from all our RUAEA Friends and we send them directly to those in need.

Thank you cards were received from our Breakfast Staff thanking us for the Monetary Gift Cards.

President **Dave Saso** has made us aware of the Niles Canyon Railway Station; 20 miles N of S.J. in Senole; Rides are offered to the public; the Train boards in Fremont and Senole ... 13 miles trip about 1 hr. 30 min. Could be fun for the grandkids or just a nice day out with friends.

*Join us for our Weekly Friday Meeting at 8:00 am at the Country Inn in Cupertino across from Home Depot.*

#### Calendar:

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

**March 12 - Glenndini Magic** (Come All)

**March 23 - Spring Luncheon;** Michaels at Shoreline in Mt. View. Hosted by **Joan Dahl**, (408) 996-2161 & **Nancy & Dave Walb**, (408) 966-8171. **All are welcome!**

**June 15 - Summer Picnic** at Vasona hosted by **Sally & Tony Urso**. \$21.00 per person - (408) 264-8580.



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Our January meeting was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> with 35 members and guests in attendance. We welcomed back **Caryl Payne** and **Georgia Rutkowski**.

Giacomo Parente, CFP Financial Advisor from Alliant Credit Union gave a very informative presentation on financial planning. Also attending from Alliant was Mauricio Luna from the Oakland Service Center. Giacomo's email is [giacomo.parente@cunamutual.com](mailto:giacomo.parente@cunamutual.com) and Mauricio's is [mluna@alliantcreditunion.com](mailto:mluna@alliantcreditunion.com).

**Rich Bouska**, our treasurer, gave good news that we are solvent!

We are in the early stages of planning for our annual Day at the Races. It will probably be in late September or early October.

Our February meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> with 31 members and guests. We were greeted with a valentine and candy at each plate thanks to the generosity of **Carol Parks**.

It was good to see **Ramsay Unlap** and **Ken Price** back. Members and guests: **Shirley House & Bill, Emma Lou Olson** with **Jackie Ormiston** (former UA employee and **Vilma Patrick** with her niece **Carol** (HNLRR). After Vilma left, we learned that it was her birthday tomorrow! – Happy Birthday Vilma!

**Don Rutowski** was the 50/50 winner and our guest, Jackie, won the pie.

We have firmed up the date for our Day at the Races - Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Calendar:

**March 8** – Meeting

**April 12** - Meeting

**May 10** – Meeting

**June 14** - Annual Picnic

**July** - No meeting

**August 9** - Meeting

**September 13** - Meeting

## COLORADO

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The Denver Mile Highers met on February 6<sup>th</sup> (a cold morning of 6°) for the monthly breakfast, gab session and just good fun. We had 58 retirees families and friends gathered at United's Flight training Center.

**Tom & Nancy Goodyear** brought two granddaughters **Austyn** and **Madison Bruchs**, **Harriet Ahr** brought her daughter-in-law **Sharon Ahr**, **Connie Conine** brought her father **Mel Conine**, Mrs. **Sumlin** brought her father **Al Neilson**, **Sharlie Morel** brought her father **Charlie Kern** and **Kathy Provo** brought her mother **Elizabeth Hierzer**. First Timers were **Keith Hipsher**, **Ron Cannon**, **Terry Snyder**, and **Barbara Chapman**.

**Tom Goodyear** reported the passing of **Lee Kline's** wife, **Violet** on Feb 1. Lee's home address is 2147 Ranch Dr., Westminster, CO. **Ed Nielson** died on Jan. 20, the address for his widow **Barbara** is 2097 Green Oaks Lane, Green Wood Village, CO 80121. Also, **Helen Taylor** recently passed away and her husband's address is 365 Inco Parkway, Boulder, CO 80303.

**Paul Miller** fell on the ice breaking his left leg in 2 places. He is in Manor Care Rehab at 290 South Monaco, Room 218, Denver CO 80222, Phone (720) 974-0926. Paul's home address is 4330 Malta St., Denver, CO 80249, Phone (303) 371-1507.

Tom also shared some information concerning UAL's 2009 4<sup>th</sup> quarter losses. The losses were narrowed by more than 80% of last year.

**Virgil Gooselaw** reported on the RUAEA National Board of Directors Meeting that was held in Orlando, FL on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. He mentioned that there were also four other people in attendance from Denver: **Carole Longbella**, **Juliana Alfonso**, **Marilyn Hansen** and **Martha Gooselaw**. Orlando is the site for this years annual Convention, May 23 – 30. He said the meeting went well and the Rosen Hotel is a perfect place to have the Convention. The facilities are spacious, well laid out to accommodate the usual activities. The room rates are still reasonable, the tours look interesting and it looks like there are plenty of flights to get retirees in and out of Orlando. For more details please check your February issue of the RUAEA Newsletter.

**The Spring Luncheon is scheduled for March 24:** *The location is the Old Neighborhood Restaurant at 7923 Allison, Arvada, CO, Phone (303) 425-1962. Menu Choice: 1-Shrimp Stir Fry, 2-London Broil, 3-Broiled Teriyaki Chicken. Included is Coffee, Tea, and Dessert plus tip for only \$17.00 (doesn't include alcohol drinks). Mail your checks with your menu choice on it to: Mile High Chapter of RUARA, Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St. Denver 80221. Phone (303) 477-2918. Deadline is March 17, 2010.*

### Calendar:

**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. each month, 9:00 AM** at 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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We had a great meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at The Village Inn attended by 7 members. **Warren & Noria Gerig** returned from a two week trip to Africa. **Chuck & Carol Stuller** returned from two weeks in LA for Christmas and New Years where they hosted a New Years Day brunch for 70 people at the Morse House in Pasadena, CA after the Rose Parade and before the big game at the Rose Bowl. Chuck & Carol have lots of family and friends from Oregon hoping the Ducks would win. They didn't encounter any problem on the flights from Colorado Springs to LAX and return.



**Merle Winterton, Chuck Turner and Carol Kowalski** are wintering in Arizona, so we will see them in the spring. **Brandon & Estelle Nashita**, displaced COSOZ employees, chose to stay in KOAOZ rather than transfer to RNOOZ! **Dennis Gilbert**, displaced COSOZ (EXOAT Special Assignment) employee, is retiring this year from DFWAT. COSOZ displaced employees are all over the USA. Retired OAKSS-SFOSS employee **Stan Glaiser** is seriously ill at UC Davis Med Center in California.

Colorado Springs United Express operator Skywest just hired 20 more part timers to handle five Continental flights daily. USAir terminated service here and had ground handled Continental. Most new hires were from USAir (America West).

Our meetings are held Mondays at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25.

Calendar:

**February 22** – 1200 noon, regular lunch meeting (Presidents Day)

**March 22** – Regular lunch meeting

**April 26** – Regular lunch meeting

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**CITRUS GROUPERS**

The Villages, Fl.

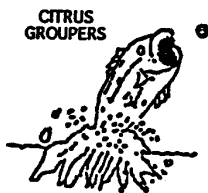
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President **Jerry Bell** led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. 17 Members were present. Jerry asked everyone to check the forms of member information for accuracy, and if you haven't completed an information form, please do so. Jerry will compile an up to date computer list of member information, their birthdays and anniversaries. If you were not in attendance at the January meeting, please check with Jerry at the February meeting.

**Paul Brown**, RUAEA Regional Director, attended the meeting and spoke about the convention to take place in Orlando in May. **Hank Gosselin**, VP Conventions, has called for a meeting of organizers on Feb. 1-4. 500 members are expected to attend the convention, look for more information in the RUAEA Newsletter.

If you have an emergency need to travel, BP3's are available through Health & Benefits. Also, Southwest Airlines travel costs must now be paid in cash or Cashier's Check; and you need a letter from Headquarters authorizing you to travel on Southwest. The cost is about \$31.00, including tax, one way.

Members had a great time at the Christmas party, at Katie Belle's in Spanish Springs in the Villages. Those in attendance brought a gift for a senior man or woman. All gifts were donated to the Hampton Manor, Assisted Living Facility, in Belleview, Florida.

**Paul Brown** also mentioned that UAL will be flying to Africa in the spring.

The 50/50 winner for January was **Elaine Cantillo**, congratulations!

Birthdays in January: **Carol Christenson, Rosel Dickenson, Virginia Lawhon, Elaine Cantillo, Don Dulen, Ralph Nardone, Terri Davis and Dale Fernandes.**

Wedding Anniversary: Mr. & Mrs. **Dave Henderson.**

*Nothing tends so much to enlarge the mind as traveling. (Dr. Watts)*

Calendar:

The 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month, 11:30 A.M. Golden Corral, The Villages (Rt. 466 between Buena Vista and Hwy 301)



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*Submitted by Lillian Moddle*

Prez **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting with the pledge to our great flag and gave the Benediction. There were 12 SandDabs present. No wedding or company anniversaries to celebrate but there were 3 birthdays, **Nelson Funkhouser**, **Al Warner** & **Dick Russell**. **Herb Gardener** did the 50/50 collection which **Nancy Thomas** won. Our treasurer, **Penny Logan** was away in NY and we decided to wait for her return and more of our regular members to attend before deciding what charities we'll be donating to. As a reminder, dues of \$5 for those who still owe for 2010.

Prez Dick gave us info on the RUAEA convention to be held in May in Orlando. Our secretary **Bobbie Rieck** is in a rehab facility after her hip operation on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. She can't wait to get home soon. **Lillian Moddle** is filling in for her duties - tough act to follow! Miss you Bobbie. **Dick Russell** is recovering at home after his successful second hip operation recently; he's pleased with his progress. **Bud Gammill** will be having his 3<sup>rd</sup> hip surgery on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. We wish him a speedy recovery. "Hang in there Bud and Karen!"

Thought for today: *When you embrace the positive, you shine. Inspire others to be their best, by being your best.*

### Calendar:

**March 4** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

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

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

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President **Rich Llewellyn** opened the February meeting as everyone was finishing up a nice lunch. Our private room at the Golden Corral was packed today with 47 members and several guests! A hearty welcome to these very welcome visitors: the **Regans** and **Tylers**, **Joan Levell**, longtime member and wife of **Paul** who passed away in January, **Treatie Karwoski**, RUAEA Northeast Director and **Rich Surma**, the RUAEA Convention Photographer ... was he checking out our pre-convention smiles?

We were all reminded that it is a new year and our \$10.00 Real McCoy dues are due. Also, Rich reminded everyone that, in order to attend the RUAEA Convention and take advantage of the great tours, wonderful dinners and the benefit seminar to be held on Saturday, you MUST BE A DUES-PAYING MEMBER OF RUAEA. Elaine passed out membership applications and the February RUAEA Newsletter & Convention Issue.

Paul Brown, RUAEA Florida Region Director, congratulated us on being the fastest growing chapter in Florida! He reported that UAL had a \$1.1B net loss. They have 43 new 777's on order, 10 of which will be cargo liners. UAL will begin service to Africa in the spring and seasonal service to ANC on June 9<sup>th</sup> from DEN & ORD.

