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RUAEA 2013 Convention Announcement

We are returning to Denver after an 11 year absence. Yes, the 2013 Convention will be held this year in the Queen City of the Plains. The Convention dates are October 9 – 13, 2013. We will be staying at the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver – Stapleton North. This was formerly The Red Lion Hotel, but has become a Hilton property and is in the process of a complete renovation.

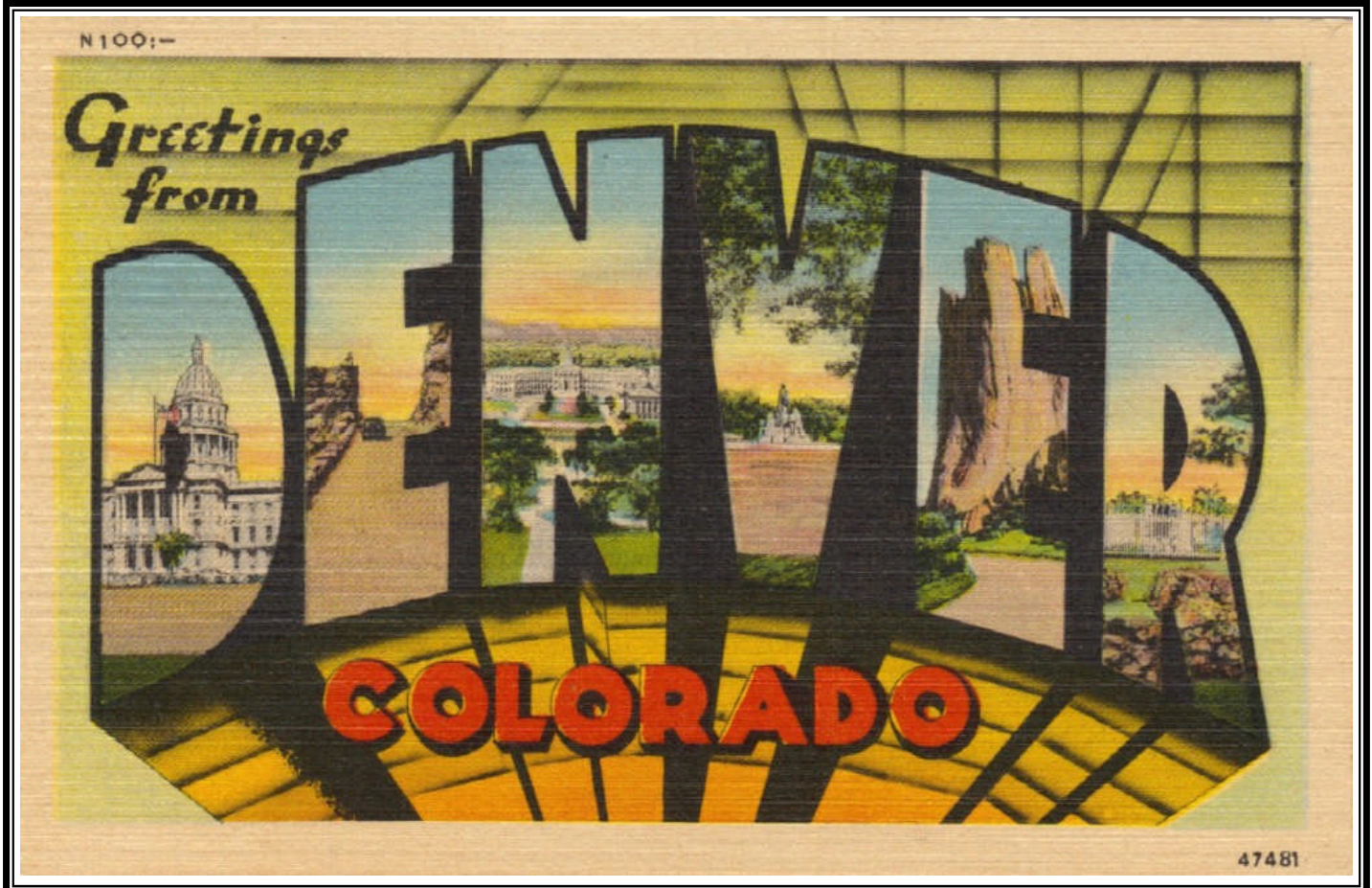
The Hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to DIA and the shops at Northfield, where there is a movie theatre, Macy's and lots of restaurants in every price range. The rooms are equipped with high speed internet access, a 42 inch LED flat screen television with premium cable channels and of course, freshly made chocolate chip cookies.

