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*RUAEA 2012 Convention, October 3 - 7, 2012
at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA*

The plans for the 2012 RUAEA Convention have begun. The site (The Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA) and the date (October 3-7, 2012) have been set. The Dulles Loungers are excited to be your hosts at this upcoming event.

The hotel is beautiful and its location is convenient to all three of our local airports as well as to tours of Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia. The hotel itself is only blocks from our most efficient Metro subway and bus system. There will be planned tours as well as the ability to explore on your own.

The price of the rooms is \$112 for single/double occupancy; \$137 for triple and \$162 for quadruple occupancy. Reservations may be made via the web at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/RUAEA2012> or by calling the Hyatt at 1-888-421-1442 and mentioning RUAEA.

In June, we will publish the full Convention package including, among other things, tours that have been scheduled and meals that will be offered. **August 31** will be the deadline for signing up for the tours and for choosing your meals. We promise to have all of the information that you need (and then some) by that date.

Most of you have visited the Nation's Capital before, but have you really seen everything it has to offer? There are dozens of museums and monuments that attract visitors from all over the world. Have you been to Annapolis, MD, which is not only the state capital but our Sailing Capital? Have you explored Virginia's many excellent vineyards or its historic Civil War battlefields?

This is going to be a **Monumental Reflection** that you will not want to miss. We are excited about bringing our friends together again to celebrate our careers and lifelong friendships.

You may register for this Convention early if you like, but we must have your registration no later than **August 31, 2012**. If you have questions, the email address for the convention committee is 2012WAS@gmail.com.

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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

The Internet, the Internet, the Internet.

The new pass policy is scheduled to go into effect March 3, 2012. Employees and retirees will find information about the new policy on the company website *Flying Together* and then click on *Travel* on the header line. Once in the *Travel* section there are several subjects to check. Unfortunately, the company does not plan to mail this information to anyone; they are depending on internet access as the only way to communicate information about the new pass policy. This is disturbing as with the pass travel survey, many will be left in the dark.

Over the last several years RUAEA along with RUPA has supported three Travel Desks ~ Seattle, Portland and Chicago. These three Travel Desks were staffed with retired volunteers to assist pass travelers who either didn't have computer access or were en route without computer access. With the change from Apollo to Shares, the company has decided that it will not provide the equipment and training to keep these desks in operation. RUAEA and RUPA have decided to continue to support these desks through March 31. In this way, they can offer some assistance on how to go about making travel plans. On behalf of RUAEA, we want to thank those who volunteered their time and expertise over the years.

Two other issues remain unresolved at this time. What is and will be the status for pass travel for surviving spouses. We were told at one time in the past that there would be no change but since then the company has avoided the question entirely. It has been asked numerous times with either no response or we are working on it. In either case not a satisfactory answer. The other issue is when the new pass policy takes effect on March 3, 2012 will the 1-800-UAL-LIST automated phone contact still be active? Again, we have no response from the company. If that number is no longer active, what does one do if they are not connected to the internet? Will there be a fee for talking with a reservations agent as has been suggested? These do not appear to be tough questions.

I personally am not a subscriber to any of the Social Networks available like Facebook, My Space, Twitter, etc. Many retirees are and that is fine. On these sites, subscribers can and do post items of interest to them and have ways of keeping in touch with friends and reacquaint with old friends. Information on Facebook, etc. is from individuals and the information may be just that person's opinion. While we have a link on our website to Facebook, we as an organization do not post information on this or other sites. **RUAEA's official website is www.ruaea.org**. This is the place for verified news.

Ron Bertacini
President – RUAEA

PBGC Petition



RUAEA Members,

This is to let you know that there is a petition being circulated in an attempt to have the PBGC make United take back and restore its pension plans. While RUAEA can not dispense legal advice, we do want the membership to be aware of this action. Also at this time, RUAEA is neither for nor against this action. It is up to each individual member to decide. If anyone is interested, here is where to go: www.signon.org/sign/restore-united-airlines.fb1?r_by=2017688

You will see the petition goes to: Josh Gotbaum, Director, Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation, The United States House of Representatives, The United States Senate, and President Barack Obama.

To Our Travel Desk Volunteers, Thank You Very Much

Thank
You

As mentioned in Ron Bertacini's President's Letter, the Travel Desks will be closing as of March 31st. Our loyal volunteers in Chicago, Portland, and Seattle have served us well.

We appreciate your support and dedication throughout many years. Without your efforts, many of us would not have been able to travel as easily as we did. When we needed help with travel plans, you have been there to assist us. You have been the calm, friendly voice on the phone when we were in need of problem solving. You all made a difference in our lives and will be greatly missed. Thank you all for years of service to your fellow retirees.

Certify your dependents for continued healthcare coverage



United is asking all US-based co-workers and retirees to confirm that their spouses, domestic partners, children or stepchildren enrolled in healthcare coverage meet eligibility requirements as defined by the company's healthcare plans.

To certify your dependents, go to [All About Me](#) and click on the "Dependents – Healthcare" link to start the certification process. **If you do not confirm dependents by March 9, they will lose medical, dental and vision coverage through the company for 2012.**

United is undertaking this process to ensure that co-workers and retirees cover only eligible dependents as family situations often change from year to year. Coverage for ineligible individuals creates compliance risk with federal law and places additional costs on companies and their employees, so it's important for co-workers to certify dependents.

While most dependent information has been loaded into All About Me, a small number of dependents are not yet visible in the system. This does not affect whether those dependents have healthcare coverage. If all of your dependents are not visible in All About Me, please check back as we are uploading the remaining dependent files and expect to have all files available soon.

CO subsidiary co-workers and retirees have participated in this annual process since 2008, but this is a new activity for those with the UA subsidiary.

For more information, including questions and answers, visit the [annual certification page](#) under Employee Services. For questions, send an email to ESC@united.com.

Notice – The term co-workers used frequently in Flying Together articles refers to current employees, either United subsidiary or Continental subsidiary.

UAL is on track to launch common PSS March 3



United plans to convert to the consolidated SHARES passenger service system (PSS) platform in the overnight hours preceding the morning operations start-up on March 3. At that time, the company will begin managing all passenger travel data through the SHARES system, allowing seamless customer service across both airlines.

"Our UA customer service and reservations agents have been working very hard to get ready for the conversion to SHARES," said Airport Operations PSS Planning VP Joanne Calabrese. "Their co-workers and coaches — the experienced CO agents — have helped every step of the way, proving yet again that the path to success is to work together."

Later in 2012, United will introduce a point-and-click user interface for SHARES, which will be more intuitive and easier to use. It will enable the company to deliver even higher levels of customer service than the native SHARES system.

The launch of a single PSS affects several other business areas as well, including MileagePlus, United's combined loyalty program. Soon, United will inform MileagePlus members that their 2012 status levels and benefits will begin on March 3. Starting January 18, MileagePlus and OnePass members may go online and log in to a personalized preview of the 2012 MileagePlus program, including details on their 2012 status (if

applicable), recalculated lifetime miles balances for many and additional information on account numbers in the new program.

The 2012 Pass Travel program also becomes effective March 3.

United announces 2011 and Q4 2011 profit



On January 26th, UAL reported full-year 2011 net income of \$1.3 billion or \$3.49 per diluted share, excluding \$483 million of special items consisting primarily of integration-related costs. Including special items, United reported full-year 2011 net income of \$840 million or \$2.26 per diluted share. Therefore, eligible co-workers earned \$265 million in profit sharing for full-year 2011, which United will distribute on February 14 in payments equal to approximately 5 percent of their eligible 2011 annual wages.

UAL reported fourth-quarter net income of \$109 million or \$0.30 per diluted share, excluding \$247 million of special items. Including special items, United reported a fourth-quarter 2011 net loss of \$138 million or \$0.42 loss per share.

United's 2011 consolidated passenger revenue increased 9.0 percent and passenger revenue per available seat mile (PRASM) increased 9.2 percent in 2011 compared to the pro forma results for 2010. In the fourth quarter, consolidated passenger revenue increased 5.6 percent and PRASM increased 8.2 percent from the same period in the prior year.

Consolidated fuel expense for 2011, excluding the impact of hedges, increased 36.5 percent, or \$3.4 billion, year-over-year on a pro forma basis.

United's combined network operated more than two million flights and had 142 million passengers in 2011, carrying the most traffic of any airline in the world.

United reaches tentative agreement with AFA for UA flight attendants



The United Master Executive Council (MEC) of the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) has approved a tentative agreement reached January 7 between AFA and United for a flight attendants' contract and is recommending the tentative agreement to UA flight attendants for their consideration and ratification.

The agreement is the result of an expedited mediation process that began last September, modeled on the National Mediation Board's Expedited Mediation Program.

Subsidiary CO flight attendants currently represented by the AFA ratified their collective bargaining agreement in February 2011

NMB investigation doesn't impact tentative agreement with UA flight attendants



The National Mediation Board (NMB) legal department recently notified the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA), the International Association of Machinists (IAM) and the company that it will conduct an investigation into allegations of interference during the election for representation of our flight attendants between the AFA and IAM. The allegations primarily concern assertion of improper conduct between the two unions.

United anticipated this step, as it is typical in a high-profile election. In fact, this happened recently in the Delta-AFA investigation, where eventually the NMB found no interference to exist. It is important to understand that this is not a determination on the merits of the allegations, nor does it impact current representation.

It also has no effect on the tentative agreement reached with the AFA for s-UA flight attendants.

New hangar underscores United's commitment to EWR



United's maintenance co-workers at EWR will keep its Boeing 787s and other widebody airplanes in top shape from a new \$25 million hangar on three acres of airport land, Technical Operations SVP Jim Keenan announced.

Airport officials hosted a news conference to announce that and other private sector investments to EWR in advance of the 2014 Super Bowl at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Jim said United worked out a new 25-year lease on land for the new hangar. He said the project will result in 210 jobs, \$12 million in wages and \$52 million in economic activity over the life of the project. United expects to open the 85,000-square-foot hangar in September 2013.

"Construction of this widebody hangar underscores our commitment to Newark, the state of New Jersey and the region," Jim said. "As one of New Jersey's largest employers and the New York area's largest airline, we are committed to being an active, engaged partner as we connect this region to the world."

United flies to a daily average of 153 destinations including 75 international destinations, more than any other airline, from the New York market, which also includes New York-LaGuardia and New York-Kennedy. In 2012, United will offer 25 percent of the total airline seats in the market, also leading the industry.

In addition to United's EWR hangar, the company has preliminary plans and a site identified for a maintenance hangar for IAD operations. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority board has approved our proposal, and United is working now to complete the plans and design so it can finalize the capital needed for construction.

IAD-HNL daily, other nonstops start this summer



United will begin the only nonstop service between IAD and HNL (Honolulu) June 7, flying daily using Boeing 767-400 aircraft. United, the largest carrier between the mainland U.S. and Hawaii, connects Aloha State airports with eight mainland cities, as well as GUM, MAJ (Majuro, Marshall Islands) and NRT (Tokyo), offering nonstop service in 23 city pairs.

United also announced a number of new seasonal routes starting this summer. Those include DEN-FAI (Fairbanks, Alaska), IAH-RAP (Rapid City, S.D.), IAH-JAC (Jackson Hole, Wyo.) and SFO-JAC.

With these additions, United will remain within the previously announced capacity guidance.

Passenger service employee representation election began January 17



Co-workers voting in the upcoming passenger service employee representation election, including customer service representatives and reservations agents, received voting instructions from the National Mediation Board (NMB) beginning January 17. The NMB mailed the confidential voting instructions to co-workers' homes and will conduct the vote by secret ballot.

Co-workers may vote by telephone or internet, and the NMB instructions will include unique voter identification and personal identification numbers for each eligible voter. Co-workers may vote for representation or for no representative. The NMB counts only the votes that co-workers cast.

The election closes at 2 p.m. EST on Feb. 21, and the NMB will announce the results at that time. More information is available at ATWfacts.com.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles



I can not give an update on Bishop Mascherino's health, as I have been trying to contact him without success. Please continue to remember him in your prayers. I hope he is OK.

Last time I spoke with the Bishop, he explained that they will be unable to move the Chapel intact to the new site. The twists and turns in the roads in the area make this impossible. Therefore, the chapel will be taken apart in order to make the move. The Thunder Bell, Clipped Wings Memorial and everything else can be moved intact.

Donations to the 93 Memorial Chapel have decreased and are lower than ever. I understand this is due to the economy. We thank the Retirees for their generous donations in the past, and trust you will be donating in the future. The 93 Memorial Chapel continues to need your support, especially with all the work that is going on now.

To donate, make check to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank J. Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike, B307, Newtown Square, PA 19070.

Ask The Doctor

Next month, we have the last installment in the series, The Most Dangerous Drug in the World by Daner Reider, MD. Dr. Reider consistently provides us with important and interesting information about our health.

As the series concludes, he would like to have a feel from retirees about their medical concerns during their retirement years. Such a response will make his presentations much more meaningful and therefore more helpful.

Doctor Reider asks that Retirees provide him with topics of interest to them so he can be of better service to them when writes an article. So please, contact Dr. Reider at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net and request that we forward the email to him.

Where else can you get **free** medical information from a physician? Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. On behalf of all RUAEA members, we thank Dr. Reider for his continuing support and excellent articles.

Ask the Pharmacist: Wiring your healthcare



Q: I see a lot of news about "wiring healthcare." What does that mean and how can I do it?

A: We're all familiar with the advantages of the "wired world." Think of how convenient it is to shop online, send an e-mail, book a flight, or check your bank account. Wiring healthcare means medical information is available electronically in a secure system, so your physician can quickly access and appropriately share it with other care providers. Electronic medical records have the potential of greatly improving patient care and lowering costs. The good news is, if you register at **medco.com**[®] and use the **Medco Pharmacy**, you've taken a big step toward wiring your healthcare.

Whether you use the Medco Pharmacy or a participating retail pharmacy to fulfill your benefit, Medco's system integrates important clinical information we have about you when processing a prescription. For example, if you try to fill a new prescription at a network pharmacy for a drug that might negatively interact with one you're already taking, your pharmacist will receive an alert when the pharmacy submits the claim to Medco for coverage.