**Janey Grant** sent a "thank you" to all who attended the wonderful turnout for **Chuck's** memorial ... **JoAnn Hall** and **Ernie Vosges** joined us today and are feeling good ... **Orlin "OB" Taylor** called to say "thanks for all the cards" - he's much better!

**Al Fields** graciously offered to deliver the many items brought in by our members for the Central Florida Childrens' Home! He filled the back of his SUV - Thank you all!

February Birthdays included **Nan Multeri** (2/28) and **Joan Levell** (2/16). Anniversary Congrats to **Marlin** & **Marilyn Lade** celebrating 58 great years on February 23rd!

Calendar:

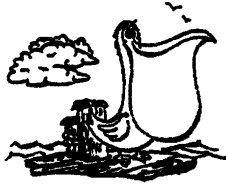
**Luncheon meeting time has been moved to 1:30pm. Location stays the same.**

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 3** –Luncheon

**April 7** – Luncheon

**May 5** – Luncheon



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*Submitted by Joan Gilkison (substituting for Sandy Pryde)*

**Bea McCarthy** and I take turns driving to our first Friday of the month luncheon meetings. When we arrived at the luncheon about 11AM, **Marge Burg** was already busy taking money for our lunch. **Mel Volz**, Treasure, and **Linda Volz** were also there welcoming us. **Stella McCaffery**, whom we had not seen in several years, was there with her guest, Nancy Radigan. They are both from Lehigh Acres. **Rosemary Blake**, had been traveling all summer, and **Wanda Schmoyer**, had a day off from work and joined us for lunch. It was good to see them.

**Carlton & Judy Hibbert** are vacationing for two months in Naples FL. Carlton called me and made arrangements to attend our meeting. Guests are always welcome. They live in Des Plaines, IL and usually spend a couple of winter months in Hawaii but this year decided to try Florida. Carlton worked 36 years at ORD for United - ORDJL. They said they would be back for the March meeting.

Since we did not have a speaker, we visited together and enjoyed a delicious lunch. **Mel Volz** read a story about how favorite saying “came to be”. **Bill Burg** introduced the guests and also sold the tickets for the prizes. **Bibianna Schultz** was the big winner, but there were many prizes. **Linda Volz** won several prizes and almost everyone else won something. “You can’t win without a ticket”. **Maxine Brown**, who always wins, went home empty handed just like I did.

There was a nice article in the Fort Myers News-Press about Beacon of HOPE joining up with United Way. **Sally Sciple**, one of the Pelican Drop-Ins, was featured in the article. She is a volunteer for Beacon of HOPE. Since the first Friday of April is Good Friday, our April meeting will be the second Friday of April.

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month:

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

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (**June–September**)

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The meeting was opened by Vice President **Bob Lindstrom** with 21 members present. President **Barbara Riecss** was out of town. There was no birthdays and anniversaries to celebrate for February.

There were no minutes to be read for January. **Jean Linehan** read the treasurers report and it was approved. There was no travel news for the month of January.

**Jim Hottel** explained that a sign up sheet was available for the picnic at Anderson Park on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The menu will be chicken and we got it at the same price as the BBQ beef. We will have the same sides and there will be dessert. Sign up and cancellations will be taken up to April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A motion was made and passed that we hold our picnic at Anderson Park on October 4<sup>th</sup>. **Jon Wilkinson** will secure the permit for that day at the same space.

**Terri Breslin**, Sunshine Chairman reported that a card was sent to **Mike Rice**, recovering after receiving a pace maker. She also reported that **Marijke Newman** has had very serious heart surgery.

**Jon Wilkinson** reported on airline news. Jon also stated that medical and prescription costs have gone up.

**Bob Lindstrom** gave the members some more airline news, he also asked if anyone knew of any speakers for the upcoming meetings.

#### Calendar:

**February 1** – Tiffany's, 10:30 AM

**March 1** – Tiffany's, 10:30 AM

**April 5** – Picnic at Anderson Park – 11:00AM (*please note new time*)



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The weather on Feb. 2 was mild and brought out 16 members and 1 guest. Our guest was none other than **Sharon Kolibab** who worked with **Diane Brodis** and me in Rockleigh before it closed. Sharon also worked in Newark and Washington, D.C. before she retired with something like 34 years with UAL. She & husband **Bill**, who had just left to return to N.J. but will be back the end of this month, purchased a home in Port St Lucie and will be snow birds for the most part. One thing is true, when you worked with UAL, the friendships made are lasting ones and it certainly is nice to have Sharon a part of our group.

The conversation was brisk about the news of upcoming plans of UAL offering First Class travel to our passengers, and SA travel possibly not able to get First Class on trips. A great incentive for passengers to join our mileage club and reap the benefits of loyalty to our company but not so good for us employees. Oh well, I will be happy just to be able to get on a flight, and perhaps if Mileage Plus members are put in first class, it may leave more room in economy!

President **Al Popek** suggested that we think about doing a trip to The Isles at Pompano Beach and Pompano Race Track on April 16, finalized plans will take place at our March meeting. Al also recommended that we change our gratis membership from 80 to 85 years young. Since a large number of our members have reached the age of 80 and they are exempt from yearly dues, starting in September 2010, this exemption will be advanced to age 85.

The 50/50 was won by **Chris Taylor** and the progressive was won by **Millie Rossi**.

People in the crowd were getting slap happy and jokes started to be told around the room. **Chris Taylor** told a cute one but I have forgotten the punch line.

Well, if you have time to have lunch with us and you are visiting or on vacation or have retired and live in the area, come join us, you won't regret it. Until next time.

On the lighter side – *Here are some different answering messages:*

- ☺ *Hello, you are talking to a machine. I am capable of receiving messages. My owners do not need siding, windows, or a hot tub, and their carpets are clean. They give to Charity through the office and don't need their picture taken. They are also very happy with their current phone service. If you're still with me, leave your name and number and they will call you back.*
- ☺ *If you are a burglar calling to check, then we're probably at home cleaning our weapons right now and can't come to the phone. Otherwise, we probably aren't home and it's safe to leave us a message.*



- ☺ *Hi this is \_\_\_\_\_ If you are the phone company, I already sent the money. If you are my parents, please send money. If you are my financial institution, you didn't lend me enough money. If you are my friends, you owe me money. If you are a female, don't worry, I have plenty of money.*
- ☺ *A quote from Abraham Lincoln: "It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years"!*

Calendar:

**March 2** – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

**April 6** – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

**April 16** - The Isles at Pompano Beach and Race Track (?)

**May 4** – 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

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Twenty nine flyers and three guests showed up at the I-hop Restaurant for lunch on February 3. Our guests were **Tina Meyers** and **Melissa Lane, Lyle & Joanna Meyers'** daughters, and **Terri Wilson, Bogie & Jody Wallace's** daughter. We had a great turnout as this one day was a welcome relief from the exceptional amount of rain and cold we have been experiencing lately. Missing were **Bruce & Mary Brodersen** who were in Orlando, FL at the RUAEA board meeting for the upcoming convention. It looks like we may have a good number of our members attending this year from a show of hands. Registration kits will be available from Bruce when he returns.

**Fred Cron** conducted our 50/50 assisted by **Bogie Wallace**. **Jane Brown** was the winner, and donated her prize to The Promise Place. **Ray Owen** has donated his time, energy and resources to the shelter, building shelving for them to accommodate the donations they receive. All send a big "Thank you" to Ray for all the effort and work he does for them. **Bill Elk** held a short business meeting and reminded us of the upcoming US. Census form we'll be getting soon. **Terri Wilson** reported that Congratulations are in order for **Bogie & Jody Wallace** on the arrival of their second grandchild recently from their son, Terri's brother.

It was good to see **Barbara Russey** back after having her hip replaced. She is feeling great and able to resume normal activities with no restrictions. Still on the sick list is **Wormie Bowling** who is going to undergo surgery soon to correct her acid reflux disease. All the Flyers wish her a successful procedure and a speedy recovery. All wish every one a Happy Valentines Day.

Calendar:

**March 3** - Lunch at Noon, I-Hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA.

**IDAHO**



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Rick Dempsey welcomed 15 members along with 2 new members **Palmer & Robert Sarnoff**. Bob & Palmer have just moved to Boise from Alamo, CA. Palmer started as a flight attendant in Feb. 1972; four years later she transferred to SFOLM and retired in Dec. 2003.

**Ossie Haugen** went to Phoenix for a family reunion. A great time was had by all except he brought a rain cloud with him, resulting in 5½ inches of rain in two days - the most recorded in 41 years! Ozzie you need to go

to California and help them out with their drought! Because of all the rain in Phoenix, he had to stay an extra day as 150 flights had been cancelled. One of Ozzie's nephews was stranded in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for 1½ days due to four feet of snow.

**Marilyn Taylor** spent a week in Portland, Oregon with her daughter Sharon - great time was had!

**David Adams** led four buses carrying the Boise State band to Arizona for the Fiesta Bowl. The drivers watched most of the game on the screen as their seats were behind the tubas! GO BSU! David recently reached the half-million mile mark, after beginning his "second career" in 1997. This was BSU's second appearance at the Fiesta Bowl in four years. After winning the 2010 Fiesta Bowl, the BSU Broncos were 14-0 for the season!

Rick announced **Ned Yundt** was planning a Valentine's luncheon to be held on February 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the Pad Thai House Restaurant on Five Mile Road in Boise.

#### Calendar:

**February 16** - Luncheon Pad Thai House Restaurant, Boise, 1:00 p.m.

**March 1** - Breakfast Meeting at JB's Restaurant, 9:00 a.m.

**April 5** - Breakfast Meeting at JB's Restaurant, 9:00 a.m.

### ILLINOIS

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**Sandra Piwowarczyk** spent Thanksgiving weekend in Seattle with daughter while son-in-law had several days with his family in Illinois. To further a mother and daughter tradition, they took a three day trip driving to Vancouver, B.C. Canada. Daughter Denise is a reporter for KOMO 4 TV for the last five years. Then back to their home overlooking Puget Sound. While we were enjoying the cold and snow, **Laverne Lundquist** and her whole family spent Christmas week in a three story penthouse in Plaza Del Carmen, Mexico and enjoyed the perks of the beach, 85° temps and no humidity.

**Ed Majewski** enjoyed catching a 165 pound Pacific striped marlin during a December trip to San Lucas.

**Pat Muha** took an Overseas Adventure tour to India which took in the Golden Circle. She felt India is so diverse and it is impossible to comprehend the number of people, cars and animals unless one sees it. She enjoyed it so much, she would go there again.

Closer to home, **Jim Sommerfield** and family including grand-children were delighted with the Christmas Light show at Brookfield zoo and also a trip to the Field Museum to visit the dinosaurs.

Special anniversaries in Valentine month: **Liesel & Al Schroeder** with 55 years and **JoAnn & Vince Giannini** with 52 years. Cupid's dart is lasting a long time.

