



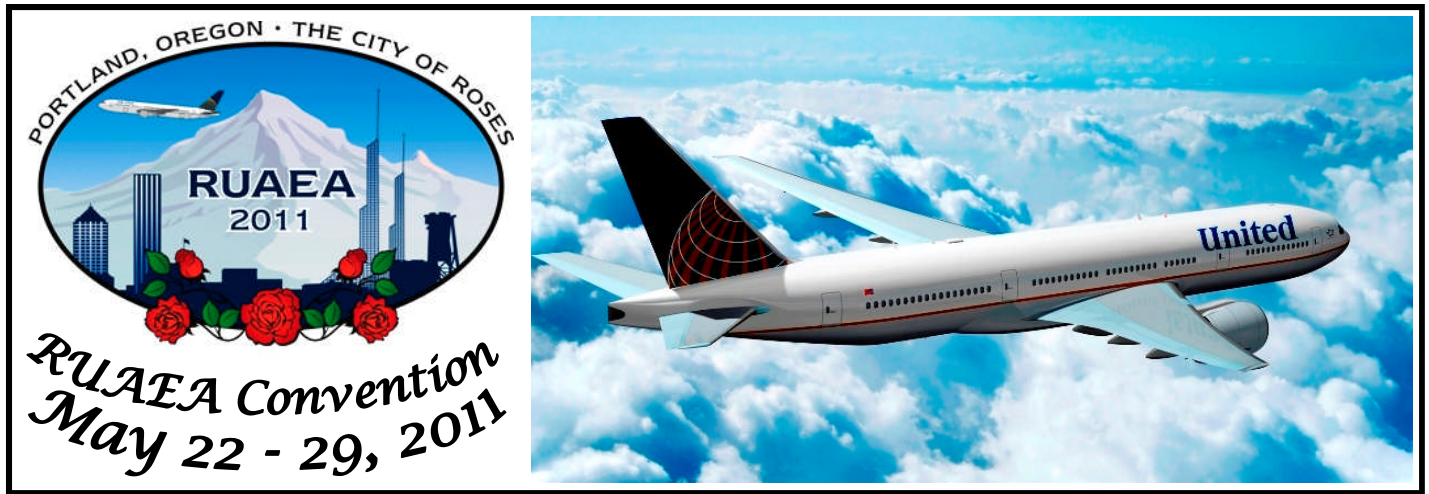
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You've had a month to look at your registration packet for the convention. Now it's time to make your decisions and get your registration in. Read over the descriptions of the tours and the menus for the banquets and make your choices. Remember that if you are traveling alone, you may request seating at a table for singles. This is a good way to meet new people.

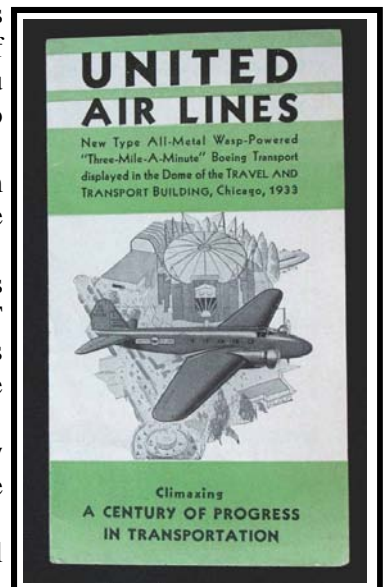
Speaking of meeting new people, we hope that we will have many new people from both United and Continental. We want to be sure to welcome all the new folks to the family.

United was formed in 1931, but the family began much earlier. The four stars across the top of the old United shield represent the four companies, BAT, NAT, PAT and VAT, that joined (united) to create United Airlines. Those air transport companies were Boeing, National, Pacific and Varney. (Remember the name Varney, you will see it later.) Other carriers or parts of their services were acquired over the years.

In 1961, the merger with Capitol Airlines was completed. United's family grew again. The next growth spurt was when Pan Am joined us in 1986. Now with the addition of Continental, with its rich aviation history, our family is growing once again.

I told you to remember the name Varney. Here is the connection: Continental started out as Varney Speedlines – created by the same Walter Varney who began VAT. Over the years Continental acquired Pioneer Airlines, Texas International, People Express, Frontier Airlines and New York Air. Now all of these carriers are United and we all are part of the same family.

The convention gives all of us a chance to build bridges. We can connect and share our history while we plan for our future. Come to Portland, take some tours, have a chat and a nibble, and let's have a great family reunion. I look forward to meeting each of you.



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# GENERAL NEWS

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### The Writers' Column - Jim Lape, Volunteer for Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum by Virgil Gooselaw



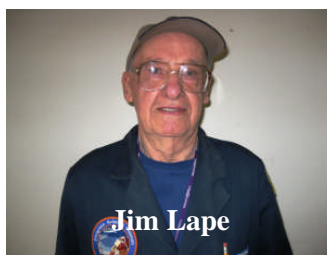
For years we work alongside of people, become good friends, do things together, watch their families grow up and yes, as time moves on, we grow old, retire and many times see them take up a second occupation in the world of "Volunteerism". It's at that time we realize maybe we didn't know them as well as we thought we did. I worked with **Jim Lape** for years. Jim commanded the respect of all as he was proficient in his field as an A&P Mechanic and just a super good guy.

Jim was like most mechanics that came from the older ranks, he learned most of the systems on the aircraft he serviced by reading the Maintenance Manuals during breaks or slack times and operating the systems whenever he got a chance. His interest was in his job of maintaining aircraft for the best carrier in the world, United Airlines. But, there were many things I didn't know about Jim until I read the following article by **Melba Smith** that was printed in the June 2010 issue of the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum magazine. I think you'll find it as interesting as I have.

After Jim's career with United, he volunteered and worked restoration projects for the museum. One project that is of great interest to many is the "Spruce Goose". I plan on visiting Jim and the "Spruce Goose" in May during the RUAEA Convention in Portland.

#### Restoration Profile of Jim Lape by Melba Smith

On December 9, 1926, James Alonzo Lape was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He grew up there and attended Summerset High School in Kelso. In 1944 he joined the US Army and was in the Combat Engineers



in the Philippines where they built things and then blew them up. It was here that he volunteered with a group of other men to help locate the bodies of those who died or were killed by the Japanese during the

Bataan death march. The natives helped locate the areas where the volunteers would look for bones and dog tags to help identify them. Sometimes there would be bottles of medication on the remains which also was invaluable help in identification. They worked on this for months until all the bodies were found. However, those who were blown up, the bones were too small and fragmented to identify.

He was stationed at Bataan near a wharf where his job was pumping fuel to Clark AFB, a distance of approximately 200 miles. The metal pipe was sitting on top of the ground, and there were pumping stations along the way with a person at each station. They would often find holes in the pipes from gun shots and would have to repair them. Jim said they met many of the nurses who worked on Corregidor, and they built barracks for these nurses. Jim spent another eight months there and was discharged in California in 1946.

Jim decided to use his GI Bill and started college back in Johnstown to get his A&P license. He later went to Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics where he graduated and received his A&P license. He met and married the love of his life, Eileen. They had two children, Donald and Leann.

Jim started working on cargo planes, C-119s, in Michigan near Detroit (Wayne Major Airport) for a year. When politics got involved, he decided to move to California and started working for Lockheed and Douglas Aircraft. He enjoyed working at Douglas on the AD-5s. Eventually he left, missed his kids, so in 1954, he moved to Alexandria, Virginia, and worked for Capital Airlines. There he worked on the DC-3s and the Viscount as an inspector, looking for corrosion and doing check rides. He also worked on the radar in the nose of the Viscount to FAA specifications.

In 1961, Capital Airlines merged with United, and Jim lost his inspector job. In 1962, he was in Denver with the alert crew and taxiing the DC-10s, DC-8s, and 720s. He was required to know all the systems on the 727s and 737s.

In 1989, he retired while still living in Denver. He and Eileen came to McMinnville in 1991, as they had grandkids here. Eileen passed away in 2007. They had shared 59 years together. After reading about the Goose, he called and started working in restoration in 2000. His present project is working on the C122S helicopter for the Aviation Museum kids' area.



### Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

My fellow retirees, gosh sounds like something from Shakespeare. Anyway, we are going through changing times. Most of which we had no control over. Our airline has merged with Continental Airlines and once it is all completed with a Single Operating Certificate, it will be the largest airline.

There are still lots of changes ahead as these two become one airline. Not the least of which is Pass Travel for employees and retirees. What we know is there will be a new program and it will affect all of us. What it will be is still unknown. We have cautious optimism that it will be not as bad as first expected. Stay tuned. Results of the Pass Travel Survey have been posted on SkyNet for all to review. There are mixed results from the survey. While 79% of the respondents said they were satisfied with their current program, answers to other questions seem to contradict that feeling. Mike Bonds, Human Resources & Labor Relations EVP, states that there was no clear consensus on boarding priority. Employees and retirees are given an email address to submit pass travel survey inquiries or questions ... [mysurvey@coair.com](mailto:mysurvey@coair.com)

By the time you read this, RUAEA will have had its winter Board meeting in Portland, the site of the 2011 RUAEA Convention. Also, there will have been a meeting (Feb 17) of the leaders of most of the organized retiree groups from both companies. This meeting was initiated by the company to foster at least an alliance of the groups to support common goals. We look at this as a positive opportunity for the groups to get to know each other and the new leadership at United to know us. The RUAEA Board has approved a Bylaws change to allow membership to all Continental Airlines retirees. This change will be submitted for approval to the membership at the Convention in Portland in May.

Last month, I asked that members look into how they can help keep their local chapters going. As mentioned, we have chapters of various size and structure. Some meet once a week, another once a year ... the most common is once a month. Some have bylaws and dues, others just have guidelines and some have no dues. It really is what works for your local group. If there are problems in getting officers, maybe sharing jobs would be a better solution. Basically, all you need is someone to organize and notify others of when and where to meet. If you collect dues, of course you will need a treasurer. Then there are groups that just get to-

gether on a regular basis for breakfast, lunch or just coffee. We are not sure who you are but would really like hear from you and you might connect with past co-worker who left your area. Let us know how you are doing ... just send a note to our Newsletter Manager. Maybe you are in an area that presently doesn't have a chapter. If you would be interested in starting one, let us know. Our regional directors would be more than happy to assist you in getting started.

Finally, if you know fellow retirees that are not a member, please encourage them into giving us a try. Numbers can make a difference. Look over the Convention package, notice the terrific tours and see if you can come join the fun in Portland. I think you will have an enjoyable experience.

Ron Bertacini  
President – RUAEA

### Letter From The Vice President of Conventions



Marilyn Marcy

By now, everyone should have the February Newsletter containing the 2011 Convention Package and hopefully, you are as excited as I am to visit Portland this May.

This is a beautiful city with great restaurants, breathtaking scenery and first class wineries/breweries. Nancy &

Jack Hooper along with Tour Chair Cindy Passanante are offering a wide variety of reasonably priced and interesting tours including Mt. St. Helens, the city of Portland, a luncheon cruise on The Spirit of Portland and much more. Most tours include; pickup at the Marriott – a tour guide – and a meal valued at \$15.00 to \$20.00. There will be the usual fun hospitality nights and as always the Friendship dinner and Saturday night banquet. The menus are an amazing and a delicious value at \$40.00.

The Portland Committee and I hope to see all of you in May, where we will renew old acquaintances and make new RUAEA friends. Make your reservations now and join in the fun.

Marilyn Marcy  
RUAEA Vice President – Conventions

### PBGC Tax Deduction Update

Many of you have seen increase in taxes withheld from your PBGC checks. According to the PBGC, this is a result of a revision to the tax code. This is the posi-

tion of the PBGC:

PBGC is required to withhold federal taxes from your pension benefit unless you inform us otherwise. You have three options: 1) no withholding; 2) withholding a fixed dollar amount; or 3) automatic withholding based on your marital status and number of exemptions. If you do not make an election, we automatically withhold federal taxes as if you are a married individual with three exemptions.

You may change your election at any time.

Different withholding rules may apply if your mailing address is outside the United States or its territories.

How ~ Use our online service to update your contact information

OR ~ Call PBGC's Customer Contact Center to request a federal tax withholding form. Call at (800) 400-7242. For TTY/TDD users, call the federal relay service toll-free at (800) 877-8339 and ask to be connected to the number above. Remember to have your social security number, plan name and case number ready for the customer service representative so that they are better able to help you.

#### **Pass travel survey results are online**



Almost 70,000 co-workers and retirees participated in United's pass travel survey in December. Hay Group, an independent survey company, tabulated the data that

shows which pass travel program elements are most important to the survey respondents. United has posted a link to Hay Group's full report of pass travel survey results on Flying Together. From the left side of the Flying Together homepage under All Employees, visit [United Pass Travel Survey Report](#).

To access the report, use the password *PassTravel-Survey*. United will use the survey results as input as it develops the pass travel program for the new UA.

*"The survey tells us that co-workers actually have quite a bit in common in what they like about their respective pass travel programs,"* said Human Resources and Labor Relations EVP Mike Bonds. *"Many pass travelers, regardless of their past airline affiliation, put priority on the same pass travel features, including some of the elements they'd like to see in our future program. However, the survey also shows that in some areas, such as boarding priority, there isn't as clear a consensus."*

Over the next several weeks, United will be evaluating and analyzing the survey input, including the written comments, to help the company develop the pass travel program. United expects to announce the new program

in the first quarter and plan to implement the new program later in the year, as the company will need to do a considerable amount of information technology work to do so.

In the meantime, for pass travel survey inquiries or questions, co-workers may send e-mails to [mysurvey@coair.com](mailto:mysurvey@coair.com).

#### **UA and CO ahead of schedule on FAA inspection rule for 757s**



In January, the FAA ordered all U.S. operators of Boeing 757-200 and -300 series aircraft to regularly inspect for cracking of the crown skin panel section of the fuselage above door

1. All of United's 96 UA and 61 CO B757s are already in full compliance.

The Airworthiness Directive (AD) from the FAA follows a November service bulletin from Boeing. Technical Services VP Ken Burt said, *"We had started inspections in September when United technicians discovered a crack while troubleshooting for noise in the cabin noted during flight. Our engineers worked closely with Boeing and the FAA on an inspection procedure that the rest of the industry is now using."* *"We're proud of the work by our aircraft inspectors and engineers that has us in full compliance with this AD,"* said Base Maintenance Managing Director Bob Madigan. *"We've helped set an industry standard, and good coordination with our Network Operations Control group helped us to accomplish the inspections during overnight checks with no interference to the operation."*

#### **UA, AA file suit for fiscally responsible expansion of ORD**



UA and American Airlines (AA) on January 18<sup>th</sup> filed a lawsuit seeking a judgment that the city of Chicago must get airline approval before moving forward with Phase Two of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP). As part of the suit, both UA and AA also filed a legal motion to stop the city from any OMP spending or issuing general airport revenue bonds to fund the program.

The city of Chicago said that it intends to proceed in both areas without receiving approval from the major airlines who serve the airport, despite the requirement for approval in the lease agreement the airlines have with the city. AA and UA together are responsible for

more than 80 percent of customers at ORD. The carriers continue to support the expansion so long as construction is done in a financially responsible way. UA and AA are suggesting the construction timetable be based on agreed-upon operations levels that would trigger the start of construction for Phase Two.

The AA and UA leases at ORD require the city to provide the companies with the right to review and approve any projects that are funded by the airlines' rents or landing fees at the airport. If the city moves forward with the project, the debt required to finance it would make ORD among the highest-cost airports in the United States. It would burden UA and its customers with costs the company cannot afford to pay for a project it does not need.

Phase One of the OMP, which is almost completed, is working as planned. Average delays are down 60 percent from 2004 levels. However, operations are down 5 percent from their level at the start of Phase One. As a result, the \$3.36 billion expense of Phase Two isn't necessary right away, and the expansion won't be needed for many years.

### **Interactive route map reveals expanded network**



Customers can navigate United's industry-leading global network via interactive route maps available at [united.com/routemaps](http://united.com/routemaps) and [continental.innosked.com](http://continental.innosked.com). The

maps bring the routes of both UA and CO together with United's codeshare and Star Alliance partners to illustrate how customers and co-workers can fly the world.

The more than 370 destinations may be hard to follow in printed form, but the clickable map enables customers and co-workers alike to learn more about the new UA and expanded travel opportunities. So, the next time you're planning a trip - or just want to explore possible destinations - spend some time with the map.

On the UA map, routes served by CO, UA and partners are in different colors. On both maps, you can see all the routes from any airport you click, or enter the departure and arrival cities to get only the routes between those two cities.

### **United Continental Holdings announces fourth-quarter results**

United Continental Holdings, Inc. (UAL), the parent holding company of UA and CO, announced fourth-quarter and pro-forma full-year 2010 financial results on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

UAL reported fourth-quarter net income of \$160



million, excluding \$485 million of special items consisting primarily of merger-related costs and other special charges. This was an improvement of \$347 million compared to fourth-quarter 2009 pro forma results. On a GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) basis, UAL reported a fourth-quarter net loss of \$325 million. UAL reported pro-forma full-year 2010 net income of \$1.6 billion, excluding \$765 million of special items. On a GAAP basis, UAL reported full-year 2010 net income of \$253 million.

Prior to the merger on Oct. 1, 2010, UAL results on a GAAP basis only include the financial results of UA. UAL results for the fourth quarter include the financial results of its two operating subsidiaries, UA and CO. Pro forma results that consolidate the financial results for CO with those of UA for periods prior to Oct. 1, 2010, are used for meaningful year-over-year comparisons.

For complete details on the fourth-quarter and year-end results, please visit the [press release](#) and [earnings recap](#).

### **Move to Dublin's Terminal 2 complete**

In January, United relocated to Terminal 2 at Dublin Airport (DUB) - a move that coincides with the opening of the new U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) pre-departure clearance facility at the airport. The move ran smoothly, with all customers and bags on board and aircraft doors closed five minutes early for the first departure to EWR out of the new terminal.