Registering at **medco.com** and switching to the Medco Pharmacy is a great way to "wire" your healthcare. By registering on the website you have secure, online access to your prescription information, tools to help lower your out-of-pocket pharmacy costs, and e-mail reminders for prescription refills—which you can order online with just a few clicks. If you are a first-time visitor to **medco.com**, take a moment to register by visiting **medco.com**. Have your member ID number and a recent prescription number handy.

If you take medication for an ongoing (chronic) condition such as diabetes, high cholesterol, or high blood pressure, you can add another layer of care by using The Medco Pharmacy. With the Medco Pharmacy, users get the full support of specialist pharmacists. These professionals receive extra training in the medications used to treat ongoing conditions such as diabetes and high cholesterol. A specialist pharmacist, available 24/7, can

help you stay healthy by working with your doctors to help coordinate your care. Talk to a Medco specialist pharmacist by calling the number on the back of your prescription ID card.

Here's a true story of how a specialist pharmacist helped one patient. John is a diabetes patient who also has high blood pressure and receives care from multiple doctors who have all been prescribing medicines. Despite taking 11 prescription drugs, John wasn't feeling any better. He called a Medco specialist pharmacist, who noticed that some of the medications he was taking might actually be complicating his condition. By working with John's physicians, the specialist pharmacist was able to reduce the number of medications John was taking to three. Today John is healthier and active—and saving money.

Wire your healthcare by switching to the Medco Pharmacy, registering at medco.com and taking advantage of the specialist pharmacists at **Medco, the world's most advanced pharmacy®**. For more information, visit medco.com or call the number on your prescription ID card.

“EASY DOES IT” Recipe Column - Baked “Country Style” (or Regular) Pork Shoulder Ribs



Helen Cain

Due to a still-busy season and some other challenges, I've turned to my daughters for help this month. They're wonderful cooks and Valerie Noel has provided me with the easiest **Pork Rib** recipe you ever saw ... or ate! Right now, I need “simple” and the following certainly fits the bill. And there's more than enough meat left over to surprise your friend(s) with a great dinner and for sandwiches the next day.

Note: This will take 4 hours in a pre-heated 325 oven.

Purchase a 3 to 3 ½ lb. package of pork ribs. Cut apart to the size of your liking. Place in large pan or baking dish. (Pyrex is easier to clean afterwards.)

Sprinkle meat with salt, pepper and 1 large yellow onion, generously sliced and chopped.

Purchase two 18 oz. bottles (or one 32 oz. bottle if you can find it) of barbeque sauce. (I like a slightly sweeter end product so I bought “Sweet Baby Ray's Hickory & Brown Sugar BBQ sauce”. You can use whatever pleases you.)

Cover meat completely with all of the BBQ sauce. Cover pan/baking dish with foil. Place in oven. Do not open the oven door during baking (4 hours).

The meat will be very tender and just “fall off the bone” ... yummy!

My girls pointed me towards the grocery store's deli section. There, sitting in the cold, was a 24oz. tub in a box which surely had my name on it: “Simply Potatoes”, traditional mashed potatoes by Crystal Farms, although I'm sure other companies make it as well. But I had never heard of it. It microwaves in under 6 minutes and is delicious ... as well as sparing me the peeling, cooking and beating up of a poor little defenseless potato. P.S. Before serving, I added garlic powder and butter to the potatoes. Double yummy!

You can add a nice green salad. I cheated: I bought one of those prepackaged salads in the vegetable department and just chopped and added some romaine lettuce.

Now, enjoy the easiest meal ever you didn't have to slave over.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th 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 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratus at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become



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LOCAL NEWS

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Our Gulf Coast Chapter met on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 11:30 A.M. in our permanent meeting place, which is the Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. We had 18 members and 1 guest present. We were very excited to welcome back **Judy Hebl** from Milwaukee, WI. She and her husband will be in our area for 3 months, so we are looking forward to her attending a couple more of our meetings. It is always so much fun to have someone visit from out of our area. Members in attendance were: **Cheryl & David Cameron, Bill & Ann Delavan, Honey Dimitriadis, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Rick & Carol Herrick, Park & Billie Learned, Mary Renfro, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Harold Stofko, and Steve Wilkey.** It was great having **Cheryl & David Cameron** with us again after several months of conflicts in schedules.

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order at 1:00 PM after lunch and Cubi Bar's delicious chocolate chip cookies. Bob asked **Judy Hebl** to introduce herself and tell us more about her and her husband. We hope he will be able to attend our next meeting. He loves playing golf in our warm and sunny weather here! Thank you letters were passed around from Manna Food Bank and the Naval Aviation Museum thanking us for our donations to them in December. Minutes and Financial Reports were emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent. Treasurer **Barbara Serra** announced that the low balance in our funds was due to the donations we made in December and the balance will increase monthly from our raffle. Raffle tickets were sold by **Barbara Serra** and VP **Bill Hayden**. The winner was **Barbara Serra**. We decided she is very lucky as she has won twice very recently. Lucky Duck!

Secretary **Yvonne Schwartz** reminded everyone that **Annie Wilkey** still has not received pictures from everyone and she cannot complete the new nametags without them.

Billie Learned told us that **Park** and she had talked to their 11 year old grandson, **Moe Morgan**, over Skype the night before and he told her to tell all of us hello. Moe attended our meeting in July while he was visiting from Alaska. He is an extremely nice youth and we hope he will be able to visit again this summer.

There was no business to do so we all just sat and talked, which we always look forward to doing. Our group is such a fun and loving bunch! We wish all of you would visit us!

Our future meeting dates are February 16th and March 16th. If you are planning a vacation down on our beautiful snow white beaches, please give us a call and come join us for one of our great meetings. Our meetings are the third Thursday of each month and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

Calendar:

February 16 - Meeting

March 16 - Meeting

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Special thanks to **Carol Wilbanks** for writing the January newsletter article!

January meeting was once again held at DoDiYo's in Homewood. Members attending: **Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Joe Duncan, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Joe Jones** (he brought lemons again this month), **Donna & Jim Gooch, Gay Fowler, Bobby & Jean Cox, Jesslyn Arnold, Joe & Gloria Singleton.**

Treasurer **Joe Singleton** collected our 2012 dues. Herb reminded everyone to be ready to nominate and vote on officers at our next meeting. **Ken Yeager** was the winner of the 50/50.

Bobby Cox read some emails about confusion over obtaining discount tickets on Southwest. There was also discussion regarding updating retiree/family information online for insurance. No one could answer these questions completely. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and several stories were told about working at the BHM airport in past years.

We missed **Bill Preston** who was unable to attend due to his son's illness and doctor appointments. We hope his condition will improve soon. Bill has been a faithful member since our chapter began and drives many miles to the meetings. He also is a preacher and has a radio program in his hometown. We also had to "do without" our great secretary, **Judy Slover**. Her friend Kim was sick and since Judy is such a great friend, she stayed with him. We do hope both will be back with us next month.

Everyone left full and happy and many Happy New Year and Roll Tide salutations were heard. And of course, it is a happy new year for all the fans of the University of Alabama who once again won the BCS championship game.

Sad update to the above newsletter: Member **Bill Preston's** son Doug lost his battle with illness on January 30th. Our hearts and prayers go out to Bill and the rest of his family and friends. Many former co-workers and spouses attended services for his son.

A special thanks to all of our "regular" retiree members, spouses and friends for continuing to make "Sweet Home Alabama" a great group of former colleagues and friends. If you live in Alabama, and you are not a part of our group, please consider joining us. Contact **Judy Slover** at (334) 322-1161 or judyslover@mindspring.com.

February Birthdays: **Beverly Yeager** (2/13), **Hank Thompson** (2/14), **Joe Singleton** (2/16), **Bill Preston** (2/17), and **Ken Yeager** (2/22).

February Anniversary: **Joe & Jane Jones** (2/27).

Calendar:

March 12 - Meeting - 11:30AM - TBA

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The Azures January luncheon was held at the home of **Nita & Tim Everhart** on January 14. We had a potluck but, also, **Joe & Lisa Hopkins** picked up chicken from Popeye's. We had fabulous weather for January ... upper 70's and the sun was shining (what else is new for Arizona) and their house's view from one of Sun City's golf courses couldn't be better! 31 members attended.

The February luncheon was held on the 11th at Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West. Right now the count is 49 members attending, that's almost a record for attendance lately. Last time we had that many members show up was the picnic in October which always comes in at around 50-60 attendees. For \$10.00 per person and a choice

of 5 different sandwich plates, dessert and beverage including tax and gratuity ... the price is certainly right! We will also have our annual "white elephant" sale which brings in money for the chapter and it's always a fun time.

We've received our invitation to the "All-Arizona" luncheon from **Pat DiLallo** of the Roadrunners and have alerted all Azures via email. Again, if any of the Azures members need a ride, we have two cars leaving from Pebblecreek in Goodyear, AZ. Members can contact the Board members to coordinate transportation.

We will not have an Azures luncheon in March. We are still discussing plans to visit a spring training game or a trip to Turf Paradise.

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98th and Bell roads. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 for reservations.

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This is the best time of the year to be here in Arizona, with the weather being perfect and the cactus plants starting to bloom, so we encourage any visitors in the area who have worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time and are of retirement age of 55 or more, to come to any of our Re-United's activities we mention below. Please contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at jbrigante@lostshadow.com, or our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. They will be glad to give you any information you desire.

At our January luncheon at the Grand View Steak House, we had 50 people in attendance. Our Arizona Regional Director, **Mike Richards**, and his wife, **Claudia**, joined us. Some of the things discussed were the Southwest travel letter. The telephone number to contact them is 1-877-324-5555, option 5, option 5. This travel letter is good for one year. The retiree group won't have their file numbers changed after the take over. It will be a lot easier to get tickets for Zed fares. The **RUAEA** Convention will be in Washington D.C. from October 3 – 7, 2012. There will be one banquet instead of two. The price for the hotel will be \$112 a night and the banquet will cost \$40. **Rich Vehring** reported on the success of the 16th Fantasy Flight, and after all the bills were paid, they were able to donate \$3,000 to Concordia Charter School and \$1,200 to the United Foundation. The election committee has met and the nominees are: President – **Shirley Claggett**, Vice President – **Peg Snowdall**, Treasurer – **Rita Zarek**, and Secretary – **Liz Tollefsen**. We had three guests joining us at the luncheon: **Mary Lou Welch**, **Peg Snowdall's** sister from Chicago; **Beverly Howey**, **Linda Cooper's** sister from Mesa, and **Doris Goveia**, **Natasha Schmidt's** friend and neighbor. Thank you for coming! Our hosts were **Ferrol & Cindy Hillsabeck** – good job!

We have some of our members having health problems, **Tony Ribeiro** and **Natasha Schmidt**. We hope each day will be better for them. We also lost two members: **Tad Jones**, who was a long time member and snowbird, died January 3rd. Services were held in Stockton, MO. Condolences can be sent to: Mrs. **Fran Jones**, 4316 Keevenshore Dr., Florissant, MO 63034. **Judy Higley** died January 25, with Memorial Services held February 11 in Casa Grande, AZ. Condolences can be sent to: **Ted Higley**, 2679 E. Desert Wind Drive, Casa Grande, AZ 85294. Our sympathy goes out to their families.

We had 26 people attend our Breakfast at Crackers on Feb. 24th. We were happy to see **Nancy Myers** back, as she hasn't been to any of our meetings recently. We hope to see her more often. **Jim Brigante** told of his experience with a debit card fraud with Wells Fargo. **Shirley Claggett** reported tickets are available for the March 18th spring training game between the Chicago Cubs and White Sox for \$20. Contact **Ron Paluch** at (480) 354-7610 if you are interested. First come, first served. **Jo Ann Fearing** reported the Phoenix Chapter of Clipped Wings is having a fund raiser on **Feb. 24th** to the Basha Salmeri Gallery of Western American and Native American Art at 22402 S. Basha Rd, in Chandler, starting at 6:00 p.m. The price of \$40 includes the gallery tour, buffet dinner and hosted bar. There will also be a raffle for jewelry. For tickets or more information, we were to contact **Irma Furtney**, (480) 949-7422, or cell, (602) 578-7422. Regarding Southwest Airlines, the non-rev phone number is 866-359-7967. To list, call before 6:00 p.m.

The Feb. 8th Luncheon at Mount Athos Restaurant in Florence, AZ will be reported on next month. The host is **Natasha Schmidt**.

The **All-Arizona Luncheon** sponsored by the **Tucson Roadrunners** is Thursday, March 15th at the Robson Ranch, 5750 N. Robson Blvd., Eloy, AZ (Exit 198 off I-10). The social hour starts at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. The menu choice is Caesar Salad with chipotle dressing and tortilla strips, Marinated breast of chicken with salsa verde, Spanish rice and beans, followed by a Flan dessert for \$20. The other choice is Steak house chopped salad with ranch dressing, Barbecue beef brisket with roasted red potatoes, corn on the cob, followed by a dessert of ice cream sundae with chocolate sauce, whipped cream and chocolate covered jalapeno bacon. The price is \$23. Cut off date for reservations is **March 8th**. Mail your check and entree choice to **Pat DiLallo, 14740 N. Palmwood Dr., Tucson, AZ 85755**. Her phone number is (528) 825-7370. We hope to see you there! It's always a fun time and a great way to see other retired members in Arizona.

The following members have birthdays in March: **Nancy Luby** (3/2), **Jim Fauber** (3/6), **Olga Aguilar** (3/20), and **Graham Snediker** (3/21). Happy Birthday to all of you! Three couples are celebrating wedding anniversaries: **Phil & Peg Snowdall**, (3/6/10), **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak**, (3/11/61), and **Bob & Patrice Rowan**, (3/27/99). Congratulations!

Calendar:

March 15 - All-Arizona Luncheon, hosted by the Tucson Roadrunners at Robson Resort in Casa Grande, AZ, starting at 11:00 a.m. See further details above.

March 23 – Breakfast at Crackers, 13258 N. Greenfield Rd. in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by Wednesday, March 21 with your reservation at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

April 12 – Picnic at Crescent Run, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**.

April 27 – Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa.