**Jan Gawenda** is home after surgery. Her address is 920 Ridge Square, Apt. 208, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. **Gil Wojtel** is playing with hospital stays with wife **MaryKay**. His turn for a back surgery is in February. Guess this is the season for repairs. **Ginny Vlach** is now home from the hospital and the Moorings rehab to do her therapies at home. Until she can re-join the Northside, we can let her know we miss her being a news runner for me, **Darlene Anderson** filled in for this last month. Home is where Frank is hoping to be, for a home cooked meal at 404 S. Albert St., Mt Prospect, IL 60056.

Not to be out done, **Ken Bergsma** is scheduled for a rotator cuff surgery after a ski slope accident. Prayers for a successful healing would be welcome. Cards later.

Southside had only 17 attending, including the return from sickness of **Carmen Chavez**. Missing for two months is **Agnes Pearson** who is suffering from a fall in November. Currently she is going thru a series of tests. A card to our Sunshine Lady would lift her spirits. Address is 6234 S. Kedvale Ave., Chicago, IL. 60629.

We did not check for badges but we did take time for the raffle. And the winners were **Ted Guz**, **Ed Ward** and **Javier Chavez**.

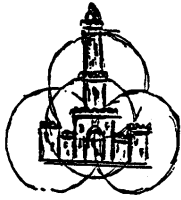
Tentative date for the Spring Luncheon is March 29<sup>th</sup> and the Picnic is July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**March 30 & April 27**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**March 10 & April 14**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**March 2 & April 6**).



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With Spring arriving, we hope to see some Snow Birds returning as well as the regular members and welcome any new guests to come and join us for the March 17<sup>th</sup> Luncheon.

Please email or call me before noon of March 16<sup>th</sup> so that we can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect.

Calendar:

**March 17** - Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

**April** – No Luncheon scheduled

**May 19** – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel – 11:30a.m.

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As we settle into the last throws of winter, we look forward to the peek of early crocus in brilliant shades of purple, yellow and blue bursting through the layer of snow or drab green grass as an early clue of warmer days to come. Every year about this time, I linger over the pages of multiple flower catalogs, envisioning my yard abounding with all that glorious beauty from flowering trees, shrubs and plants. Missing is the ambition and cash that is needed for planting, nurturing and maintaining that illusion. Oh well, flipping the pages gets me through the cold days.

At our last meeting, we discussed and created a committee to encourage past members and new retirees to visit and join/rejoin our meetings. We've considered the possibility of having card games or perhaps Bingo either before or following our meeting. We plan to mail a questionnaire requesting whether other days, or times would be more convenient. Proposed is an evening get-together in May. We enjoy our "get-togethers" so much; we would like to see others share them.

As reported previously, **Elly & Ralph Barnett** are going on a cruise in late February. **Gail & Warren Allen** should soon be returning from their winter stay in Texas, as the golf greens warm up. **Dimple Rihel** related that she is looking for a job. And, I am headed to "The Villages" in Florida. Hopefully, I will be there in time to drop in on one of the meetings of other RUEA groups. And, we at Indy Racers hope you visit us when you're in the area.

Happy March birthday to: **Ed Loftus; Lenny Kurtz; Hannelore Brabo and Charles Theiss.**

Go Colts! At this writing, it is a week before the Super Bowl. I love the Steelers, but they're sitting this game out, so we'll support the home team.

Calendar:

**March 8** - IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

**April 12** - IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

**MASSACHUSETTS**



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The Nor'Easters didn't hold a January, February, or March meeting, so little news. **Dolores Berardi's** knee operation was successful. Debby, her daughter, once a CSR in BOS, flew in from LAX to take over the household chores. While here, Debby had a reunion with prior CSR's, **Jennifer Baletsa** and **Sheryll Gilardi**. Now there are some names I haven't heard in a long time, as I worked with all three in the past.

In mid January while on outside steps, **John Dellelo** slipped, fell and broke a hip. John had two rods inserted the next day, moved to rehab and is doing fine. Hang in John!

Unfortunately, one sad note, the passing of **Mercedes Hersom's** brother in mid January. We all grieve with you, Merc.

I e-mailed a questionnaire to all members with Internet service, seeking info for future activities or luncheons. If you haven't responded yet, please do so at your earliest. For those without computer access, please call me or send a note via mail with suggestions. Your response could lead to a fun venue we haven't considered in the past.

PS: This Newsletter installment is coming to you from a lanai in sunny Kona, HI. I got to leave frozen chosen for three weeks. No problem flying SA getting here.

March's Birthdays: **Bob Austin, Dorothy Barry, John Holman, Ollga Kondratiuk, Lee Loyn, Mary Beth McDermet, Bill Shailor and Jimmy Yip.**

March's anniversaries: **Frederic & Rita Casey** - 55 years, **Marcia & David Kilpatrick** - 16 years, **Don & Kathy Later** - 14 years, **Gerald & Margret Peters** - 53 years, **Lew & Sylvia Shakley** - 47 years, and **Tyrone & Christine Withrow** - 44 years.

Calendar:

**April 13** - The Ship Restaurant, Route 1 S, Lynnfield, MA

**MICHIGAN**

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13 Escapees gathered at Papa Vino's in Northville on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Marcie Vance**. Everyone received chocolate hearts for dessert in memory of St. Val. Marcie told us about her trip to Vietnam that never happened. After standing-by for 2 days @ ORD with no luck, they decided to change plans and go to Costa Rica and found it was one of their best trips ever. Marcie said they had an ocean front room with a beautiful view and all meals, tours plus entertainment was included, in an all inclusive package. She said it was her only trip that she had to do absolutely nothing but relax; it was all pre-arranged and highly enjoyable.



2010 has been a sad year so far as we said our final good-byes to **Rod Jacob, Sharon's** love, as he lost his battle with cancer on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. His son gave a beautiful talk as he said that his parents taught him the meaning of true love. He said that he always noticed when they were together, they were always holding hands and whenever his dad kissed his mom it was like their first kiss. Our Love and Prayers to Sharon and family @ 411 Coledale Drive, White Lake, MI 48386-2827.

Also on the 13<sup>th</sup>, **Marcie Vance** lost her dad after a massive heart attack. Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, both **Maggie O'Connell's** mom and **Brian Inflat's** dad was called home to be with the angels and saints. Love and prayers on the loss of their parents in this time of sorrow: Marcie @ 15901 Auburndale, Livonia, MI 48154, Maggie @ 1176 Heritage, Canton, MI. 4818 and Brian @ 15931 13th Place W., Lynnwood, WA 98087.

#### Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call or email.

### MINNESOTA



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My apologies for having no chapter news in the February issue! Our December meeting was cancelled because of weather, the holidays & travelling ... what can I say ~ I just SPACED IT OUT! Now you all know I'm not perfect.

The holiday season greeted us like Minnesota winters of yore ... tons of snow and bitter cold temperatures. But by the time our January meeting came along, things were better and 30 Northern Lites made the trip to West St. Paul for lunch & fellowship. We greeted **Tom Krieger** after a long absence, and still-active **Mark & Pat Juberien** who still think we're pretty nifty & keep us up-to-date on the local company activities.

Travel highs & lows were discussed. **Lee Storlie** strongly suggested buying a bit of insurance while travelling, both health & transportation. One of our members a few months ago had health issues while travelling & would have benefited greatly had he had insurance. **Donna Gray's** daughter gave her a laptop with wireless capability to carry with her while travelling, so that she can adjust her listing without the need of an agent. **Mary Brennan** related the gyrations required to change a listing for herself & her companion traveler.

Local Company news: **Mark & Pat** recommended allowing plenty of time to clear security at MSP, especially the 0600 departures & especially Saturday or Monday. The company recently laid off 6 CSR positions & reduced 5 more to part-time. There were layoffs on the ramp as well. In March, the SFO non-stop will be moved to an afternoon departure to connect with the Pacific service.

Our old pal from MSP Air Freight, **Jerry Strickland**, underwent colon surgery recently. He's reported to be doing well, but would enjoy hearing from his buds. We're saddened to learn of the deaths of **Bud Ayres'** brother and **Neva Ruffino's** mother. Our condolences to them and their families.

We got quite a chuckle out of an article that **Lee** had read about UAL's being ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in airline food. Food? Who's seen any food on an airplane lately? And the funniest part about the ranking is that Southwest was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> & they only offer peanuts on their planes...

In the January issue, we honored our Veterans who had been present on Veteran's Day. We'd also like to recognize the service of **Don Wood**, who served as a B-24 gunner during WWII & had the dubious honor of seeing the mushroom cloud caused by the atom bomb attack over Nagasaki, Japan; and **Jim Simon**, whose served during Vietnam flying refueling missions.

**Chuck & JoAnn Eichacker** spend most of their time in Florida, especially when it starts to get a tad chilly up here in God's country. In January, when we sent down the Blast from the Arctic that WE received from our cousins in Canada (we all like to spread the wealth), JoJo & Chuck were suddenly in the "rescue the turtles" business. The poor things (the turtles, not the Eichackers) couldn't handle the below-freezing temperatures (well, maybe the Eichackers, too), so Chuck started bringing them in the house. Now, these critters aren't like those little painted turtles we see by the roadside & sitting on a rock in the sun ... no, these were BIG. One which spent a day in their bathtub mostly filled the tub, thank you very much. They rescued four of those big turtles!

A reminder that it's dues time again ~ \$5 per retiree & spouse per year is pretty reasonable. Bring it to the next meeting or mail it to **Arlene Kelley**, 3148 Magney Drive, Cloquet, MN 55720. Also, officer positions are up for election. If you're interested in any of the jobs, please let Lee know. There's an updated address list available for dues-paying members. Contact me or mention it at the next luncheon.

Calendar:

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

**NEBRASKA**

**GOLDEN'EARS**

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There were 33 who ran through snowdrifts and came on sleds to get to our luncheon. Only kidding - but we are getting very tired of all this white stuff that has hit us. Even though it was still 4 below zero, it didn't seem that cold as the sun finally showed its face. We have had at least 30 inches of snow from December to January 7.

**Cary Manson** was installed as Potentate for the Shrine (or as he called it the CEO for the Omaha area) on January 8. Our sincere congratulations to **Cary & Toddy**. I know it is a very high honor to become the Potentate.

Had a card from **Jake Hutchinson** and he said his macular degeneration has worsened and he cannot drive anymore. I know driving would be hard to give up and I assume he also had to give up his part-time job. Also had a card from **Gene O'Brien** and he and **Carol** are doing okay. It sure would be nice to see some of our out-of-towners who haven't been back for a long, long time.

Talked to **Dorothy Glover** and she said **Bob** doesn't walk much anymore, but still knows her. Dorothy is fighting Vertigo which sometimes can be very hard to get rid of. Bob has had Alzheimer's for several years and is in the new Veteran's Home in Bellevue.

Checked in with **Hilde Schwan** and the report on **Dick** is that his cancer doesn't seem to be the problem now, but the breathing is getting worse as days go by. We miss them at our meetings, but realize they have a long way to drive and been too cold.