On Saturday, we will have our annual business meeting and the benefit panel presentation by vendors and employees of United, followed by the banquet and entertainment.

We have contacted tour directors in Denver so we will have a wide variety of tours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. While we are in the planning phase if you have suggestions, please send an email to the Convention address of ruaea2013den@gmail.com.

Next month, we will publish more specific information on costs and method of booking. The Convention issue will be in June. Meanwhile, start thinking about your travel plans; planes, trains or automobiles.

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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hi, fellow RUAEA members,

As I mentioned earlier this year, we were working on a Convention for 2013. We, the Officers of RUAEA, are dedicated in producing a monthly newsletter, yearly convention and being a liaison to the company for our members. With this said, we have wonderful news of a convention for 2013. The convention will be held in Denver the second week of October. **Marilyn Marcy**, your Vice President of Conventions will be informing you of all the particulars.

I want to commend our team assigned to this task. I asked them to undertake it and they did with excellent results. Under the direction of **Marilyn**, **John Koehl**, our Site Selection Chairman and with the help of your Past President, **Ron Bertacini**, they were able to negotiate a contract that is most beneficial to you.

We need to solicit volunteers from the Denver Chapter to help at convention time. I attended the last convention in Denver, with **Tom Goodyear** as Chairman, and it was well attended and liked. **Virgil Gooselaw** has forwarded the Convention Newsletter package of the past Denver Convention to Marilyn for planning purposes. Our Website does not go that far back but Virgil's archives do. Please join me in congratulating all involved for their efforts. Look for the official date, hotel, and costs from Marilyn.

Hank Gosselin
President – RUAEA

Changes, Changes



Thank you to **John Haferbecker** for keeping us informed of the following two changes:

1. **United MileagePlus Explorer Card** (this is good news) ~ If you are a United retiree who is the primary Cardmember of the United MileagePlus Explorer Card and participated in the previous MileagePlus Visa rebate program in 2012, you are eligible to receive an annual \$80 statement credit from Chase. There are no forms to submit to receive this credit. The credit will be applied by Chase automatically to your April credit card statement each year this offer is in effect; please allow an additional month for the credit to be reflected on your paper statement.

To be eligible for the \$80 statement credit in 2013, you must be a United retiree who participated in the 2012 MileagePlus Visa rebate program and a primary Cardmember of the MileagePlus Explorer Card effective March 1, 2013. If you currently have another MileagePlus credit card from Chase, and would like to take advantage of this offer, please contact Chase at the number on the back of your credit card to see if you are eligible to get the Explorer Card.

All former rebate offers provided to United employees and retirees were discontinued December 31, 2012.

To learn more about the MileagePlus Explorer Card Employee Offer, visit FlyingTogether.ual.com > "Corporate" tab on top of page > Employee Discounts > Credit Cards.

2. **Express Scripts Update** ~ Changes have been made to the Express Scripts drug prescription program for Medicare-age members requiring the establishment of new accounts with Express Scripts. If you order your prescription refills online, call Express Scripts at 1-877-701-9945 to make sure that your accounts are in order for both the retiree and spouse.

Announcement from the Pau Hana Kupuna



Island of Hawaii Retirees interested in meeting with UAL and CO retired members on the Island of Hawaii can contact **Chuck Hoffman** (HNLCG) by e-mail chuckhoffman69@yahoo.com.

We will attempt to restart the Pau Hana Kupunas. Thank you for your interest.

United enhances boarding procedures

As many of you are aware, UAL has been working on getting its boarding processes right and have made a number of changes as it has worked toward that goal. With input from you and United's customers, the company is going to be making a series of changes during 2013 that it believes will improve customer satisfaction and increase the number of on-time departures.