TALL PINES

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Our January meeting of the Tall Pines Chapter was held at the Lone Spur Cafe with 13 members attending.

Our official business was the election of officers. **Vicki Hilger** volunteered to continue as president for this year, **Earle Risdon** will remain as treasurer and **Marge Matheny** volunteered to do the calling - a big thanks to Vicki, Earle and Marge.

Discussion was held as to change of venue for our luncheon meetings. Any suggestions from our members are welcomed.

Calendar:

February 21 – Luncheon the Lone Spur Cafe - 11:00am. Hope to see you there!

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Wow, January is already behind us and only eleven more months till Christmas. I could have left that unsaid but it just shows how fast the years are going by. The good thing is that the weather has been wonderful throughout the month of January, 70's just about every day.

Our luncheon on January 19th was held at "My Big Fat Greek Restaurant" where 25 Roadrunners met for a very good lunch. Our host for this event was **Pat Carera**. Thanks Pat for arranging this outing. A short business meeting was held at which time our new President, **John Bennatts** read a letter of thanks from the local Seniors for Kids group for our chapter's donation to their cause. Our Secretary, **Pat Dilallo** brought us up

to date on the treasury activity, with many of our members giving a special donation to the Seniors for Kids, shared by seven families, with eighteen children with gifts and food cards, making their holiday better, hopefully.

The 50/25/25 drawing was won by **Sharon Cole** and **Alice Lopez**, two of our luckiest regulars. With **Shirley Robertson** getting so much attention because of her foot surgery, **Dora Starr** just could not help but getting into the mix. Dora had a similar surgical procedure on one of her feet and will now be on one of those knee scooters for about 6 weeks. I certainly hope this is not contagious. Our next luncheon will be held at "The Thunder Canyon Brewery" at the Foothills Mall on the 16th of February. **Lyn & Roger Callihan** will host this event. Doors open at 11:00 am and lunch will be served around noon. Let Rog or Lyn know of your attendance by the 13th of February, callynrog@comcast.net.

March 15th will be the "All Arizona Luncheon" and will be hosted by the Roadrunners. It will be held at the Robson Ranch in Eloy, AZ. We will start at 11:00 am with cocktails, followed by lunch at 12:00pm. The menu will consist of two choices: Marinated breast of chicken with salsa verde, Spanish rice and beans. Caesar Salad with chipotle dressing and tortilla strips. \$20.00. Or Barbecue beef brisket with roasted red potatoes, corn on the cob. Steak house chopped salad with ranch dressing. \$23.00. Reservations must be made by March 8th. Mail your check with note for your entrée choice to **Pat Dilallo**, 14740 N Palmwood Drive, Tucson, AZ 85755. Phone number (520) 825-7370.

Calendar:

February 16 - Thunder Canyon Brewery

March 15 – All Arizona Luncheon at Robson Ranch, Eloy, AZ

CALIFORNIA

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Our chapter did not meet during January, so this is a short newsletter. I did not hear from any of our members, so I'm hoping all is well with them and they had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As for me, we spent the Christmas holidays in the S.F. Bay area visiting family and old friends that we knew from living in the area for 39 years. We get there about once or twice a year and the only changes I've seen is the trees have gotten bigger and the traffic has increased quite a bit. I am so spoiled from living in the area we are at now that I do not miss the traffic and people congestion.

After the Holidays, we traveled to Simi Valley, CA to visit one of our daughters and spend our wedding anniversary celebration on January 2nd. While we were there, we had the opportunity to visit the Ronald Reagan Library. I had gone there about 5 years ago and I was surprised to see some new displays. The Air Force One is the focal point and easy to enter and view all the various rooms. The docent was asked if he knew if President Reagan spent most of his time in his office with his staff. He told us that he enjoyed spending a good deal of time with the flight crew in the cockpit.

We then drove to Las Vegas for another family reunion. We have a grand-daughter and her family living there. We rented a house for our four day stay and this worked out very well. We did visit the Strip one day and even though it was the first week in January, there was still a lot of foot traffic and vendors outside of the casinos. If you have ever watched "Pawn Stars" on TV, their store is just north of the Strip. I was able to go inside, but only after waiting in line. Taxis and tour buses were coming and going and it didn't appear like the TV show when the parking lot is almost empty. There were so many people in the store that it was impossible to spend any time looking around. I heard from one of the employees that they would be filming a new series this month. The camera does a great job in making the store look spacious, bright, and clean. The office area is no where near the back of the store, but in the front. The main characters were not there and the employees run it. If I ever get back there, I would like to spend more time.

One more thing about LAS, we stopped in the Red Rock Casino which has a great buffet and family orientated facility. They have a 60 lane bowling alley and by 6 p.m. there was a waiting list. They also turn on the strobe lights and large screen TVs plus rap music. This was no place for the serious bowler.

On January 25th, our daughter bought tickets to see "South Pacific" that was put on at the performing arts theatre on the Cal Poly campus. I never saw it performed on the stage before, but have seen it several times in the movie version. It was played only one day and the auditorium was packed. After looking around, I noticed that almost all of the audience consisted of the older citizens. This play had very talented performers and the words to the music was understood by great voices. The musicians consisted of an eight piece band and not one guitar among them. What a pleasant sound and nothing like the noise that is being put out now-a-days.

Our next meeting will be on February 15th, hosted by **Esther & Bob Bartlett** in Alisal, CA. It is very close to Buellton where the movie "Sideways" was filmed. This is a very beautiful area and also near the famous Pea Soup Andersen's Restaurant.

Calendar:

February 15– TBA, hosted by **Bob & Esther Bartlett**

BRAZEN RAISINS

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Millie & Charlie Barnett hosted the Brazen Raisins' February meeting. President **Elida Rivas** called for a moment of silence to remember **Donna Nessling** who passed away in late December 2011. **Hazel Hayes** presented **Don Nessling** with a beautiful framed picture of Don & Donna.

Sunshine Lady **Hazel Hayes** reported that **Gil Gilbert**, who had missed a number of recent meetings, had many setbacks from his heart surgery but is improving; he hopes to return to the Brazen Raisins' meetings soon.

The 2011 officers were re-elected for 2012: President – **Elida Rivas**, Vice President – **Dick Hayes**, Recording Secretary – **Peggy Oakshott**, Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary – **Dick Shryock**, Sunshine Lady – **Hazel Hayes**.

Elida gave some updates regarding pass travel. Jokes were contributed by **Dick Hayes**, **John Oakshott** and **Elida Rivas**.

DESERT SUNBIRDS



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John & Maureen Schultz hosted the Desert Sunbirds' January Luncheon at the "Red Tomato-House of Lamb" restaurant in Palm Springs. Thirty three Sunbirds had what amounted to, a private luncheon, as the restaurant is normally closed on Wednesdays. And, as usual, no one went home hungry.

Short guest list this month ~ **Rod Burke** and **Kirk Storm** were the guests of **Robb Bohart**.

We hear that **James Chavez**, many times guest of **Louie Horvath**, has accepted recall back to Denver. He had 17 years service as a mechanic, so thought it best to accept recall. He was originally furloughed after 9/11, recalled in '08, and then furloughed again 8 months later.

Louie Horvath advises that he had eye surgery on January 19th, for a macular hole in his right eye. "Not macular degeneration", Louie says. He's on the mend, and promises to be at a Luncheon in the near future.

Dee Whately had hernia surgery on January 18th, and tells us she's also on the road to recovery.

Jim Clapper was the birthday "lunch" winner, and **Betty Rodgers** won the 50/50 drawing.

At Work? ~ My boss phoned me today, and said, "Is everything okay at the office?" I said, "Of course, it's all under control. It's been a very busy day. I haven't stopped!" "Can you do me a favor?" he asked. "Of course, what is it?" ... "Speed it up a little. I'm in the foursome behind you."

Calendar:

March 14 – TBA, hosted by **Sandy Sereno**

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SACRAMENTO



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on January 25 at the Trolley Junction in Nevada City. This was hosted by **Rose & Hank Wikstad**. We had 57 Gold Diggers attending and two guests, **Harold & Barbara Mitchell** (who became members today) and **Michiko & Robert Allen**. Our Chapter President, **Terry Greenacre**, welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Wikstads for hosting. Hank couldn't be with us today as he had knee surgery this morning.

Officer's Reports:

President **Terry Greenacre** asked **Harold Mitchell** to give his bio today. **Terry** thanked all that has been officers in the past and present (and for the future) for a job well done.

V.P. **Orville Harshberger** stated that we have two openings left, July and October for hosting a luncheon. **Wikstads & Volkers** have taken the December luncheon. We have a scheduling problem for Alta Sierra in December. We will change the day of the week to a Thursday that month. The December luncheon will be December 13th.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for January: Those 50 years and over: **Sydney & Sherrill Morgan** – 51 years. **Harold Esola** led us in the anniversary song.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave our Chapter balance.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** sent a card to **Ed Pagel** who is recovering from a stroke. She also send a Birthday card to **Chuck Dinsmoor** honoring his 90th birthday.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** said she didn't bring her camera today. She will bring it next month and will take pictures of our new members.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** asked us to check for corrections on the roster sheet. The deadline will be the end of February. A new roster will be printed in March.

RUAEA President **Ron Berticini** talked about our new travel pass policy which becomes effective March 3rd; Ron also talked about the EEOC complaint; medical insurance and letters for travel on Southwest, etc.

Calendar:

February 29 – Past Presidents Luncheon at the Cattlemens in Roseville

March 28 - Mimi's Café in Lincoln hosted by **Sherrill & Syd Morgan** and **Angie & Frank Dellinger**



HANGTOWN MINERS

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The February Hangtown Miners meeting was called to order at 12:45 by President **Jon Somplack**. This luncheon was hosted by **Jon & Alice Somplack** and was at Visconti's Restaurant in Folsom. Great Italian food! Thanks to Jon & Alice for hosting and especially Alice for the home made cupcakes.

Old business ~ We still need hosts for May* and November (***Jim Raber** has volunteered to host the May luncheon). Dues are due and payable. \$10.00 a year – a bargain.

Next month's luncheon/meeting will be held on Monday (yes on a Monday!) March 5th at the Red Hawk Casino. It will be hosted by **Daniel & Roberta Ouchi** with assistance by **Joe & Lynda Lima**.

We still need a vice president** and a secretary for this year. If we don't get a secretary we may do without the monthly newsletter and ask each luncheon host to send out the luncheon information. (** **Rosemary Heier** has agreed to be Vice President.)

Treasurers Report ~ balance stands at \$576.36. Since we have a new treasurer, there are some new IRS rules governing our tax exempt status. If you send your dues to **Tom Kenny**, make the check out to **Tom Kenny** and not Hangtown Miners.

Ron Bertacini hosted a discussion and Q&A about the UA/CO merger. A bone of contention seemed to be whether we should serve Starbucks (UA) or Fresh Brew (CO). After six months of study, it was decided to go with Fresh Brew (costs less?). UA customer reaction was definitely unfavorable. They will study the issue for another six months. There are many questions unanswered at this time. There will not be a mailing of the new policies – internet only. It might be best if we refrain from travel during March. Thanks for the input Ron.

The meeting was followed by our monthly raffle. Thanks to the following for the contributions of “swag”: **Wolfram** (flower); **Raynor** (shears); **Czapkay** (See’s); **Heier** (flowers); **Raber** (wine); **Guinn** (salt & pepper grinder); **Dillinger** (sugar & creamer); **Kenny** (man’s shirt); and **Bill Gibson** (Damn Hot Dill Pickles).

Meeting adjourned at 1:28.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

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Our first luncheon in 2012 was held on January 12th at La Gare in Santa Rosa. **Oscar & Joan Chambers** hosted 31 members and guests to a delicious lunch which included La Gare’s famous “homemade” soup.

We were sorry to hear that **Pat Cadden** is in the hospital but he would prefer no calls or visitors at this time. **Norm Burnett** is doing well and says “Hi” to all.

Our Vice President **George Schwind** introduced our guests: **Sabrina, Diana Quinn**’s Granddaughter, was accompanied by her Mom, **Sherri Quock**. Sabrina will be celebrating her first birthday this month, seems like only yesterday she was an infant in arms.

Nely & Cor Kemp were guests of **Nick & Maria van Kruining**; **Ed & Maggie Nelson, Clem Shanahan** and **Lee Trevelyn** were guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen**.

Barney thanked Oscar & Joan for hosting today and reported we still need hosts for June 14 at the Quail Inn, September 13 at La Gare and October 11 back at the Quail Inn. Please sign up for one of those dates.

Jan Blackburn is our new Treasurer; she thanked **Judy DeFord** for being so organized. Judy kept a wonderful set of books that she turned over to Jan a few weeks ago. Jan also thanked **Mary Hill** for donating her birthday money back to the general fund. Jan reported the total balance as of 12/8/11 was \$677.24 of which \$590.03 is in the general account.

Thankfully, **Verda Burr** is continuing as our sunshine lady and she reported we have lots of birthdays in January: **Ted Bell, Wayne O’Kelly, Kathie Larsen, Margie Matschinegg, Patricia Maus, Sheila Legnitto, Ruth Loy** and **Pat Ortega**. Margie was the winner of the birthday lunch. We had two anniversaries this month, **Heino & Inara Witt** celebrated 32 years and **Tim & Kathy Staples** celebrated 41 years.

Verda also reported **Elsie Kuhl** had a hip replacement on January 9 and is recovering well.

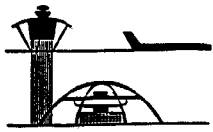
Pass Travel: Barney said there is still a lot of confusion in regards to pass travel going forward. Web access is going to change to Continental’s system and you will be able to see the seniority of the employees who have listed for flights. Hopefully some of the issues will straighten out in time.

Retired employees must confirm their dependents (which mean wives). You must do this or you will lose all medical and travel benefits. As of the day of the luncheon, the medical and travel verification process was not up and running but when it is, check the “all about me” button at the top left hand corner of your sign in page.

The raffle was fun as always and don’t forget to stop by the Charity Box on your way out.

Calendar:

February 9 – Luncheon at the Quail Inn, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**.