Word was sent in December that **Jack Ferry**, age 82, passed away December 17 in Memphis, TN. His service was held on December 22. He is survived by his wife, **Ann**.

**Marge & Louie Stankoski** celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on January 13. It is good to see Marge and Louie getting out again. They have had many problems the last couple of years. Congratulations and many more.

In checking my book here are some important birthdays coming up in 2010: **Georgia Egr** will be 95 on April 12; **Harold Rowe** will be 94 on March 24; **Cy Buell** will be 94 on June 28; **Sydney Greenstreet** will be 93 on January 4.

Calendar:

**March 2** - TBD

**April 6** - Old Country Buffet

**May 4** -Horseman's Park, **Lorraine & Elaine**

## NEVADA



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Our December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order at noon with 51 members in attendance. Two new members joined us; **Rosemarie Restivo** from WHQAC and **Christina Earl** from LASCS. Welcome both to our Chapter.

We were served a delicious lunch by the Arizona Charlie's staff, and then proceeded with the Christmas meeting. We had a successful "Toy Collection" that was delivered to the Marine Corps and also to the Safe Nest group.

We did not bother with nominations this time and just enjoyed each other. Nomination and election for officers of the Las Vegas Gamblers will take place at the February meeting.

**Arlene Reed** had surgery, is currently home and getting chemo therapy treatments.

Do not forget to send 2010 membership due of \$6.00 for the Retiree or \$10.00 for Retiree and spouse or companion. If you are a current member, please ignore this note.

### Calendar:

**April 13** – Luncheon Meeting, 11:30AM. Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, (702) 258-5200. Luncheon is \$ 19.00 per person.

**June 8** – Luncheon Meeting, 11:30AM

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There were 19 attendees at our January meeting. It was nice to see a filled room, especially since our Christmas lunch attendance was half of expected due to the weather conditions.

**PICNIC CHANGE** - We have made the reservations for our picnic on **Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Sand Harbor**. Please think about volunteering to help set up and/or coordinate supplies. The members in attendance agreed to the change, which moves us a week out from Hot August Nights.

**RUAEA** - The web site is [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and contains information about the 2010 Convention in Orlando. The dates are May 23 – 30. The tour information has now been posted. **John** will be attending the board meeting in MCO in February and will have more to report later.

We are glad to report that **Jim Wagner** is doing just fine after his recent hospitalization. We hope to see him soon. A get well card was sent to him on behalf of the chapter. We are saddened to report on the passing of **Barbara Leusing's** mother recently. A card was also sent to her on behalf of the chapter.

**Pat Zoboli** won the 50/50. **Jean Stephens** won the "mystery" gift. The winners of our "special" drawing were **Donna Perkins**, lucky **Jean Stephens**, and **Christa Knutson** won twice. Who shook up those tickets? Just kidding!

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

## NEW JERSEY



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The Gardenstaters held their regular meeting on January 27. President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a flag salute. A moment of silence was held for those members that have passed away; they are: **Tom Carroll; Linda**, wife of **Frank Kokoszyka**, **Marty Peters**, **Bernard Nick**, **Norm Ventable**, **Natalie Monahan**, wife of **Dick Monahan**, **Mel Piefer**, and **Jack M. "Pete" De Camp**.

We received information from **Paul Pfisterer** about different trips in Upper Eddy, PA; Bucks County River Boat Cruise on the Delaware River and also Trolley Rides.

Hunderdon Hills Playhouse is booked for March 10<sup>th</sup>. We need at least 20 people to attend to get the \$50.00 per person cost. You have to be there by 11:00 A.M., the show is the Great American Song Book, and there are many meal choices. We will finalize at the next meeting,

**John Murphy** gave the treasurer's report and **Violet Etler** read the minutes from the last meeting. The next meeting will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Report from the Clipped Wings New Jersey:* The holidays were busy for Clipped Wings New Jersey! November's meeting was "Operation Christmas Stocking". This year we sent six boxes full of goodies and favorite items from home to the Troops in Iraq. We thank many who volunteered and made donations; especially to **Rosa Mirando** who has been our hostess for this project for four straight years. In December, we were again able to wrap holiday gifts at Barnes and Noble ... and for celebrating fun; the Annual Holiday Party was held at the home of **Vicki Waldron Abella**. Thanks Vicki!

Thank you Gardenstaters for allowing us to share our news again this year. Hope you all have a happy, healthy and exciting 2010. **Diane Johnson**

Father Al, who operates the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel out in Shanksville, PA, has cancer of the vocal cords. He has had a couple of surgeries and is now undergoing Radiation treatments 5 times a week for 7 weeks. Being a priest and he has now been ordained as a Bishop, he definitely believes in the Power of Prayer! His prognosis is good but he is still making provisions for the care and upkeep of the Chapel should something happen to him.

I am sure it would pick up his spirits to hear from us, so if you would like to send a card, his address is: Fr. Alphonse Mascherino, 152 West Main Street, Somerset, PA 15501.

Captain **Jack M. "Pete" De Cam** passed away in Santa Monica, CA on January 10, 2010 after a long illness. Pete had been based at EWR and JFK.

## NEW YORK

### GUYS AND DOLLS

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Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow which explains why we had only 10 attendees at our Groundhog Day luncheon. Six more weeks of winter depresses everyone! Yet, we had a good time with our small intimate group.

Travel situations were discussed with the upcoming free upgrades for mileage plus members. Yes, it's true that effective around April 1<sup>st</sup>, Elite Mileage Plus members will have free upgrades for themselves and one companion domestically. This is in part due to Continental joining the Star Alliance. **Dale Harper** keeps us updated with his informative emails. The info can also be accessed on the internet at [www.mileageplus.com](http://www.mileageplus.com).



**Audrey Smolik** talked about late invoices for pass travel. Payment due date was December 6<sup>th</sup>, yet postmark on envelope was December 16<sup>th</sup>. If this occurs, you can call (877) 825-7277 (UAL PASS).

Two of our members will miss our April meeting. Italy is calling. **Audrey Smolik** will be enjoying Portofino and **Ernestine Manzo** will be traveling from Venice to Rome. Arrivederci! You lucky ladies.

Our chapter voted to donate \$100.00 to Doctors without Borders for the Haiti disaster.

**Barbara Hill** is now the correspondent for Guys and Dolls. To make the transition easier, she won the 50/50. We thank **Jeanne Leo** for her many years of service.

Dues will be collected at our next meeting. Don't forget to RSVP to **Marge Segal** at (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** at (212) 799-8061.

Calendar:

**April 6** – 12 Noon at San Martin.



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Here we are at Milleridge in a bright new sunny room and a new year. Our President **Jim Richardson** started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer for our members who are deceased and those suffering health issues.

42 members and 4 guests were in attendance. Guests were: **Carson Baker**, **Nadine Cordes** and **Susan D'Agostino**. **Irma Buck**, sister-in-law of **Werner Buck**, arrived this past week from Stade, Germany. She was so impressed by the members' friendliness and the abundance of good food served at Milleridge.

A big thank you to **Charlie Kuczinski** for again volunteering to bring **Nell Napolitano** to our meeting and for his delightful commentaries.

Dues were collected by **Paul Cohen** for Metro members 2010.

Since we did not have a meeting in January; congratulations and best wishes were given to our January Birthday members. As for our February birthdays, among the elders were **Frank Kittle**, **Ruth Olenick** and **David Curtin**. Special birthday greetings went to **Ann Hluboky**, **Ed Sholander** and **Angie Saviano**, all graduated onto our Lifetime Membership role. Congratulations to all.

Anniversaries: **Gerry & Domineck Rizzo** will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> year of togetherness on 2/25/10. **Claire & Arthur Wilsdorf** said their "I Do's" 56 years ago on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 1954.

Remember Metro member **Al Vernillo**, he's now living at Arbors at Westbury and has a cell phone: (516) 404-2165, he moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. He is receiving infusions for his MS. He would like to hear from you guys.

Discussions were held for our day at "Belmont Racetrack", we were asking for ideas for the picnic on July 7, 2010. Everyone who attended last year had such a great time.

It was great to see **Bobby Lee** and **John Butera** again, both in good health.

Congratulations to **Stephanie Teufels'** son, Thomas, who received a prestigious award last week at McArthur Airport. Way to Go Thomas! Mom must be so proud and so are we.

Calendar:

**March 3** – Noon - Milleridge Inn

**April 7** – Noon - Milleridge Inn

**May 5** – Noon - Milleridge Inn

## NORTHWOODS

### NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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Oops! In my letter to all Loonies members regarding the May meeting, my right hand went astray and I hit an 8 instead of a 4. The correct dates for the May meeting are Tuesday, May 11 through Friday, May 14.

Most people caught the mistake but it pays to correct mistakes like that. Again, the meeting will be at the Terrace Inn, Bay View, MI. Bay View is a suburb(?) of Petoskey on the north side and straddles US 31. There are signs at the main entrance on US 31 pointing to the Terrace Inn. We will have exclusive use of the hotel for all four days. We are planning a pizza party on Tuesday, May 11 so that we will not have to drive further that evening.

Hope to see you all there.

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We have started off the year of 2010 with our first meeting on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Dimitrie's Restaurant with 58 members attending. Our weather was quite pleasant for the middle of winter here in Ohio. We all enjoyed a great lunch. Many of us took a doggie bag home! A big "Thank You!" to **John & Dollie Taucher** for hosting our luncheon. We would like to take a moment to remember **Marilyn Gschwend**, who hosted the Feb. meeting for many years. Shortly before being served, **Dave Plako** led the group in saying grace.

President **Dolly Taucher** called the meeting together and explained some of the things that were in our "information packet" which gives everyone the dates and times for all of our meetings for the next five months of 2010. It has convenient phone numbers for all members to have handy. This has been a sad year for our members and friends as we had a number of deaths. Their names follow: **Warren Fukalek** – CLEMM, **Robert Herman** – CLEJL, **Richard "Tom" Haren** – CLEFO, **Kasmer "Toots" Gardina** – CLECG. Our sympathy to all family and friends. **Shari Herman** stopped by our group to say "hello". We were surprised to see her; she was attending the after luncheon for the funeral of her husband, Bob's brother. Bob just passed away in January. We have not escaped from some serious injuries and illnesses. Our Treasurer, **Steve Pytel**, had successful knee surgery and was able to make our meeting. **Steve Rak** fell in his garage and spent three weeks in the hospital with a severe injury to the head. We were happy to see him at the luncheon and thankful for his recovery. **Ron Badowski** had a knee replacement, and **Harry Guenther** has had a series of problems with pneumonia and a serious fall. They are all in our thoughts and prayers.