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Simplified boarding groups ~ In the first change, United is reducing the number of groups that customers are divided into for boarding, from seven to five. Instead of four groups for Premiers and premium customers and three groups for general customers, it will use two groups for Premiers and premium customers, including select MileagePlus credit card members, and three groups for the remaining passengers. United also is updating the clear and simple announcements that agents use to guide the boarding at our gates. The company expects these changes to be fully implemented in January.

Revised gate layouts with dedicated boarding lanes ~ In the second change, which United expects to begin to roll out in March and April, the company is planning to improve the layout of its gates by setting up designated lanes and clear signage for each of the five boarding groups. With the new layout, United will place greater emphasis on and create better access for Premiers and premium customers by designating specific areas for passengers to line up in advance of boarding. In addition to reducing crowding, these dedicated lanes will enable the existing Premier Access lane to function in its intended manner, allowing Premiers to board at their leisure throughout the boarding process. While United will deploy the layout at as many gates as possible, it is developing alternatives for airports where gate areas are too small for five boarding lanes.

Introducing the "WilMA" (window-middle seat-aisle) approach for general boarding ~ In the third change, United will modify the method it uses to determine how customers are assigned to the three general boarding groups. The new method will speed the movement of customers onboard the aircraft as they stow their carry-ons and get seated. This last change, which requires more IT work, will come after the first two changes.

Called "WilMA," the revised method will apply to the general boarding groups 3, 4 and 5. The first group to board will be customers sitting in window seats, followed by those in middle seats and finally those in aisle seats. Coinciding with WilMA, United will board customers on most United Express flights in four groups, but it will use five boarding groups for mainline flights.

This approach – used by our United subsidiary before the merger – replaces its current system of assigning general group customers to groups based on their row number, starting with those in the back of the aircraft.

Seniority List of RUAEA Members

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Time again to let it be known that I am still maintaining the seniority list of RUAEA members and hope this appeal will bring about new listings. For the benefit of members who have joined RUAEA during the past year and are not familiar with the list, it is quite simple to be listed. Send me your name, address and date of hire, that's it. There is no charge to be listed; however if you want a print out, there is a charge of \$3.50.

Happy New Year and I hope to hear from you.

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TSA reinforces Secure Flight requirements



Under the Secure Flight program, a customer making a reservation is required to provide his or her full name, date of birth and gender, as it appears on the government-issued identification card he or she plans to use when traveling. This information is called Secure Flight Passenger Data, and it's used for security screening.

To ensure compliance with the mandate, as of Jan. 20, United is requiring that the customer name used to book tickets matches the name used for Secure Flight in all reservations. Customers can expect messages on united.com and United's mobile app to alert them that the names on their reservations must match the names on their IDs.

Meanwhile, United implemented a requirement for MileagePlus members to ensure that the names on their accounts match the names on their reservations and IDs. The company set up a system on united.com and its mobile app to help customers update their information if their names don't match the Secure Flight information that United has stored.

United is alerting customers about the requirement through MileagePlus messages and other communications channels. The company is providing information to its Airport Operations and Customer Contact co-workers so that they may explain the process to customers.

In the coming weeks, United will provide co-workers and retirees with instructions on how to ensure that their Secure Flight data in employeeRES and their names in our Human Resources system meet the TSA requirements.

United plans to install Split Scimitar Winglets on its 737NG fleet



United announced plans to install new Split Scimitar Winglets designed by Aviation Partners Boeing (APB) on its 737NG aircraft. This new winglet design demonstrates significant aircraft drag reduction over the basic blended winglet configuration the company uses on its current fleet. APB estimates that, once Split Scimitar Winglets are installed, winglet technology on United's 737, 757, and 767 aircraft will save United more than \$250 million per year in jet fuel costs.

"Fuel is our largest, most volatile expense and we are always looking for opportunities to improve the fuel efficiency of our fleet," said Fleet VP Ron Baur. "The Next-Generation 737 Split Scimitar Winglet will provide a natural hedge against rising fuel prices while simultaneously reducing carbon emissions."