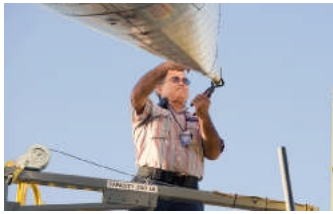
CO made a similar move at Shannon Airport (SNN) in 2009, and according to Ireland Sales Manager Yvonne Muldoon, the close proximity to CBP facilities provides our customers with the convenience of arriving in the United States as domestic passengers. By clearing customs, immigration, agriculture and security checks before leaving Ireland, United's customers are able to save time and connect to flights with greater ease, while United reduces cost by arriving at U.S. domestic gates.

United operates twice-daily nonstop service between EWR and DUB, and once-daily nonstop service between EWR and SNN.

### **Maintenance technician training speeds integration efforts**

As United works through the complex process of integrating its operations in advance of obtaining a single operating certificate (SOC), the company is training





its mechanics to service the combined fleet. The cross-training is an element that would allow each carrier to fly to additional hubs and line stations where specific maintenance capabilities did not previously exist, helping UA accommodate planned and unplanned maintenance visits.

Aircraft Maintenance fleet-specific “differences training” on engines and airframe began immediately after the October merger. Since then, the pace has been brisk, and 440 Aircraft Maintenance Technicians (AMTs) in the major hubs have received training to date. Regulatory training classes have begun at the EWR and IAH hubs and will roll to other hubs throughout the first quarter.

“By SOC, we hope to have the majority of our AMTs cross-trained on our combined fleets,” said Maintenance Training Managing Director Dan O’Connor. “Our instructors are simultaneously combining lesson plans to develop one curriculum per fleet type for formal aircraft training classes.”

Instructors will then focus on getting AMTs equally qualified and address specialty and recurrent training.

“An equally important function of the combined training will be to develop and reinforce a shared culture that aims to always ‘fix it right the first time,’” said Line Maintenance VP Joe Ferreira. “I hope any manager would agree that the most important measure of how well I manage is knowing how well-trained my team is.”

### **Company briefs media in TLV**

One of the key steps in achieving the benefits of United’s merger is establishing the new UA brand with customers around the world, including countries where UA hasn’t flown historically. Sales Transatlantic, Middle East and India VP Charles Duncan briefed Israeli media about the new UA at an event in Tel Aviv (TLV) in January.

While CO has served Israel since 1999, and the route is one of the most successful in the Trans-Atlantic network, the meeting gave United an opportunity to introduce UA in Israel and talk about our extensive global network. Charles spoke with 12 local aviation reporters and gave interviews to two leading newspapers, Yediot Aharonot and The Jerusalem Post.

CO is widely seen as the market leader to the United States, despite strong competition from other carriers. It currently operates twice-daily Boeing 777 service between EWR and TLV.



### **Customers sample premium meals**

In an international business travel market as competitive as London’s (LHR), capturing the attention of corporate customers is important. On January 12<sup>th</sup>, CO and UA treated top corporate accounts to a gourmet meal that CO Congress of Chefs member James Canora, prepared for them at London’s Tate Modern museum. The goal: promoting United’s international business class service and inflight dining experience.

The chef assisted International Service Manager Trish Hack-Rubinstein and flight attendants with the food service as the Chef on Board on Flight CO111 from LHR to EWR. The program allows chefs to experience the environment where their ideas are incorporated into menus and receive feedback from the crews and customers.

Chef Canora is co-owner and executive chef at Valentino’s on the Green in New York City, as well as corporate consulting chef for Delmonico’s in New York, America’s oldest fine-dining restaurant.

### **Boeing pushes back first 787 deliveries to late summer**



Boeing said on January 18<sup>th</sup>, that the first deliveries of the 787 won’t be made until at least July, the Associated Press reported. An electrical fire on a plane in November

halted flight testing.

We continue regular communications with Boeing on the 787 program. CO and UA have a combined 50 787s on order from Boeing.

### **ANA expansion will bolster United’s service**



United’s Star Alliance and joint venture partner ANA (NH) will expand service from Japan to China this summer, enhancing United’s reach through its joint venture with NH, which begins on April 1.

NH is shifting its focus from the relatively flat domestic Japanese markets to adding more profitable international service. In February, NH will launch service between NRT and Manila (MNL), offering convenient connections to UA’s trans-Pacific services. This summer, it will double the number of daily flights from Tokyo-Haneda (HND) to Shanghai (PVG) and Beijing (PEK), and add its first nonstop service to Chengdu (CTU) in China’s interior.

Asia Pacific VP Jim Mueller hosted a media roundtable in Tokyo recently to discuss the new UA and reinforce our history in Asia.

Jim discussed our joint venture with NH, in which the two airlines will jointly operate and promote our flights between NRT and EWR, IAD, IAH, LAX, ORD, SFO, Honolulu (HNL) and Seattle (SEA), and between Osaka (KIX) and SFO and, subject to government approval, Seoul (ICN) and SFO. It also covers our flights between Hong Kong (HKG) and EWR, ORD and SFO. Each carrier will adjust schedules in some cases, such as ORD-HKG, to maximize connections on both ends

### **IAM files for single-carrier status**



On January 21<sup>st</sup>, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) announced it had made two filings for single-carrier status with the National Mediation

Board (NMB). One filing covers Fleet or Ramp Service co-workers and the other Stock or Stores co-workers at UA. These filings mean that the IAM is asking the board to determine whether UA is a single carrier for the purposes of union representation.

Once the NMB determines that UA and CO are operating as a single carrier, co-workers from each work group will have an independent election to determine their representation, if they choose to be represented.

During this process, the current unions continue to represent the respective employee groups, who will operate under their current contracts.

### **First Airbus with new livery makes first revenue flights**



The first Airbus to sport the new livery left the paint facility on January 21<sup>st</sup> and returned to revenue service.

United ferried Aircraft 4053 (N853UA), an A319, from Greenville (GLH), Miss., to ORD Friday morning. From there, its first revenue flight in the new livery was Flight 279 to DEN. After a round trip to Des Moines (DSM), the plane is scheduled to fly to Oakland (OAK), where it will remain overnight.

Currently, three Airbus aircraft are at the paint facility in Mississippi. United is repainting two A320s and another A319, which will soon return to revenue flying.

### **Food-for-Sale prices increase Feb. 1**



CO's Food-for-Sale menu prices increased slightly Feb. 1 to better align with those of UA's Choice Menu program and maximize profitability of the retail food program.

Food-for-Sale began in October 2010, and introductory prices were fairly low compared with those at other airlines.

*"These changes are among the first toward aligning our retail program with United,"* said CO Product Support Manager Cynthia Schaeffer.

The information will appear in the back of Hemispheres magazine instead of on printed Inflight Menu cards in seat-back pockets.

### **UA introduces new self-service ticketing**



Legacy UA co-workers, retirees and their dependents will soon be able to obtain Zonal Employee Discount (ZED), Industry Discount (ID90, ID75, etc.), and other-airline

positive-space tickets through self-service ticketing stations at DEN, IAD, LAX, ORD and SFO. The ticketing stations will operate 24 hours a day/ seven days a week.

The process is simple and convenient. Locate the dedicated ticketing station, pick up one of the phones provided at the station and give the representative your ticketing details, including a valid credit or debit card number. After the representative completes your transaction, your ticket(s) and flight details will immediately print at the self-ticketing station. The process for obtaining these types of tickets will remain the same at all other mainline UA stations.

Additional information is available on SkyNet's Travel tab. Visit the Resource Center > [Employee Self-Ticketing](#) on the Planning tab.

### **Cargo hits \$1B revenue milestone**



As of the end of November, CO and UA cargo divisions had achieved more than \$1 billion in revenue for 2010. This is the first time a U.S. "belly carrier" (one without cargo freighter flights) has surpassed the \$1 billion milestone.

*"I'd like to congratulate and thank the cargo teams in both companies who made this happen, as well as all our co-workers who play a role in cargo, such as cargo agents, ramp agents, load planning, station management and operations control center staff,"* UA Cargo VP Robbie Anderson said.

### **Line Buster launches at five hubs**



After a year of testing, United deployed Line Buster, a mobile hand-held device intended to assist employees and customers during irregular operations, at five of its hubs

(DEN, IAD, LAX, ORD and SFO), in advance of the busy travel period before the Christmas holiday.

Line Buster proactively allows customer service representatives (CSRs) to communicate rebooking information to customers, enabling them to get out of line, use self-service tools to check in and then go directly to their new departure gates.

*"This initiative puts technology in the hands of our employees, empowering them with the tools to provide our customers with accurate and timely information,"* Airport Operations and Cargo Sr. VP Scott Dolan said.

### **Red Carpet Clubs and Presidents Clubs to be rebranded United Club**



Beginning in October 2011, United will rebrand UA's Red Carpet Clubs and CO's Presidents Clubs as United Club. In addition, we'll offer customers a common club

food and beverage program at the Red Carpet Club and Presidents Club locations beginning in May. As they do today, all club locations will offer complimentary Wi-Fi and alcoholic beverages.

The United Club rebranding is another part of the company's integration of the two airlines, which will continue throughout 2011 as we standardize our livery, maximize schedule and connecting opportunities and offer new benefits to customers.

### **UA and CO negotiate reduced rate for U.K. departure tax for employees**

Effective Jan. 1, 2011, UA and CO co-workers and their eligible pass riders departing from the U.K. pay the economy rate of U.K. Air Passenger Duty (APD - departure tax), regardless of which cabin they listed for or



actually traveled in.

UA and CO teams worked together with Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) to negotiate the new policy, which will mean significant cost sav-

ings for co-workers seated in premium-cabin seats on flights departing from the U.K. The working team from both carriers included U.K. Finance, International Sales, Human Resources and the Unite Union. Until now, legacy CO and legacy UA co-workers have had to pay APD at the rate for the cabin in which they actually traveled. The reduced APD rate covers flights from all six U.K. airports that CO and UA serve (BFS, BHX, EDI, GLA, LHR and MAN).

Conditions for pass travel on other carriers may differ. Questions about the U.K. APD may be sent to the Employee Travel Center at [etc@coair.com](mailto:etc@coair.com), or at [ukhr@united.com](mailto:ukhr@united.com).

### **CO launches Android app for smartphones**



CO recently launched an Android application, or app, for smart phone users who want to improve their travel experience through the use of their handheld devices. Like the iPhone

app, launched in October, Android app users can take advantage of key features like flight booking (including reward travel), flight status, flight check-in and mobile boarding pass storage.

*"Android is the fastest-growing smart phone platform in the marketplace, and we're pleased to offer these customers the same benefits our iPhone users have grown to appreciate,"* said Self-Service and Emerging Technology Managing Director Jared Miller.

Users can download the app through the Android Market on their phones or at the Wireless Tools section on [continental.com](http://continental.com).

### **IAM to handle United Express above-the-wing services at SFO**



As part of a larger effort to ensure the company is building the most efficient and cost-effective organization, legacy UA recently solicited competitive bids for above- and below-the-wing services for United Express arrivals and departures at SFO.

Beginning April 1, legacy UA International Asso-



ciation of Machinists (IAM) employees will handle above-the-wing customer services, which will create 66 positions. United's SkyWest partners will continue below-the-wing ramp work.

*"The competitive RFP process is an effective model to assure the best value and operational performance for United and our customers,"* System Operations and United Express Sr. VP Alex Marren said. *"It enables us to be more flexible to changing market conditions within the industry."*

### **EASY DOES IT Recipe Column**



**Helen Cain**

I disposed of (yep, in the garbage) 5 bottles of only partially used salad dressings last week. My daughters are very careful about expiration dates on various products. I am not. My mother was not. She lived to be a healthy 94 years of age. However, to keep up with the times, and to avoid scolding by my offspring, I conceded to their intelligence.

I've always made my own tartar sauce, cocktail sauce and Louis sauce. So I'm going back to what I know best, make it in my own proportion so no half-used bottles to throw out, and is less expensive.

Blend or shake all these thoroughly, then chill.

- ☛ **Tartar Sauce** ~ 1 cup mayonnaise, 1 Tablespoon each: pickle relish (sweet or dill), chopped parsley (fresh or dry), and dried or fresh chives. (I also use this on a ham sandwich.)
- ☛ **Louis Sauce** ~ 1 cup mayonnaise, ¼ cup French dressing, ¼ cup ketchup, 1 teaspoon bottled horseradish, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, and salt and pepper (to your particular taste).
- ☛ **Cocktail Sauce** ~ 2/3 cup ketchup, 1 tablespoon bottled horseradish, dash each of cayenne pepper and Tabasco, 3 tablespoon chili sauce, and 1 tablespoon lemon juice.
- ☛ **Old Fashioned French Dressing** ~ ¼ cup olive oil, 1 tablespoons tarragon, 2 tablespoons wine vinegar, ¼ teaspoon salt, 1 small clove crushed garlic or ½ teaspoon bottled crushed garlic, and ample dash pepper (freshly ground, if you can).
- ☛ **Italian Dressing** ~ 1 cup salad (or olive) oil, ¼ cup lemon juice, ¼ cup white vinegar, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon sugar, ½ teaspoon each: dry mustard, onion salt, paprika, thyme, and 2 cloves crushed fresh garlic cloves or 2 teaspoons bottled crushed garlic.
- ☛ **Blue Cheese Dressing** ~ 4 oz. package crum-

bled blue cheese, 3 oz. package softened cream cheese, ½ cup mayonnaise, and 1/3 cup light cream. (See how easy this one is!)

### **Ask the pharmacist: Medication safety tips for travelers**



The key to healthy, fun traveling is to plan ahead. This is particularly true if you're taking medications, which, though meant to keep you well, can actually pose health risks due to

travel and exposure to sun. Try these tips:

**Always keep your medications with you.** Medications should always be kept in carry-on luggage to avoid the possibility of getting lost with checked baggage. Also, the extreme temperatures checked baggages are exposed to may decrease the effectiveness of some medication.

According to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), air travelers may now carry liquids, gels and aerosols in their carry-on bag when going through security checkpoints. The TSA's "3-1-1" guidelines state:

- ➔ All liquids, gels and aerosols must be in three-ounce or smaller containers. Larger containers that are half-full or toothpaste tubes rolled up are not allowed. **Each container must be three ounces or smaller.**
- ➔ All liquids, gels and aerosols must be placed in a single, quart-size, zip-top, clear plastic bag. Gallon-size bags or bags that are not zip-top such as fold-over sandwich bags are not allowed. **Each traveler can use only one, quart-size, zip-top, clear plastic bag.**
- ➔ Travelers must remove their quart-sized plastic, zip-top bag from their carry-on and place it in a bin or on the conveyor belt for X-ray screening. X-raying separately will allow TSA security officers to more easily examine the declared items.

For more information, visit the TSA website at <http://www.tsa.gov/>.

**Always keep a list of your medications.** On the list, be sure to include specifics, such as the doses and why you take each medication.

**Consider time zone changes.** If you're traveling to a different time zone, ask your pharmacist about how to adjust your dosing schedule, so you can avoid missing doses. The adjustment will vary according to the type of medication.

**Carry prescriptions in their original containers.** It may cause confusion if they're kept in unlabeled containers or bags.

**Prepare for weather changes.** Store medication needing refrigeration in an insulated bag with a cold pack.

In addition to traveling, leisure plans often include getting back to nature. Here are some tips to remember when spending time in the great outdoors:

**Take precautions with sun-sensitive medications.** Some medications, such as benzoyl peroxide and ibuprofen, can cause a reaction when skin is exposed to the sun. Medications usually include instructions that will tell you to wear sunscreen or to stay out of the sun altogether.

**Treating poison ivy and other rashes.** Calamine lotion or hydrocortisone may be helpful in stopping the itch. In severe cases, doctors may suggest taking an oral steroid.

**Know the symptoms of heat exhaustion.** They include dizziness, sweating, headache and nausea. Stay hydrated. During the hottest time of day, wear lightweight clothing and refrain from strenuous activities. It's especially important for seniors to stay out of intense heat.

For more information on traveling with medications, visit [medco.com](http://medco.com)®.

#### 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 each 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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they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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### Attention All Golfers

***The 2011 UARGC Golf Invitational will be held in Mesquite, NV from May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>.***

If you are interested, contact:  
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***Please register by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.***

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### GULF COAST CHAPTER

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Our Gulf Coast RUAEA Chapter met on Tuesday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 AM at the Pensacola Naval Air Museum's Cubi Bar Café. We had only 10 members present due to bad weather being forecast. The weather men were wrong and the heavy rains and storms never happened (thank goodness!). Even though there were just a few of us, we really had a great time.

After everyone had enjoyed their lunch, President **Bob Schwartz** called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The United merger was discussed and everyone is very anxious to see how our benefits will change. The change in medical coverage cost was discussed and how if you have automatic deductions from your account, you must either go online or call United to get it taken care of properly. Otherwise, you could possibly lose your coverage. Secretary **Yvonne Schwartz** read the minutes and also a letter from the Naval Air Museum Foundation thanking us for our donation of the brick paver. The plaza has been finished with blank pavers in place. The engraved ones will be installed within the next few weeks. Treasurer **Barbara Serra** gave the financial report. With so few in attendance, it was agreed we would not sell raffle tickets this month.

It was decided that for our February meeting, everyone will bring some of their United memorabilia. We are all looking forward to the various items that we all have. Yvonne has contacted all the absent members so they can start deciding what "treasures" they will bring. It should be a fun meeting with lots of discussion and laughter.

**Park Learned** was unable to attend due to health reasons and we all hope he and **Billie** can be at our next meeting. They were missed very much.

Some of us stayed after the meeting and continued to explore the museum. We figure it will take us many months to see all sections and as they continually add new exhibits, we may never see everything. We consider it a challenge!

### Calendar:

**February 22** – 11:30 AM – Cubi Bar Café's West Pac Room in the Pensacola National Air Museum. (Our

meetings are 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month and will be at this location each time.) Come Visit Us!

## SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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For the second month in a row, due to inclement weather in our Southern state of Alabama, we had to cancel our January meeting. We were once again very disappointed but it was necessary for the safety of our members. We are looking forward to our gathering in February 2011.