Re-LAX-ers

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Submitted by Donna Klobe ~ Just about deadline time last month, **John Daley** called to advise he had been in the hospital for 4 days. Drs. had advised that he'd developed a hematoma on one leg that made his leg swell and lose feeling and he could not walk. Luckily, his daughter, Mary could come to stay with him until his condition got better. John is the supplier of our mailing list for the Re-LAX-ers luncheon invitations and this news rattled me a little. John said, "*Oh, I can still print them for you, if you'll just drive down and pick them up*". Bless him, problem solved with lightening speed. Thanks, John. By the way, John just passed the 80th mark on the calendar. Please send birthday wishes to him at: P.O. Box 4391, Palos Verde's Pen, CA 90274.

The day before Christmas, the windstorms became rather ferocious for **Janet Kair**. They managed to blow the roof right off her patio. She's now in the process of replacing it. Thankfully, the rest of the house was untouched.

A short catch-up on **Tom Labrow** ~ He and **Carol** have moved to their new home in Bullhead City. Tom was able to manage quite well even though he's still recovering from the effects of a broken neck from a nasty roll-over on the highway. The new address is: 1844 Arcadia Bay, Bullhead City, AZ 86442.

Also moved to another location is **Phyllis & Tom Easley**. They are now in a senior residence and they love it! No more snow to shovel! Send greetings to them at: 882 Annesley Circle, Meadville, PA. 16335.

A nice note came from **Eleanor Jones**. She's that Tall Blonde Lady who worked in the Mainliner Store for umpteen years? I had the pleasure of working with her for a couple of those years. Loved it! Well, she now lives in Texas to be closer to her children; but she sure does miss her ole' United buddies! And we sure miss her too. You can send her a "Hi Y'all" to 4110 Waterwood Dr., Baytown, TX 77521.

Hal & Donna Klobe attended a really fun party given by **Sylvia Allen**; who said she was saddened by the number of funerals she was attending of dear friends and wanted to throw a fun party instead. So the party was at the Proud Bird with lots of good food and a DJ who provided great music. The party was a **huge** success, and just a few of those attending were: **JoAnn Briggs, Diane & Pinky Opp, Sandy Coffee, Debbie & Jim Riggs, Twila La Rue, Ron McDavid, Susan Owen-Coffee, DiDi Uttlinger, Sue LaBassiere, and Betty Tomaino.** Also, we saw more Re-LAX-ers, **Margie Equihua, Beverly McAllister, June O'Donnell, Arlene & Lorenzo Jones, Sarah Purkhart, and Melinda & Ron Lerg.** I know I missed a lot of guests and I'm sorry for that. But, it was a really fun get together and many thanks go to our fabulous hostess, **Sylvia Allen!** It was the party of the year!

Beverly McAllister came to the party leaning very heavily on a cane. She explained that she is having very severe pain in her back and she feels that surgery is imminent. We hope it is soon and she's recovered in time to bring her famous cookies to the steak fry. Best wishes, Beverly.

It seems that more surgery is coming up for **Tarina Murray**. We are so sorry to hear that this charming lady is, once again due for surgery. Our hearts go out to you and we send our love and prayers, 7619 S. Victory Ave., Inglewood, CA 90305.

Re-Sans

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Our February breakfast got off to a good start with lots of sunshine and twenty three in attendance. **Maria & Arnold Pollack** joined us for the first time and we hope to see more of them. Maria worked in SFOCS and they are now living in Oceanside. We are so happy to have them become a part of our group.

Kit Fogelman won the 50/50 raffle and she only bought one ticket! Some people have all the luck.

We are all saddened by the passing of **Bob Bowden** who was with us for so many years in Baggage Service. We passed around a card to send to the family as they are now residing in W. Virginia.

There is still time to get in your suggestion for a restaurant to hold our Spring Fling Luncheon. Suggestions so far are Hunter's Steakhouse where we met last year and a southern Cooking style restaurant owned by **Carol & Ernie Stockdale**, formerly from SANCS. All suggestions will be considered so let me know so we can check them out.

Questions are coming up about the new retiree photo ID badges. I have sent a message to **Howard Lackey** to see if he has any information which I will pass on to you.

That's all the news for this month.

Calendar:

March 1 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106 -2394, (619) 226-0255



GOLDEN GATERS

SFO - BAY AREA

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Winter is finally dragging to an end with Daylight Savings Time on March 11, St. Patrick's Day on the 17th (get out your corned beef recipes and green beer), and the Spring Equinox following on the 20th. Won't it be nice to go outdoors without getting all bundled up? Easter sneaks up on us on April 8th this year, with Yom HaShoah on April 26th. And here you thought the holidays were over, didn't you!

Our Golden Gaters retiree chapter will be doing its own celebrating in April when we will be welcoming our 50th anniversary. Quite an achievement, we think.

After our General Meeting on Monday, March 26th we will be enjoying a great Chinese luncheon in honor of the Chinese New Year of the Dragon. Get your tickets at the February general meeting: \$5 for members, \$7 for guests.

Our spicy **Ginger Dahlberg**, Day Trip and International Tour Coordinator, has a few spaces left on the (1) *Scandinavian/Russian* trip May 9-23, 2012. Contact her right away! (2) The round trip *Hawaiian Islands* cruise from SFO has some vacancies, October 6 – 21 but get your money (or credit cards) in ASAP. This is a very popular way to enjoy Hawaiian hospitality, especially since **Ginger** is from Hawaii and really knows her way around. (3) Last but certainly not least, you are being offered a trip by steamboat from *Quebec City to Toronto, Canada*, June 16-25. 16 cabins are being held for you and yours on the *Lawrence Cruise Line*. Deposits must be made almost immediately. There will be one night spent in Quebec, then cruise from there to Kingston with 7 overnight stops and shore excursions including Quebec City by night, *Notre Dame du Cap Shrine*, sightseeing in *Montreal*, *International Seaway Locks*, *Upper Canada Village*, *Fort Wellington*, *Fulford Mansion*, *Millionaires Row*, *400 Island Skydeck*, *1000 Islands* and the *Heritage Centre*. Included are your meals, coffee, beverages and snacks available 24 hours a day, one night in Quebec, cruise, and your fun train ride from Kingston to Toronto. And if you're real good, a side trip just might include Niagara Falls! The weather expected should be 65 to 75 degrees, lovely Spring weather just for you. If you're a birder, below Montreal exists a myriad of bird species that prosper in the rich mudflats. Air fare to Quebec and return from Toronto are not included. Telephone Ginger at (650) 224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com.

Thanks to info recently received from another UAL retiree regarding free income tax preparation: "the AARP Foundation provides free assistance, is IRS certified and focuses mainly on Seniors. All of the AARP volunteers are required to certify at an Advanced level which covers more of the types of income that Seniors are more likely to have. AARP preparation services do not have an income limit. There are over 7,000 AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites nationwide. To find a location near you: www.aarp.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page, where you will find a link to the Tax-Aide program. Following the link, you will find a search format. Enter your address. You will receive a complete list of all sites within the mileage range you specify."

Personally Speaking: Dear God, My prayer for 2012 is for a fat bank account and a thin body. Please don't mix these up like you did last year. Amen!

Calendar:

Each monthly UAL SFO-Bay Area Retiree General Meeting begins promptly at 11:30 a.m., 4th Monday of each month (not September or December) or if a 4th Monday falls on a major holiday). We'll see you at the William

Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & 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.

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The Leprechauns will be attending our March 16th meeting and they suggest we wear green for the occasion. **Jack & Jean Jenkins** made a quick trip to Las Vegas to visit old friends **Lois & George Fox** that belong to the retirees' group there. They were able to visit Hoover Dam and the new bridge on a beautiful, warm, sunny day.

By the way, did you know that our own **Tony Urso** is part of a historical moment in California's history? Sixty years ago, on January 13, 1952 he was stranded along with 225 others by a blizzard in the Sierra Nevada Mountains aboard the streamliner train the City of San Francisco. An avalanche covered the train and buried it in twelve feet of snow for seventy-six hours before they were rescued. We're glad Tony survived so he and his wife **Sally** can again host our annual picnic on June 14th in Vasona Park in Los Gatos.

Our Spring luncheon will be hosted by **Jack & Jean Jenkins** and **Ben & Cheri Scales**. The date and place are to be determined.

Our Sunshine Lady **La Donna Eggert** has been under the weather along with **George Smith**, **Dwayne Howze** and **Garver Sandy**. We hope they will all be soon feeling much better.

We meet every **Friday morning at 8 A.M.** for breakfast and a short meeting at **Holders' Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in Cupertino** across from the Home Depot.

Thought for today ~ "The trouble with the younger generation is that most of us aren't in it."



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Northern California had some rain but we still need more! But it's ok, because we were able to have a great luncheon/meeting on January 26th at the Holiday Inn in Redding. I always feel better when our wonderful friends do not have to drive in inclement weather. There were 25 retirees and spouses in attendance. **Merritt Odor**, our President, welcomed RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** and his wife **Barbara** to the meeting. It is always a pleasure to have them in attendance.

There were no birthdays or anniversaries to report. Merritt reminded us about our dues that are due in January, 2012.

Ron Bertacini gave a presentation about some of the issues with the RUAEA group and United Airlines. He spoke about the new pass policy effective March 3rd. Some issues have not been resolved but will be given to the retirees as soon as possible. The new computer system should be up and running March 3rd. Ron mentioned that most of the officers and directors for RUAEA will not be running again and there will be some positions available. He also talked about the upcoming convention in Washington D.C., Oct. 3-7, 2012.

Our member profile this month is **Sharon Simonton** ~ Sharon was born in Los Angeles, California. Her love was dancing and theater but after dancing professionally for 3 years, she had knee injuries and had to quit dancing. Her next door neighbor suggested she apply at United Airlines at LAXDD for a weather clerk position. At the ripe age of 20, she did apply and enjoyed working as a Weather Clerk and a Flight Movement Estimator for three years.

She then moved to San Francisco and was hired on as an overtime clerk in SFOMM. She was one of 5 females that were hired. This was the first time SFOMM (Maintenance) had this position opened to females. She continued to work in SFOMM for several years in various positions and many shifts and then transferred to

SFORR (Reservations) which was located downtown, San Francisco. After 4 years, she transferred to SFOCG (Ramp Service) as an overtime/manpower clerk. Sharon then decided it was time to get into Customer Service and moved "upstairs" as a ticket agent, baggage claim agent and then a gate agent which she truly enjoyed. Sharon was one of the First Service Directors in SFOCS and she was involved in starting the Shuttle program and several other projects. She was upgraded Supervisor and really enjoyed that time with United.

Sharon wanted to incorporate the Customer Service angle with the Operation Control Center, and was invited to participate in a group to help SFOOO include many departments in their office to expedite the departures of aircraft, etc. She became a Zone Controller and International Tower person and retired from that position in 2003. Sharon had a great time the day she retired. Due to her friends in SFOMM, she was able to do her lifelong dream. Sharon drove a tug and pushed back a 737 at departure time from Gate 77 with the help of many supporters.

Sharon now enjoys time in Paradise, Calif. with her husband, Bill. They are very involved with camping, fishing and visiting Bill's children and grandchildren in the Bay Area. She loves to go to Milwaukee to visit her son John and has a part time job in the medical field. Sharon is secretary for the Northstaters and treasurer for the Chico Model A group. Sharon is still tapping her feet and teaching tap dance to senior ladies at the Paradise Rec. Dept. as well as being very involved with the Gold Nugget Days and the Melodrama every year.

The 50-50 raffle was won by **John Delaney**. The \$15.00 gift certificate was won by **Catherine Wacker**.

Calendar:

March 22 - Thursday at Marie Callender's in Chico, CA, starting at 11:30 A.M. Come and join us!

COLORADO

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The Mile Highers didn't meet this month because of a snow storm. We could get out of our driveways OK but the City requested no travel on the streets unless it was an emergency and the Training Center parking lot was being plowed which would have caused a lot of problems for TK personnel to have 50-60 retirees show up.

We had planned on having **Mike Bruchs**, a Customer Service Representative, explain the new pass policy. This will now be scheduled at a later date, hopefully at the next breakfast on March 3. Also, for the March breakfast, we will have a speaker from H&R Block to talk about the new income tax laws.

At present, **Del Frey** is in St. Andrews Village Rehab. He is recovering from triple bypass heart surgery and, also has an infection in his leg. His home address is 8122 S. Biloxi Ct, Aurora, CO 80016. His phone number is 303-693-6229. **Elaine Fluegel** had surgery on February 15. Her address is 8674 W 84th Cir, Arvada, CO 80005.

Darleen & Mel Conine recently moved to the Morning Star Senior Center. Their new address is 2000 S. Dayton St, Apt 317, Aurora, CO 80247. Their phone number is (303) 751-9349.

Watch your newsletter for information on our Spring Luncheon.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st 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!



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We met at TVI and had a great attendance. Conversation centered about Health Insurance and Pass Policy changes starting in March 2012. We voted for a "seniority based" boarding system for all company standbys, believing that there are too many categories thus adding confusion and increased costs to the company. It was great to see **Stan Sedgwick** again after his foot surgery.

We heard that the Company will no longer support the Chicago Travel Desk where volunteers help retirees who do not have a computer to complete their reservations. The new "UAL" has not offered to train volunteers on Shares but that they will be able to call Res and list for a fee.

We lost a former stew this week: *"Mrs. **Nona Wood Henley**, 94, went peacefully to be with the Lord on January 13, 2012 in Colorado Springs. Nona was born on May 23, 1917, in San Angelo, TX, to William E. and Myrtle (Treadwell) Wood. She grew up in Rock Springs, WY and attended the University of Utah in Salt Lake City where she graduated with a degree in nursing. She became one of the first stewardesses for United Airlines in 1939."*

Our meetings are held once a month on Monday at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25. Please RSVP to Chuck.

Calendar:

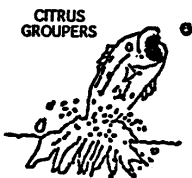
January 23 - Regular lunch meeting

February 27 - Regular lunch meeting

FLORIDA

VILLAGE CITRUS GROUPERS

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The January meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance with 18 in attendance. **Paul Brown**, the Regional Director of RUAEA, led a discussion regarding the possible changes in pension distribution. There is a petition circulating with regard to pensions, seek it out and sign if you agree with its cause.