The fuel savings can enable a 737-800 to increase its payload up to 2,500 pounds or increase its range up to 75 nautical miles. APB expects to certify the Split Scimitar Winglet for the 737-800 in late 2013 and for the 737-900ER by March 2014.

United started work on new EWR Tech Ops hangar



Construction on a new widebody hangar for EWR will begin this week. The 90,000 square foot hangar will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2013 and will cost \$30 million to complete.

"This state-of-the-art facility will be the workplace for more than 700 United aviation maintenance technicians," said Line Maintenance VP Joe Ferreira. "From this hangar, they will work together to ensure the safety and reliability of United's fleet and the comfort and convenience of our customers."

United's EWR investment includes partnering with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on a taxiway relocation project and related infrastructure improvements. Corporate Real Estate VP Kate Gebo said this underscores our commitment to Newark, the state of New Jersey and

the region.

Elsewhere at its hubs, work is under way on a new 125,000-square-foot widebody maintenance hangar at IAD, for which United broke ground last October, and at IAH this spring, United will complete a \$2 million tooling facility adjacent to Hangar B that will enable the company to centralize Boeing 787 tooling.

United launched new baggage delivery service with BagsVIP



United recently launched a new baggage delivery service in partnership with BagsVIP. This new product gives customers the option to have their checked bags taken straight from the carousel to their final destinations. Co-workers are eligible to use the service, too.

BagsVIP delivers within 100 miles of participating airports, enabling participating customers who depart from any U.S. domestic airport to forgo the baggage claim at BOS (Boston), ORD, HNL (Honolulu), IAH, LAX and MCO (Orlando, Fla.). United plans to expand to nearly 200 additional domestic stations in the near future.

Co-workers involved at our six initial stations are gearing up as orders begin this week.

Find more information and pricing at

<http://www.maketraveleasier.com/united> or on united.com.

Torgy's Travel Tips



Last month's article by **Jim Morehead** on the computer-based training modules called Webinars, located in the Travel section of Flying Together, was an excellent introduction to the new method that the Company has adopted to assist us with pass travel booking and ticketing. If you have not yet taken these lessons, I would encourage you to do so. Lesson 6 on interline travel is particularly timely, as 15 more carriers have joined ID90T since the lesson was recorded. More carriers are expected to follow, soon.

The TSA has tightened their requirements in 2013 regarding the name on your ticket matching exactly with the name on your ID. Whenever you list for a UA flight (or book a revenue ticket) your "Secure Flight Information" is automatically handed off to the TSA. This information contains your name, gender and birth date and needs to match the way that data appears on your driver's license or passport. For example, if your driver's license includes your full middle name and not just an initial, your Secure Flight Information must reflect that as well as your ticket. You can review the data in your Secure Flight Information by accessing flyingtogether.ual.com>Quick Links>Employee Profile. You may decide to

have both a driver's license and a passport stored so that when you travel internationally you will already have that info available. Just click on the "edit secure flight info" area, highlight your name and click on the tiny pencil icon to change already stored info, or click on the + sign to add new info. In the coming weeks, the Company will provide us with instructions to ensure that Human Resources (who control what name actually appears on the ticket) and the data stored in your Secure Flight Information meet the new TSA requirements. Stay tuned.

Speaking of international travel, did you know that you are entitled to use the airport lounge if you have been issued a boarding pass with a seat in United Global First or Business First cabins? Since standby lists are now to be cleared 60 minutes before departure for international flights (or possibly earlier if the flight is booked to less than 75% capacity), you just might have time to enjoy the lounge. Remember, though, you must be onboard no less than 30 minutes before departure, or your seat assignment will be taken away. Don't let that happen!

One other tip regarding international travel concerns the use of cell phones overseas. Many US cell phones either cannot be used in other countries or the charges to use them are extremely expensive. Good news – check out this website: www.ekit.com where you can order a phone, with 30 min free incoming international calls and no charge to listen to voicemails, texting and \$20 outgoing phone credit. The costs are \$39 for a basic dual-band phone, \$119 for a quad-band phone and \$229 for a smart phone.