We celebrated monthly anniversaries and this time there were "none". BUT, we did celebrate the 2 months – 2 week – 2 day anniversary of **John & Elda Jeskey** who were married on Nov. 18, 2009! John was also celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our Best Wishes to both of you. Birthdays for January and February were also acknowledged as follows: **Tom Hockett**, **Carol Gregory**, **John Jeskey**, **Bob Alexander**, **Andy Striegl**, **Paul Rodjom**, **Jacki Craig**, **Mary Lou Mack**, **Marilyn Neale**, **Jeff Spooner**, **Mary Striegl**, **Dolly Taucher** and **Lou Kuretz**.

**Marjorie Sandstorm** and **Len Friedel** were quite happy to have attended the meeting as they were the winners of our 50/50 cash prize raffle! Congratulations to you both. We were happy to welcome **Marilyn Neale**, as a returning member. Please remember to get your chapter dues in to our treasurer, **Steve Pytel**, by the end of February. Also, don't forget that the chapter would like to get the words out to more of the retirees that the Ohio Buckeyes are active and fun. If you know of someone who just hasn't tried us yet, give them a word of encouragement to give the chapter a try or invite them to one of the lunches. Perhaps suggesting that they check

out the website for the Buckeye's at [www.ualohiobuckeyes.org](http://www.ualohiobuckeyes.org). Also, **Rudy Pivik** suggested we consider a bus trip to the Dayton Air Force Museum in the Cincinnati area. This would probably be a one day trip. No dates are set, but it is something to think about. We would welcome any suggestions!

Calendar:

**March 4** – Old Oak Bible Church, Middleburg Hts. Gather at 12 noon – Luncheon served at 12:30. Prepaid – deadline Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.

**April 7** – Flair Restaurant, 12841 State Rd. N. Royalton. Gather at 12 noon – Luncheon served at 12:30. Prepaid – Deadline March 25<sup>th</sup>.

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Today in our area, the sun is shining, it feels like spring as I write this; however, on the east coast, the weather forecasters are predicting the snow storm of the century. How lucky to live in the beautiful Northwest. Of course, the weather could change on us too, as snow has fallen in February and March.

There were 79 at our luncheon in January. Charlie acknowledged the staff members of the restaurant with gift certificates for their assistance each month on setting up the buffet line, replenishing water and coffee and always being cheerful and accommodating to everyone.

Winners for the monthly drawings were: **Betty Alff** - door prize; **Johni Wilson** – birthday, **Dick & Bonnie Miller** – anniversary; and **John Carter** - 50/50. Thanks to **Bob & Dee Boelter** for donating the table decorations. They were raffled off at the end of the meeting.

**Rance Ishibashi** went into the hospital on Christmas Day; however, he was able to return home on January 12<sup>th</sup>. He told Charlie he had lost another 20 pounds, but claims to be on a “come back” roll and wants to thank everyone for thinking of him. **Merle Pitman** has also been back in the hospital, is now home but still weak. Don't forget to send cards.

Please contact the Pitmans if you know of any illness as they would like to be able to send out cards to our ill members. It would also be nice to send a thinking-of-you card to someone who hasn't attended in a long time. If you can't get in touch with them, please contact me and I'll be happy to forward the information to them.

March is the last month to pay your dues and have your name appear in the 2010 Roster. If you haven't paid, please come to the March meeting or mail them to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116<sup>th</sup>, Portland, OR 97220. The check should be made out to RUAEA and the dues are \$7.50 single and \$10.00 a couple.

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 12:00 PM

**March 10** - Social

**April 14** - Social

**May 12** - Social



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Although the outside was typical Pacific Northwest winter weather (no Fiji here in the winter months) for the January 8 and February 5 OUR Club luncheons, the inside weather around the table was warm and congenial. **Jim & Jane Frincke** hosted the January luncheon at Taprock Northwest Grill in Grants Pass and welcomed 16 at the table beside the big river rock fireplace. We missed **Wayne Widrig's** friend, **Jackie Mack**, who had been recently re-hospitalized in Medford. Following tests, Jackie underwent open heart surgery and, as of this writing, she remains in the CCU. Wayne has been great to keep us posted on Jackie's progress, and our positive thoughts are with her every day.

The February luncheon was held at the Grants Pass Las Fajitas Mexican Cuisine and was hosted by **Marge Calkins**. Twenty-one attended and enjoyed the food and fellowship. There's nothing like good Mexican fare and United friends to warm you up on a winter day.

Our well wishes will be with Bob, **Peggy Wilson's** friend, as he gets a nice, new, smooth-moving hip this month.

Many of the OUR Club members are RVers - everything from casual to serious. At the February luncheon, it was fun to hear news from those who have flown the Pacific Northwest coop for the winter, those who have already returned and those who are planning trips in the upcoming months. By sharing, we all get to go, at least vicariously - pretty sweet deal.

#### Calendar:

**March 5 - Ric & Gidget Walcha**, Taprock Northwest Grill, Evergreen Room, Grant Pass

**April 2 - Harry & Barbara Home**, TBA

**May 7 - Laurie Jordan**, TBA

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That groundhog - Ole Punxatawney Phil saw his shadow and we have been bombarded with snow. Get back in that hole, Phil!

As my good friend Lynn Morrow reminds me "Who needs it?" Lynn tells the story of how when he decided to leave the 'Burgh, he drove out to California with his snow shovel tied to the front of his car. When he was asked "What is that?" He knew he had arrived. Smart Guy.

The Pit-Stoppers executive board met last month to discuss future plans for the year. **Barb Seaholm** and **Ken Wolfe** agreed to go over the membership list and would purge anyone who had not paid their dues for the last two years. This is in accordance with our chapter by-laws. Much to our surprise and disappointment, we received word that **Tami & Bob Yeager** have relocated to Camp Hill, PA to be closer to their children. Tami not only served as chapter secretary but was also secretary for the Pittsburgh RUAEA convention. We will surely miss them both and wish them well.

Ken has decided to fill in for Tami until we have someone volunteer for the position of secretary. Ken & Barb have also agreed to mail out the fliers for the March luncheon. **Dick Brinza** was able to apply and successfully obtained the park permit for our annual picnic to be held on July 6<sup>th</sup>.



Our membership has grown smaller and as a result, we need more participation from all of you in order to keep our chapter active. Every little bit helps whether it be setting up the luncheons or filling one of the officer vacancies.

Our Northeast Director will have returned from the Board of Directors meeting held in MCO in time to update us on the national RUAEA news and convention activities at our March luncheon.

I spoke to **Mitch Abbas** and he advised me that **Doris** is scheduled for more back surgery on March 4<sup>th</sup> - Best of luck Doris. He also pointed out my error in the address for **Kathi Szalajda** – it should have been 5785 Baptist Rd. Apt #238, Bethel Park, PA 15102.

Finally, **Bill Alex** received word earlier than expected that he can start to put weight on his injured leg. Good news. **Verna**, his wife, says it's all because of the "Miracle Card" he received from **Charlie & Dee Carr**. Thanks Charlie, it worked.

Let's hope that for our next column, we will be thinking Easter Bunnies and Easter Lilies and SPRING.

Calendar:

**March 12** – Luncheon at J W Hall's, hosted by **Jeri & Bernie Juth**. Hope to see yunz.

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Our January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and luncheon was held at Puleo's Grill in Knoxville with 16 people in attendance. **Herman** acted as President, Secretary and Host for the meeting as **Bev** was out of town. Election of officers had been postponed from our November meeting. After discussion, **Al Barkmann** has accepted the position of President, with **Betty Shipe** remaining as Vice President and **Mike Chapin** as Treasurer. The Secretary position is still open. We had volunteers for the balance of the year for our luncheons, this is greatly appreciated and we are looking forward to these meetings.

Regretfully, another of our members has passed away. **Jeanne Anderson** had a heart attack on January 13<sup>th</sup>. She was active in the Swift Museum which is currently located at the McMinn County Airport in Athens, TN. She had hosted a trip there for the Rocky Tops in November of 2008 which was enjoyed by everyone who attended. We will miss her many stories of her childhood and later years here in Tennessee. We have enjoyed our four years as President and Secretary and look forward to our new Leadership.

Calendar:

**March 18** – Hosted by **Betty Shipe**, (865) 922-3858. Location and time to be announced.

**April 15** - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 274 off I40 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**May 20** – Hosted by **Robbie & Joe Corbin** - (931) 456-2790 - We will be making another trip to The Cumberland County Playhouse. Date and Time subject to the available matinee times.

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On February 2, 13 SLC chapter members met at the Murray Heritage Ctr. for coffee & donuts, selected by Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson** & wife **Judy**, who also tended to the coffee service. Thanks, **Clair & Judy**!

Our Treasurer **Frank Christenson** attended to his volunteer duties as 'Sgt. at Arms' during the January UT State Session at the "House of the People," commonly known as the **Capitol**.

We missed our regular members, however, with this low number of attendees, it gave almost everyone a good chance to tell about some of their funny, or memorable, "stories" we experienced during our heydays with United Air Lines. We welcomed **Pete Loyola**, sans wife **Jackie**; he related that he visited SFO where he ran into another former colleague, **Bill Burns**. Also present were **Bill Ottman** (now residing in St. George, UT) & friend, **Betty Colf**. It was great visiting with them, as we only see them on rare occasions. We were also glad to see **Art Scott**, who has been traveling wide and far, of late.

**Hank & Mary Bons** brought an old (undated) newsletter clipping that still carried, in part, the names of "PACIFIC AIR TRANSPORT - AIR MAIL" and "Varney air lines" (no misspelling!). It said: "*United Airlines once calculated that an airborne meal takes a passenger about 230 miles to finish. The airplane flies approx. 25 miles while the appetizer is being eaten, 110 miles while the main course is being consumed, 40 miles for the salad, and 55 more miles for the dessert.*" We wondered if that had been on a DC-3 - or an even smaller aircraft. - The second item on this old slip of paper, paraphrased: "*It was **Gen. John 'Black Jack' Pershing** who was the first American soldier to ever wear military ID medallion around his neck; his number was 01 and was issued in 1918*". Then, the report went on: "*He laughed and said, 'They look like dog tags,' to which everyone around him agreed - and, from that day on, the nickname of dog tags for GI medallions has continued.*" Quite a story!

The DEN-based United Historical Foundation (UAHF), through President **Tom Goodyear**, thanked our chapter for **Betty Davis'** donation of old company memorabilia, as collected by her retiree-husband, **Mel Davis**, now deceased.

**Ellen C. McDonald**, widow of retiree **George McDonald**, passed away January 10, 2010. Our condolences to the **McDonald** family!

### Calendar:

**March 2** - Lunch 2:00pm - Robertino's Restaurant, 1385 S. 500 W., Bountiful.

**April 6** - Coffee Time 10:00am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray.

**May 4** - Lunch 2pm - Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC.

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Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** conducted our January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at Fairwood Country Club with **Mary & John Luke** hosting the luncheon. Fifty-two were in attendance.

The recently deceased were remembered during the meeting, including **Art Thompson**, friend of **Doris Spence**, **Jeff Roberts**, retired captain and **Tony Budinich**, retired mechanic.