### Calendar:

**March** - Meeting - TBA

## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

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We are experiencing a very cold winter here in Arizona. I suppose the rest of the RUAEA chapters do not feel too bad for us and our 60 degree weather but for us, this is really a cold spell. We have to cover our plants and even the cacti. Lots of freezing nights have been killing off our smaller shrubs. We do send our sympathy to the rest of the country for what has been a really bear of a winter and it is only February. The cold weather does bring out the breakfast club. We have been averaging about 16 – 18 attendees every other Tuesday. Our snowbirds are really happy to be here since most are from the Chicago area.

We had a good turnout for our January luncheon. Our white elephant netted over \$200 which we annually donate to the PHX fantasy flight. We had many donations and lots of active bidding. Thanks again to everyone who bid and participated in this worthy charity auction. It was great to see **Frank & Evie Callahan** at the February 1<sup>st</sup> breakfast meeting. Evie continues to have some blood problems and we wish her well and a speedy recovery. We are very sorry to report that **Geri Hostetter** has been diagnosed with cancer. She has completed her 2 course of radiation and begins chemotherapy on February 7<sup>th</sup>. I am sure she would appreciate your including her in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Geri at her home, 17285 N. Del Web Blvd., Sun City AZ, 85373.



March will be here before you know it. **March 17, 2011** this is the date for the All Arizona RUAEA luncheon in Casa Grande. It will be held, at the Holiday Inn. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. Since we are celebrating St. Patrick's Day, we will have a buffet choice of corn beef and cabbage, as well as a chicken entre. A flyer and e-mail (with additional information) has been sent to all AZ chapters. March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for all responses to the Azures treasurer **Joe Hopkins**. Any RUAEA member planning on being in Arizona in March should contact one of our chapters; you are welcome to join us. Our main speaker will be Ron Bertacini, our RUAEA President.

Any UA or CO retiree whether you're pilots, flight attendants, or ground personnel, all are welcomed to contact us 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.

*"Life isn't tied with a bow, but it is still a gift."*

#### Calendar:

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

**March 1**

**March 15**

**March 17** - Casa Grande

**March 29**

**April 12**

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We're looking forward to the All-Arizona Luncheon, sponsored by the Azures Chapter, which will be held Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, Arizona. Happy Hour starts at 11:00AM, with lunch following at 12:00 noon. It's always a fun event, and this year, it's on St. Patrick's Day. The guest speaker will be RUAEA President, **Ron Bertacini**. Reservations were due by Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, so hopefully, we'll see you there. Our January 13<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at the Grandview Steak House Restaurant in Mesa had 50 people in attendance. There were two guests, **Marilou Welch**, **Peg Snowdall**'s sister, and **Doris Goveis**, a friend of **Natasha Schmidt**. Our hostesses were **Peg Snowdall**, **Rita Zarek** and **Lynda Cooper-Koltz**. Thanks for a job well done.

Our own **Jim Fauber** was the program for our luncheon. He told us how he got started in making woodcarvings of various animals. He started out by carving a Mama Bear and a Black Bear with cubs up on the tree. The basic steps are to find a subject, carve, texturing (burning hair on the animal), and painting. He has entered about 26 carving shows and taken many prizes. He has even brought some of his carvings to past RUAEA Conventions for the Arts and Crafts raffles. He has done this for six or seven years, but doesn't carve any more. He certainly has done a beautiful job. The carvings are very realistic.

We had 20 people at our January Breakfast. President **Jim Brigante** was unable to attend as he had shoulder surgery that week. Get well soon, Jim! We had a guest from Denver, Colorado with us, **Jim Ogden**. We were glad he was able to join us.

The RUAEA Convention in Portland, Oregon May 22 – 29 is coming up soon. Be sure and check in the back of the February issue of the RUAEA Newsletter for information to register for the convention and tours. The registration deadline is April 29, 2011. The convention is being held at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel. The tours sound very interesting. Start making plans now.

Our February 10<sup>th</sup> Luncheon at Rosati's in Chandler, hosted by the **Pedones**, will be reported on next month. Our annual picnic will be held Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Crescent Run Adult Community building in Mesa, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. More details will be announced later.

Birthdays in March are: **Jim Fauber** (3/6), **Hank Falk** (3/12), **Ed Conlon** (3/17), **Olga Aguilar** (3/20), and **Graham Snediker** (3/21). Happy Birthday to all those celebrating in March!

Wedding Anniversaries are: **Peg & Phil Snowdall** (3/6), **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak** (3/11), and **Patrice & Bob Rowan** (3/27). Our Congratulations to all of you!

Reminder if you're new to the area, we welcome you to join any of our activities. We are open to any one that has worked for United Airlines at any time, and is of retirement age (55). Please contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com), or you may contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

#### Calendar:

**March 17** – All-Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, AZ.

**March 25** – Breakfast at Crackers at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by March 23, if you are planning on attending. Her number is (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**April 7** - Picnic hosted by **Shirley Claggett & Ron Paluch** at Crescent Run in Mesa.

**April 23** - Breakfast at Crackers

**May 27** - Breakfast at Crackers



### TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pines chapter! As the mythical phoenix rose from the ashes, so too has the Tall Pines chapter. We have risen from the snow (24" in some areas) to grace the pages of the RUAEA newsletter.

As Prescott thawed out, twelve members joined up for an enjoyable lunch at the Lone Spur Cafe in our beautiful downtown on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January.

At our very informal meeting, **Vicki Hilger** - President, and **Earle Risdon** - Treasurer, volunteered their services for another term. Other offices are **Jeannie Risdon** - Vice-President, **Nicki Krause** - Communications, with **Marge Matheny** as her back-up and **Joe Tomasic** as Correspondent.

Prescott Tall Pines chapter, an ongoing supporter of United's fantasy flight in Phoenix, donated a total of \$265.00 for this worthy cause. Plus, our own **Earle & Jeannie Risdon** are the winners of a gift card from the Fantasy Flight raffle. Congratulations to them!

### Calendar:

**February 15** - Luncheon at the Lone Spur - 11:00 am - see you there!

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January 8<sup>th</sup> was a sad day for Tucson, the United States and our Roadrunner chapter. Members of our chapter, **George & Dorothy Morris** were waiting in line to talk to Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords when shots rang out and Dorothy was hit and died. George pushed his wife to the ground in an effort to save her and was also shot. George was shot in a lung and his leg and he is currently in rehab. He appears to be recovering nicely from his physical wounds but it will take a long time to heal emotionally.

A memorial service was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January to honor Dorothy. George was there and received con-

dolences from all those in attendance. **Bill & Bonnie Royle** were very close friends of the Morris's and Bonnie gave a heart warming talk about the past when they all lived in Reno. Also just before the service started, four flight officers all in uniform were seated near the front of the church. Three were United and one Continental, it was very inspiring. All of our thoughts and prayers now go out to George and his family during this difficult time in their lives.

Our January luncheon was held at Vitello's Italian Restaurant in Catalina on the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. **Alice & Pete Lopez** hosted this fine event with 35 Roadrunners and guests. The guests were **Joan Harnett**, a good friend of **Alice Belzer** and **Sue Gardner**, a good friend of **Clyde & Henny Satterfield**. **Ron Robertson** gave us an update on the United and Continental merger. Also near the end of the luncheon, a cake was delivered to **Alice Pelez** in celebration of her (??) birthday. The 50/50 drawings were won by **Bill Royle** and **Henny Satterfield**.

Our February 17<sup>th</sup> luncheon will be held at My Big Fat Greek Restaurant located at the corner of LaCholla and Ina Roads near the Foothills Mall. It will be hosted by **Clyde & Henny Satterfield**.

Mark your calendars for March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Day, as that is the day we will be at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande for our All-Arizona Chapters Luncheon. It's always a fun time to visit with those we have not seen in a while. Hosting this year's event will be Azures Chapter.

### Calendar:

**February 17** - My Big Fat Greek Restaurant.

**March 17** - All Arizona Luncheon at the Holliday Inn in Casa Grande.

### CALIFORNIA

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Our Chapter did not meet during January so there isn't much news to report. By the time this newsletter comes out, we hope the winter weather, that has been so bad in the east, has let up and people can go back to normal living. Coming from Chicago, and putting up with that kind of weather for years, we can understand what Easterners are going through.

If any of you saw the January 26<sup>th</sup> Oprah show, she said that San Luis Obispo was the happiest place to live

in the USA. The residents around here hope this doesn't get out. We love the slow living and everything that goes with it. The merchants couldn't be happier, but when the tourists take over our town and leave their money, it's always good to see them leave. I know the Chamber of Commerce appreciates that comment.

We did get an article in the local newspaper about **John Stilwell**. He is a docent in Pismo Beach at Monarch Grove. The Monarch butterflies return from November to March 1. Their mating season reaches its peak around Valentine's Day, but due to the warm weather, they are starting earlier. It's interesting to know that there have been 5 generations of butterflies that migrate up and down California each year. John and several other docents don't get paid, but get rewarded loving what they do. John did relate one story. While he was at the grove, several bikers drove up looking pretty scrubby and John felt a little uneasy. But at the end of his talk, they all applauded. If any of you know John, he has a way of talking himself out of any situation.

I just received the Obits list for November. Is it my imagination? Or does it seem like our retirees are dying off in greater numbers? However, I did not recognize anyone on the list this time.

This has been around on the Internet, and in case you have not seen it give it a try ~ *This year we will experience 4 unusual dates ... 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11 ... and 11/11/11 ... now go figure this out ... take the last 2 digits of the year you were born plus the age you will be this year and it will be equal to 111. Who figured this one out? (not me!)*

#### Calendar:

**February 16** - Hosted by **Bob & Esther Bartlett**  
**April 13** - Hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak** and **Peter & Joan Schaefer**  
**June 15** - Hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**  
**August 17** - Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**  
**October 19** - Hosted by **Bob & Pat Wagner**  
**December 14** - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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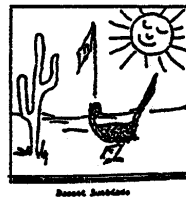


**Millie & Charlie Barnett** hosted the Brazen Raisins' February 2011 meeting. President **Dick Hayes** again reminded the group of the RUAEA Convention in May. Dick told about seeing the name of an acquaintance from Pennsylvania in the RUAEA Newsletter, and, since he was from Pennsylvania, he phoned her and had quite a conversation.

**Don & Donna Nessling** are moving again, but didn't leave an address; Donna is in a convalescent home to recover from her recent fall.

**Jim & Virginia Van Patten** made one of their infrequent visits, and he and **Dick Hayes** entertained with many funny stories about working together for UAL in Des Moines, Iowa; one was about a ramp person who got locked in the hold and was delivered to Chicago.

**Gil Gilbert** was absent (for about the third or fourth month) because he is into bowling now.



#### DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Twenty seven Desert Sunbirds showed up at our January Luncheon, held at Pappy & Harriett's in Pioneer Town. Our hosts were **Lynda & Tony Davis**. Another miss for me, as my water heater went on the fritz, but I understand everyone enjoyed the setting and the food. We had other cancellations as well. **Mike (Magic Man) Bailardo** got a last minute gig. **Barbara Rowe** and **Jim & Liz Clapper** were sick with colds or flu. Jim spent a few days in the hospital. The evening before the Luncheon, **Dee Whately**, **Carole Paquin**, **Patti Sica**, **Gay Traber**, and **Betty Rodgers** went out to dinner. Betty, quite suddenly, developed a rapid heart beat, and was taken by the others to the emergency room at Eisenhower Hospital. They determined that Betty had atrial fibrillation, and kept her for a couple days. Last I heard, she was to follow up with her own doctor after discharge. Back to the luncheon, **Brad Zittel** brought a guest, **Bill Heller**, a former Continental employee, who worked the ticket counter at LAX. Bill won the 50-50 drawing. How's that for hospitality? **Jenny Pennington** won the birthday lunch.

I received this from **Edna Fanucchi**: "*I am sure you heard about Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords shooting attack. Well, it hit UAL. Retired Captain George Morris (SFOFO) was shot three times and is in intensive care. His wife Dorothy, was killed at the scene.*" Apparently, Captain Morris tried to protect his wife by throwing her to the ground, and trying to get on top to shield her. Very sad news, indeed

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. "Cleaning for a Reason" will have a participating maid service in her zip code



arrange for the service. Here's the website:  
[www.cleaningforareason.org](http://www.cleaningforareason.org).

*Catholic Elementary School and the Bible:*

- ☺ *In the first book of the bible, Guenessis, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off.*
- ☺ *Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.*
- ☺ *Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.*

Calendar:

**March 9** – TBA, hosted by **Sandy Sereno**

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on January 26 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville. This was hosted by **Darryl & Dorothy Stroud**. We had 47 Gold Diggers and no guests. Chapter President **Charles Szekretar** welcomed those attending and thanked the Strouds for hosting.

Officer's Reports:

VP **Orville Harshbarger** – He reminded everyone that sign-ups are here for hosting for this year. We still have openings for June, July, September and October.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** – She read the anniversaries for January of those 50 years and over: **Sydney & Sherrill Morgan**. They were not with us today.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance. Also she reminded us again that our dues are due now, \$10/year.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** – Angie sent a card to **Martha Szekretar** and **Irv Wolfram**. She also sent a sympathy card to **Betty Obert** on the passing of **Tom**.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** – She said she is still working on getting the pictures in the Historian's book and will have it for the Past Presidents' luncheon.

Roster Keeper **Jack Raynor** - Nothing

RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** – He talked about the passing of **Marlin Lade**, a past president of RUAEA. Ron reported on United-Continental Holding, the new combined company reported a net profit of 1.6 billion dollars. He talked about the IAM union submitting to the Labor Relations Board, once United and Continental become one airline with the FAA, issuing a Single Operating Certificate. They want a vote for representation for the Flight Attendants as well as the Ramp Service. Ron also talked about Pass Travel. RUAEA

will have its Board meeting next week in Portland. They will have a tour of the convention hotel and discuss many issues such as combining with the other retiree groups. He reminded us that the convention will be May 22-29. We concluded with our raffle.

Calendar:

**February 23** – Max's Restaurant, Auburn (Past Presidents' Luncheon) hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**

**March 30** - Sizzler Restaurant, Auburn, hosted by **Glenn & Alice McPeak**

**April 27** - China Buffet, Citrus Heights, hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**



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The January meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> at the LaGare Restaurant. Our hosts were **Oscar & Joan Chambers**, assisted by **Dick & Maria Southon** and **Pat Leahy**. We had 41 members and guests attending on a rainy, wet day. As usual, the food was wonderful and it was worth the trip.

President **Joanne Huhn** called for a moment of silence for the tragedy that happened in Arizona. **Barney Hagen**, our new Vice President informed us United was touched again by misfortune ~ **George Morris** was a UAL pilot. George and his wife were high school sweethearts and lived in Reno before moving to Arizona. Sadly, his wife died. Barney had flown with him and remembers him as a real nice guy.

Treasurer **Judy DeFord** announced that our finances are pretty good considering it is still only January. Judy also stated that some people have not sent in their dues for this year. Judy sent out notices to remind us. Her address is 1829 Sandstone Dr. Petaluma, CA 94954. Hopefully, everyone will send them in by the end of January, so we won't be dropped of the list.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced the Birthdays: **Theodore Bell, Matt Stilman, Wayne O'Kelly, Kathy Larsen, Marji Matschenegg, Pat Maus, Sheila Legnetto, Ruth Loy** and **Pat Ortega**. The Birthday lunch winner was **Marji Matchenegg**. Our anniversaries for January were **Inara & Heino Witt** and **Kathy & Tim Staples**. Congratulations were sung to all.

Verda sent a card to **Mary Wilson**. It was good to see Mary at our luncheon. **Patrick Cadden** missed the luncheon because of a bout of pneumonia. He went east for the holidays and got caught in some heavy snow. Patrick is home and would probably enjoy hearing from some of his friends.

Joanne introduced our new member, **Val Hulsey**. Val started working at United in 1966. Her first boss was **Al Benthams** and her last boss was **Oscar Chambers**, both members of Redwood Empire Retirees. Val also worked for **Jim Guyette** as a Passenger Service Agent. She quit to raise a family and since coming back to United didn't work out, she went to work for Sun Micro Systems and retired from there. Val is very happy to be back with UAL friends again.

Under Lost and Found, Joanne announced after our Christmas doings at Oakmont, someone left 2 nice large bags and a small bag with ribbon and tape. If anyone is missing these items, please give Joanne a call.

Vice President **Barney Hagen** announced we still need hosts for June at the Quail Inn, September at La Gare and October at the Quail Inn. If anyone can do one, please give Barney a call.

We had a good raffle with plenty of wine, candy and posies.

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

Los Angeles

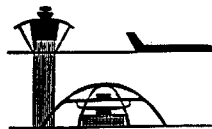
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As **Barbara Smith** is at home recovering from her surgery, I am writing her column for this month.

Barbara is now home from the hospital having endured all of that. She is using a walker and is using oxygen frequently to help raise her blood levels. She also has a small blood clot in her lung which is being watched very carefully. Barbara is very pleased to have a 24 hour nurse for a week or two to monitor her and help her with so many things. The main thing she needs right now is lots of rest, so please for a while, no phone calls or visits. She does appreciate the cards and support she has received from her friends. Her address is: Barbara Smith, 13721 El Dorado Dr. #20H, Seal Beach, CA 90740-6917. Email: [bjslaxtours@verizon.net](mailto:bjslaxtours@verizon.net).

**Owen McGreal**, husband of **Patty McGreal**, a ReLAXers member, suffered a heart attack and on January 10 had a double bypass surgery on his main left artery which was 80% blocked. Owen came through the surgery just fine, and is at home recuperating. He is doing well and is in good spirits and his checkups are just fine. His main complaint is his inability to get good bed rest, which leaves him tired all day long. Owen stated that this was normal following this type of surgery and will just take time. His address is: Owen McGreal, 49475 Ali Ct., La Quinta, CA 92253. Email: [Pat-tysworld0@aol.com](mailto:Pat-tysworld0@aol.com).