Are you or your travel companion a veteran? Well if you are cruising with Princess Cruises, you will be glad to know that can apply for up to \$250 of onboard credit – free money, folks! My husband did just that on our last cruise through the Panama Canal. Princess offers \$50 for cruises less than 6 days, \$100 for 7-13 day cruises and \$250 for cruises that are 14 days or longer. You simply fill out their application form and fax it along with your DD214. The onboard credit can be used for anything onboard, even tipping. Check it out on princesscruises.com>military benefit program.

That's it for this time. Safe journeys to you all!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Egges



Alphonse Mascherino has resigned as Bishop. He already said his last Mass. I have been told he was very weak and almost didn't complete the service. As of this writing, he still remains as President of the Corporation and plans to stay in that position. As he is unable to hold a conversation on the phone, he communicates through his good friend, Kathy Kemp, his caretaker.

Donations to the Chapel have been a little sparse lately, and for very good reasons with all the tragedies that have recently occurred. The Chapel is still in need of your support. If you can afford to, please send a donation. Make check payable to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: **Frank J. Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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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.

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Attention All Golfers

***The 2013 UAL Retiree Golf
Tournament will be held in Mesquite,
NV from May 6th to May 9th, 2013***

If you are interested,
contact **Paul Levan** for an entry form.
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Please register by April 15th, 2013.

LOCAL NEWS

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Our Florida/Alabama Chapter of RUAEA met Thursday, January 17, in Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. Several of our members were unable to attend due to illness. **Rick Herrick** became ill the morning of the meeting, **Conrad Hamilton's** daughter was ill with this bad flu and **Judy Hebl** became ill after her husband and she arrived from Greenfield, WI. She has pneumonia. We hope they will all be better by our next meeting. 17 Members in attendance were **Bill & Ann Delavan, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Doug & Edna Horne, Park & Billie Learned, Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Harold Stofko** and **Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey**.

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order after lunch at 1:15 PM. Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report were emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent. Raffle tickets were sold by **Bill Hayden** and **Barbara Serra**. **Park Learned** drew the winning ticket for **Doug Horne**. Congratulations!! Winners of our extra cookies were **Harold Stofko, Bev Heinrich, Billie Learned, Ed Southworth, and Bill Delavan**. We all look forward to the possibility of winning an extra cookie.

Bob announced that we had no birthdays in January but February birthdays will be celebrated by **Doug Horne** (7th), **Ed Southworth** (12th), and **Harold Stofko** (13th).

Steve Wilkey told us he is really looking forward to the reunion in May, 2013, of the first AOC class to graduate from NAS Pensacola. He graduated in that class in 1955. A very large celebration is being planned. We are all looking forward to hearing more about it.

Park & Billie Learned told us about their trip to Hawaii. Their flights were great and they even got Business Class! We could not believe it. They said they stayed one night in the former United hotel, the Seaside, and said the rates are higher since it was sold but it is still cheaper than other hotels in the area. They had a wonderful time and are looking forward to other trips in the future. **Bill & Ann Delavan** told us of their trip to Israel and all the flight problems they had ... not a fun time flying. They enjoyed their visit there but didn't recommend the flights they endured!

After these reports, everyone began to tell flight stories they had encountered. We decided that if you fly stand-by, you have to be pretty hardy souls and have lots of patience. We also had some very good stories of how some employees had gone beyond their job descriptions to help people. We always enjoy hearing happy stories and we know there are still lots of very good employees working.

The group decided we would donate \$100.00 to the Naval Aviation Museum since they let us meet in the Cubi Bar every month at no charge. You can't beat their prices. Our lunches are \$11, which includes your entrée, drink and tip and of course, their delicious chocolate chip cookies! The museum is free, which is hard to believe with the way everything is so expensive now.

Our meeting didn't adjourn until 2:25 PM. Before and after the meeting, **Annie Wilkey** helped members with their computer travel questions and problems. Thank you, **Annie**!