Phyllis reminded everyone that it's time to think about requesting our free credit reports from Equifax, Experian or TransUnion. Either call 1-877-322-8228 or visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com). It's a good idea to

request one report every four months, rotating among the three companies. We're allowed one per year per company.

**Bob Brumfield** talked about additional information required when listing or buying a ticket: we must provide our middle name, birth date and gender so our boarding documents will match our photo ID. Bob also advised that we be prepared for more thorough searches of our carry-on luggage. Visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) for the latest information on what is permitted in carry-on luggage as well as other rules.

**Ray Dapp** addressed the group regarding an experience that a retiree friend of his had while visiting Bali. The retiree became ill, sought medical attention in Singapore and was advised to return home to the U.S. for further treatment. They called Ray to ask for his help in getting home. Ray did some checking and called Aeromedical, a department of United, to see what could be done. Aeromedical requested the name and phone number of the retiree's physician and verified the seriousness of the illness and the need to return home. They then made arrangements for both the retiree and his spouse to fly home positive space. Ray pointed out that Aeromedical's phone number is a good reference to carry with you when traveling internationally. Their phone number is 1-800-825-6331. Also, if the retiree should die while traveling, YPSWS-Cargo Services Center (1-800-468-1800) will arrange to fly the remains home at no charge and Aeromedical will provide positive space travel for the spouse on the same flight. These benefits are available domestically as well as internationally providing the cities are served by United.

The door prize winners were **Noreen Krawczyk, Sidney Reed, Rita Reynolds, Dolores Steger, Mary Ann Andersen, Mike Bratovich, Ray Dapp, JoAnne Bernovich, Vivian Anderson, James Hafterson, Dona Westpfahl** and **Richard Devereux**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Carol Soffel**.

The members with birthdays in March are **Blaine & Vivian Anderson, Don Anderson, Helen Clement, Marion Hafterson, Kay Johnson** and **Mary Luke**. **Sidney** and **Edna Harris** celebrate their 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary in March.

**Phyllis Bowman** was hospitalized in January for bronchitis and COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder) and eventually released to recuperate at home. **Bob Brumfield** also spent time in the hospital to have a portion of his large intestine removed and tested and then discharged to recover at home. The subsequent lab results were good. At the time of this writing both are doing well.

**Ed Clay** has moved to a new apartment, according to his daughter, **Martha Clay Woodman**. His new address is 933 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, apartment #350, Bellevue, WA 98004. While Ed has pretty much lost his vision and also his hearing is quite impaired, he enjoys having his correspondence read to him by a family member or his caretaker. He would enjoy hearing from his many friends.

Did you know that Chase Bank will refund the \$60 annual fee for the Mileage Plus Visa card if you request the refund on the form provided in SkyNet? The request must be made within 60 days from the date the annual fee was posted to your account. To access the rebate form, click on Employee Discounts on the Home Page under Quick Hits. Then look down the left column for Mileage PlusVisa and follow the instructions in the second paragraph. The rebate form will be pre-headed with your personal information. ***Be sure to delete your middle initial and the period or it won't process.*** Provide the requested information and click on Submit.

#### Calendar:

**February 9** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**March 9** - Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**April 13** – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

**May 11** – Luncheon Meeting, Location to be announced

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We had our dinner at the North Side "Twigs Bistro" with 22 regulars and 4 new guests in attendance. It was hosted by **Skip O'Halleron**. **Dan Wynia**, a retired Pilot, joined us. He had been a previous guest a few months ago. The Flight Attendants were **Pinkie**, **Vicki** and another unknown name at the moment.

Following is a list of names of those who are interested in joining: **Paulette Fink**, **Charles & Juanell Brenan**, **Kathy Piper**, **Cherie Winther**, **Robert Ackerman**, **Vicki Lamon**, and **Pinkie Culbertson**.

As most of you already know, my husband of 32 years, **Lance Higgins** passed away peacefully on January 26, 2010. I want you to know how much both of us had appreciated your cards, letters and phone calls. It meant a lot to both of us. I will be having a memorial and a celebration of life for Lance on June 5, 2010 at the Knight of Columbus at 302 E. Boone in Spokane. It will be from 1 – 3 pm. I hope to see all of you there.

We do not know who will be hosting the next event or where it will be held but you will be notified as to time and place. Laquita is doing a great job and is trying to get more members.

Take care and God bless.

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Greetings from the Nations Capital! It has been an unusually cold winter with lots of snow and more to come!

We had a good turnout on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral and there was a lot of discussion about where to go to avoid this long cold winter. We have many choices from Dulles, including Cancun, Central America and the Caribbean.

Our Dulles Loungers member **Sharon Burbank** (IADCS) planned to go to the Christmas Markets in Germany before the holidays, however, the flights were sold out so Sharon and her friends opted for Amsterdam instead. After enjoying horse drawn carriage rides and skating on the frozen canals, they moved on to Antwerp and Bruges in Belgium. Sharon says the shops in Antwerp were beautifully decorated and they shopped for chocolates and Christmas Tree Decorations.

We are sad to report the passing of **Vince Di Felice** on December 30, 2009. Vince (DCACG) joined Pennsylvania Central Airlines in 1941 and he was given a military exemption to stay in the airline industry. After the merger with Capitol Airlines, and later with United Airlines, Vince became a Ramp Supervisor. He remained devoted to Capitol Airlines and maintained his contacts throughout the system. Vince completed 43 years of service and retired in 1984. **Nora Di Felice** plans to return to her family in Brooklyn, Iowa.

### Calendar:

**March 10** - Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109, 12:30pm.



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This a very busy time for Clipped Wings® members as preparations are in the final stages for two very exciting upcoming events.

Special Olympics National Summer Games are scheduled to take place in Lincoln, NE, July 16-24, 2010. We will volunteer as a group for the Cessna Airlift. We will meet and greet athletes as they arrive and depart Lincoln on hundreds of private aircraft. These flights are operated by hundreds of flight personnel who donate their time to make this operation such an overwhelming success.

We also will host a reception for parents of participating athletes at the Games in Lincoln as we have done for all national and international Special Olympics games since 1987. We remain extremely proud of our participation in this event. This reception was an inspiration conceived and organized by our members that became a meaningful platform for parents of athletes to communicate with **Eunice Kennedy Shriver** and one another. We thank our committee headed by **Barbara Allenby Sinnott** (OAK) for organizing our group for this event. If you are interested in joining our volunteer efforts, please contact **Rosalie Betchart** (PDX), our Volunteer Chair for the event at [swissrose@msn.com](mailto:swissrose@msn.com).

The plans are coming together nicely for our biennial convention "Grand Ole Convention" September 22-26 in Nashville under the leadership of **Mary K Doherty Dana** (OCC), **Gail Shannon Walker** (DEN) and their committee. We always look forward to this time together to renew our enthusiasm and dedication our organization and to one another.

If you are interested in purchasing the Clipped Wings® airplane scarf either for yourself or for a gift, contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com). Each scarf is \$20 plus \$2.00 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

Please check us out at [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com). As the National Vice President, **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA), I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at [bvincentps@aol.com](mailto:bvincentps@aol.com).

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## OBITUARIES

**Obit Notice Policy:** *Death notices sent to the Denver Office for publication in the Newsletter Obituary Column will be accepted only from a family member or personal representative in **writing**.* The notice sent concerning the deceased must include:

- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

***Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.***

Spouse - **Bernice Barclay**, - on 1/30/10, wife of Alan G., SFOPB, 2338 Oak Flat Rd., San Jose, CA 95131

Spouse - **Dorothy Knowles B.**, - on 1/25/10, wife of Jack W., SFOEP, 36521 Cabrillo Dr., Fremont, CA 94536

Retiree - **Jack Scott I.**, - on 1/13/10, SFOFO, husband of Nadine, 31865 48<sup>th</sup> Circle SW, Federal Way, WA 98023

Retiree - **Judith Jobelius N.**, - on 11/14/09, CHIRR, wife of Joseph, 1310 S. New Wilke Rd., Arlington Hts., IL 60005

Spouse - **Lance Higgins E.**, - on 1/26/10 husband of Dottie D., GEGOZ, 2318 Legacy Dr., St George, UT 84770

Retiree – **Lawrence Bonham E.**, - on 11/19/09, INDAF, husband of Dolores M., 40 Sheffield Dr., Lakeview, AR 72642  
Spouse – **Roderick Jacob S.**, – on 1/9/10 husband of Sharon, DTWRR, 411 Coledale Drive, White Lake, MI 48386  
Retiree – **Ronald Huffman**, – on 1/22/10, SFOWR, husband of Terry, 6070 W Ten Star Dr., Tucson, AZ 85713

**November 2009 SkyNet Listing**

**Alama, Elizabeth M.**, HNLMK 11/01/09  
**Andersch, Marvin M.**, INDLX 11/02/09  
**Blomstedt, Leonard N.**, SFOCE 11/02/09  
**Bonham, Lawrence E.**, INDAF 11/19/09  
**Bosetti, Elwyn H.**, PITOO 11/02/09  
**Bynum, Ronald E.**, DENQA 11/29/09  
**Caviness Jr., William B.**, DCAMM 11/09/09  
**Chapman, Gale J.**, DCAFO 11/09/09  
**Clark, Wava R.**, SFOOV 11/08/09  
**Cooper, William J.**, WHQGO 11/04/09  
**Cullari, John**, EWRMM 11/17/09  
**Daverstedt, Ulla S.**, SFOSW 11/22/09  
**Eppard, Lawrence B.**, IADJL 11/25/09  
**Esposito, Andrew A.**, SFOKA 11/24/09  
**Fella, Anthony P.**, LGAMM 11/03/09  
**Gillooly, Ethan S.**, SFOPD 11/07/09  
**Glen, Alan W.**, ORDGQ 11/02/09  
**Glokner, John A.**, ORDFO 11/09/09  
**Gomez, Humberto**, SFOPK 11/02/09  
**Gray, James A.**, SFOFO 11/25/09  
**Guzman Jr., Rodolfo J.**, ORDFE 11/13/09  
**Haney, Joseph D.**, DENMM 11/25/09  
**Hansen, Laura E.**, SFOKM 11/29/09  
**Hatton Jr., James W.**, SFOMP 11/06/09  
**Hocking Jr., Frank B.**, SMFOZ 11/16/09  
**Hom, Gloria I.**, RALRR 11/29/09  
**Huss, Edward A.**, SFOED 09/21/09  
**Jobelius, Judith N.**, CHIRR 11/14/09  
**Jordan, Fred E.**, ORFOZ 11/23/09  
**Kanak, Ralph F.**, ORDJJ 11/03/09  
**Keller, Howard H.**, SFOFO 09/03/09  
**Kman, Donald P.**, ORDCG 11/13/09  
**Kress, Donald W.**, EWRHH 11/23/09  
**May, Cecil H.**, WHQPE 11/28/09  
**Mc Cafferty, Patricia M.**, WHQFA 10/20/09  
**Milner, Lorenzo**, ORDCG 11/04/09  
**Naanep, Geronimo P.**, SFOPI 10/29/09  
**Nobles, Linwood C.**, BWICG 11/20/09  
**Ormston, Kenneth**, JFKCM 11/29/09  
**Perez, Noel A.**, SFOMM 11/04/09  
**Polcaster, Kathleen M.**, WHQSS 11/28/09  
**Pospisil, Henry L.**, DCAMM 11/18/09  
**Rushing, Leon**, MDWCG 11/05/09  
**Saindon, Margaret H.**, WHQRU 11/17/09  
**Satterfield, Lenore**, ORDSW 10/08/09  
**Scheve, Gerard M.**, SFORQ 11/16/09  
**Sherburn, Edwin D.**, SFOFO 11/15/09  
**Simmons Jr., Charles E.**, DENTR 11/04/09  
**Smith, Linwood B.**, SFOJE 11/06/09