**Howard Lackey** has been suffering from severe

laryngitis for the past couple of months and fortunately now has about 90-95% of his voice back. Long time to recuperate, but we are all glad he is getting back to normal. Howard's address is: Howard Lackey, 13856 Bora Bora Way, #122, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. Email: [sfo2exo2lax@peoplepc.com](mailto:sfo2exo2lax@peoplepc.com). If you have Howard's phone number, PLEASE no calls yet! He needs to completely recover.

**Jo Ann Briggs** has been dealing with pneumonia for the past several weeks but is doing much better now and should be back to good health very soon. Her address for cards or notes is: Jo Ann Briggs, 21303 Legend Ave., Carson, CA 90745. Email: [jad-briggs@yahoo.com](mailto:jad-briggs@yahoo.com). No phone calls for a while, please.

**Ed Clay**, as you know by now, passed away on January 6. Here is a little background on this wonderful person. He was born on Oct. 18, 1916, in Bisbee, AZ; and passed away at the age of 93 in Bellevue, WA. Ed graduated from the University of Wyoming with a ROTC commission and was hired by United Airlines. He was called to active duty in 1941 and was chosen for the First Special Service Forces, which later became known as the Green Berets. He was discharged in 1946 and worked for United Airlines for 42 years. Ed retired from United Airlines in 1980 as Station Manager at LAXOZ, but continued during his retirement to work with a large variety of organizations, enjoying his retired activities with as much joy as he found while working for United. To send a card or note you may write to: The Family of Edward Clay, 111<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, #350, Bellevue, WA 98004. A truly great human being who will never be forgotten by so many who knew him.

**Linda Muche** has been fighting her very long battle with cancer, esophageal and breast, but now sees a much brighter light at "the end of the tunnel". She has a new primary care doctor at UCLA who specializes in post cancer care, and she feels much more connected now and actually feels very much more hopeful. She has started speech therapy again and is finally seeing some good progress. She also goes for breast clinic follow up every 3 months which is a big help for her, both psychologically and emotionally. Linda is still on a stomach feeding tube but has much better hopes that someday she will be able to eat normally. Linda enjoys and appreciates the love and support she has been getting from her family and many friends. Her address is: Linda Muche, 411 W. Franklin Ave., Apt. #1, El Segundo, CA 90245-3786. Email: [Elelem226@aol.com](mailto:Elelem226@aol.com).

*From **Barb Smith** - First, thanks so much to **Jim Ferrance** for stepping up to do the ReLAXers column this month while I am still really laid LOW by pace-maker implant surgery, then a nasty 8 day hospital stay with pneumonia. Also, I am totally stunned and awed by the huge number of cards, calls and emails from ALL*

*OVER. Thanks to you all for your kind thoughts and I promise to follow orders to get back to whatever turns out to be normal ASAP.*

Calendar:

All at the Proud Bird, as far as we know now:

**April 7** –Luncheon

**June 2** – Luncheon (may change due to Convention dates)

**May 22 - 29** - Convention in PDX



Re-Sans

San Diego

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There were twenty two attendees at the February breakfast and it is exciting to see our numbers growing each month. I am predicting a good year for our group.

It was good to see **Mary & Daniel Armstrong** among our group as they are not often able to attend. Dan was looking and feeling well and his good Irish spirit was shining through.

I had a nice phone conversation with **Marv Hill** and he is doing well. He said he was surprised and very touched by all the care and calls he has been receiving. We are going to try and see that he is able to attend the April Luncheon. He doesn't drive so if there is anyone in his area of Oceanside, perhaps you could assist us with this.

Yes, the spring luncheon is going to happen. We are working on dates and location; information will be out as soon as we get all the details finalized.

At the last two breakfasts, we discussed charging yearly dues to cover mailings, to help cover expenses for future events such as lunches, etc. It was unanimously agreed to by all to charge \$7.00 per year per employee. The dues will be effective from April of each year. We will be collecting dues at our April luncheon and some have already mailed theirs in.

**Ed & Doris Ailshie** are now back living in San Diego after spending time in Arizona. It has been great having them at our breakfast. **Ned Knight** has moved his boat to Ensenada as the slip fees in San Diego are becoming quite costly. Ensenada is a great place and lots of cruisers come through. It is also an easy drive down the coast.

Upcoming this month, **Grek Krok** is having an angioplasty On February 14<sup>th</sup>. Of all days to get the heart fixed. **John Cunningham** is having surgery the end of the month and our thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery are with them from all of us.

If you are a former SAN employee or just visiting beautiful San Diego, please join us at our monthly

breakfast. We are very close to Lindbergh Field, San Diego Airport and we would love to have you join us.

I look forward to seeing you at the next breakfast. Have a great month.

Calendar:

**March 3** - Monthly breakfast at Pt. Loma Café at 10:00.

Address 4865 North Harbor Dr. San Diego CA. 92106

Spring Fling to be announced.

GOLDEN GATERS

SFO - BAY AREA

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**God Speed:** This is a gentle summation of our 2010 treasured members and spouses whose earthly presence is no longer experiencing discomfort: **Elmer Errichson, Dora Chenault, Tom Frei, Jean Gilmore, John Gress, Margaret Littlefield, Emma Jean Lloyd, Pauline McCann, Ruth McMahon, Donald Millburn, Joe Rick, Ed Szabo and Frances Swaab.**

Our latest information (January 26) on **Mildred Reed** is that she is presently on dialysis and is residing at Mills Peninsula Extended Care, Room 474-A, 101 So. San Mateo Drive, San Mateo, CA 94401. Cards would be warmly appreciated.

Member **Dorothy Kishihama** is leaving our shores for Las Vegas. We hope your health improves and we will certainly miss you, Dear One. Long-time member **Jane Bingham** has a new challenge - diabetes.

You do not have to be a local member, but if you are in the neighborhood, do come and visit us: 11:30AM every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. People are friendly (especially our energetic door greeter **Mike Mewkalo**) and our really great after-lunch (bring your own sandwich) entertainment schedule for this year. Fun is warmly anticipated as follows: February 28 - John Castle (vaudeville), March 28 - John Siracusca (classics), April 25 - Mexican Folkloric, May 16 - Beverly At The Piano, June 27 - Hawaiian Dance Group, July 25 - Steel Drum Player, August 22 - Phil Ackerly Magician, October 25 - Belly Dancers, and November 22 - Tibor & Elena (fantastic piano & violin). September 27 is our annual picnic this year held in Foster City. No program Dec. 27. (Please do remember we are no longer having potlucks so that you may bring your own bag lunch.)

Our own energetic "Gingersnap" and International (and temporary Local) Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has an absolutely fabulous tour coming up ... I bet you've never taken an actively working Mail Boat in Norway! You are guaranteed to enjoy a spectacular train ride, one of the most beautiful in the world ... 12



day round trip from Bergen to Kirkenes ... fjords, great food, gracious people, a visit to an entrancing flower market and we anticipate seeing the Northern Lights! The dates are set for September 6 – 22, 2011. Please contact Ginger now at (650) 224-1865 or [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

This next very popular trip of Ginger's is coming up fast: May 9, 4 days, and is on a "first-come-first-served" basis so be quick about this: SFO to Monterey, San Simeon and Solvang. Call or email ASAP.

Tickets are now being sold for lunch after the March 28 General meeting to celebrate the Chinese New Year. (You may still bring your own goodies.) Get your tickets from our Auditors who sit right beside the door as you walk in.

We have been contacted by **Wallace Rapozo**, a 1995 retiree and now an active member of the Senior Volunteers of the California Highway Patrol. One of their most popular events is to present a free 3-hour class for older drivers in San Mateo County. This is accomplished in conjunction with San Mateo Supervisor Adreieene Tisser. Also included is a viewing of the movie, "Older People Driving", produced by member **Milt Cavalli's** granddaughter (Shaleece Haas). And, how very nice: There is a free continental breakfast and a free box lunch for seniors attending. Contact Supervisor Tisser at (650) 363-4572 to sign up and for information regarding when and where the next class will be. (Your automobile insurance companies are offering discounts (that's nice too)!

**Personally Speaking:** I have just crowned myself "The Grab Bar Queen" (i.e. safety bars). Thanks to a dear friend who has been installing them for me, I now have grab bars both inside and outside of the garage door that takes me to my trash cans. Also, since there's a 6" height difference between my unforgiving cement driveway and my front door, there are new grab bars both outside the storm door and a smaller one (9" and white, not too noticeable) inside on my front room wall that I may grip as I enter. I recently purchased a gas tankless water heater. The hot water goes on forever and ever ... yay! So, one more grab bar to hang onto as I exit my kitchen to that side of the garage. Counting the grab bars in the upstairs bathroom (4), downstairs bathroom (2) - One came with the bathtub, and downstairs throughout the house (5) ... Inconspicuously placed, that makes a total of 11. Overkill? NO. Last year I acquired a balance problem which gets pretty scary at times. This is the house my husband and I purchased in 1958 and I am doing my best to be able to stay here, safely, for many more years. I have weighed "possible embarrassment" with the safety factor: SAFETY won. (Y'all might consider adding these handy helpers before you take a bad tumble, like I did, just before Christmas last year.)

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting, promptly at 11:30 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (not in September or December or if a 4<sup>th</sup> Monday falls on a holiday). William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell and East Hillsdale Blvd.) Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380). Mail should be sent to UAL SFO-Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

SFO/SJC



SOUTH BAY RETIREES

#### SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

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Our South Bay chapter has new officers for 2011. We appreciate their volunteering for the following: President - **Alex Klaus**, Vice President - **Sam Cramb**, Secretaries - **Joan Dahl** and **Rosemarie Reichard**, Treasurer/Social Chairman - **Dave Saso**, Historian - **George Sousa** and Sunshine Lady - **La Donna Eggert**.

We welcomed **Kathleen Adams** (1965) and **Fernando Craff** (1966) into our membership. We hope they will enjoy being a part of our group.

**Marion Gaever** and **Ruie Bradley** proudly announced that they both have become great-grandmothers recently.

At our weekly meetings, we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. One of our members, **Vi Mattscheck**, recently celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup>.

**Nancy & Dave Walb** have been to Las Vegas recently and reported it's more difficult to fly stand-by as there are fewer flights available.

Eighteen of our members are looking forward to the RUAEA Convention in Portland, Oregon. We know it's a great time to renew acquaintances and learn what's happening with RUAEA.

Winter has taken a toll on some of our members' health. We hope they will be feeling better soon.

We meet **every** Friday morning at 8:00 A.M. for breakfast and a short meeting at Holders' Country Inn in Cupertino across from the Home-Depot on De Anza Blvd. Please join us.

#### Calendar:

(8:00 AM Friday Breakfast at Holders Country Inn in Cupertino across from the Home-Depot)

**March 18** - St Patrick's Day Theme Meeting – TBA, Spring Luncheon hosted by **Marion Gaever**

**June 14** - Summer picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos, hosted by **Tony & Sally Urso**



## EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our January meeting was held on January 10<sup>th</sup> with 23 members and guests attending. A big "Thank You" to **Emma Lou Olson** who took our Christmas Cards to a group who recycles.

**Marilyn & Hoagy Harguth** continue to make progress with health issues. We hope to see them back again very soon.

**Don Rutkowski** won the 50/50 and **Jack Smith** won the Marie Callender's pie.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Concord. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage you to attend and bring your guests. We have representation from many departments.

### Calendar:

**March 14**

**April 11**

**May 9**

**June 13** - Annual Picnic

## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS



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We opened our Saturday meeting with 46 in attendance in spite of the cold and snow and a reminder that the ground hog didn't see its shadow, so that meant we will have an early spring. Let's hope that's true! We were also reminded that Valentines Day is not far off and that the guys need to remember the gals. Good advice for a happy home! We also want to thank **Harriet Ahr** for the Valentine treats.

**Tom Goodyear** displayed a delay report dated April 27, 1937 for a 5 minute delay that his father, **Murl Goodyear**, failed to report. It was a mechanical delay. Tom also displayed his UG 100 dated 6/9/1945; his hourly rate was \$1.63 hour and he received a 5 cent raise to \$1.68 per hour. Some said that Murl, Tom's father, should have paid the company \$1.68 an hour to train him, as that was one big job!

Tom Goodyear reported some sad news. The passing of **Ed Clay** on January 7, **Fred Schafer** on January 2, **Vic Serviss** on January 14 and **Marlin Lade** on December 24.

**Virgil Gooselaw** told of the Celebration of Life for Marlin held in Oviedo, FL on January 24. Marlin was a past president of RUAEA and a very well liked man. There were many out of town RUAEA members in attendance and his family expressed their thanks for all the cards, phone calls and expressions of kindness towards them.

**Lyle Burkholder** is home after 2 weeks in the hospital with pneumonia. If you would like to send him a get well card, his address 1190 Florence St., Aurora, CO 80010. **Kenny Larson** is home with lung problems and is on oxygen. I know he would enjoy a get well card. His address is 38028 Fawn Meadows Trail, Elizabeth, CO 80107.

**Walt & Vee Hansen** brought their son **Ed** for the first time. **Ed Eson** came down from Greeley, CO to join us. Come back and see us again.

**Virgil Gooselaw** brought us a very good report on the Pass Travel Survey. He emphasized that this was just the results of the survey and that no decision had been made and not to expect a decision until later in the year. He mentioned that to obtain the actual survey results, go to SkyNet and locate "*United Pass Travel Survey Report*". Click on it and follow the directions. Notice that the password to get into the survey is "*Pass Travel Survey*". Virgil also reported that the company has requested a meeting at WHQ with all the recognized retiree groups from United and Continental to discuss the Travel Survey. The meeting is planned for February 17.

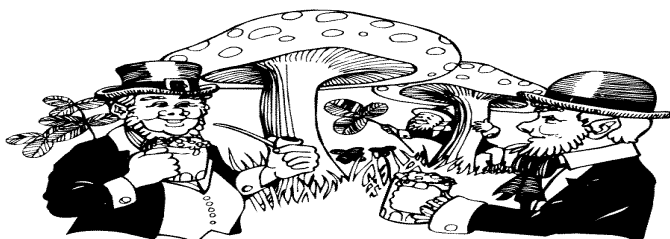
The following folks returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter. **Bill Brehmer**, **Martha Gooselaw** and **Herman Ezpoleta**.

Plans were made for a Spring Luncheon to be held at the Palace Chinese Restaurant in April or May. The dates will be posted in a later Newsletter.

### 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 flattened pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

Spring Luncheon - To be announced



## FLORIDA

### SAND“DABS”

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President **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting with sixteen members including one guest in attendance. We're still experiencing a bit of a chill here, but when the sun comes out, we're warm enough. Our birthday celebrant present was **Al Warner**; he enjoyed our birthday serenade to him. Al also won our 50/50 drawing so that was a fun birthday surprise for him. Our guest **Diane Clady**, from Southbend, IN, is a friend of **Penny Logan**. **Lil & Steve Moddle** returned today from a 4 day cruise and Steve showed up at our meeting! Their cruise was a celebration of Steve's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Anne & Lowell Johnston** will be taking a train trip this month from Chicago to San Francisco. That sounds very interesting. I will be going on a 7 day cruise this month with my family and some people from my church. Prez Dick's heart catheterization turned out well. The doctor put in a stent and he's feeling good and happily all is well.

Treasurer **Penny Logan** collected our yearly dues, so our treasury is growing and we need to choose a charity or two to donate some funds to. **Emily Veracka** had some brochures of The Children's Miracle Network and the Genesis Fund which is in MA, and pictures of her granddaughter which she shared with us. She told how these organizations have helped her granddaughter so much with her physical problems and her daughter Beth with their family counseling. The Genesis Fund was started by a doctor and they work with children that have birth defects. This may be something for us to consider giving some money to.

At joke time, Dick did get a smile from **Rick Johnson**. That's an on-going joke to see if Rick can laugh at one of the jokes Dick shares. There was a funny comment in our conversations about **Marion Johnson** who sometimes worked in the Baggage Claim Dept. I'm sure that this will become an on-going laugh or two from now on.

Thinking ahead, our Prez made reservations already for our 2011 Christmas meeting at Halifax Yacht Club. Spaces fill up quickly, so we're all set now for that. Dick gave us what information he had on the company regarding new planes, etc. He also said a new pass travel program should be finalized soon.

There was some sharing about members who have family & friends living in the northern states, and dealing with the snow & freezing weather problems and its

hazards. Then talk developed about some of our experiences years ago & the blizzards in the '60s. My memories go back to the blizzard of '47, but some in our group are too young to remember that one! Winter in the north is for the young and hardy. Luckily, we live here in Florida.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *When the Queen is happy, there is peace in the Kingdom!*

### Calendar:

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

**April 7** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**May 5** - 11:30 - Red Lobster



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President **Rich Llewellyn** opened the well attended meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a big welcome to several guests: **Chris & Donna Hess**, **Bob & Sandy Duszynski**, and **Anthony Gaydos**, son of members **Lou & Joan**. **Bob Olsen** joined us with **Linda Agnello**, and our snowbirds **Jack & Jayne Regan**, guests of the **Haltermans**. As luck would have it, we are collecting our annual dues of \$10.00 and by the end of the meeting; **Chris & Donna Hess** and **Bob & Sandy Duszynski** were no longer guests, but brand-new members of the Real McCoy's! Yeah and welcome!

Treasurer **Char LeGrand** reported that our chapter received a very nice thank you and booklet from the Flt. 93 Memorial for our donation. We also sent a donation to the Hospice of Northern Colorado in Greeley, as was requested by **Marlin Lade's** family.

Plans are in the works for the April 5<sup>th</sup> Picnic which will be held at Cypress Grove Park. Deposit has been paid. Details next month! **Save the date!**

February Birthday Wishes to our Birthday Girl, **Nan Multeri** and Guy, **Joe Mannella**!