We invite you to come down to our Gulf Coast where we are enjoying a very mild winter with lots of sunshine. We took down Christmas decorations the first week of January and it was in the 80's. Now, you can see why so many of us retired to this area! We hope you will plan a trip down here so you can join us for one of our meetings and enjoy a visit to the Aviation Museum. Our meetings are usually 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 21 - Meeting at 11:30 AM

March 21 - Meeting at 11:30 AM

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Submitted by Carol Wilbanks

January 8th was a dark, cold, rainy day in Birmingham when the Sweet Home Alabama chapter met for lunch. Our location was Dodiyo's at Soho Square. We met here several times at the beginning of 2012. We were provided a private dining room which was very nice. This restaurant specializes in Mediterranean food with a "southern" touch. Several folks ordered the fried green tomato/pimento cheese sandwich and said it was very tasty.

Members attending were **Joe Duncan, Jim & Donna Gooch, Bobby & Jean Cox, Charlotte Gibson, Joe Jones, Gay Fowler, and Herb & Carol Wilbanks**. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Herb Wilbanks**.

Dues were collected for 2013. Our treasurer, **Joe Singleton**, was not with us. We hear that **Judy Slover** hopes to be able to meet with us in March. We have really missed her and **Joe** the last few months. No one had any travel plans for the near future. Charlotte asked for input for our next meeting place. Since then we have chosen to meet at Dale's Southern Grill for our February meeting.

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Happy March, 2013 in the West Valley! The temperatures are warming and (unfortunately) the weeds are coming out, but so are the buds on the flowering plants and cacti. So much was "frosted" due to our freezing temperatures in January; we're now in the 70's and loving it.

We had a great turnout at B.J.'s Restaurant and Brewhouse on January 12 with 46+ members in attendance and great food and conversation. **Dottie Tickle** (retired ORDCS) joined us for lunch and discovered she knew a few of the Azures members from early days in Cleveland. Also, we were glad to see **Chuck Stuller**, a fairly new Azures member. Our February 9 luncheon was held at Mimi's Cafe in Glendale, AZ. Mimi's provided separate checks, selections of choice and set up tables in their side room for a cozier atmosphere.

The Azures are not having a regular monthly luncheon in March. We have the Turf Paradise outing planned for March 5 and then the All-Arizona luncheon on March 14. April luncheon plans are in the works and we will advise our members shortly.

Sherry Muoio will be having hip surgery on March 4 using the "Sure Path" method which is a less invasive type of hip surgery, with only a three to five-inch incision, no therapy and less healing time. Let's pray that the surgery will go well and she'll be "up and around" in the 3 days promised.

On a very sad note, we have lost one of our faithful members, **Hank Mullman**, husband of **Marge Mullman** (retired EXOPR in 1996) who died after 2 years of pulmonary problems. A memorial service was held February 11 at Thompson Funeral Home in Goodyear, AZ. Cards are welcome to Marge at: 3488 North Snead Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395. Our prayers are with Marge, her daughter and their family during this most difficult time. Marge has requested memorials be made to the "Wounded Warriors" Foundation in Hank's name.

Another long-time member, **Marlene Bechtold** (wife of **Jim Bechtold**, retired DENMM) was severely injured in an accident in January. She suffered numerous bruises and cuts on her legs and body and, also, a broken shoulder. She is still in rehab and will be there for an indefinite time. Please send cards to: **Marlene**

Bechtold, 14321 West Heritage Road, Sun City West, AZ 85375. And, please pray for Marlene's speedy and successful recovery and Jim's endurance through this trying time.

Happy Birthdays to **Don Brei** on March 5; **Jean Kerman** on March 6; **Mel Hofer** on March 21; and **Jean Sheffield** on March 31. Also, Happy Wedding Anniversary to **Sonny & Barbara Carns** on March 12 and **Don & Carole Brei** on March 19.

The Azures are planning an outing to Turf Paradise Race Track in Phoenix on March 5. \$22.00/person includes admission, buffet, a named race, "United Airlines Azures", and a picture of the group. At this writing, we have 16 members signed up. It's not too late to make your reservations. And, don't forget, if you need a ride, just ask one of the board members, Mike, Joe or Carol, and we will arrange transportation for you. More information is going out to the members.