November of 2011, our group went on a day trip to the Hard Rock Cafe in Tampa and it was enjoyed by all. The December trip didn't happen for various reasons.

Beginning February, **Helen Newberg** will take over as Secretary of the Florida Groupers, we wish her well. **Don Nellans** will remain on as President, also **Charles Wirth** will stay on as Treasurer. Thanks to them.

Our preliminary plans for a joint meeting of all Florida RUAEA members began with a committee being formed. They are: **Paul Brown, Joan Brandonisio, Marie Orris, Eric Becker, and Don & Mary Nellans**. We're looking at February 2013 as a possible date.

Dues are due, \$2.50 for an individual member and \$5.00 for a couple. New badges will be distributed after you pay your dues.

Claus Brinnitzer again brought in his crop of grapefruit for everyone. Thanks, Claus.

Mary Nellans won the 50/50 prize, congratulations, Mary.

January Birthdays ~ **Tom Brann, Rose Dickinson, Dale Fernandes, Gene Abdale, Don Fulen, Davis Terri, Debbie Ocampo, Elaine Cantillo, and Virginia Lawhon**.

January Anniversary ~ Mr. & Mrs. **Dave Henderson**.

Calendar:

February 23 - Always the last Thursday of the month, 11:30AM, Nancy Lopez Colony Club, The Villages, Buena Vista Blvd. just South of Hwy. 42.



SAND“DABS”

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Fourteen Sand“DABS” including one guest, **Diane Clady**, friend of **Penny Logan**, gathered at the Red Lobster on a gorgeous day here in paradise. The “winter” here has been unusually warm, but I’m not complaining. **Frieda Coughlin** was back after her hip operation due to a fall, along with husband **Dick**; she brought “Walter the Walker” with her. She still has quite a way to go before she completely recovers. It was good to see her.

Prez Dick kept the meeting moving along. There were no birthdays to sing to. **Larry & Janet Horton** are celebrating 54 years of wedded bliss. Our Company Anniversary was **Marion Johnson**, 43 years. **Penny Logan** gave a Treas. report. We’re beginning to build our funds again after giving away several monetary gifts. Our 50/50 winner was **Lillian Moddle**, and a second drawing for a bottle of wine was won by **Bud Gammill**, wife **Karen** was happy about that!

Steve Moddle reported that the Commemorative Air Force will be showing a B-29 aircraft on March 2, 3 & 4. This is the only B-29 in the world that is still flying. **Herb Gardner** reported that the Annual Balloon Festival in New Smyrna Beach will take place March 23, 24, 27. He reported that there will be a beautiful night show.

Discussion is still going on about the travel privileges for retirees. There seems to be lots of frustration in trying to get to the true facts about all the details.

Prez Dick reported information on the Florida Chapter Round-up that is to be held in early February next year 2013. It will be a week-end getaway at the Villages. Plans are still being finalized. A spokesperson from each Florida Chapter should be chosen to keep things coordinated at each Chapter. At the Villages, there is much to do and enjoy. Those who like to golf will get a chance to play on one of the courses there.

I will be looking forward to some family company this month. It will be a chance to meet one of my great-granddaughters for the first time. Katelyn is now 4 years old and I have yet to meet her in person. It will be fun I’m sure.

Thought for today ~ “The older generation thought nothing of getting up at 5:00 every morning, the younger generation doesn’t think much of it either.” – J. J. Walsh

Calendar:

March 1 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

April 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

May 3 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

THE ORLANDO REAL MCCOYS

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The Real McCoy’s lunch group today, 58 strong filled every seat at the Golden Corral! We welcomed four new members to our ranks: **Laura Bork**, newly retired from MCOCS; **Rafael Vidal**, retired MCOCG; **Glen Seefeld**, retired MCOCG; and **Bill Hooten**, retired DENCg! Discussions on all the issues currently affecting us UAL retirees were long, loud, lively and enlightening. Check this issue of the RUEA Newsletter for more details and information.

We will be having another “you don’t want to miss it” picnic on April 3rd at Cypress Grove Park. Deposit has been made and the date reserved, so mark your calendars!

Our travel coordinator, **Stan Halterman**, has a special offering for 9days/8nights in NYC, "*The Big Apple*". Motor coach RT from MCO September 5-13, 2012 for \$799/pp/dbl. Including 8 nights lodging (4 in NYC), 8 Breakfasts and 6 Dinners. Tours and More. For details contact Stan today at (407) 852-6773.

Please keep all our United Retirees in your prayers, but most especially those in special need of God's loving care: **Rich Llewellyn**, who will be having surgery on March 6th, **Lou Gaydos**, who is home from the hospital, and **Ernie Vosges'** son in ATL. We also send our deepest sympathy to **Glenn Blahnik**, MCOCG, on the death of his son, Chris.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of **Glenis Confessore (James)**, MCOCS, who lost her battle with cancer on January 12, 2012.

Happy Birthday Wishes to our February Gal, **Nan Multeri**, and Guy, **Bob Duszynski**! And very special Anniversary Wishes to **Bill & Norm Butchart**, celebrating 58 years together on February 27th!

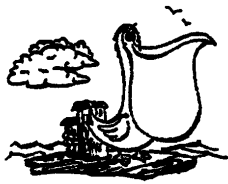
Calendar:

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

March 6

April 3 - Picnic

May 1



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its regular monthly luncheon meeting on Friday, February 3rd, at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers at noon. Attending were 17 members and 5 guests. Guests were seasonal visitors **Tony & Darlene Novak** (Ohio), **Gwen & Dave Detwiler** (Pittsburgh), and **Bob Lowell** of San Diego CA, a friend of **Joan Gilkison**.

Following lunch, we enjoyed a presentation by **Wm. Richard** from the Lee County Sheriff's Department and his canine companion for 7 years, **Axle**, a German shepherd. He told us how dogs are chosen for police work, the cost of their maintenance and care to keep them, and the training they go through. Axle came from Belgium at age 2 and he went through six months of training. On average, the dog is deployed 12 to 15 times per month. At present, Lee County has 24 dogs in its canine unit. Everyone had questions to ask and his answers certainly enlightened all of us. It was a very, very interesting and informative presentation. We could have listened for another hour if Officer Richard didn't have to go back to work!

Ed Clarke reported what he knew about EOC cases to date. All communication with retirees will soon be solely via the Internet, eliminating communication with many former UAL retirees who have no access to computers. Also, the Help Desk in Seattle (run by volunteers) may not be supported by the company.

The monthly 50/50 raffle was won by **Joan Gilkison**. Other winners were **Dave Detwiler**, **Marge Burg**, **Marilyn McNabb**, **Jerry Pryde** and **Rosemary Blake**.

John Dainus emailed that his wife **Nancy** continues in serious condition and needs our prayers.

Our next meeting will be on March 2nd. Our April meeting is scheduled for April 13 (one week later than usual) because of Good Friday.

Please join the Pelican Drop-Ins if you're visiting in the Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Ft. Myers, or Naples area. We would welcome you.

Calendar:

1st 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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January 9th meeting was held at IHOP restaurant and called to order at 10:30 by President **Barbara Riecscs**. There were 20 attendees and no guests. **Joan & Ed Hufnagel** attended as members of the Denver chapter.

There were no anniversaries or birthdays for the month of January.

The minutes of the December meeting were read by **Carolyn Lodge** and approved.

The Treasurers report was read by **Jean Linehan** and approved.

Travel was taken by **Beverly Alderdice** during the holidays to Massachusetts with side trips to Newport, Rhode Island and New York. She traveled by Southwest Airlines. **Mary Martin** traveled to Greenville, North Carolina on Delta Airlines. **Pat & Jim Hottel** traveled to Maine on UAL Express. **Jean Linehan** gave us all a reminder to check the dress code on whatever airline you are traveling.

Barbara Riecscs explained to everyone on how her husband is doing since and prior to his surgery. We need to continue to keep him in our prayers as he continues to recuperate.

Jon Wilkinson read the list of all the new routes that United and Continental will be flying. At the present, UAL has 772 airplanes and Continental has 552. He also told us other UAL news. **Pat Hottel** explained to us the problems that she had as a spouse regarding the change in our medical cards and numbers. She gave us all a number to get right to Medco for any help you might need. That number is 1-800-864-1425. **Bob Lindstrom** stated that he was on the phone for a very long time trying to get results. He stated that not all card numbers were changed automatically with Medco and when you call them, be sure to have your old number as well as your new one.

Jon Wilkinson talked to **Paul Brown**, our Southeast Director, regarding joining with the members of The Villages group and going to Pensacola to join that group for lunch and going to the naval museum. With the two groups, we could have enough to rent a bus. We would need approximately 54 people. Discussion was held on what is required to get on the base. **Bob Lindstrom** also discussed with **Paul Brown** about the funding problems for our organization. It was stated that we are not charging enough for dues and that they should be \$10.00 a year instead of \$5.00 per person. **Jim Hottel** stated that he agreed about raising the dues and maybe eliminating one of our picnics. **Jon Wilkinson** said the picnics bring out more members and he would not suggest dropping one. **Carolyn Lodge** stated instead of catering, we could bring various dishes and not pay to rent the space when the park is virtually empty on the Mondays that we are having our picnic. **Jon Wilkinson** said that the \$53.00 to rent the space was a very small amount. **Beverly Alderdice** stated that guests' fees for the picnic should be increased from the \$6.00. **Barbara Riecscs** stated that we all should think about all of these items and we will vote on each at next month's meeting. **Bob Lindstrom** stated that **Paul Brown** was working on getting a date for us to visit The Villages meeting.

Jim Hottel told the group that if you were at Dulles Airport and had time you can go out the terminal and go to the Air and Space Museum for fifty cents which is right on the grounds. The drawback is you do have to go out of security and back.

Terri Breslin reported on the Sunshine Report. She stated that she sent a sympathy card to **Hank Canfield's** daughter. Hank was past President of the Chapter, he was 98 years old. She stated that his ashes would be flown back to Tampa and if anyone was interested in attending the memorial service to let Terri know. She sent a card to **Dave Lodge** as he was in the hospital before Christmas with double pneumonia. She sent a card to **Dick Riedl** as he was in a automobile accident on December 22nd and there was injury to his spine. Terri received a thank you letter from JDRF. We collected \$226.00 this year.

Terri Breslin reported that the Christmas Lunch has been set for Spartan Manor on December 3rd. She also thanked everyone that worked on our last lunch.

There being no further business our meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

2nd Report:

February 6th meeting was called to order at 11:40 by President **Barbara Riecscs** with 19 members present and no guests. **Joan & Ed Hufnagel** joined us again this month from the Denver Chapter.

Marty Fitzgerald turned a young 80 on February 20th. There were no anniversaries for the month of February. The minutes for January were read by **Carolyn Lodge** and approved after an amendment was made. The Treasurers Report was read by **Jean Linehan** and approved. The motion was brought up and approved to raise the dues to \$10.00 a person. The dues can be paid at any time starting now but the final due date is June 30, 2012. The dues should be sent to **Mary Martin**.

Discussion was held regarding our picnics. It was decided that all members would pay \$6.00 for the picnics and guests would pay \$8.00. Sign up and the monies for the picnic will be due in March. A sign up sheet will be available at the March meeting otherwise you can sign up and send the amount due to **Jean Linehan** by March 30th. It was decided that members would provide the desserts rather than have them catered. Catering would still be done by Pit Boss. **Jon Wilkinson** gave us the new information on UAL. It was stated to make sure to go on "My Account" on the UAL website to make sure that your spouse is signed up for benefits.

Beverly Alderdice informed us of a one person play on "Eleanor Roosevelt" that will be held at the Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center on February 19th at 2:00 p.m. for the cost of \$18.00 per person. **Jim Hottel** asked if anyone knew how to get passes now and it was told to call the UAL retirees telephone number. **Terri Breslin** stated that there was no Sunshine report this month.

Barbara Riecss stated that she would call **Paul Brown** regarding a Florida Chapter Round-Up to be held at The Villages. We are going to try for February 2013 and need a individual Chapter member from each chapter to be a spokesman. This person will coordinate names of attendees and provide all information to their chapters. We will need to choose a spokesperson for our group.

There being no further business our meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Calendar:

March 5 - IHOP Restaurant, 10:30 a.m.

April 2 - 10:30, Picnic at Anderson Park



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Well, as they say, don't wish for what you want for you shall receive! We've been having somewhat of a dry spell here in FL and the rains came yesterday and today in such heavy downpour that we were expecting a new member and she called to say that she would not be able to come to the meeting and would strive for next month.

In spite of the rain, we had 19 members in attendance. We were short of 6 who are on an extended trip to Australia and a China Cruise. They are: **Judith & Artie Frage, Diane & Paul Liebisch, Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Sharon Kirk**. **Millie Rossi** was under the weather and sad news reported by **Ron & Diane Brodis**, Diane's mother passed away on February 4. Our sincere condolences to Ron & Diane.

Jim Moorehead had the floor and he filled us in on some important facts re. Pass travel.

Al Popek spoke to the group on their trip to China and how they fared with flights, etc. What a trip! Al also read a lovely letter we received from Toys for Tots re. our generous donations at Christmas time. As you can well imagine, donations were way down this year and our chapter stepped up with three shopping carts full to the brim. Thank you to all our members.

We are still in the planning stages for our May picnic. Stay tuned!

The **Carraghers** will be leaving for New York to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade and of course, they will be the leprechauns as usual. Watch for them.

At the end of the meeting, Al read our Treasury report, starting for 2012.

Janice & Al Popek are planning their annual anniversary trip to the cold country of Jackson Hole, WY and Boise, ID. Here comes the snow!

Bob Langevin worked with **Al Popek** on the 50/50, winner was **Constantinos Xifaras** and the progressive was won by none other than Yours Truly. What a kick!

Happy Anniversary to **Carolyn & David Lindgren** on February 2. Since this is a leap year, **Judy & Artie Frage** will be able to celebrate their anniversary on February 29.