Many of our chapter members attended the "Celebration of Life" for member **Marlin Lade** on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church Chapel, Oviedo, FL. His wife, **Marilyn**, along with children, **Michelle** and **Mark** and several grandchildren were surrounded by family and friends, along with RUAEA members from around the country, including President **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** and **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw**, to name a few. A wonderful video tribute to Marlin's life, put together by **Rich Surma**, who also attended, was shown at the end of the service in the chapel. A nice reception followed the service and



several folks shared their stories and memories of Marlin, among them, our chapter President **Rich Llewellyn** and RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini**. **Marlin Lade** was a very special man who will be missed by all who knew him.

Productions at the Osceola Theater:

- ★ May 15, 2011 @2pm, "Barefoot in the Park". Cost \$13.00, deadline April 12<sup>th</sup>
- ★ October 16-22, 2011 ~ Smoky Mountains "Show Trip", 7 days/6 nights ~ \$525.00. This motor coach trip includes lodging (4 nights in the Smokies) most meals, 6 shows.

#### Calendar:

**First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.** Luncheon meeting at the **Golden Corral**, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road

**March 1**

**April 5** - Picnic

**May 3**

**June 7**

#### SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

##### PELICAN DROP-INS

Fort Myers, Florida

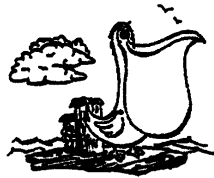
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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its monthly meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers at noon. Attending were 19 members and 2 guests - **Darlene & Tony Novak**, retired from CLE and wintering in SW Florida. As usual, a delicious lunch was served. Normally, our program for the day follows lunch but the scheduled speaker failed to arrive. So, **Jerry Pryde** gave an impromptu reading about the origin of several old phrases or sayings. There were some groans and some laughter! President **Bill Burg** then conducted the 50/50 raffle that was won by **Maxine Brown**, a perennial winner - and she takes lots of teasing about that luck. Other raffle winners were **Jerry Pryde**, **Ingrid Olson**, **Judy Clarke**, **Sandy Pryde**, **Marge Burg**, **Ray Winterhalter**, **Ed Clarke**, **Paul Olson**, **John Dainus**, and **Sally Sciple**.

**Bill Burg** circulated a copy of the results of the electronic survey regarding future pass travel (taken by 69,700+ UAL and Continental employees). The analysis does not indicate what the company decision will be. The company decision is expected to be announced during the first quarter of 2011.

**Mel Volz** is reserving the picnic grove for May 6 for our end-of-the season picnic/cookout. It's becoming

an annual event and is enjoyed so much!

We next meet on March 4. Please join our group if you're visiting in the Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Ft. Myers, or Naples area this winter/spring.

#### 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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President **Barbara Riecss** called the meeting to order on February 7, at 11:00AM at Paul's Shrimp House in Tarpon Springs with 16 members and 5 guests in attendance. **Paul Brown** was our Special Speaker.

Celebrating a birthday in February was **Martha (Marty) Fitzgerald**. Minutes for the January meeting were read by **Barbara Riecss** and approved. Treasurer's report was read by **Jean Linehan** and approved.

Travel ~ **Paul Brown** talked about his trip to Portland, OR and upcoming convention in May. The **Riecss** talked about their travels.

Reports ~ **Jon Wilkinson** gave a report on the United/Continental merger regarding new services and destinations, he also added info on other airlines.

Membership ~ Membership dues are due in July. Please pay before July.

Our Speaker **Paul Brown** talked about the new Chapter in Pensacola, FL as well as Passes Travel and other info on UAL/CO merger. Paul mentioned the Convention in Portland, OR this May.

Sunshine Report ~ **Terri Breslin** reported that **Pearl Quinn** passed away Jan 9, 2011. Memorial Service will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, New Port Richey, FL. Sympathy card was sent from our Chapter. Sympathy card was also sent to **Marlin Lade's** family.

Get-well cards were sent to **Mary Martin** and **Jim Hottel**, both had minor surgery. **Loretta Marvett** and **Jorge Griva's** wife (**Lisa**) are a little under the weather. We hope they will be back for our March meeting.

We received a very nice thank you letter from the Executive Dir. of JDRF thanking us for the check we sent them, the letter was passed around.

Picnic report ~ For paid members – Free, Guests' cost is \$ 6.00 prepaid – **No Walk Ins**. The picnic will be on April 4, 2011 at Anderson Park, 11AM. Sign up sheet was passed around, choice of BBQ pork or Chicken. Please contact **Jim Hottel** for more info.

President Barbara reminded the group that we need someone to take over the Historian/Photographer position.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.

#### Calendar:

**March 7** – Paul's Shrimp House, 11:00AM

**April 4** – Picnic at Anderson Park - 11:00AM

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Talk about surprise, when I entered our room for our Lunch and General Meeting on February 1; I was, to say the least, surprised, the room was brimming over with new members and guests, making a total in attendance of 23! Our waiter kept bringing in more chairs and finally had to bring in another table to seat everyone, Al was ecstatic and I was jumping with joy.

Starting with **Kern & Ingrid Yaeger** from San Jose, who are presently living in Tennessee and on a visit to Florida after spending Thanksgiving in Iowa. Unfortunately, they were guests but promised to come to our meeting when visiting Florida, surely they had a good time meeting mutual buddies and talking old times. Look forward to seeing them real soon, what a nice couple. They have what they refer to as a Bubba Mobile and take weekly trips to see the United States. Great idea and you never get bored for sure and live life to its fullest.

During the business meeting, much discussion was in regards to the upcoming boarding and pass priority and of course, everyone was anxious about the outcome. We all truly hope that whatever the final outcome has to be is good for all. As I mentioned, some of the group have been to the airports and all have said no problems have existed and everyone was congenial.

I have never met an employee or retiree of United that were not nice people, it is truly the only Company that I have been involved with that have such camaraderie and close ties with their working friends in and out of the company. I guess that is why I truly miss all the people I worked with both in Rock Leigh, NJ and NY-CTO, and my umbilical cord was severed when I was separated from Apollo. Crazy but true!

Then we met **Catherine Coate's** friends who came as guests, **Jerry & Ann Kenda** who are currently living in FLL but share their time in CLE which is good for us, hopefully, we will see them again. The only trouble with this picture is that the Cleveland Retiree Chapter has their monthly meeting on the first Wednesday and we have our monthly meeting on the first Tuesday, BOO! In any case, it was good to have them with us; we thank Catherine for bringing them. We certainly enjoyed their visit, I know Ann knew a lot of our members and they enjoyed their visit with us.

Then there was a newest member, yes he joined right on the spot, but jokingly asked for a prorated amount on the dues since we do not have meetings during July and August. His name is none other than **Bob Langevin**, living right in Stuart, FL and what a fun loving quick witted guy, he had us laughing during the meeting and lunch. I would have loved to have been a passenger on one of his flights, I asked him if he was just as witty with the PA system on the flights and he said YEP! A star in the sky for United and I bet he is truly missed, the passengers must have loved being on his flights. Unfortunately, his wife **Kim** was not available and could not attend the meeting. Being a retired pilot, he knew **May Kay & Merrill Wetherington** along with **Paul Liebisch** and **Artie Frage**. The clincher was when **Al Popek** asked Bob that in order to join; we needed his social security number along with a credit card number for our files, so we could perhaps use them at some later date for some of our current members travel plans. He came up with a total of \$3.00 on account for his dues, payable in installments at another meeting. What a guy! We are a tough group but we sure have a lot of fun, even at the expense of our new members. Ha! Ha!

**Sharon & Tom Kolibab** were with us and surely glad to be out of New Jersey and all the snow. Tom has to leave the latter part of February but plans on returning to Florida in April. Don't worry Tom, Sharon won't be lonely as we will keep her busy. Hurry back though it is always good to see you even if I call you Bill or George or Harry or whatever! Now you even met some dancing partners like Ann & Jerry when they come back to Florida for a visit. They will be nearby and may be able to get together with you to go dancing.

**Barbara Dodenhoff** is nursing bronchitis, hurry and get well, we miss you. We also miss **Celina Xifaras** and husband **Constantinos**, she is also under the weather, along with **Bobby Vitel** so our wishes are for all of you to get well quick and return to the group, we miss you all. We all hope that someday **Wally Armstrong** will come to one of our meetings with **Karen**, his helper as well as **Frank & Jane Wise**. Frank, how are you doing with your eye surgery? Hope to see you soon.

Now we don't know what is happening to **Diane & Gordon McCourt**, this is the first time they haven't sent in their dues, we hope they are well. Please get in touch soon to let us know. Some day I wish you would surprise the group and attend our Luncheon/Meeting. Some day!

Another person we miss is **Bill Nehls**, where are you Bill? Give us a jingle and hope to see you soon. I have just about given up on **Luster Smith**, no one has heard from her and we hope she is ok, my phone calls go unanswered and my mail is returned? This is the second month that **Chris Taylor** missed our meeting, we need a telephone committee to remind her of the day. At least, she is well.

Now for the traveling group, **Diane & Paul Liebisch, Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Artie & Judy Frage** went on a cruise to the Caribbean which had great entertainment and of all things, an **ice bar**, you read right, a bar made of ice. They were given full length capes with hoods, fur lined to wear and the bar stools were covered with leopard and tiger etc. throws. It was 17 degrees in there so you could only stay for about 15 minutes, enough time to have photos taken and down the 2 drinks you were given. The end of February, that is, Paul, Diane and Barbara will be making their usual trip to Berlin. What a life.

Now let's get back to **Bob Langevin**, it seems that his daughter Rachel and her future husband Neil wanted to be married in some place different, so they chose Costa Rica, and were married on January 15, 2011. They had a delightful wedding, Bob and his wife Kim took her mother with them to attend the wedding and when Bob made reservations for a family suite, thinking they would give two bedrooms, not so, when they entered the accommodations, there were two queen size beds in the middle of this enormous bedroom side by side. Well, you can imagine the comment that Bob had made, too risqué to write here and hilarious to say the least. They couldn't change anything, the hotel was sold out!

Anyone wanting to join this crazy and wonderful group, you should and you won't regret the time spent with us and the food is always good.

**Judy Frage** won the 50/50 and **Mike Carragher** won the progressive; good going Mike, you finally won, now that is why you have to make the meetings.

Yes indeed, **Maureen & Mike Carragher** will be on their way up to New York in early March, here they spend a great deal of time, and will be in the St. Patrick's Day parade. If you watch it on TV, we thought we would be able to recognize them but unfortunately not the case. They will be dressed as Leprechauns in the parade, isn't that a kick. Hey guys, take some pictures and the next meeting you come to, let's see how you look. What fun! Just goes to believe the saying, senior

citizens have a life and anyone can make it fun! You may be older but that won't stop you from enjoying what life has to offer.

Seems like the people that have been flying are not seeing any problems with check in etc, as a matter of fact, the Continental employees for the most part are extremely pleasant and willing to please. Let's hope this continues with everyone.

**Judy & Artie Frage** will be celebrating their anniversary of February 29<sup>th</sup>, and since it isn't leap year I guess they will celebrate it on February 28 or March 1. If it is March 1 they will be at our meeting. That's it for February.

We hope that **Barbara Smith**, the correspondent of the Re-lax-ers in California is well and on her way to a complete and full recovery from her recent bout with pneumonia. Get well quick!

*On the lighter side:*

- ☺ *If your phone doesn't ring, it's me. Quote from Bob Langevin.*
- ☺ *If life doesn't give you the dance you had hoped for, keep dancing anyway.*
- ☺ *How to know you are growing older:*
  - ★ *The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bifocals.*
  - ★ *Your little black book has only names ending with M.D.*
  - ★ *Your pacemaker makes the garage door go up and down when you watch a pretty girl go by.*
  - ★ *You're 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist and 90 around the golf course.*
  - ★ *Your children begin to look middle aged.*
  - ★ *Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.*
- ☺ *Burn the candles, use the nice sheets and wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.*
- ☺ *Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.*
- ☺ *Growing old beats the alternative---dying young.*
- ☺ *However good or bad a situation is, it will change.*

*Live, love and laugh today, don't wait, the clock is ticking!*

Calendar:

**March 1** - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting

**April 5** - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting

**May 1** - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting

♣ **St. Patrick's Day** ♣

## GEORGIA

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Thirty five Flyers and five guests were in attendance at our meeting on February 2, at The Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA. Our guests were **Melisa Lane**, daughter of **Lyle & Joanna Myers**, **Tina Myers** was sick and unable to attend, we hope she feels better soon. Also in attendance were **Colleen Austin**, **Don & Mary Lou Sullivan's** daughter; **Frank Preininger**, retired mechanic; **Selma Daily** and **Cindy Bradley**, **Willie & Bobbie Foles's** daughters. It was really good to see **Doug & Mary Ann Goforth** back with us after a long absence. Mary Ann is retired now and will have more time to travel and visit family and friends. We are glad to see **Jane Brown** out and about once again also.

**Fred Cron** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Don Shelley** said the Blessing before lunch. **Fred Cron**, our 50/50 Director, assisted by **Bogie Wallace**, conducted the drawing. The winning ticket was drawn by Nicki, one of our servers. **Gary Tuttle** held the winning number and donated the proceeds to The Promise Place. **Bill Elk** held a short business meeting, and discussed questions about the PBGC and the change in the new tax laws that require changes in the withholding amounts. Call the PBGC or go on line to their website to find out what can be changed and what cannot.

Also discussed was the United Continental Holdings working in conjunction with the Global Distribution Partners, including the travel agencies and interfacing with the computer systems keeping up with fares and ancillary charges between carriers (source: tnooz). This, along with increasing fuel costs, may affect how we as non-revs will be able to travel in the future. **Bruce Brodersen** gave a report on RUAEA and the upcoming convention in Portland. He also wanted to remind us that 2011 dues are requested by March 1 as we are trying to get an updated member list for distribution. **Don & Marge Shelley** will be holding their Annual Picnic at their home in Locust Grove, GA on Saturday April 16, 2011 this year. All United people welcome, local or out of town, locals bring a covered dish, or dessert, and a chair. Plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. **Vicky Farragut** of The Promise Place sent the Flyers a letter thanking us for the Christmas gift cards and donations we provided to the residents that made for them an amazing holiday. We intend to give them our continued support in the future.

## Calendar:

**March 2** - Lunch at the Broadway Diner, 2:30 PM, 535 S. Glynn St. Fayetteville, GA. 30214, (770) 716-2828. Note time change to 2:30PM at request of the restaurant.

## IDAHO

### BOISE GEMS

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February 7, our Boise Gems met for a lunch meeting at 1:30 p.m. at JB's Restaurant in Meridian. Those attending were: **Dave Adams**, **Bob & Palmer Sarnoff**, **Denny Snyder**, **Ned Yundt**, **Marlene Croghan**, **Roni Adams**, **Sharon Kolins**, **Joe & Joan Varady**, and **Rick & Shirley Dempsey**. **Dave Adams** brought **Harry & Nancy Mitchell**. The Mitchells are both retired from UAL in 1983 at SFO. Rick welcomed Harry & Nancy and told them they were officially Boise Gems.

The following members were sick and unable to attend the luncheon: **Marilyn Taylor**, **Louise Haugen**, and **Shirley Law** ... We hope each of these ladies will be feeling better real soon. Rick reminded everyone that our March 7 meeting will once again be a luncheon at 1:30 p.m. at JB's in Meridian.

**Marlene Croghan** visited her daughter, nephew, and friends in Phoenix and Tucson in December. The 70 degree weather was wonderful. **Harry & Nancy Mitchell** said they were looking forward to a very enjoyable time with the Boise Gems.

**Shirley & Rick Dempsey** are looking forward to a cruise to the Western Caribbean in 12 days. We know it will be fun and definitely warmer ... who knows maybe we won't come back! Also, Shirley & Rick enjoyed a day at the McCall Winter Carnival with **Joe & Joan Varady** this past week.

## Calendar:

**March 7** - Meetings, JB's Restaurant in Meridian

## ILLINOIS

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Over the recent holidays, RUAEA had two fine men answering to a higher calling, **Marlin Lade** and **Ed-**



**ward Clay.** Both were superior leaders for UAL, spending part of their career in the Chicago offices and making lasting friendships. Marlin left on Christmas Eve and his celebration of life was held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke's Lutheran church in Oviedo, FL. Cards may be sent to Marlin's daughter, Michelle Andrews, 2958 Arabian Ave. Brighton, CO 80603. **Ed Clay** left this world on January 6<sup>th</sup>, surrounded by family in Bellevue, WA. His survivors are Ed Clay, Jr., Martha Clay Woodward and Karen Clay. Ed and his wife Virginia will share a gravesite of their second son Brian in Evergreen Cemetery in Barrington, IL. Cards to the family may be sent to Karen Clay at 1600 S. Main St., Seattle, WA 98144. We were also advised of the passing of **Eleanor Murtaugh**, a payroll clerk in EXO and a Skyliner. Cards may be sent to her niece Mary E. D'Amico, 8216 Millbank Dr., Orland Park, IL 60462.

**Mary Kay & Gil Wojtal, Carol & Al Madaj** and **Phyllis & Phil** took a Mediterranean Cruise, spending fifteen days on ship and five days in Italy with perfect weather. **Theresa & Jay Jones** spent two weeks in Cabot, VT, visiting family and taking in the annual Pie Festival. Our world traveler **Patricia Muha** completed a northern India tour by a three week tour to Southern India. The cities included Chennai, Goas, Mumbai and Bangalore. The south was not as interesting as the north but India as a whole is as diverse and fascinating as other cultures, but she was glad to get home.

There were 15 attending the Southside breakfast including **Virginia Hilkins** who was able to join the group by courtesy of Pace bus dropping her off right at the front door. **Barbara Wesemann** brought **Tomasina Neals** as a guest. They share an aerobics class together. **Carmen Chavez** treated the group to chocolate candies. **Javier Chavez** and **Bill Brookins** shared the raffle winnings. Thanks to **Agnes Pearson** for gathering the news in my absence. She mentioned she also sent pictures to **Ted Guz**.