Snoke, Galen R., RICSZ 11/15/09  
Strauss, Florence O., DTWMK 11/21/09  
Stroh, Lana G., LAXFF 11/13/09  
Sutherland, Alvin C., WHQKF 07/03/09  
Sweeney, Charles P., LAXCS 11/13/09  
Trahan, Kenneth F., SFOFO 11/02/09  
Tsutsumi, Joseph M., HNLMM 11/24/09  
Verdone, Jerry J., SFOFF 11/02/09  
Victoria, Thelma R., LAXFR 11/30/09  
Warnke, Gerald A., DENFO 11/07/09  
Weifenbach, William H., PITCG 11/21/09  
Wilkins, Alexander, LAXFF 11/20/09  
Wilson, David H., LAXEX 11/23/09  
Yurgil, Melvyn J., ORDIQ 11/13/09

## LETTERS

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

Jean Alarcon, Neal Appleton, Everett Bell, Hank Brower, Clarence Brown, Mae Bullinger, Wava Dalmadge, Darby Hench, Kathryn Flynn, Olga Grancey, Ann Hluboky, Guy Hoffman, Mary Horan, Raymond Kern, Georgia Johnson, Marlene Kocak, Robert Magdaleno, Marrian Matthews, Bess McMannama, Phil Menconi, Chris Miller, Nan Multeri, Merritt Odor, Donald Park, Helga Passler, Vilma Patrick, Josheph Preston, Russell Reisenleiter, Karen Richman, Cheryl Rutenschroer, Paula Sanchez, Juanita Schrecongost, Pat Schultz, Anne Seibel, John Sheehan, Koji Takeuchi, Betty Tomaino, Martha Vallay, Yvonne Wright.

### **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.)*

#### **Robert Ackerman, 13228 e. 48<sup>th</sup> Dr., Yuma, AZ 85367**

Well, here it is, another year has passed. I'm starting my 19<sup>th</sup> year of retirement, although it just seems like yesterday that I unpacked my suitcase from a trip, and now have a few days off. Does anybody really know when retirement starts? I don't think so as you no longer get vacation days or sick leave off. All the ladies have been elevated a rung on the ladder since I now have to do the cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing as I lost my true love 6 years ago. My hat goes off to you ladies. I have survived two abdominal aorta aneurysm repairs, colon, prostate, and lung cancer, all due to early detection, none of which keeps me off the golf course or dance floor. Four daughters with their "honey do" lists, 14 grandkids, and 3 great grandkids also fill my calendar. I love the newsletter, especially "Travel Tips from Bob". Keep up the good work.

#### **Alice Belzer, 7740 W. Gypsum St., Tucson, AZ 85735-9039**

I would like to request that you begin to mail me the monthly newsletter. My computer is getting old and so am I. It is easy for me to read the newsletter in its entirety than try to read a page at a time. I miss too much.

I am still going strong. I took up bowling again; I am line dancing and I joined Curves. I am trying to build up my stamina as I am going on a cruise to Alaska in August with 3 friends who are all younger than me and I want to be able keep right up with them.

I enjoy receiving the Newsletter and really look forward to catching up on all the news around the system. Keep up the good work.

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

2009 was not a very good year for the Ingrams. Norma had hip replacement surgery in March. The surgery and rehab went well and the results were very good. In August, the other hip joint was replaced but there was a mishap during surgery which resulted in a very long (4 months) recovery. She returned home on Christmas Eve.

I have been well except for the usual aches and pains of old age. I will be 86 in a few days and feel fortunate that I have lived so long when many friends and acquaintances are long gone.



But we don't look back; we look ahead and expect to have a nice 2010. United seems to be recovering from their recent ills and we just may be able to take a nice trip somewhere. On the other hand, air travel has become such a hassle, we may be better off to go by car. We will "play it by ear", as they say.

We send greetings from the two of us to all of our old friends.

P.S: The new newsletter format is very nice; we enjoy it. We appreciate the efforts of all of those who make it all happen.

**Ted Jung, 26037 W. Highway 22, Barrington, IL 60010**

I've now been retired from UAL for 17 years this February and it feels like yesterday.

All of you who compile, organize and publish the monthly newsletter must feel an inner satisfaction for maintaining those links that keep us informed of the goings-on in the lives of the people with whom we once worked. You have my admiration and respect. Thank you for your energy and dedication.

P.S. I still can't get the WHQ code into my head. It will always be EXO!

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

Well, here it is that time again. It is hard to believe that I have been retired now for 18 years! But figures do not lie, liars do!

I had a good time at the Unimatic Reunion in October. It was good to see a lot of my compatriots there. I was going to say "old compatriots" but that would have been redundant. It was amazing to see how far the technology has come. Every time I think about it, my mind stops in awe.

At any rate, I look forward to receiving the newsletter each month.

**Dwight Taylor, 1854 Vallejo St. Apt. F, San Francisco, CA 94123**

Regarding Miss **Kay Lund**. I am trying to locate this person. She was the director of Communications for UAL in the mid 1980's. She may, of course, have a married name. I believe she was originally from Illinois.

If anyone has any information please contact me at the above address or call (415) 474-2555.

**Jim Pelletier, 153 N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Oak Island, NC 28465**

I have made contact with many SFOPK, PD, and WR during the past holiday season. Ten years certainly goes by fast!

Was nice to talk about the "Good Old Days" and catch up on their lives. Many contacts have been possible because of the newsletter. Keep up the good work!

I understand there might be a "Cruise" for RUAEA in 2012. That would be great.

**Roy Rushton, 4192 Vista Dr., Rocklin, CA 95765-5089**

My history with the airlines goes back to 1943 when I was a Pratt & Whitney representative in Cheyenne, WY, later at SFOMB and finally at Kansas City, assigned to TWA in the spring of 1945. I was drafted in October 1945 and finished with the Air Force in December of 1946. I started work for UAL in 1947 and had 35 years at SFOPP with a lot of great people.

**Ann Shaffer, 130 Glenwood Ave. Apt.89, Yonkers, NY 10703-2649**

The last year seems to have flown by so fast.

I failed my stress test last August, but after an angiogram, it turned out to be false positive, good news.

I also had cataract surgery on my right eye in December. The result is amazing. I will have the left eye surgery in March.

Thank you for all the good work you do with the newsletter.

**Gloria VanHouten, 20 Indian Path, Millstone Twp, NJ 08535**

With each issue of the RUAEA Newsletter, I can usually find the name of a former NYCRR employee. I smile when I think of all the happy times we had together.

It has been 14 years since I worked for United at Ft. Monmouth, NJ and went to work for Monmouth County.

Please keep up the wonderful work you are doing with the newsletter and keep them coming.

# RUAEA CANDIDATES YEAR 2010

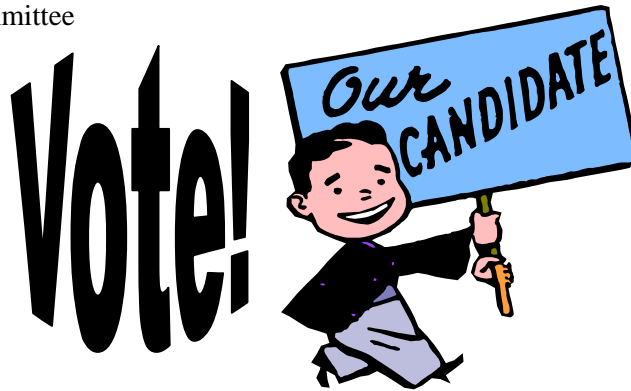
RUAEA is an organization for all former United Airlines employees who have reached retirement age, spouses of members, and widows/widowers of deceased former members. The management of RUAEA consists of six Officers and ten Regional Directors. (One Officer – Past President – serves in this capacity by virtue of formerly being elected President.) This year, in addition to five of the Regional Director positions, all five elected Officer positions will be filled. These fellow retirees, elected by you, our membership, 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 to be:

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

We are very pleased with the quality of candidates who have agreed to run for office, for their interest, support and commitment. With the challenges ahead for United, there are likely to be changes to come which will affect our membership. RUAEA must be in a position to meet these challenges and be an effective organization in its relations with the company as well as in its relations with all of us. Each of the candidates on the ballot can and will meet this obligation.

With the need to name all five of the elected Officer positions, your involvement is to vote. Each of your votes is needed as a commitment of your support for these candidates and for RUAEA. **Voting is open now through April 30, 2010.** You may vote by paper ballot and mail it in; or you may vote by e-ballot on the RUAEA website [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

Your Nominating Committee



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## President



**Ron Bertacini** - Ron started in 1957 at ORDCG as a Ramp serviceman. He retired from SFOCS in 1996 after 39 years, as a Customer Service Agent. He spent a stint in SAC as a Station Agent and Ramp Serviceman, however, he spent most of his career in Food Services. Ron was a SFO Food Service Instructor, Catering Rep., Supervisor, Business Manager and Buyer in San Francisco as well as Business Manager in the OMA Flight Kitchen.

Ron 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 in 1992. In retirement, he continues to be involved in United retiree activities. He has served as Vice President and President of the Sacramento Gold Diggers, General Chairman of RUAEA National Convention in SMF, RUAEA Director – Northern California/Nevada region 2006- 2008, and as RUAEA Executive

Vice President 2008-10.

Ron is a Volunteer Ambassador at the SMF airport. His wife, Barbara, also a United Airlines retiree, served as National President of Clipped Wings 2002-2004. 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 recently founded two new local chapters in Northern California). He wants to see RUAEA continue its liaison with United to voice members concerns.

## Executive Vice President



**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 Awards of Merit for the B-767 Program, the Hong Kong startup and as Shuttle Coordinator. Hank has been a member of the Emerald City Slickers since he retired and served as their Vice-President. He was the General Chairman of the Seattle Convention and Co-General Chairman of the Washington DC Convention. He also served as RUAEA's Director – Northwest Region, and, as, RUAEA's Vice President – Conventions, 2006-2010. In his convention work, he infused new life in the hospitality nights, bringing attendees together for Prop Wash at the SEA convention; Western and Hawaii nights in SMF; and Sports night and 50's night in PIT.