Eat well, pray often, love always.

Calendar:

Breakfasts at Coco's, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ

March 12

March 26

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Spring is in the air! We hope everyone will "spring" over to our All-Arizona Luncheon, which will be held on Thursday, March 14th at the Holiday Inn, located at 777 N. Pinal Avenue in Casa Grande, AZ, starting at 11:00 a.m. for the social hour, followed by the delicious buffet luncheon starting at 12:00 noon. We guarantee you will have a good time! There will be beautiful baskets to be raffled off, plus some other raffles. Our speaker will be Larry Turner of the CAF Commemorative Air Force Arizona Wing. There also will be entertainment to help you have a good time. The lunch buffet will cost \$23.00 each. Reservations are due March 1, 2013 to **Rita Zarek**, 823 W. 14th Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85120. She can be contacted by e-mail at rzarek1@q.com, or by phone at (480) 288-6685. We hope you make your reservation real soon, as this newsletter may not reach you in time before the deadline. Look forward to seeing our United and Continental retirees there.

We had 43 people at our Re-United's luncheon at the Grand View Steak House in Mesa on January 17th. Everyone enjoyed the Italian Buffet. We had two guests; one was **LaVera, Orland Baldwin**'s sister from Spokane, Washington and **Sally Welter**, guest of **Ame Esan**. Our President, **Shirley Claggett**, reminded our members about paying their \$5.00 dues. By next year, we may be able to take advantage of a FedEx discount by providing them with our retiree photo ID badge. When WHQ gets the machine to make these badges, they will communicate this information via the internet and other avenues, so everyone will be aware of this discount, if they wish to take advantage of it. The badges will cost between \$25-\$35; but it will be valid for approximately 20 years. The All-Arizona Luncheon was discussed and asked for help. **Rich Vehring** talked about the Fantasy Flight and how well it went. We made enough money to double the money we gave last year to the school for under privileged children. We gave them over \$6,000. **Bob Hallden** mentioned the RUAEA board was meeting in March and that there will be another Convention this year. Our speaker was Larry Turner, the Wing Leader for the Commemorative Air Force. They have over 10,000 members. They are located at Falcon Field in Mesa. Their mission was to acquire, restore and preserve in flying condition a complete collection of combat aircraft which were flown by all military services of the United States, and selected aircraft of other nations for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations of Americans. Thanks go out to **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck**, who were the hosts for this luncheon.

Our January monthly breakfast was held January 25th at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert with 34 people in attendance. **Orland Baldwin**'s sister, **LaVera**, was back again with us. We were glad to hear Dakota's husband, Dillon, was doing well. Also heard **Joel & Marjorie Matteson** were both ill. Officers for our Re-United's Chapter was discussed and open to anyone who might be interested in running. **Peg Snowdall** talked about the Fantasy Flight and how well it was received and that other airlines are contacting us as they are interested in doing this also.

Our February luncheon at Mount Athos Restaurant in Florence, hosted by **Natasha Schmidt**, will be reported on next month.

Any one interested in attending the spring training game between the Chicago Cubs and White Sox on March 7th, should contact **Ron Paluch** at (480) 354-7610 for tickets.

We have the following birthdays in March ~ **Nancy Luby** (3/2), **Jim Fauber** (3/6), **Olga Aguilar** (3/20), **Rita Krist** (3/20), and **Graham Snediker** (3/21). Happy Birthday to you! We have three Wedding Anniversaries in March ~ **Phil & Peg Snowdall** (3/6/2010), **Gordy & Pinky Kubiak** (3/11/61), and **Bob & Patrice Rowan** (3/27/99). Happy Anniversary!

Calendar:

March 7 – Cubs/White Sox baseball outing. Contact **Ron Paluch** at (480) 354-7610, or by email at ripal96@yahoo.com.

March 14 – All-Arizona Luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, AZ, starting at 11:00 a.m. Contact **Rita Zarek** at (480) 288-6685, or by email at rzarek1@q.com. Cost is \$23.00 each. Reservations due March 1st.