On a personal note, I would like to tell you about one aspect of the Chicago 2011 blizzard. With the blizzard that caught Chicago last week, many frustrating incidents occurred in towns including mine. My husband and I live in a two-story house, partially built into a hill. I'm in a wheelchair and scheduled for dialysis three times a week. My egress is out the back door onto a 15-ft sidewalk ramp, then onto a 12-ft bridge to a hydraulic lift, down 4-5 feet to an 8-ft ramp, down to the driveway. The green grass normally alongside this path has 4 ft of snow. The power went out for 11 hours, causing the lift to go out. The Clarendon Hills Firemen came to the rescue. They physically lifted me and the chair from the lift to the next ramp, allowing me to go to dialysis that day. The two young men, whose names escape me due to a senior moment, showed concern, courtesy, and great care, using their physical strength in

my transport. We in Clarendon Hills are lucky to have men of this caliber in our employ, and we fail to give them our thanks often enough. So, a big Thank You!

#### Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL (**February 22 & March 29**)

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzy's Café & Backerieia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL (**March 9**)

Food Depository - First Tuesday, every month

**March 16** - St. Patrick's Day Celebration at The Wellington, 2121 S. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL, (847) 439-6610.

#### LOOP GROUP

Chicago

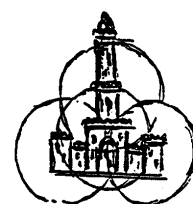
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With spring arriving, we hope to see some Snow Birds returning as well as the regular members and welcome any new guests to come and join us for the March Luncheon.

**Important Notice** ~ The Luncheon date is changed from Wednesday, March 16 to Wednesday, March 23. The reason for the date change is because the Skyliners are having their Spring Luncheon on the same Wednesday date. So that the retirees can attend the Skyliners Luncheon at the Wellington in Arlington Heights on March 16, the Loop Group Luncheon will be on Wednesday March 23. Hope to see everyone at both luncheons. Please email or call me before noon the day before which is March 22<sup>nd</sup> so that we can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect.

Wacker Drive is under construction and will be closed for the rest of the year and has affected some of the bus routes. I called the CTA to see if the #124 Navy Pier Bus, which goes to the Renaissance Hotel, had changed. The place to catch that bus will now be on the NE corner of Madison and Clinton. There is no change in the bus routes that return to the train stations going west on Madison.

#### Calendar:

**March 23** – Wednesday – **Note Date Change**. Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State and Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.

**April** – No Luncheon scheduled

**May 18** – Luncheon scheduled on usual date of third Wednesday of the month

## INDIANA



### INDY RACERS

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My last newsletter, I mentioned our first brilliant white covering of snow ... Well, that snow is still here and covered by additional inches upon inches of snow and now ice. Living here for eight years now, this is the first time I know and understand the meaning of "cabin fever". Everywhere I look is white, white and whiter! Most of you reading this have the same problem as all the states in this continent, except Florida. To keep my sanity, I dream of packing up boxes and heading south to sunny warm Florida ... a place where my nose, feet and bottom end never get cold. I imagine myself sitting outdoors in a chair, the strong sun beating down on my head and peering at green grass, green trees and colorful flowers. Everywhere I look, I see the vast array of colors displayed in a beautiful rainbow and I feel an ever slight warm breeze tickling my face ... THEN ... reality surfaces and I'm cold all over again! Reports from the annual groundhog promises us a short winter and tells us spring will soon be here. **That groundhog had better be right!**

Recipe of the month ... **5 Minute Chocolate Mug Cake** ... 3 Minutes in 1000 watt microwave ~ Mix in a large mug: 4 Tbsp flour, 4 Tbsp sugar, 2 Tbsp cocoa. Add 1 egg and mix thoroughly. Add 3 Tbsp milk and 3 Tbsp oil, mix well. Add 3 Tbsp chocolate chips (opt.) and a splash of vanilla extract.

Microwave mug for 3 minutes. Cake will rise over the top of the mug, don't worry. Allow to cool slightly and turn upside down onto a plate. This cake is very dangerous as you can make it in 5 minutes, eat it, and make another one. I like the idea of having it with a scoop of vanilla ice cream topped with hot fudge. Oh, the calories! ☺

Last month's meeting, January 11<sup>th</sup>, was cancelled due to weather conditions. Our customary "snow blizzard" hit hard and most of us were unable to get out of our driveways. I always miss seeing everyone and getting to talk, laugh, eat and enjoy one another's company. We all have such a good time together. While most of us have remained here in freezing cold Indy, others have skipped town searching for warmer ground. **Dimple Rihel** spent a week in McAllen, TX with our very own snow birds, **Gail & Warren Allen**. Dimple needed a long rest after her visit as Gail & Warren took her to Padre Island and to every shop, restaurant, and at night,

they went dancing. Each morning began with exercise and pool aerobics. Those 55+ communities are exhausting! Ron & I would never last! **Wanda Bryce** and newly retired **Mary Chandler** also escaped some of the snow by heading down to Ft. Myers, Florida. I asked Wanda what they did while there and her answer was five simple words ... "Shop, Shop and more Shopping!" That was certainly easy. They also went to Manatee Park and only saw one manatee. Even the manatees are smart enough to live in the warm Florida waters!

We'd like to say "Happy Birthday" to the following March birthday persons: **Ed Loftus, Lenny Kurtz, Bob Duty, Hannelore Brabo** and **Charles Theiss**. Enjoy your special day and do something nice for yourself.

We have already scheduled our annual summer picnic. This year it will be on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville, IN. Our Entertainment Committee will be getting together soon to come up with our menu, time and the fun entertainment we usually have planned. More info will be available soon.

### Calendar:

**March 8** – IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room available from 1:30 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

**April 12** – IHOP Restaurant

**May 10** – IHOP Restaurant

**June** – Picnic (No Meeting)

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This installment is coming direct from a lanai in sunny Lihue, Kauai, HI. I'm aware my fellow Nor'Easters have suffered several nasty snow storms while I'm sun basking. Also I know the ground hog didn't see his shadow, so there may be a thaw before I have to return to frozen chosen. I emailed all our members asking for news. This is what I got:

**Jayne & John Regan**, snow birding in Orlando, are residing at a golf community. Last year, John had the last of several surgeries which prevented him from playing golf. Right now he's hoping that problem is over. Get to it John!

Our Pres Carleen lives at the end of a cull-de-sac. Although the snow removal has been pretty good, currently there is no place left to pile it. Carleen says, "Enough already!"

As I type this, I just got an email that **Marie Dwyer** slipped on black ice, fell and broke a tibia and fibula and is at this minute in surgery. We're praying for you Marie! And, I know it will be hard to keep you down.

I will have to relay March's birthday and anniversaries next month as I don't have that info while on vacation in paradise. I had no problems on flights getting here, and hope the return will be as uneventful. Perhaps I'll bring some warm sunny weather back with me!

## MINNESOTA



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34 intrepid Lites showed up on a day which started out dreary and improved while we ate & visited. In January, Minnesotans can't expect much better than that. The Twin Cities is on a record run for snowfall this year. By the end of 2010, the snowfall had already surpassed the total annual average. Our snowbirds are giving us heck; they claim that we're sending the cold down to their winter digs in the South, just because they boogie down I-35 to warmer climes. Not so! Would WE do that? We have some under-the-weather members ~ **LaVonne Jones**, **Jack Doke** and **Era & Bill Hoffmeyer**. Keep all these folks on your "stiff upper lip" list, OK? A word in the Good Lord's ear wouldn't hurt, either.

The active MSP employees save their holiday party until January, because the time before Christmas is sooo busy for everyone. Our chapter members were urged to attend & several of them did. Our old pals **George & Eunice Anderson** attended & renewed acquaintances. Sure wish they'd make it to the monthly lunches so we could all get a chance to visit with them. The party was lovely, the food was good & the retirees left when the music started!

**Bud & Jo Ayres** were treated to a surprise 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party by their children. Their sly friends, our honorary Lites **Tom & Judy Cafilisch**, invited them out one Saturday for a "mystery date" where they were to dress very warm, longjohns, stocking caps, warm gloves ~ the works. They stopped for Tom & Jerry's (a hot, winter adult beverage) at a local hotel in River Falls, WI & were totally blown away to be greeted by about 50 of their friends & family. A lovely luncheon was served & they had a chance to visit with everyone.

We tease **Sonja Gunderson** a lot about winning the 50-50 raffle so often. She's very lucky, but even though she told us to "keep drawing numbers until I win", this

time it didn't work. Another table had the good luck that her table usually has.

A reminder that it's dues time again ~ \$5 per retiree & spouse per year is pretty reasonable, dontcha think? Bring it to the next meeting or mail it to **Arlene Kelley**, 3148 Magney Drive, Cloquet, MN 55720.

And at this meeting, the following officers were elected ~

- ★ **Lee Storlie**, President (952) 890-5498
- ★ **Ethel Johnson**, Vice President (until her house sells)!!
- ★ **Mary Brennan**, Secretary (651) 429-7343-winter (715) 656-7014-summer
- ★ **Arlene Kelley**, Treasurer (218) 879-6171
- ★ **Connie Glattly**, RUAEA correspondent & sometimes secretary. (218) 349-3972-cell

Do all those names sound familiar? They should ... those officers have been the same for years & years & years.

We wish to extend our condolences to **Larry & Eleanor Mousel** on the unexpected death of their daughter-in-law, Steve's wife, Stacy. Anyone wishing to drop them a note, their address is 2945 Highway 12, Wilson, WI 54027.

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

## NEBRASKA

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There were 31 at Old Country Buffet who enjoyed good food fellowship. Friends we haven't seen for a while were: **Dorothea Schmill** and her son, Bob; **M. J. Bruening**; **Bill Boner**; and **Rob Payton**.

**Rose Ballard** passed away December 30. Services were held at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church on January 4. Our sincere sympathy to **Carroll** and his family.

**Van Van Houten** passed on word that **Arlene Rodenhero** of Pleasanton, CA had advised him that, husband, **Don** had passed away from a massive stroke on October 1<sup>st</sup> and that their son, David, had passed away from pancreatic cancer in March. Both Arlene & Don started their careers with United here in Omaha and later moved to California.

We were advised that **Gene O'Brien** passed away in Riverside, California on January 7. Graveside service with full military honors were given on January 21 in

Dixon, CA. Gene spent several years in the service before starting with United in New Jersey and later transferred to Omaha where he eventually became Manager and retired in 1977. Our sincere sympathy to wife, **Carol**, daughter, Susan, and son, Eugene, Jr. Cards may be sent to Carol at 1015 Madden Lane, Apt 123, Riverside, CA 95661-4448.

Philip Longmeyer, son of **Stan Longmeyer**, passed away at the age of 46 on January 24. Services were held in Council Bluffs at the St. John's United Church of Christ on January 27. Our sincere sympathy to Stan and his family.

**Paul Steuri** is still in rehab after breaking a bone in his knee in October. He thinks that in February, the doctor will finally release him to go home. This has been an extensive stay for Paul.

Calendar:

**March 1** – Fernando's

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There were 25 attendees at our January meeting. It was nice to see a filled room.

**Picnic** ~ We have made the reservations for our picnic on Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Sand Harbor. Please think about volunteering to help set up and/or coordinate supplies. **Barbara Leusing** will chair the picnic this year, ably assisted by her spouse **Larry** and friends **Donna** & **Bill Perkins**.

We are saddened to report on the passing of **Sylvia Pendleton**. **Pat, John** and **Mary** attended her services. We expressed our condolences to **Ed Williams** on behalf of the entire chapter. One of the victims of the recent shooting tragedy in Tucson was **Dorothy Morris**, wife of a retired UAL pilot, who is friends with the **Royals**, members of our chapter. Her husband **George** was shot twice trying to protect his wife.

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

Calendar:

**February 14** – 11:30 am at the Black Bear on S. Virginia.

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

January 10, the Chips finally held the Christmas Meeting originally scheduled for December 13, 2010. The date was moved as December 13<sup>th</sup> was forecast to be a day of heavy snow. It was a beautiful, clear cold winter day.

The meeting was held at Jade's Restaurant, Depew, NY with 27 in attendance. The food was as good as everyone remembered from the last meeting in September. Ten door prizes (8 gift cards and 2 bottles of happiness) were awarded with a ticket draw. The draw was accomplished by passing the hat and letting various individuals draw a ticket, surprising, two people actually drew their own ticket number.

Discussion centered on who had already left for Florida and who was preparing to leave in the next few days. United-Continental merger discussion was at a low point with a wait and see attitude.

Everyone is waiting for the results of the recent pass survey. Comments on the survey itself ranged from "out of touch" to "it did not ask the questions that would get to a solution but were too open ended". Most felt the outcome really doesn't matter as the extremely high load factors in and out of Buffalo make it all but impossible to use pass travel. Most are not traveling as much and when they do, purchase tickets on low cost carriers so they can travel when they want to.

The next meeting is being planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March at the Statler Dining Room, Erie County Community College North Campus. Food is prepared and served by the students and a finer meal can only be purchased at the top restaurants.

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Once again, old man winter tried to put the "kibosh" on our bi-monthly get together. However, seven stalwarts rushed to our noon gathering on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Being such a small group, we were seated in the main restaurant where we were served by an attentive wait-staff. The meal was peppered with reminiscences of the





how, when, where and why we all came to work for United. How better to spend 2 hours on a miserable afternoon, but to share jovial and entertaining stories of the past. Hopefully, we'll have better luck and weather for our April meeting.

Our next meeting will be April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal**, (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill**, (212) 799-8061.

Calendar:

**April 5** – 12 noon, San Martin.

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Due to inclement winter weather, our meeting at Milleridge had few United Retirees. All of 17 showed up. The ice and snow kept quite a few at home. We had a very nice luncheon, catered to (spoiled) since the restaurant had very few patrons. Plus we sat in the formal dining area decorated with hearts for Valentines Day. As always, The Pledge of Allegiance was said and our President **Jimmy Richardson** announced those who have passed away and keeping the sick in our prayers. Since we did not have a January meeting, Birthdays and Anniversaries were mentioned.

January birthdays were: **Jane Kraus, Rosemarie Totaro, Terry Zabarauskas, Barbara Schachner, Michael Schroeder, Julie Carnevale, Josephine Lopinto, Jean Donohue, Yetta Sank, Jason Weiner, Ona Weiner, Carol Cenkus and Joseph Lilly.** Anniversary: **Leonora & William Schuler**, married on 1/5/82. Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all.

February birthdays are: **Barbara Stobe, Vic Carnevale, Dale Deuber, Dave Curtin, Ruth Olenick, Ken Kleinhaut, Evelyn Schroeder, Frank Kittle, Vicki Petrick, Rose Ann Vascellaro, Marie Brevia and Ursula Koch.** Happy Birthday to all! February Anniversaries are **Clara & Arthur Wilsdorf (2/28/54)**, they will celebrate their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and **Geraldine & Dominick Rizzo (2/25/50)** will celebrate their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary, Congratulations!

A message from **Carol Maley-Davis**, that **Ron Weick** is progressing well; he has regained 40lbs and is looking more like himself, hair growing back too, which is an emotional boost for him. He has just begun a nine week radiation treatment to finalize both cancers. He is getting stronger but still some time away from home. Please keep him in your prayers. **Elliot Olenick** is in the hospital as of last week. Apparently they are trying to regulate his medicine. Get well soon Elliot. I'm sure

by now you all heard about the shooting of Gabrielle Giffords in AZ, but did you know that retired UAL Capt. **George Morris** was shot 3 times and his wife **Dorothy** was killed? Our prayers are with all.

As far as the weather goes, let's all grin and bear it and take each day as it comes.

Calendar:

**March 2** - Noon - Milleridge Inn

**April 6** - Noon - Milleridge Inn

**May 4** - Noon - Milleridge Inn

**NORTHWOODS**

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Just a heads-up; I will be the host for the next Loonies get-together which will be May 10-13 in the DTW area. Unfortunately, due to last minute personal complications and stress, I woke up realizing that I had not finalized anything as yet and should write at least something, as it is already the March NL deadline, where has the time gone?

Now, if you are already a Loonie, I have your address, don't worry. However, if you want to join us and I do not have your address, let me know at the contacts above, as I will be sending out the details in a week or so. For anyone who does not already know about this group, they are unique as they only meet twice a year in the Spring and Fall, but their meetings last 3 days. We have a President, **Clyde Johnson**, who was drafted for life only because he started it all. Attending a meeting makes you a member for life. There are no rules, no dues, no officers; we like fun, people and ice cream too.

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Our first meeting of 2011 was held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and we had a total of 50 members in attendance. As most of you are aware, we had some really bad weather recently and our original date of Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> was cancelled due to bad weather. Those of us who could make it the

following day had a great time getting back in touch with everyone. There were a number of members who had to cancel for the "snow date" and we missed them. Our luncheon was really very good and we had some nice choices on our menu. Dimitri's is a great place for a group like ours, the service is always great and we have time and room to get around and visit with others. We will be back next year on the first Wed. in February and I have already set it up with another "snow date".

**Dave Placko** led us in prayer for our blessings and a moment to remember those we have lost in the past year. Already this year, we have lost **Bill Gatesman**, CLEJL, who passed away on January 29<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 74. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. He was a good friend. We also want to say "hello and we miss you" to the members who due to health or other situations, have not been able to join us recently. There are times that we have a lot of cards to be signed, and we want you all to know that they are truly appreciated and the fact that they are signed by so many sends out a big "We Care" to those not able to attend.

Our president, **Dolly Taucher**, who recently had some serious surgery, took a few minutes to express her thoughts and appreciation for having a positive outcome and thankful for all the good thoughts sent her way. She is on her way to a complete recovery. She also gave some details about why we have a few different places to attend our luncheons this year. Most of it rest on the prices and requirements. As you all know, your committee is trying to keep prices down without jeopardizing the quality of the luncheon.

Our group of birthday attendees was large due to the fact that it covers January and February. Serenaded by all of us were the following: **Jacki Craig, Kathy Elster, John Jeskey, Betty Krischker, Marie Pivik, Paul Rodjom** for January. **Mary Lou Kuretz, Kathy Laco, Jeff Spooner**, and **Dolly Taucher** for February.