On the lighter side:

- ☺ *Life is not a race so take it slower. Hear the music before the song is over!*
- ☺ *Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here, we might as well dance.*
- ☺ *When you worry and hurry through the day, it is like an opened gift thrown away.*

Remember to live, laugh and love. The clock is ticking. Tell the people you love that you love them. Don't expect them to read your mind. Tell them often, it could be the last time.

Calendar:

March 6 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

April 3 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

May 1 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

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BOISE GEMS

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On January 9, we had a special luncheon at the Golden Corral, with 17 members in attendance, a good time was had by all. We had a regular luncheon meeting on February 6 at JB's Restaurant, with 16 members attending: **David & Carol Adams, Bob & Palmer Sarnoff, Bud & Pat Peters, Charles & Shirley Perkins, Rick & Shirley Dempsey, Marlene Croghan, Ned Yundt, Denny Snyder, Louise Duvall, and Bill & Eve Estensen.** President Dave surveyed the members present and decided to move the monthly meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. beginning March 13. Our new location will be IHOP in Meridian on Fairview at the Crossroads.

Calendar:

March 13 - IHOP Meridian 11:30 a.m.

April 10 - Location TBA

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With spring arriving, we hope to see some Snow Birds returning as well as regular members and welcome any new guests to come and join us for the March 21st Luncheon. Please email or call me before noon of March 20th so that we can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect.

A reminder that the Skyliners will be having their Spring Luncheon at the Meridian in Rolling Meadows the same week on Monday, March 19th. We hope to see everyone at both luncheons.

Norm Pearson, one of our regular attendees, is having knee replacement surgery in mid February. By the time you read this column, Norm should be well on his way to full recovery and probably attending our next luncheon. Get well wishes can be sent to Norm at 2214 E. Grove St., Arlington Heights, IL 60004,

Calendar:

March 21 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State and Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.)

April – No Luncheon scheduled

May 16 – Luncheon scheduled on usual date of third Wednesday of the odd month

INDIANA

INDY RACERS

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With the Indy Racers home town of Indianapolis hosting the NFL's Super Bowl XLVI the first week in February, retirees and football fans from across the country had the opportunity to have photos taken at "The Circle" where giant Roman Numerals provided a picturesque back drop. Downtown Indianapolis was remodeled to form a Super Bowl Village that had over 1,105,000 visitors during the 10-day run of festivities. We had no reports of Indy racers "zip-lining" past the NFL Experience. But many, including **Charles Theiss**, **Ray & Hannelore Brabo**, and **Chris & Shary Johnston** enjoyed watching the game on television with friends and family members.

As we reported last month, **Ray & Hannelore Brabo** spent the holidays in Seattle visiting their son. Their vacation was extended when Ray was hospitalized for several days. Both **Ray & Hannelore** returned to Indy through Denver, and **Ray** is recuperating at home.

Happy Birthday to Indy Racers **Edward Loftus** (3/3), **Lenny Kurtz** (3/6), **Hannelore Brabo** (3/16), **Charles Theiss** (3/27) and **Robert Duty** (3/30). And, Happy Anniversary to **Ruth & Bob Duffey** (3/16).

Calendar:

March 13 - HOP, 10143 E. US 36 (Rockville Rd.), Avon. Meeting Room is available from 1:30 p.m. for lunch, conversation and card playing. Meeting begins at 3 p.m.

April 10 – IHOP, 10143 E. US 36 (Rockville Rd.), Avon. Meeting Room is available from 1:30 p.m. for lunch, conversation and card playing. Meeting begins at 3 p.m.

MASSACHUSETTS

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No meeting, no meeting news. Thank you, to those Nor'Easters who filled out the questionnaire on the back side of the 2012 membership renewal. Due to my dying printer, I now realize several members didn't get a questionnaire. If you'd like to fill out one, please call or email me to have one sent. It's about you helping us plan meeting venues. I'll hold back on results to allow for more input.

Peg Dellelo suggests going to the website UA Pension Restore (*see the article and the link in the General News section*). She is hoping more retirees will email the PBGC to restore pensions lost to the, as Nightline called it, "*phony United bankruptcy*". Now, American is jumping on the bandwagon. I always said American copied whatever United did!

Dick Mangino, who had both hand and forearm transplants advises he's slowly getting feelings and strength back. He's looking forward to driving again. Dick's been the focus of several local and a Boston newspaper, he sometimes feels like a celebrity. You can't keep a good man down!

I called the **Washburn** home expecting to talk to **Jacqueline**, inquiring how **Ken** is doing after his lung collapse that hospitalized him last August. I got a good surprise when Ken answered. He returned home the last of January. He's a little weak from the long hospital bout, is using a walker, has no pain and in general, feels good. The hospital is not thru with him yet, but Ken says he's getting better every day. He has a positive attitude!

If you are one of the individuals who have been reluctant to get yourself computerized, you'd best find a friend or relative with Email. Give their E address to the Benefits Service Center. Evidently, Mr. S at CO is satisfied to use employees and discard them on their retirement. He will not buy a stamp to advise retirees of any notice. It will be all done by Email. If you don't give an address, you'll be out of the loop and ignored.

Well, I have to say this is the warmest winter up here in the Northeast. And, we need snow to keep the forest wet in spring. It seems like our normal winter has wandered off course. If this is global warming, New Hampshire could become the next Florida!

March's birthdays: **Bob Austin, Dorothy Barry, Lee Loyn, Mary Beth McDermet, Bill Shailor and Jimmy Yip.**

March's anniversaries: **Frederic & Rita Casey** (58 years), **Marcia & David Kilpatrick** (18 years), **Gerald & Margaret Peters** (55 years) and **Lew & Sylvia Shakley** (49 years).

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As we get older, it will avoid us. ~ Winston Churchill

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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16 Escapees & 1 guest, **Pat Klein's** Aunt Lottie, gathered at the New Peking in Garden City on February 2, hosted by **Maxine Raymond**. We were happy to see **Marcy Vance** who shed her big medical boot she wore due to many broken bones which she inherited for riding her bike and playing with her IPOD at the time. Marcy claims she is back on the saddle again and claims she is not playing IPOD, however she was talking on her cell phone while riding. Me thinks she is asking for trouble. Will she ever learn? She is now planning a cruise in the near future.

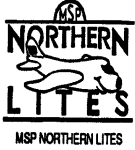
Rick & Gwen Schwendenmann are returning from cruising in the Bahamas as I write. I heard their state room is quite large and Rick has had no problems maneuvering his wheelchair around in it. We missed sister, Joan as she inherited another infection so was under the weather you might say. If they can't get it controlled they will have to postpone her cataract surgery once again, now scheduled for the 15th. This is not good as she can hardly read her diabetic meter anymore. Please keep her in your prayers.

Also Love & Prayers to the family of **Jane Kale** (DTWRR) who left our world on January 29th. Jane was just 50 years old and had been battling cancer for some time. Lastly, our love and prayers to **Marlene Dallas** @ 9164 Mendota St., Detroit, MI 48204, who said her final good-byes to her mom, **Louzula Dallas**, who joined the angels in heaven.

Calendar:

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

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When I was ready to compose this communiqué, I read over the submission for 2011 & found that at the same time last year, we were experiencing record-setting snowfall in the area. This year has been the complete opposite ~ record-setting warmth & hardly any snowfall. God & Mother Nature like to keep us alert up here. Since that time, though, we got a slap-in-the-face dose of subzero cold which reminded us all where we live, but it only lasted about 4 days!

In January, 34 Lites found their way to West St. Paul to join in the camaraderie. We were all amazed & happy to see **Dick Haag**, MSP ramp-serviceman who retired in 2002. Not sure what precipitated his decision to come to lunch, but glad he did! Hopefully, he'll make it a regular occurrence, especially since he won the birthday roll-off & paid his annual dues.

Medical news ~ **Al Kilian** recently had a pace-maker installed, which delayed his & **Mary's** travelling to their Arizona winter haven. Then **Mary** had some complications which further delayed their departure from the Great Frozen Tundra. Don't know whether they'll make their getaway at all this winter! **Al Gunderson's** daughter, Jeanne, who joined us last month for lunch, has received a disturbing health report & because of that we ask that you all keep her in your prayers. Likewise, **Jack Doke's** situation has deteriorated & he must undergo chemo & radiation therapy. A note or phone call would perk him up, I bet: 927 LaQuinta Blvd., Winterhaven, FL 33881, (863) 294-9599.

Lately, in the Land of Ice Hockey, there have been two incidents where high school hockey players have been gravely injured by being checked hard from behind. One of them is **Jenna Privette**, the niece of deceased former MSP Customer Service Agent, **Tim Privette**. The prognosis for her is life as a paralytic, so our group voted to donate to her medical-aid fund through the bank. Another donation was voted for the fund of a local St. Paul barber, a Good Samaritan citizen who was hit by a drunk driver when he tried to assist a stranded motorist.

Lee Storlie, our president-for-life (he's beginning to think), called **George Anderson** recently to see how he's doing, as we haven't seen him for about a year. "**Doc**" is muddling along reasonably well & enjoys watching basketball on TV. He'd enjoy a phone call or a note: 600 Valley High Rd., Burnsville, MN 55337, (952) 890-8782.

News about ZED fares ~ more & more airlines will offer them electronically as time goes by, eliminating the necessity of having to go to a ticket office or airport ticket counter in order to purchase tickets. This should make both purchases & refunds (if necessary) much easier.

Southwest Airlines still requires a "letter of eligibility" presented to a SW ticket counter for issuance of tickets. Recently, with the merger, there was confusion about where to call in order to obtain those letters. Here's the scoop, folks: call (713) 324-5555, select option #5, then option #5 again in order to speak to a real live person. Locally, **Mary & Jim Brennan** had a frustrating situation when the MSP Southwest station refused the letter they'd had issued by UA management (not through the aforementioned phone number). It failed to include **Mary's** date of birth, date of travel & itinerary, she was told. She was also told that the letters are valid for only one year from date of issue & that one should allow 2 weeks to get the tickets. This is apparently a local set of rules because a few days later, **Rosemary Soltis** found that the requirements do include date of hire, date of birth and the 1-year validity, but that anyone at SW should be able to issue the tickets & there's no 2-week wait, date of travel or itinerary requirement. All this should be explained, however, when you speak to someone at the phone number mentioned above.

We heard one tiny piece of possible good news as regards the SEA Travel Help Desk. The SHARES reservations system computer (the CO res system that will be in use system-wide in early March) has been installed there. At this writing, though, they've heard nothing about training for the volunteers or any other details.

Remember last fall when our intrepid fishermen went off to Alaska to hunt the wily silver salmon & **Jim Simon** inadvertently got locked in an airport bathroom? Well, he had another incident lately that gave him a case of claustrophobia ~ he was patiently waiting in a drive-through carwash for his Ford Escape to complete the cycle, when it became painfully obvious that although things were finished, the exit door was not opening.

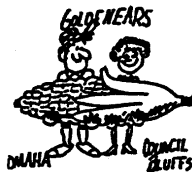
The front of his vehicle was completely dried by the blowers while he frantically worked his cell phone to call the management for help. T'was a good thing he had the establishment's number in his phone, eh? Somehow, we've got to help that boy lose that little black cloud that follows him around.

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

NEBRASKA

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There were 25 at our luncheon at the Old Country Buffet on January 3. **Glen Saffer** said he is having rotator cuff surgery on February 1st. We hope everything goes okay and that rehab will be successful in his healing.

In the December 18th issue of the Omaha World-Herald was a notice of the death of **Elsie Vakoc**, age 94, widow of **Myron**. Elsie was a member of our group until July of 2007 when her son, Jim, moved her to Verdigo, NE as she was suffering from Alzheimer's.

Louise (Frakes) Mitchell has moved to Assisted Living and her new address is: Vintage Park Apts., 810 E. Van Buren, Room 101, Lenox, IA 50851. No phone # was given.

Van Van Houten fell on December 21 falling flat on his face onto cement at a filling station. After a trip to ER, where they found no broken bones and doctored his face from scratches and bleeding, he was sent home. After taking some rehab for the fall, I am happy to say he is doing much better.

Jake Hutchinson sent a card and he said to be sure and tell the "old gang" hello. He said other than his vision problems, he is doing very well, but he does miss golfing and driving. He is looking at maybe joining us for our picnic in June; however, he said it isn't easy to get to Omaha from Minneapolis via United, but he will look into it.

Calendar:

March 6 - Golden Corral on N. 72nd St., hosted by **Clair & Barb Soseman**.

NEVADA



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 22 people at our January meeting at Jack's.

The 50/50 was won by **Barbara Leusing**. Happy New Year!

The 2012 Sierra Roundup Picnic will be Monday, August 20th. A group of UNR professors managed to snag our regular date. The date has also been provided to the Clipped Wings for their planning purposes.

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

We are sorry to report the passing of one of our original members – **Dorothy Burrell**. Dorothy had been experiencing some health and mobility problems for a while. She died in November.

Calendar:

March 12

April 9

May 14

NEW JERSEY

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John Deily opened the meeting with a flag salute and a moment of silence in the memories of **Marie Whitman** and **Violet Etler**, who passed away within the last 2 months.

A vote was taken to retain all of our officers and it was unanimously approved. We also talked about bi-monthly meetings and this was turned down. We agreed to meet monthly on the last Wednesday of the month. There was also a report on parking at Newark Airport. Vista Parking is advertising for \$9 a day, www.vistaparking.com.

Our 50/50 was won by **Kathy Deily**.

Calendar:

February 29 – 12PM at Snuffy's

NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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Allow me to introduce myself, the new secretary of the New York Metros. I don't own a computer, or cell phone, or answering machine. I have only basic cable and if I am upstairs when you call, I will be speaking on my rotary phone. Not to worry though, I am confident Pony Express will get my news to you. Which is: We hibernated in January, (where is the snow?) and 43 of us met February 1st on a sunny, 60 degree day. Sorry I don't have a list of all birthdays and anniversaries, but it was the actual birthday of **Vic Carneval** and **Dale Dueber**.