Through the Newsletter, Hank used a survey to improve the Conventions with input from the members of RUAEA.

Hank is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles serving as a Trustee and fundraiser, and, for the last four years, as Santa to over 100 children in need, supplying the majority of gifts himself.

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.

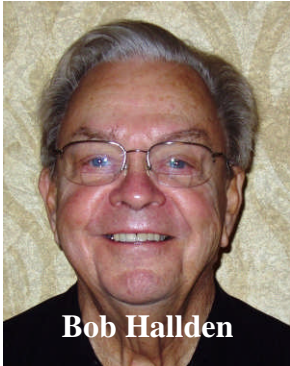
### Vice President - Conventions



**Marilyn Marcy** - Marilyn started with United in 1962 as a Reservations Agent in CLERR. She then followed husband Tom to Pittsburgh, Cleveland and then to Virginia in 1990, where she worked in Customer Service. She retired as a Customer Services Supervisor of training in 2001. She was recognized in her work, receiving the System Award – Customer Service Division, five Awards of Merit, and five Annual IADOZ Awards.

Over the past four years, Marilyn has served as National Secretary of RUAEA. Marilyn is a member of the Dulles Loungers. She and her husband, Tom, like to travel, play golf and entertain. She would like to see RUAEA membership increase, especially on the local level and added participation at the annual Convention; and for RUAEA to continue to provide valuable information its members.

**Bob Hallden** - Bob retired in 1990 after 35 years of service in Ground Service, Passenger Service and Customer Service. He started his career in RNO and retired at SJC with an interlude at SFO. After retirement, Bob became a member of the Sacramento Gold Diggers and served as VP/President 1993-1994; and then with the Re-United in

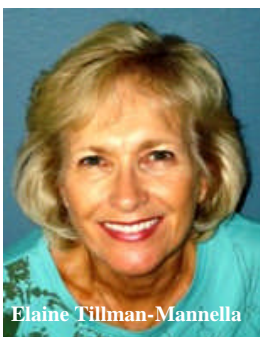


PHX, serving as VP/President 2001-2002. With RUAEA, he has been Regional Director - Northern California/Northern Nevada. 1996-1998, was a member of the Site Selection Committee off and on during his Membership and served as Chairman of that Committee 2002-2006. Since 2006, Bob has been RUAEA's Assistant Vice President – Conventions. When he can, Bob likes to golf, work with his ham radio, read and RVing. With his convention experience in Site Selection and as 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.

### Secretary



**Diane Griego** - Diane was employed as a Stewardess in 1960, flying from SEA and SFO. After marriage in 1964, she had an administrative position in Stewardess Service before transferring to Reservations, and then to Customer Service; both in SFO. Diane retired in 2001 after 41 years, as International Ticket Counter Coordinator/Service Director. Diane was the recipient of a Reservations Award of Merit and Customer Service Best Airline, Entrepreneurial Excellence and Division Awards. Diane is a member of the East Bay Diablos Chapter since retirement; she has served as the chapter's Newsletter Correspondent, cashier, order coordinator with the restaurant for their regular meetings and activities coordinator for their Picnic and Day at the Races events. Aside from RUAEA, Diane volunteers with the Contra Costa County Monument Crisis Center and Crisis Resolution Services. In her leisure time, she reads, gardens and travels.

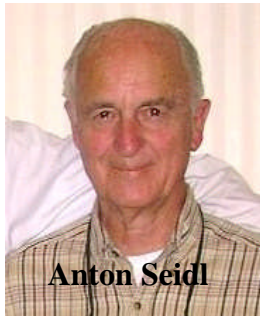


**Elaine Tillman-Mannella** - Elaine was employed by United in 1969 as a Reservation Agent in Cleveland, OH and retired in 2006 as a Customer Service Agent in Orlando, FL. During her 37 year career, she was recognized for her dedicated service to United, her fellow employees and customers. Elaine was a recipient of the coveted Award of Merit for her part in guiding the smooth transition of the IAM uniform changeover at the Cleveland Station. She was a seven-year President of the Orlando Mainliner Club (*"we thoroughly enjoyed the fun and friendships that were forged as we organized bowling leagues, blood drives, mini-golf tournaments, barbeques, and some great parties!"*).



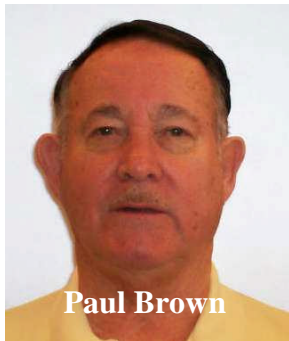
Elaine is currently the Publicity Chair for the 2010 Orlando Convention as well as the correspondent for the Orlando Real McCoys. Aside from RUAEA, Elaine is involved with several ministries as a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church including the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and as a Eucharistic Minister, both at church and at Dr. Phillips Hospital. She enjoys spending time with her grandsons, "beach time", travelling with her husband, Joe, and visits from family and friends. She also loves those cruises!

### **Treasurer**



**Anton (Tony) Seidl** - Tony was hired by Capital Airlines in 1957 at Washington, DC and joined United at the MOC upon the merger. He worked in various maintenance positions and retired in 1993 as Sr. Staff Rep.- Engineering. Honors during his career include a Special Recognition Award and three Awards of Merit. Tony is a member of South Bay RUAEA. He is also an active volunteer with Knights of Columbus Charities. His leisure activities include swimming and hiking.

### **Director – Florida Region**



**Paul Brown** - Paul was hired in 1955 by Capital Airlines as a Station Agent at Midway Airport in Chicago, and, after a two year stint in the Army, at Memphis as a Station Agent. After the merger with United Airlines, he worked most of his career in the Food Service Division retiring in 1999 as a Food Service Representative. 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, as well as the 1991 Food Service Division Special Achievement Award. He has served as RUAEA Florida Regional Director for the past two years and has been active in the Orlando Real McCoys chapter, as President for a few years. His work in Food Services rubbed off, as he is an accomplished chef. 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

### **Director - Midwest Region**



**Helen Cauwels** - Employed by United in 1962, Helen served in Treasury, Statistics and Airplane Scheduling. She took early retirement in 1987 after twenty-five years of service. She was appointed as RUAEA National Secretary in 2000 and elected to two subsequent terms for a total of six years. Helen co-chaired the 2003 CHI Convention Tour Committee and has been serving as a member of the RUAEA Site Selection Committee for the past four years. She is a member of the Skyliner board (the Chicago chapter of RUAEA).

Helen is President of both her condo building board and the Master board of her condominium complex. She is active in the Rolling Meadows Senior Center, serving on the Board of Directors, volunteering as Secretary one morning a week and serving as an Escort on day trips from the Center. She believes that her RUAEA experience enables her to be an effective Director for the Midwest Region.



**Jim Simon**

**Jim Simon** - Jim was hired in 1965 as a Shop Mechanic in SFOMG – Landing Gear & Components and retired in 1998 from SFOPD as a Lead Mechanic. During his career, he received several suggestion awards, and letters of commendation. Jim studied aviation and meteorology, was awarded an AA degree in Business administration, and obtained commercial pilot's and, A&P licenses.

He was an FAA Accident Prevention Counselor for general aviation, and authored Wing Tips (general aviation safety column). While in California, he was Volunteer of the Year for Rohnert Park School District. Jim has been RUAEA Midwest Regional Director for the past two years. He is a member of the Northern Lites and the Northwoods Loonies.

Now living in Wisconsin, he is a founding member and currently chairman of CART (Citizens Against Rising Taxes), past officer and member of BPOE Elks Lodge, and volunteers for the food bank and senior assistance programs. He likes golfing, fishing,

photography and flying. 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 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 assistance for the company when asked.

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



**Francis Domaratus**

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



**John Zoboli**

**John Zoboli** - John was hired 1967 as an Engine Maintenance Mechanic in SFOPQ and retired in 1999 from SFOWR as a Foreman – Engine Maintenance, all at the Maintenance Base. He received many awards of recognition including a 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 has been RUAEA Regional Director – Northern California/Nevada for the past two years. He is the President of the Sierra Roundup chapter in RNO. John's wife, Patricia, is also a UAL retiree. In retirement,

John & Pat continue to be involved with their community volunteering at the local food bank. They travel, read and explore 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 – Western Region**



**Roger Casterline** - Roger was hired in SFOEG in 1965 as an Aircraft Engineer. He was Director of Aircraft Technical services 1980-1991 and retired as Manager of Engineering Systems in 1994. Roger is a member of the Redwood Empire in Santa Rosa, he volunteers in meeting, hosting and as a driver for aged and handicapped persons. For the past two years Roger has been RUAEA Western Region Director. In his leisure time, he enjoys golf, travel and riding his motorcycle. 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.

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## 2010

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June 3, 1942 the Japanese landed troops on the islands of Attu & Kiska and bombed Dutch Harbor in the far western Aleutian Islands. The first notice the U.S. received of the invasion of Attu was the absence of weather reports from the Attu station. The next day, June 4, 1942, Midway Island was attacked.

Two days after Dutch Harbor had been bombed, Captain Bob Dawson and First Officer M. W. Ashby volunteered to deliver ammunition from Anchorage to Cold Bay. They departed at 9 p.m. on Dawson's first night-flight down the Aleutian chain. Using no lights or other navigational facilities, he landed with the aid of flashlights. By 2 a.m. the ammunition was unloaded and they took off immediately, coming out of the overcast almost directly above a Japanese aircraft carrier. Fortunately they did not send planes after him.

Dawson dropped-down to within less than 100 feet of the water and continued the flight back to Anchorage. Upon refueling in Anchorage, he was sent immediately to Cordova and on to Ketchikan, at Ketchikan his log book showed 43 hours of continuous flight duty.

Later in June, United Captain J. O. Johnson and First Officer Rod Dixon flew from Anchorage to Um-

nak Island with 5000 pounds of ammunition. Arriving at Umnak, Johnson found landing conditions virtually impossible, but with insufficient fuel to return to Anchorage, he had to land. With a 60mph cross-wind blowing, he "fishtailed" the plane down. He and the men on the ground held their breaths as he touched-down on the metal-mesh landing strip. Fortunately, the plane remained on the runway. While moving the plane off

the runway after the cargo was unloaded, a gust of wind tipped the plane up damaging its propellers.

As the crew was repairing the damage Japanese planes attacked attempting to machine-gun the plane and crew, but due to the poor visibility they missed their targets.



*Mt. McKinley as photographed by a United ATC crew.*

In April 1943, Captain Art Derby and First Officer Lee Nelson were flying 3,000 pounds of rifle barrels to Galena in northwest Alaska for US troops preparing to attack Attu. By some quirk-of-fate, the rifle-barrel cargo positioning caused a magnetic field which deflected the plane's compass approximately 20 degrees. After flying through clouds for some time, Derby suddenly discovered he was about to have a collision with Mt. McKinley!

After skillfully avoiding the craggy peak, and by then realizing his compass was off, he flew "contact" up the Yukon River Valley to Galena.

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