Anniversaries acknowledged are as follow: **Dave & Sharon Simpson** and **Bob & Beverly Templeton**. We wish you many, many more years. To all who celebrated that we were not aware, our congratulations and best wishes go out to all of you.

FIFTY-FIFTY! The first winner of this New Year was **Gene Craig**. Our second winner was **Leonard Friedel**. Lucky! Lucky! Lucky! Congratulations!

*\*A Smile is a language that even a baby understands.*

#### Calendar:

**March 2** - The Old School House (March 3 – Snow Day), prepaid and hosted by **Vince & Norma Malena**

**April 6** - N. Olmsted Party Center, prepaid and hosted by **Nancy Carter & Mary Lou Mack**

**May 4** - Bucci's Restaurant – Berea, prepaid and hosted by **Barb Vauls & Carol Siefried**

## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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The January meeting was delayed a week due to the threat of a snow storm. Needless to say, the storm didn't materialize; however it was better to be safe than sorry. Keeping in mind the reason for the postponement of the meeting, the table decorations were ice scrapers with a mitten attached. **Paul Russell**, the new president of the Dew-er's, presented our outgoing president **Charlie Stemper** with a gift card to Costco in appreciation of his work the past two years.

It was nice to see **Tom Harvey** at the meeting. He was brought to the meeting by **Harvey Larkin** since he can no longer drive.

The location for the July picnic was discussed and the membership voted to have the picnic at Red Sunset Park in Gresham, the same place as last year.

Winners for the drawings were as follows: Door Prize - **Jack Hooper**, Men's Birthday - **Cliff Blare**, Women's Birthday - **Johni Wilson**, Anniversary - **Bruce & Carol DeFord** (43 years) and 50/50 - **Rosalie Betschart**.

**Bruce DeFord** has volunteered to be the new luncheon table caller. **Jack Harper** has done this job for several years but he resigned for health reasons. Our thanks go out to Jack for always having a smile on his face when announcing the numbers and his willingness to help when needed.

I am sorry to report there were three deaths last month. **Mary Keys**, **Bill's** wife, died on December 26, 2010 and a small gathering was held for her in the retirement community they lived. **James R. Psinos** (PDXCG) died on January 14, 2011 and is survived by his wife **Sharel**, mother Marion and several children. **Mike Metcalf** (PDXJL) died on February 2, 2011. He is survived by two sisters and a brother. There were to be no services held for Jim or Mike. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the loved ones of Mary, Jim and Mike.

Last chance! March 15 is the deadline to turn in your dues for 2011 to have your name printed in the roster. If you don't expect to make it to the March meeting, please mail your dues to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97220. The dues are now \$5.00 for a single person and \$10.00 for a couple.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon, Wed and 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 9** - St. Patrick's Day

**April 9** - Easter Luncheon

**May 13** - TBA

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Well, it's time to fold the terrible towels and store them in moth balls until next year. We will have to wait until next year for number 7. It's time now to cheer for the Penguins and go for the Stanley Cup. Just goes to show you it took another Pittsburgher to beat us.

**Ted Gielas** put off his knee surgery until after the Super Bowl, I guess Ted planned on some celebrating. Good luck Ted and mend well.

The Pit-Stoppers are not having their Valentines Day luncheon and will convene again on St Patrick's day at Clark's restaurant in Moon Twp.

**Bill Redfern** was disappointed about not having St Valentine's Day luncheon, it seems wife **Ruth** will have been celebrating her big 80 and Bill thought he could "kill two birds with one stone" as the saying goes. Sorry Bill, Happy Birthday Ruth!

Our Northeast Director **Treatie Karwoski** will also have celebrated a birthday on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Treatie's tenure as Director will be over this year - after some futile attempts to get our male population to step up to the plate, yours truly will attempt to run again (once a marine - always a marine). Treatie will take over the Pit-Stopper correspondent duties. It takes the women to get the job done.

The executive board along with special advisor **Barb Seaholm** met on February 4<sup>th</sup> and discussed some tentative events for the coming year.

VP **Cathy Matteson** is planning to assemble a luncheon at the River's Casino, more info will be forthcoming. Thanks also to **Vic Ferrance**, we are in contact with the local AARP chapter about combining some of our activities with them.



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On Feb. 1, 2011, ten chapter members met at the Murray Heritage Center over donuts & coffee, provided by Chapter Pres. **Clair/Judy Anderson** & Chapter VP **Frank Christenson**. Thanks to all of them!

Meeting time was filled with "visiting" with one another on this very cold & windy day. Yet, presently, we don't experience the terrible winter conditions of the Midwest & the East Coast!

Here is some chapter info: **Maria Apperson**, now residing in HOU, called the other day to tell that she was doing fine; she also wondered how her good friend/former coworker **Nancy Tronier** was doing.

Earlier in the month, **Doug Peterson** related that **Buck Francis** had suffered a serious health problem, and we hope that, by now, he is doing much better.

**Lila Maughan** just celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday; she and her family had a wonderful time together. Congratulations, **Lila**, to a long and fruitful life!

This correspondent also contacted **Betty Davis** by telephone, and she assured me that she was coming along right nicely, recuperating from a recent fall.

**Art Scott** & friend **Carol** called today to advise that they will be thinking of us ... while they are enjoying a "sunny & warm" St. George/UT! They'll be back for our next meeting in March.

Calendar:

**March 1** - Lunch 2 P.M., Robintino's, 1385 S. 500 W., Bountiful.

**April 5** - Coffee & Donuts - 10 A.M., Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray

**May 3** - Luncheon, 2PM - Totem's, 538 S. Redwood Rd., SLC

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



President **John Haferbecker** called the January 11 business meeting to order early and transacted business

during lunch, when we found ourselves under a threat of afternoon snow. Seattle's hills, black ice, and retirement-age drivers don't mix well, and we're all delighted we weren't in Chicago in February. **John & Mary Luke** were thanked for setting up the luncheon at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton.

National RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini**, who flew up from Sacramento to lend his expertise to chapter "staffing" and organizational difficulties, which are slowly being resolved, was our special January guest. **Ron** mentioned that RUAEA now has 8,000 members with \$25 annual dues, which includes receipt of the National Newsletter you hold in your hands and the right to register for annual conventions. He and **Ed Tolle**, RUAEA's liaison with top officers of United/Continental, recently met with the new Vice President of Human Resources to discuss RUAEA's mission and interests. Continental retirees are invited to attend the Portland convention in May.

Other visitors or first-time attendees included **Tony Morello**, **Myrt Armstrong** for her second visit, and **Rosemary Cox**, formerly of SEARR.

Big news, and a big relief to Emerald City Slickers, was the announcement that former Seattle Station Manager **Frank McAnulty**, has volunteered to serve as chapter president for the coming year. **Frank** addressed the group briefly and reviewed his company background, tossing in a good bit of humor, which those who know him fully expected. Thanks to **Rita Reynolds** for bringing her old boss into the fold. Other officers for the year include **Phyllis Bowman**, vice president; **Helen Stanger**, treasurer; **Noreen Krawczyk**, assistant treasurer; **Mary Luke**, membership secretary and luncheon coordinator; **Bob Brumfield**, travel desk manager; **Gay Liesse**, national newsletter correspondent; **Marlene Nelson**, Sunshine Lady; and **Vicki Shumaker**, *Con-trails* editor. We hope to fill the new position of secretary soon. Thanks to all for giving of their time and talents in 2011.

January's meeting, with 58 attendees, featured a silent auction to distribute beverages left over from last August's picnic. Thanks to **Richard Devereux** (Boeing retiree) for tallying the results. Names of winning bidders were added to the hat for a special drawing, with the winner, **Jim Hafterson**, receiving his purchase free. Other successful bidders were **Mary Luke** and **Dolores Steger** (SEAHH)

A Mystery Auction was organized by **Jo Ann Bernovich** and **Betty Paul**. Wrapped but unidentified gifts elicited spirited bidding for items designated for male or female. Jewelry, a United belt buckle, and a Boeing 777 glass plaque were discovered when winners opened their packages. High bidders were **Ron Bertacini**, **Jim Hafterson**, and **Carol Soffel**. **Bud Dice** took home a lemon meringue pie freshly baked that morning by **Jo**

**Ann**. The chapter treasury benefitted to the tune of \$45. Thanks to those who donated door prizes for the regular monthly drawing and to our **Phyllis Bowman** and **Lindblad** for coordinating prizes with winners. January's door prize winners were **Mary Ann Andersen**, **Myrt Armstrong**, **Rosemary Cox**, **Adelaide Haferbecker**, **Don Hanson**, **Anita Malco**, **John Paulson**, **Sharon Penwell**, **Ginger Phelan**, **Sidney Reed**, **Dave Rippentrop**, **Doris Spence**, and **Dona Westphal**. **Helen Stanger** took home the loot from the 50/50 drawing. Distribution of prizes got a new look in Feb., when we attempted to specifically introduce winners to other attendees in an effort to get to know each other better.

Sadly, we report the January death of **Ed Clay** (LAXOZ) at the age of 94. **Ed** was regarded as an exceptionally thoughtful man, who had a long and distinguished career with United Airlines, including service as a vice president in Seattle. He was Station Manager in Los Angeles at the time of his retirement.

Unfortunately, **Mary Weseman**, who had just returned to her apartment following treatment for a stroke, fell at home and broke a bone in her ankle.

**Marian Krewson** (SEARR) suggests we check her son **Jeff**'s website at [www.jeffkrewson.com](http://www.jeffkrewson.com) to see his latest photographs. He has added a number of black and white photos to his repertoire, as well as an infrared image and color pictures.

The Museum of Flight in Seattle has updated its "Style in the Aisle" exhibit and features United stewardesses in one section. If you're in town, stop by. It's a fascinating exhibit with uniforms from the '60s and '70s when stewardesses (as they were known back then) dressed in sometimes flashy or risqué uniforms. Remember "hot pants" and Jackie Kennedy style pillbox hats?

Congratulations on their Big 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary to **Sidney & Edna Harris**. March birthday celebrants include **Blaine Anderson**, **Don Anderson**, **Vivian Anderson**, **Helen Clement**, **Marion Hafterson**, **Kay Johnson**, **John Lockhart**, **Mary Luke**, **Charlotte Rousso**, and **Marry Sluys**. More than usual but remember that years ago the longjohns came off in June.

#### Calendar:

**March 8** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**April 12** – To be announced

**May 10** – To be announced





## WASHINGTON, D.C.

### DULLES LOUNGERS

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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

The Dulles Loungers gathered on Wednesday, January 12 and due to inclement weather conditions, a small crowd of 30 was in attendance. It was extremely cold and a thin layer of black ice on the roads made for dangerous driving conditions.

One of our retirees, **Donna Simpson** (IADRR/DCAOZ) and her husband **Dick** recently traveled to Thailand on a sentimental return trip. Of course, there were many changes and improvements especially the Bangkok Metro System, which links Bangkok with many surrounding areas. On this visit, they managed to include a visit to the Jim Thompson House, and to admire the beautiful silk merchandise produced locally. The late Jim Thompson was an American living in Thailand and promoting silk products.

During their visit, the Simpsons flew on Thai Airways to Chang Mei which is located in the north and very relaxed and less polluted than Bangkok.

There are many temples to visit, taxis are plentiful and cheap and there are markets to tour. The local population has unusual and beautiful things to show to visitors and prices can be negotiated! Donna says that riding on top of an elephant is a treat not to be missed! It is easy to get clothes made up quickly for men and women and the tailoring is very good. This is a trip that should not be missed, even though it is a long trip for most of us.

#### Calendar:

**March 9** - 1230pm, Golden Corral Restaurant 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109

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To answer the question, "What does Clipped Wings® do?", I will give you a very short explanation.

→ Founded: 1941 by **Jackie Jos Ceaser**

- Purpose: Clipped Wings® supports Special Olympics and other philanthropic projects as well as to maintain a social network of friendship among former and current United and Capital stewardesses and flight attendants.
- Membership: about 1200.
- Chapters: There are currently 31 chapters – This includes a Members-at-large-chapter for those who do not live near a local chapter.
- Meetings: A National Biennial Convention is held in September of every even number year. Local chapters meetings vary among the various chapters, and meet on a monthly basis.
- Alliance: Retired United Airlines Employees Association (RUAEA), United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF)
- Community Project: Local chapters support many different charities in their local communities. Nationally, we support Special Olympics, as well as CAUSE, Flight 93 Memorial and the UAHF.
- Publications: *The Clipped Wings® Quarterly* newsletter is mailed to all members.

The President's Letter is mailed electronically to all chapters and is also posted on the Clipped Wings® website [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com).

Remember to purchase your Clipped Wings® scarf. The profits help support Special Olympics. There are not many left. Please contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF), [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com).

Clipped Wings® has received an invitation from WHQHR to attend a Retiree Leadership Luncheon hosted by United in February. The invitation list includes representatives of ARECA (Continental), RUAEA, GoldenPenguins (Continental Flight Attendants), Golden Eagles (Continental Pilots) RUPA and Clipped Wings®. Barbara Vincent (National President) and Christel Ilg (National Vice President) will represent our organization at this initial meeting. This is a positive step for the future for the company and those of us who wish to support it.

If you are interested in joining Clipped Wings please check out our website [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com). You may also contact me at [omachristl@aol.com](mailto:omachristl@aol.com). I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. We look forward to having you join us.

SAINT  
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DAY

## NEW MEMBERS

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

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***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

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

***Correction to July, 2010 SkyNet Obituaries printed in the November, 2010, RUAEA Newsletter:*** We are happy to report that **Dorothy L. Barto** is alive. We offer condolences to Dorothy and her family on the death of her husband, **Clayton W. Barto** on July 8, 2010. The RUAEA Newsletter is sorry for any distress and inconvenience this error caused Dorothy, her family and friends.

- Retiree – **Clay, Edward H.**, on 1/6/11, LAXOZ, husband of Virginia, (Deceased) 933 111<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Apt 317, Bellevue, WA 98004
- Retiree – **Dorazio, Adam L.**, on 1/5/11, LAXMM, father of Debra Dorazio Traina, 1535 Tailor Road, Lutz, FL 33559
- Retiree – **Geiger, John H.**, on 1/10/11 WHQFP, husband of Vivienne, (Deceased) 758 Laurel Ave., Des Plaines, IL 60016
- Retiree – **Nardone, Ralph E.**, on 1/10/11, BOSFF, husband of Ella, 6431 E. Mobile St., Inverness, FL 34452
- Retiree – **Rapalus Theodore C.**, 1/21/11, SFOMO, husband of Victoria (Deceased) 514 D St, Petaluma, CA 94952
- Retiree – **Serviss, Victor O.**, on 1/13/11, DENTK, husband of Betty, 6460 S. Vine Ct., Centennial, CO 80121
- Retiree – **Sudds, Anita C.**, on 5/25/10, EXOCI, husband of Charles J., (Deceased) mother of Linda Harner, 3290 Burt Drive, Decatur, IL 62526

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## LETTERS



**Martha Gooselaw**

Martha Gooselaw  
Letters Editor

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

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

Carolyn Bowles, Hank Brower, Clarence Brown, Dorothy Clark, John Conway, Philip Derbas, Joseph Donnelly, Richard Ems, Elizabeth Fujimori, Tom Fujishima, Diane Good, Stephen Gray, Wayne Greenhill, Margaret Hahn, Elaine Haren, Tanya Duvall-Haubein, Mary Horan, LaVerne Jacobson, Ole Jenson, Marie Kady, Tadashi Kato, Carole Lageman, Katherine Leonard, Maria Lesiak, Donald Lewis, Lloyd Johnson, Pete Mason, Carolyn McGlothlin, Al Miller, Edward Naranjo, Betty Opbrock, Patricia Ortega, Rose Marie Piorunski, Joseph Preston, Edmund Reinmiller, Karen Richman, Nancy Ritter, Barbara Rowe, Jim Sarsfield, Bernie Schneider, John Schultz, Patricia Schultz, William Sharp, John Sheehan, Pam Sheffield, Richard Snyder, John Starkey, Diana Thal, Betty Tomaino, Jim Wiegner, Jane Yaguchi.

### 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.)*

**Michael Bailardo, 54180 Avenida Juarez, La Quinta, CA 92253-3641**

I would like to tell you how much I enjoy reading each month's issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. April, 1, 2011 will mark the fifteenth anniversary of my retirement from United Airlines. Since I reside in an area only served by United Express, the RUAEA Newsletter and my attendance at the monthly Desert Sunbird

Luncheons have become my primary source of what is going on within the company and hearing how some of the wonderful friends I made during my United career are enjoying their retirement. I read the newsletter from cover to cover or perhaps better stated, from page one to the end.

I consider myself to be computer literate and my computer system is up to date and contains most of the latest bells and whistles. I do not have trouble surfing the web or accessing the RUAEA website or my monthly newsletter. However, I do miss holding a hard copy of your Newsletter in my hand and reading it from cover to cover with my feet up in the comfort of my recliner. Yes, I could print a copy each month. I have tried it. It just isn't the same. So, I am enclosing a check for my annual renewal and I am requesting to be put back on your monthly mailing list. I'm sure doing so will add to your expense. I am willing to pay the additional fee, even if you find it necessary to increase it. I find the additional amount well worth it in this age of computers, internet chat rooms, cell phones, gyrating stock prices, mega mergers and a pace of life that seems to more closely resemble that of "The Mad Hatter" than that of a retiree. Please do not think of this as criticism of your on line delivery method. It is not! I'm sure there are many who appreciate its convenience. It is merely a matter of personal preference from an ole guy who feels it is important to take a little time out of each day to slow down, gaze at the stars, smell the flowers, engage in personal conversation with friends or just reminisce about the wonderful times and the friends your newsletter helps recreate for me. Thank you.