As new officers we are still getting our feet wet, but President **Ed Pozzi** got us off to a good start. VP **Charlie Kaczinski** brought us up to date on company news and **Paul Cohen** continues to watch over our funds. Outgoing secretary **Madeline Klos** was all smiles as she handed over all the paper work to me – she did an excellent job – and outgoing Pres. **Jim Richardson** got to sit and enjoy his meal from soup to nuts.

Following the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silent prayer, the names of our convalescing members were read: **Frank LoPinto** had knee surgery and is now in rehab in Florida, (954) 903-1353. **John Butera** is recovering from heart surgery. **Rocky Mongelli** is in Woodbury Nursing Home on Jericho Turnpike, visiting hours are 11AM – 9 PM.

Sadly, there are quite a few on our list of deceased as follows: **Bob Campbell** (LGAFF - 12/25/11), **Art Hagner** (JFKFF - 11/04/11), **Consuelo Toledo** (LGAMK, lead cabin service - 11/23/11), **Harry Rote** (JFKIV - 11/20/11), **Ennest Rosado** (JFKSW - 11/06/11), **Thelma Pickney** (NYCRR, JFKGG, JFKPE - 10/11), **Ken Henry** (JFKJC - 10/11).

Though early, we are looking for an alternate plan to replace our picnic at Belmont Race Track. The horses refuse to run on holidays, which, if we stick to our 1st Wednesday of the month would be July 4th. Are they unionized?

That's all the news this fledgling reporter gathered. Let's see what next month brings.

Calendar:

March 7 – 1200 noon -Milleridge Inn

April 4 – 1200 noon – Milleridge Inn

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Hello to everyone! This is the first meeting of the year for our group and it was great to see 50 of our members in attendance since many of them are regular “snowbirds” and head south after the holidays. Hope they are back soon! After the sudden closing of the restaurant we were booked into for a year, we were able to get into a great place that we have been to before. Stancatos Restaurant was able to take care of us on short notice and all went smoothly. For all of you who are booking places, we found out the place was closed less than two weeks prior to our reservation!

My husband **George Kuretz** and I were the hosts for this event. Normally, we are in the dead of winter and have a “snow day” booked in, but we are experiencing a winter with the least amount of snow we have ever seen and regular sunshine! Great so far!

Dave Placko opened our meeting with a prayer before our meal was served and we thank him. The luncheon service followed and we all agreed that our meal was really, really good and we will be back! We also had a cake for our first 2012 meeting provided by the chapter. Our president, **Dolly Taucher** opened our meeting by explaining the change of venue and thanking **Bob Kudej** for letting her know the restaurant had closed two weeks before without notice.

She also reminded us that there was a change in our BC/BS cards and we all have new numbers. **Carol Hacker** was welcomed back as she was unable to attend for some time due to her husband’s failing health and death shortly before Christmas. It’s great to see her back with us. Dolly also heard from **Harold Smith** (former CLE ramp supervisor), he sends a “Hello” to all and says his heart was always in CLE. **Joe Oppman** also contacted us wanting to know why we were not in the February issue of RUAEA. Simple explanation – No January meeting. Also, our website is now listed as a link on a number of other websites, so now former CLE employees can gain access to see what we are doing. We will be welcoming three new members next month. As you can see, Dolly has been quite busy. We still have no final information on the new pass policy!

“Happy Birthday” to all our members who celebrated their birthdays in January ~ **Jackie Craig, Kathy Elster, Betty Krischker, Rudy Pivik, Paul Rodjom** and **Bob Templeton** were with us so they were serenaded by all.

P.S. **John Jeskey** celebrated his 92nd Birthday this January! “Happy Birthday” also to those of us who share the month of Valentines as our special day. Those who were at the luncheon were **Tom Hockett, Mary Lou Mack, Jeff Spooner, Dolly Taucher, Frank Wachs**, and Yours Truly. We were also serenaded by all, and wish you all could have been with us.

“Happy Anniversary” to the following who celebrated their years together in February. Congratulations to **Dave & Sharon Simpson** (38yrs) and **Bob & Beverly Templeton** (54yrs). Wishing you many, many more years together.

Sadly, we have lost two members since December: **Victor Taylor**, age 94 passed away on December 12; **Harrison Gunther**, age 85 passed away on January 1, 2012. Our sympathy and prayers go out to their families and friends.

Thank goodness for the Plackos and their handling the Fifty/Fifty for us. This month’s winners were **Barb Wachs** and **Jeff Spooner**. Congratulations!

**Enthusiasm with error is more acceptable than indifference with perfection.*

Calendar:

March 7 – Road House, Bagley Road. Pre-paid / Snow Day – March 8. Doors Open 11:30 / Serving 12:15, hosted by **Gene & Jackie Craig**

April 4 – North Olmsted Party Center. Pre-paid, Buffet. Doors Open 11:30 / Serving 12:30, hosted by **Nancy Carter** and **Mary Lou Mack**

OREGON

OUR CLUB



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On January 6, **Russ & Alberta Randall** hosted the first OUR Club luncheon of 2012 at Hunan Gardens in Grants Pass. Sixteen members attended the meeting and got the New Year off to a warm and happy start.

Bob & Ida Rogers hosted the February luncheon at Wild River Brewery in Grants Pass. Happily welcomed among the 19 who attended were **Marty & Denise Farian** of Eagle Point and former member **Karl Albert** of Grants Pass. It was heartwarming that **Neal & Sonnia Appleton** were able to come and express their personal thanks for all the caring, concern and support offered during Neal's recent cancer treatments.

It's sad to report that **Steve & Sue Osborn** have had to step back from being active with the chapter while Steve undergoes treatments for a recurrence of cancer. Our thoughts and prayers will be with both of them for a positive outcome and a return to mutual enjoyment of their OUR Club membership.

On a positive note, I got a new knee in early January and am doing so well that chief cook and bottle washer, **Jim Frincke**, may soon get a reprieve.

It is with the saddest of hearts that I report the death of **Barbara Hickox** on January 21 at age 82. Barbara and her late husband, **Bob Hickox**, were among the founding members of the OUR Club chapter in the early 1990s. Bob retired as a blade shop supervisor in SFOMB, and they moved to Grants Pass in 1987. Both were dedicated members of OUR Club, and Barbara held many offices over the years. Bob passed away in 2004. Barbara subsequently suffered a stroke in 2007 and had been in a rehabilitation facility since. She was a genuinely sweet lady who will retain a special place in our hearts and will be greatly missed.

Calendar:

March 2 - Ric & Gidget Walcha – Black Bear Diner, Grants Pass

April 6 - Wayne Widrig - TBA

May 4 - Peggy Wilson - TBA

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The chapter started out the New Year with 72 members attending the luncheon. We welcomed new members **Per & Pearl Fjustad** and **Fred & Cheri Mustachia**. **Eileen Cleys**, a visitor brought member **Bill Keys**. It is wonderful to see the many new faces showing up at our luncheons. Winners of free lunches this month are as follows: Door prize - **Ron Vriens**, Men's birthday - **Roger Tuckett**, Women's birthday - **Susie Clack** and Anniversary - **Bruce & Carol DeFord** (44 years). **Craig Strand** donated two prints for the door prize drawing and they went to **Connie Bauer** and **Eileen Cleys**.

A thank you to **Johni Wilson** for the photographs she gave out, they were taken at the Christmas party. **Dennis Cline** told stories about his adventure playing Santa Claus in Stockton, CA. During the "memory lane" segment of our meeting, **Mel Martin** was singled out and told about a couple of incidents he remembered.

Paul gave thanks to **Harvey Larkin** for filling in as Director the past year and **Clifford Blare** and **Nadine Holten** started their two year terms. **John Donaldson** will be the nomination chair this year and will be seeking persons interested in holding an office next year.

It is with sadness I report that **Terry Rennie**, PDXOO, passed away on February 2. Terry had suffered a stroke several years ago and had been unable to attend meetings, but was always interested in what was

happening with the retirees. We will remember him as being one of the best golfers at PDX. Our condolences go out to his wife **Beryl** and family.

The speaker for the March meeting will be Detective Teresa Uhke of the Portland Police Bureau who will talk on "Elder Crime".

This is the last month to get your dues in to have your name in the 2012 roster. If you haven't done so already, please send \$5 per person to **Rosalie Betschart**, 220 NE 116th, Portland, OR 97220. Only those belonging to our chapter are eligible for prizes given out at the luncheons.

It was announced on February 3rd that all three travel desks will close on March 2nd. Portland will remain open on Mon/Wed/Fri in March to explain the closure to those calling in and assisting them if they can. There are too, too many people to thank in PDX for all the time and effort they have put forth over the 14 years; however our gratitude goes out to **Tina Lewis** for all she has done for the travel desk and we must also remember the late **Tom Harvey** who put it all together and worked so diligently for many years.

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM.

March 14 - Speaker from PDX Police Dept.

April 11 - Social

May 9 - Demonstration on New CPR Inst.

PENNSYLVANIA



THE INDEPENDENTS

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What a wonderful winter so far! Hope it keeps it up (Sorry all you skiers!)

Our luncheons begin again on March 12, 12:30 pm at the Ramada Inn in Essington. All are welcome and expected.

Anyone reading this message and is not a member of our Philadelphia Independents, you are invited to join us. Call **Tom Lyons** for more information at (610) 853-2721.

We still need at least 2 more persons for our trip to the Arden Theater on April 15 at 6 pm. Your \$48.00 is due at our March meeting. The show is the Wedding singer.

Our cancer survivor **Bill Carmen** was treated to a surprise 75th birthday party by his daughter. When they opened the door, 25 of his friends and coworkers yelled "Surprise!" Bill turned to Carol and said, "*Let's get out of the way. We're in the wrong house!*" He was really surprised and enjoyed seeing his old friend **Randy Canale** who flew in from CA for the special occasion.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! It seems that everyone is Irish on March 17, wearing their green, enjoying the green beer, Irish coffee, Irish potatoes and all the rest of the Irish food. My dear Irish friend, **Patti Ellis**, who is now in a much better place, was so proud of her Irish heritage. I'm sure she's teaching the Irish Jig to all in heaven.

A co-worker from years past, **Bob Bowden** passed away January 30, 2012 at his residence surrounded by family. **Bob** had 35 years of service working at Pit for a short time and moved to San for the rest of his years with UAL.

Harry & Betty Shirley moved to Grove City to be near their daughter. **Betty** passed away last year. **Harry** would appreciate hearing from his friends; you can call him at (724) 458-4721 or write a note, his address is 19 Orchard St. #120, Grove City, PA 16127.

Another member of our UAL family would like to hear from friends and co-workers, **George Lesko** is suffering with fractured ribs. He had an accident at Kohl's. His address is 234 Bettis Rd. Dravosburg, PA 15034.

Birthdays in March ~ **Treatie** (15), **Max Seaholm** (23), **Barb Seaholm** (31). A happy anniversary to **Barb & Max Seaholm** (11).

Mary Jane Stewart, son **Brian**, and grandson **Kevin** traveled to Cambridge, Mass. to see **Wilda Gerideau Squires** (CLE-BOS) in the performance "The Christmas Revels" at Harvard University. **Wilda** sang in the chorus and was brilliant. This is an annual performance and **Mary Jane** highly recommends attending. **Wilda's** talent does not stop at singing, she also is a photographer. Her work has been displayed at different galleries in NYC, DC and BOS.

Some very disappointing news about one of the few benefits we retirees have left, our three retiree travel desks will no longer be available after March 31, 2012. The company has decided they will not train or support our travel desk. It is very sad that the new company has no interest in retirees. This is not only my thinking but hundreds of other retirees have the same feeling.

If any of you have 2011 benefit issues for questions regarding status changes, contact the United Airlines Benefit center at 1-800-651-1007 Monday thru Friday, 7:00a.m to 7:00 p.m. Central Time. Also for 2012 benefits you may use the same number.

Until next month, top o' the mornin and the rest of the day to you.

UTAH



THE SALT LAKERS

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I am happy to report that our eldest member of the SLC Chapter of retirees has accepted our invitation to join us at our get-together at Johanna's Kitchen this next week. **Dorothy Larsen** will turn 100 years old on February 12th. **Dorothy's** husband **Dex** (now deceased) worked for UAL for 35 years, beginning in SLC and ending in SFO in maintenance. They have 3 children, 2 daughters and 1 son; 6 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. **Dorothy** stayed active with the retirees in California, and then moved here after her husband died to be close to her children here. Her daughter Linda will bring her to our Brunch and join us also. We have planned a special room with balloons, a small gift and a card from our chapter. The manager will have a special dessert for us all to enjoy.

Another special member of our chapter is **Mike Brown**. I recently talked with him on the phone and he shared his experiences with UAL: **Mike** began in March 1966, working on the ramp as a vacation-relief. After he gained seniority, he was able to hold a day shift. He saw several types of aircraft from DC-6 all the way to DC-10, Caravells and Airbuses. In 1983, when UAL started down sizing, he was laid off. Having the option to transfer, he chose to go to DEN and spent 11 months there. He then was recalled to SLC and worked there until retirement. He said "*in about 1994 we started doing "Fantasy Flights" where I portrayed Santa Claus*". That was a great finish to a fun time at UAL." After retiring, he worked as Santa Claus at Cottonwood Mall in Salt Lake for 2 years, and then went to Las Vegas to work at Circus Circus for 3 years. He returned again to the Salt Lake Valley Fair Mall to play Santa another 2 years. One of the first UAL Christmas parties I went to was when Mike was dressed as Santa and brightened up our SLC chapter group. We thank **Mike** for bringing smiles to lots of faces both young and old.

With the start of the New Year, it was mentioned that our new chapter officers decided to plan our schedule of events for every other month because the smaller coffee gatherings didn't have many members in attendance. Some have been in contact to say they are missing those times together. We have decided to keep our schedule as planned, and then take a vote for any changes wanted for next year. Our scheduled lunches are listed below.