**Colin A. Cooke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd. Clermont, FL 34711, Vectis24@aol.com**

Arriving at LGA, you should know that the phone company hasn't repaired in years the two phone banks adjacent to UA's baggage carousel. You'll lose 50 cents per phone if you hopefully try another one. So I spoke to a young woman in a red and black LGA uniform to ask why "they" don't fix the phones. The answer was in her hand - a cell phone, I asked her what part of India she was from. "Bombay (now Mumbai) and I am a Christian". It was as if to accentuate that she wasn't a Muslim. 65 years ago, I was in the military Transit camp at Worli on the edge of Bombay and so she loaned me her cell phone. I've also had a cop loan me his phone. Years later, UA should know that the phone banks next door at AA do work.

What's new in the Big Apple? I noticed that fur coats, Mink, Sable and Muskrat are back in style again. Those who wear them are no longer fearful of the hit and run extremists that used to carry spray cans of bright paint to destroy the furs.

Also new - cake shops with cakes in the form of



high heel shoes. Brilliant! Where do you start? Heel or Toe? Imagine gnawing through the sole and think of the crumbs. Another money making business idea is Exercise salons. For \$32 per session, you can hop on one of 48 bikes for seven to ten sessions per day, all while peddling with NO talking and NO cell phones. The salon has 2,000 customers per week, a real money maker. The owner has opened two more. Out in Yonkers where I stay, I learned a little about President Woodrow Wilson that'll never be seen in history books. Yonkers has a somewhat neglected Untermyer Park. He was a European immigrant and an astute businessman. He became a friend of Pres. Wilson who confided in him his money problem. Unwisely, he'd had an extra marital affair with a lady in D.C. and he'd written her compromising love letters. Pres. Wilson asked for their return. She wanted \$40,000. Wilson told Untermyer he didn't have that much to spend and Untermyer offered him a deal. "*Appoint my friend to the Supreme Court and I'll pay the \$40,000*". Wilson agreed and Untermyer's friend later became Chief Justice Brandeis, whose opinions are still quoted. Untermyer died in 1941.

Down the road from son's family lives a family from South Africa. Being somewhat of a "health nut", the man flew back to S.A. for a "Double Marathon." Not exactly it is a 46 mile run. With the finish line in sight a man in his 40's dropped dead about 300 feet from the finish. My son's neighbor and another runner picked up the dead man and carried him across the finish line, so they could tell the dead man's wife he had finished the race. The neighbor flew back to his new home in NYC. Now the irony, a week later he played a vigorous game of Squash with his NYC doctor. Later, he felt ill, went to hospital, was diagnosed with FLU and died two days later of Asepsis.

Between Yonkers and Manhattan is the town of Bronxville which has nothing at all in common with the Bronx except the name. In Bronxville, the median home value is \$ 1.4 million and the school taxes are up and away.

I can boil water, burn toast, oatmeal and even burn boiled potatoes. On the other hand, my son is a very competent cook. I carefully eat everything he puts in front of me but I questioned something very green and a flavor I didn't recognize. (He once tricked me into eating frog's legs, very tasty. "*What is this deep green vegetable*"? Sea weed, Chinese of course.

**Barbara Fiske, 1353 Taft Ct., Loveland, CO 80537-4583**

I still enjoy the newsletter, especially the Denver group; but I don't recognize many of the names.

I turned 86 this year. I do not drive anymore, since I fell 2 years ago. I am blessed with a daughter that

helps me. But she works full time; so I don't have transportation, except to doctor appointments.

I really like it here in Loveland with many good friends. My daughter and I bought a place together which we share.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who help to get the newsletter out to all of us retirees.

**Christina Gallagher, 221 Iron Lake Dr., Exton, PA 19341-2764**

My husband, James was the retired United employee. He started in Philadelphia, November 7, 1945 and retired 40 years later.

James passed away in May 2010. Like so many others, he was proud to be a United employee, and grateful for its many benefits. Over the years, we certainly took advantage of the Pass privilege and traveled the world.

Thanks to all who sent messages of remembrance. They were appreciated.

A special thanks to RUAEA for their tireless efforts on behalf of all the retirees.

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

What a difference a year makes! This time last year, Norma was still recovering from serious complications following hip replacement surgery. After several months of hospitalization and rehab, she finally made it home on Christmas Eve (of 2009) and began a long, slow recovery back to health. She is still not 100% but is gaining all the time.

Fortunately, my health has held up very well for an old codger of 87. I used to think that 87 was OLD. It's funny how your perspective changes as you grow older.

We have not traveled during the past year and I am wondering if we will EVER fly again with the new rules coming out before long. No matter, because flying has become a hassle anyway. I recall the days of first class travel on DC-8's with everyone all dressed up, linen tray table cloths, Spanish sherry, china dinnerware, stewards (and stewardesses) in Hawaiian garb, no security check points, etc and etc. Back in the '80 s, a friend told us, "*We have seen the best of times*". We didn't believe it at the time but more and more it appears that she was right. It is a different world.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy year 2011 and good travel benefits! Best wishes

PS: Norma sez "*Hi all*"!

**William Kemmler, 2925 Wilderness Blvd. E., Parrish, FL 34219-9275**

I have read with interest some of the many letters telling of the wonderful life retirees had while working at United. I too will join in these thoughts. I loved go-

ing to work for most of the thirty years I was at SFOMM. And I too want to thank those many agents that let me sigh a great sense of relief, when they called my name for space available boarding over those many years. However, as the young folks say today, that was then, and this is now. Many things have changed, as you well know since the bankruptcy, none of them good. As a mechanic, we lost most of the things we had gained during the three strikes we were on, two of which were not very short strikes. Many current employees and retirees have been hurt financially because of a bankruptcy that was no fault of the employees.

What I have seen recently is nothing but confusion piled upon confusion for employees and especially older retirees that may not have a computer, or like me, are not all that computer savvy. For instance, the survey conducted only by computer concerning pass travel, nothing but confusion.

Medical ~ We were told to get in touch with the benefits center if our medical was raised for 2011. We had to do it by computer or phone. Since we really have no choice if our medical is raised but to pay it, why couldn't they have simply deducted the increase from checking accounts or credit cards and then sent a letter stating what had to be done. More confusion.

Pass travel ~ Simply to get the proper papers on a computer to even start a trip, which again, to a retiree with no computer, or little computer smarts, is confusing, and the merger is going to make it even worse.

At airport security. More confusion. If they did outside on the terminal sidewalk what they do at security, they would be arrested. They know exactly who they are looking for but they insist on traumatizing children, patting down nineteen-year-old girls, people in wheel chairs, seventy five year old women, and old geezers like me. They refuse to profile, all in the name of being "politically correct".

I look back on the days with United when William Patterson was calling the shots with great pleasure. As I said, that was then, and this is now. I don't care much for the "now"!

*We appreciate your letters.  
Please keep them coming!*



## Important Phone Numbers



### **United Retiree Service Center (Central Time)**

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

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

<https://united.intranet.ual.com/>

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

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

1-800-535-9825

<http://www.bcbs.com>

Traditional Plan information, claim status & forms.

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

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

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

Go to SkyNet at <https://united.intranet.ual.com/>

### **Chicago Travel Desk (Central Time)**

1-877-242-0035 (T/Th/Sat 9 AM - 1 PM)

*If possible, please use local # (847) 700-1087*

### **Portland Travel Desk (Pacific Time)**

Toll Free - 1-888-278-7038 (M/W/F 10 AM - 2 PM)

*If possible, please use local # (503) 249-4142*

### **Seattle Travel Desk - Toll Free (Pacific Time)**

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

*If possible, please use local # (206) 433-4218*

### **PBGC**

1-800-400-7242

<http://www.pbgc.gov>

### **Social Security Administration**

1-800-772-1213

<http://www.ssa.gov>

### **Alliant Credit Union**

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)

<http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

### **Benefits Service Center (Central Time)**

1-800-482-5236 - For all retirees pension, travel and ESOP questions. M - F, 7AM - 7PM.

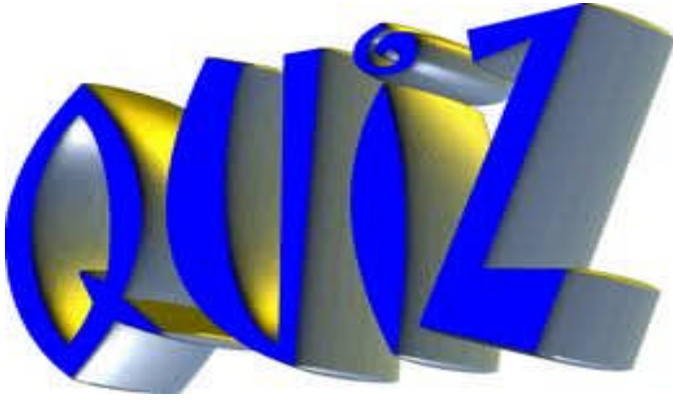
### **Interline Ticketing Desk at DTWRR - Toll Free**

1-888-874-1581

### **UAL Service Center (SkyNet Help Line)**

1-800-255-5801

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### How Well Do You Know United?

By Arlene & Earl Taylor of the Ohio Buckeyes

- 1a. When Walter T. Varney, predecessor of United, was the successful bidder for \_\_\_\_\_, it marked the true birth of United Airlines.
- 1b. The year was 1926, 1921 or 1918?
2. In 1955, United inaugurated the first Coast to Coast non-stop service between New York and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. United declared bankruptcy in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. United was the first airline to introduce 777 service. True \_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_.
5. In 1934, United (UAL) becomes an operating company. The new president is W. A. \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In December 1936, United opened it's first flight kitchen at \_\_\_\_\_ California.
7. UAL Employees' Credit Union was the first in the industry. True \_\_\_\_ False \_\_\_\_.
8. Can you name one of the slogans when the ESOP was established?  
\_\_\_\_\_!
9. What employee group had the slogan "We just work here!" \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Who was the CEO at the establishment of the ESOP? \_\_\_\_\_.
11. United's new headquarters home in Chicago is located in the former Sears Tower and is called \_\_\_\_\_.
12. The United/Continental merger will form the worlds largest (passenger revenue miles) airline and will incorporate the following:  
\_\_\_\_\_ - Company Name  
\_\_\_\_\_ - Logo  
\_\_\_\_\_ - CEO
13. When United adopted their grey and blue color scheme it was criticized as \_\_\_\_\_.
14. For a short time (1987-1988) UAL, Inc. changed its name \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation.

15. A United promotion, introduced in 1967, convinced businessmen to travel with their wives by offering special savings on the spouse's ticket. It was called \_\_\_\_\_.
16. In 1983, United launches it's first transpacific route. Seattle - \_\_\_\_\_.
17. December 1978, \_\_\_\_\_ is elected Chairman, CEO and president of UAL, Inc.
18. During United's "diversified" period we owned several other businesses. Name two:  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## *Answers Below*

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|-----|---|
| 1a. | US Mail Delivery  |
| 1b. | 1926  |
| 2.  | San Francisco   |
| 3.  | 2002  |
| 4.  | True  |
| 5.  | Patterson   |
| 6.  | Oakland   |
| 7.  | True  |
| 8.  | "the employee-owners of United invite you to come fly the friendly skies," "we don't just work here," and "thank you for calling United Airlines; please hold and one of our owner-representatives will be with you shortly." |
| 9.  | Flight Attendants   |
| 10. | Stephen Wolf  |
| 11. | Willis Tower  |
| 12. | United name, Continental Logo, Continental CEO Jeffrey Smisek   |
| 13. | As blending with the darkness during nighttime operations.  |
| 14. | Allegis   |
| 15. | "Take Me Along"   |
| 16. | Tokyo   |
| 17. | Dick Ferris   |
| 18. | Hertz   |
|     | Westin Hotels   |
|     | Hilton International  |

## *Answers To Quiz*

# **RUAEA CANDIDATES**

## **YEAR 2011**

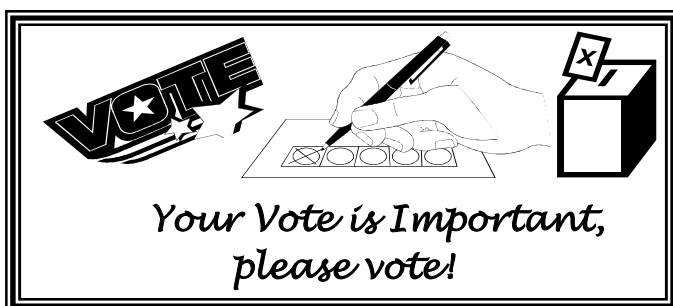
RUAEA is an organization for all former United Airlines employees who have reached retirement age, spouses of members, and widows/widowers of deceased former members. The management of RUAEA consists of six Officers and ten Regional Directors. (One Officer, Past President, serves in this capacity by virtue of formerly being elected President.) This year, five of the Regional Director 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 the new United, there are 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.

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, 2011. 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  
Ron Robertson, Chairman, Virgil Gooselaw,  
Len Haubl and Marlin Lade.



### **Director Northwest Region**



Nancy Hooper started her career with United Airlines in 1965 as a Stewardess at ORDSW. She was a Passenger Service Agent at PDXTR before returning to be at Stewardess at SEASW and SFOSW. She resigned in 1970, and later became a Flight Attendant at American Airlines. In 1977,

Nancy was able to return to United as a Stewardess at CLESW, where she worked until she resigned from United in 1978.

RUAEA has been fortunate to have Nancy be very active in the organization on both the local and national level. From 2000 – 2005, she served as Treasurer of the Dewers Chapter.

Her national involvement started in 2006, when she was Registration Co-chair, along with her husband, Jack, at the Washington 2006 Convention. From 2007 – 2010, she was on the Site Selection Committee. In 2010, she conducted the RUAEA Convention Survey. Now, in 2011, Nancy is busy as Co-chair, with Jack, of the Portland Convention.

She has not limited her volunteer activities to RUAEA, serving as Public Information Officer and working at the East County Fire and Rescue from 2002 – 2010.

### **Director - Northeast Region**



Jeri Juth began her career with United Airlines 5/25/59 as a Customer Service Trainer in Pittsburgh and retired as a CS Supervisor 12/31/91. Jeri was awarded the honor as Agent of the year, and

also received 5 Awards of Merit during her career.

Jeri joined the U.S. Marine Corps May 1956, retired 5/19/59 with the rank of Staff Sgt.

She has been active in the "Pittsburgh Pit Stoppers" Chapter as VP & President. She has been Chapter Correspondent for the RUAEA Newsletter for many years. Jeri also served as the NE Director for 4 years and accepted a year appointment when her terms were up. During that time Jeri was also the Convention Chairman for the Pittsburgh Convention. After that she has continued to be active in the "Pit Stoppers" Chapter.

When the opportunity to again run for the NE Direc-



tor presented itself, Jeri gave it due consideration, stepped up to the plate and graciously said, "let's do it!"

### **Director – Southeast Region**



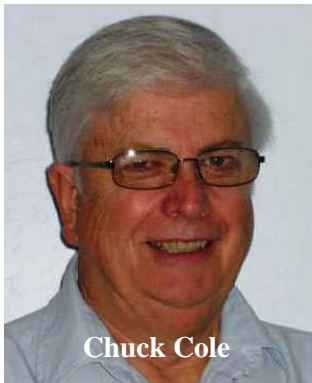
**Linda Scriven**

Linda Scriven - Except for a tour as a Sales Representative at MCOSS, Linda performed her 34-years of UAL service in the Washington, D.C. area. Starting as a Reservation Sales Agent at DCARR in 1968, her assignments also included service there as Tour Agent and at the Group Desk. At DCARR,

she served as Mainliner Club President and Employee Council representative. In 1991, Linda was named Customer Service Rep of the Year.

She retired in 2002 as a Service Director – Customer Service at IADCS. Outside UAL, Linda was active with the National Federation of Business and Professional Women serving locally, as President and Director, regionally as President, State Level as Chairman of several committees. Joining RUAEA upon her retirement, she became a member of the Dulles Loungers, assisted the then President with chapter management and currently serves as their President. Outside of RUAEA, her volunteer activities include proud service with Traveler's Aid at IAD. For leisure, she is occupied with water aerobics.

### **Director- Mountain Region**



**Chuck Cole**

Charles Cole - Chuck retired in 2001 with 38 years of service. Employed at SFO as a General Overhaul Mechanic, he transferred to SEA in 1969 and remained there until retirement with the exception of two layoff transfers (to SFO and LAX for 1½ years each). He completed his career at SEA as an Aircraft Maintenance Foreman and

earned an Award of Merit during his tenure. Besides membership in the TUS Roadrunners since 2002, he and wife Sharon (who also worked for UAL for 20 years), served as National Registration Committee co-chairmen for the 2004 RUAEA SEA Convention. Leisure activities include travel (a great deal of which involves his and Sharon's 6 children and 8 grandchildren) as well as

attending air shows, "exercising", and membership in the Sonora chapter, BMW Car Club of America.

### **Director – Arizona Region**



**Mike Richards**

Michael Richards - Mike was a 37-year veteran of UAL, retiring in 1998 at SEA. His career started in Ramp Service at LGA which led him to IDL, SFO, JFK, then back to LGA, EXO, SEA, LHR, ORD, SMF, SEA, BKK and finally, back to SEA with a wide variety of additional and special assignments in Station Operations, Labor Relations, Food Service, Reservations, Ticket Sales and as Country Manager in BKK. In 1975, he received a Distinguished Service Award for helping develop the Safety Management Program for that year.

Following retirement, Mike was one of five retirees selected to represent management and salaried retirees in the UA bankruptcy and served on the Section 1114d committee. That group had the opportunity to work with others representing the unions and retired pilot groups in negotiations that resulted in maintaining health insurance affordability for all retiree groups. Having worked with the 1114d committee affords him the opportunity to continue helping retirees with their rights under the health insurance plans.

He is very proud to have served fellow retirees and designates it as the most fulfilling assignment of his career. He believes that RUAEA is on the right path and that the retiree population's voice has been a major factor in helping maintain benefits which we worked for and were promised at retirement. He wants to reinforce RUAEA's commitment to direct communication with and input from UA on all matter relating to or affecting retirees. Leisure activities include travel with wife Claudia, children and grandchildren and membership in a Genealogy Club.

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