All of us here in SLC are enjoying spring-like weather. We're thankful for the dry roads to drive on and the clear sidewalks to walk on. However, we are still praying for more snow in the mountains. 'Til next time,

Calendar:

April 3 – Lunch at 2pm, Golden Corral at 665 E. 7200 So., in Midvale

June 5 - Lunch at 2pm at the Joy Luck (Chinese) at 550 W. 1300 So. in Bountiful

August 7 – Our annual catered picnic at 5pm at the Sugarhouse Park in Salt Lake

October 2 – Lunch at 2pm at the Chuck-A-Rama Buffet at 6363 So. State in SLC

December - Christmas party to be announced later

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



President **Frank McAnulty** called the January meeting to order with 59 members greeting each other after the holiday break. Apparently, many members spent the vacation period reading, as the book exchange table was piled high with good reading material. February ice and snow storms, as well as power outages, also encouraged members to do more reading in the middle of the month.

Now spring is in the air, as the daffodil and the aquamarine gem welcome March birthday partiers **Blaine Anderson, Don Anderson** (SEAFO), **Vivian Anderson** (SEAFR), **Helen Clement, Marion Hafterson, Kay Johnson** (SEACG), **John Lockhart** (SEAHH), **Mary Luke, Hubert Malco** (SEAHH), and **Charlotte Rousso**.

Congratulations to our one and only March anniversary couple – **Sid & Edna Harris**, who celebrate #61 this year.

Company policies, insurance situations, and related information were discussed, with questions being answered and suggestions being made to members who had trouble with insurance coverage. It was suggested that members check their free credit reports to recognize fraud or misinformation before it gets out of hand. Summaries of the business matters discussed were published in the February *Contrails*, the Emerald City Slickers local chapter newsletter, edited by **Vicki Shumaker** and coordinated by **Phyllis Bowman** with assistance from **Jo Ann Bernovich, Nancy Lagervall-Ference, and Betty Paul**.

Winners at the January meeting included **Mike Bratovich**, who claimed the 50/50 prize. We all thank those who donate door prizes at each meeting, but none more than the following recipients of the January drawings: **Jo Ann Bernovich, Karen Bixler, Richard Devereux, Bill Gordius, Adelaide Haferbecker, John Haferbecker, Don Hanson, Anita Malco, Hubert Malco, Danny Miles, Betty Paul, John Reed, Sidney Reed, Carol Soffel, Dolores Steger, Ken Wagner, Otto Wieland**.

Errors and omissions in the newly-published Emerald City Slickers' membership directory will be corrected in future issues of *Contrails*, newsletter of the local chapter. Please notify your correspondent of any changes and she will pass them on.

We regret to announce the deaths of local United Airlines employees and retirees. We were notified of **Bob Kent's** (SEACG) January death by **Joyce Fox Tyo** (SEACS). **D.W. (Ted) Urquart** was the victim of a ruptured aortic aneurysm January 15, as reported by his widow **Dolores**. We extend our condolences to both families and their friends.

As we went to press, members were anticipating a change of pace with the February 14 luncheon to be held at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. There is sure to be a lot of red in Valentine's Day dress. **Dave Jones** (SFOFO), docent at the Museum, made arrangements for the buffet lunch, tours of exhibits, and a program by **Steve Ellis**, son of the late **Bill Ellis**.

Calendar:

March 13 – Luncheon meeting, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton

April 10 – Luncheon meeting, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton

May 8 - Luncheon meeting, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton

No regular meetings June through August

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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

Our mild weather continues ... still very dry and pleasant.

Convention 2012 planning continues and the details are falling into place. Many tours will again be offered and a variety of destinations will have something to please everyone. The beauty of the Nation's Capital in the fall will amaze you; it is not to be missed. The Convention managers are **Marilyn Marcy** and **Linda Scriven**, they are both long time residents of the Washington area so they have lots of great ideas for your free time.

Our Dulles Loungers member **Pamela Hussey** (IADRR) and her family enjoyed a wonderful Hawaiian vacation over the New Year and some details are shown to help you plan a similar trip ~ Pamela and her party of 6 flew on United (confirmed seats) to Honolulu and spent 2 nights at a Waikiki hotel. They visited old friends and enjoyed the activities that Waikiki had to offer.

On December 31st, Pamela and her party boarded the "*Pride of America*" of the Norwegian Cruise Lines and set sail for a 7 days cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. The weather was perfect and the New Year's Eve fireworks in Honolulu were enjoyed by all. The "*Pride of America*" sailed on calm seas and docked early the next morning at Kahului, Maui for an overnight visit. The men in the group spent the day at the local Golf Club and the ladies visited the State Park and Wailea Beach. The next morning, they awoke in Hilo, Hawaii where they toured around town on foot and enjoyed the sights. That evening, they sailed by the Kilauea Volcano!

The next morning, they awoke in Kona, Hawaii and enjoyed an easy day in town seeing the sights. Next morning, they awoke in Nawiliwili, Kauai and rented a car to see Waimea Canyon, Spouting Horn and Poipu Beach. An overnight in Kauai afforded more time to see everything! An afternoon sailing from Kauai meant it was almost the end of a perfect Hawaiian vacation. Next morning, they awoke at 7am in Honolulu again!

The "*Pride of America*" carries 2100 passengers and has 14 dining options, 9 Bars and lounges, and affords amazing views of waterfalls and volcanoes. Many different styles of accommodations are offered, like most cruise lines, something to please all budgets and requirements. This was truly an adventure to remember!

Calendar:

March 14 - 12noon, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

April 11 - 12noon, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

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If you have joined RUAEA within the last year, you may not know who we are! We have a small brochure that tells it all, I would like to tell you a little bit about us.

A long time ago when airplanes had propellers, a "stewardess" who was also a trained nurse, wore the wings of United Airlines and cared for the passengers. When these young women (no men on board then) got married, they had to give up both flying and their wings. So their wings were "clipped."

In 1941, former stewardess, **Jackie Jos Ceaser**, formed a club in Chicago, IL to maintain her airline friendships and to help others less fortunate. It was called "Clipped Wings®."

Clipped Wings® supports people with developmental disabilities. We have supported Special Olympics for many years, actually we were present at the very first games in Chicago, IL in 1968.

Our motto is "*We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak.*" Romans 15:1

Continue next month ...

We are still selling the Clipped Wings® airplane scarf. If you are interested in purchasing one either for yourself or for a gift, please contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF), rjensen148@aol.com. Each scarf is still only \$20.00, plus \$2.00 for shipping. The proceeds from the profit of the scarves help support Special Olympics.

Clipped Wings® is still actively recruiting new members, if you are a former Stewardess, for United or Capital Airways, or a present flight attendant and would like to be part of Clipped Wings®, please visit our website www.clippedwings.com or contact me at omachristl@aol.com. We would look forward to having you join us.

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- 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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LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

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.

Martha Gooselaw
Letters Editor

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

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Dorothy L. Engels, 5731 N. Northcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60631

Enclosed are my membership dues for monthly newsletter, plus a bit extra for "snail mail" delivery.

I always look forward to receiving the newsletter and thankful for the informational updates – especially during these turbulent times of uncertainty.

The personal letters are always an enjoyable connection to our collective past memories of better days in UAL history.

I appreciate the dedication of all involved in producing the newsletter. The only suggestion is that it would be helpful if the list of Important Phone Numbers on the last page also included the new web addresses (URL's) as they become available in these rapidly changing time.

Diane Good, 7185 Cleveland St., Bellaire, MI 49615-9464

Another year had gone by and it's time to pay my dues. I had a wonderful time at the convention in PDX and am looking forward to being in D.C. Just before the election, it should be exciting.

My timing must be way off as I sold my boat last summer so that I would have more time to travel. It looks like the new pass policy will put a damper to that.

Collin Cooke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd., Clermont, FL 34711

If you were on a flight and the pilot came down the aisle with cap in hand, asking for donations to buy more fuel, would you get off if the door were still open? It happened recently on an Asian airline hoping to fly from Amritsar (Punjab) to Birmingham, UK, or so I read.

Recently on a flight from ORD to LGA, it was raining heavily over NYC and I couldn't see the city lights as the plane descended. The gears were down, some flaps and I still couldn't see the ground, or the water just before touch down. Suddenly we see the runway and "bonk" it at the same time with more than the usual thrust. Then it dawned on me who left the Instrument shop 28 years ago, do we now have "Cat. 3" landing? Back in the 1960's, a push was made for what newspapers called "Blind Landing" (Cat. 3). One day I was handed a Master Heading Radio compass android to rewire it according to an engineer's new schematic. The Sud Caravelle was installed with the flight test crew at the controls; it rolled on to 27 Left at SFO with throttles opened. One quarter way down the runway the plane shot off on to the grass at a 30 degree angle. Oops. Try again. The same thing. I rewired another MHR-4. Try again. The same thing and that was the end of it at UAL. At that time KLM had "blind" landings at Schipol, Netherlands, and BA, and then BOAC had it at LHR.

If you didn't see a recent AARP magazine, they wrote of all the extra USE fees imposed by companies on the public. For an example they chose UA's \$25 bag fee and compared it to CO and UAL Jeff Smisek's \$4.4 million salary.

In NYC with a reluctant memory of eating endless goat meat in SE Asia, I finally ate some goat butter on bread. It's very white and not bad.

Sitting in a NYC parking lot, I watched an elderly lady walking with difficulty; try her car key in three different grey cars before she found her own. Take away a retiree's auto and you take away what remains of their life; but there is a point when it's safer for all.

In NYC I had dinner with my son's neighbor, a somewhat hung-over M.D. and he was very unhappy. First, his office expenses in Manhattan, he said, are \$23,000 per month. I said, "You mean \$2,300." NO! He roared. Secondly, he's even more depressed at his next birthday, he will be 50. He questioned me at length on my next birthday, #88, and asked, "Do you ever think of death?" He deeply fears death and imagines it comes at 50.

I saw the film, "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo", it was not the just released American version but the original Swedish version with English subtitles. It is good. Incidentally, a movie house seat in Bronxville is \$11. It's less expensive to get the DVD. I met one strange guy suffering from a new modern disease. He actually called it FOMO. (Fear of Missing Out), so he sleeps (alone) with his cell phone, I pad, and Laptop. What electronic communications hath wrought in this brilliant age?

In NYC I learned a little about Wall Street; that it produces no employment, but makes millions of dollars loaning LARGE amounts of money overnight and short term. As an example, a young Hedge Fund manager that made \$48 million in 2010 took chances and won. In that game you don't have to create employment.

I saw the tree surgeon that cut down son's broken 130 year old oak tree again. He used to be a "tree topper", working from the top down but had to give that up. While using his chain saw overhead he was forced to let go. It fell on his head and tore off much of his face. (He had a safety rope controlled from below). 254 sutures repaired his face and he's blind in one eye.

This led to another story. He paid over \$80,000 for his son to get his commercial pilot's license, employed by a feeder airline; his son was only making \$22,000 p.a. in the cockpit after three years. He quit and took over his father's old job in the tree tops and earns over \$45,000 p.a. The cockpit responsibility was far greater and his tree job is much more dangerous but consider the glory of the cockpit.

Who recalls the former National Airlines, the record shows their B707 made the first Idlewild to Miami flight in January 1958, according to Tribune newspapers. Cheers to all from FL.

John Domalik, 8619 Millstream Dr., Henrico, VA 23228

Just a note to say that at the present time, I am recuperating from my second total knee replacement surgery on 12/22/2011. I had my first one replaced in June of 2002.

Next month will be 19 years since I retired from IADFF. Charlotte & I are enjoying our grandchildren and keeping busy. Children keep you young and on your toes.

Thanks so much for a great newsletter. We do enjoy reading about old friends. United gave us a wonderful life and let us travel to see our kids in their sports careers.

If any friends would like to get in touch: c_jdomalik@Verizon.net

Ishbell Garrett, 2775 S. Sedalia St., Aurora, CO 80013

This letter is regarding our new retiree "privileges". I, like other retirees, worked our rears off in the early years to make UAL a success. In the 70's, I left a promising career in nursing to join the family of UAL. I was

promised as we all were a pension, insurance and Bp6 passes for life, if we worked for 25 years. I was dedicated to UAL for almost 30 years despite suffering from some debilitating illnesses.

Now I am told that all that hard work was in vain. Is CO serious? Now that I am old and have one foot in the grave and the other on a banana peel, I am going to have to board a flight behind CO employees? We retirees that left before take over or merger should be grandfathered. After all, how long does CO think we have to live!

Janet Harrison, 5201 NE 30th Ter., Lighthouse Pt., FL 33064

Sorry for the delay, but Duane's death has flown me for a loop!

I am still receiving notes from UAL and Capital pilots who flew with Duane, complimenting on his skills, leadership and devotion to UAL.

He had dementia and the last few years were tough when he insisted on doing everything himself.

I would suggest that a resource person might help devoted spouses cope with their situations.

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

It's that time again, another year gone. How time flies. Let's hope the pass situation this year proves to be fair & equitable.

My wife, Nancy & I spent the first week in Oct. 2011 at the Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, NM (we drove). It was a very enjoyable experience, well worth seeing. We met Al Unser, Sr. at his racing museum near there, too.

I still get a kick out of seeing names of previous acquaintances from United in the Newsletter, although they seem to be getting scarcer. Thanks for the great job you do on the Newsletter; it's a great link to the past & the present.

DON'T MISS: IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE

Important Phone Numbers



United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)

1-800-651-1007 (M-F 7AM - 7PM).

<https://flyingtogether.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>

1-800-UAL-LIST (1-800-825-5478) (Until 3/3/12)

United ePass Line (1-866-359-3727 (About 3/3/12)

For flight information and to list for travel.

1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

Chicago Travel Desk (Central Time)

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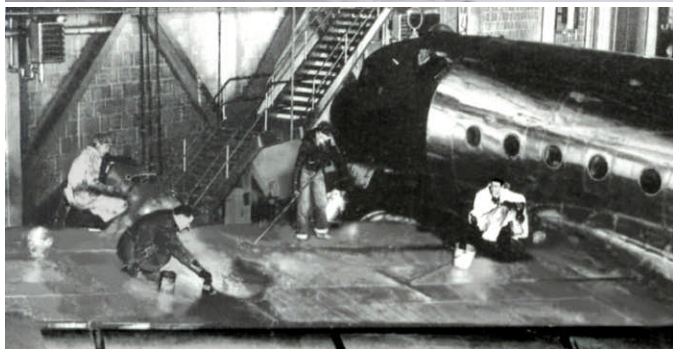
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