March 22 – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by March 20 with your reservation at (480) 396-3317, or by email at phomfeldt@cox.net.

April 12 – Annual picnic at Crescent Run in Mesa, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**.



TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines chapter!

Disregarding the frigid weather, 9 hardy souls decided to brave the cold and attend the January 15th luncheon. Since there was not any business to discuss, we all enjoyed good food and friendly chatters.

Even though Jeannie Risdon worked so hard on the Fantasy Flight raffle, we had no winners in our chapter. We'll keep our fingers crossed until next year.

Jeannie has been a very busy lady ~ she has undergone cataract surgery in both eyes and is recovering very well. She is definitely "looking" better now! Her hubby, Earle, trying to upstage her, broke the ice (literally) ... with his head in a nasty fall at our local mall. He is recovering well, also.

Calendar:

March 19 – Meeting at 11:00AM at the Lone Spur Café.

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Now that the Holidays are behind us and we look forward to another year, our Chapter had some good and bad news. An old member, **Uel Soward**, passed away after reaching his 100+ birthday. **Dana & Bill Noyes** moved to Missouri and are enjoying their great living conditions very much. Also, **Betty Rupp** and **Rosina Harvey** will be missed due to illness and travel distance to our meetings. We wish them nothing but good health and to let them know we are always thinking about them. The good news is that I haven't heard from the rest of our members, so I assume all is well and we will meet next month.

In the January Newsletter, I came upon some very interesting articles. It looks like the pass riders are getting better boarding assignments than when it was changed back in the spring of last year. The seats will be filled toward the front of the aircraft before filling seats in the back. Does that sound familiar? In one of the

letters from a retiree, it seems that she flew three times last year, and all three times she was put in the last row in the middle seat each time. After checking with the UAL Rep., she was told that this is how the new system is programmed for standbys. Perhaps this was a coincidence if the plane was full, but let's hope the new procedure corrects the problem. Also the enrollment time for friends can now be added and it was simple enough that I was able to do it.

Our next meeting will be on February 20th.



BRAZEN RAISINS

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Twelve members attended our February meeting, which was held at Marie Callenders in Fresno and hosted by **Elida & Reuben Rivas**. We all enjoyed the lunches that we ordered, especially the pie.

February was the month for birthdays in our group - **Nile Jones** (2/10); **Jim Van Patten** (2/17); **Sue Long** (2/17).

It was great to see the Van Pattens back at our meeting. **Virginia Van Patten** has recovered from knee surgery and walking exceptionally well.

Treasurer **Dick Shryock** reported that all of the members attending the February meeting had paid their dues.

Under New Business ~ We discussed the new policy for taxing flights taken by our Buddies. It could get quite expensive, if they go to distant places. Any trip over \$600 will be added to the retiree's taxable income.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Lincoln Jones**. Other winners were **John Oakshott** and **Dick Shryock**.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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The January luncheon/meeting of the Desert Sunbirds was held at the Tack Room Tavern, Empire Polo Grounds in Indio. **Jerry & Sheryll Weiss** were our hosts, and we dined on our choices of "Tavern" Chopped Salad, "Pony Goal" Tuna Croissant, "Coachella" Chicken Sandwich, and "New Tack Room" Angus Burgers.

Guests this month: **Mary Frank** brought her friend **Dick Milford**; **Robb Bohart** brought **Brendan Mulvihill**, a retired London Flight Attendant; **Brad Zittel**'s guest was **Bill Heller**; and as usual, I brought **Marji Gomez**. In addition, an old friend, **Ruth (Carmichael) Willoughby** (LAXCS) made an appearance with husband **Ron**. Lastly, we were pleased to see **Gwen Craven**, **Scoobie Wolfe**, and **Sherylle Delaney**, as we have not had the pleasure of their company for quite a few months.

We do have sad news to report. **T. J. Sereno**, after a month of hospitalization and rehab, passed away only a day after being released, with **Sandy** at his side. Our sincere condolences, Sandy. He was delightful company at the Christmas Luncheon.

The news is better for **Ron Aggson**. Ron, after a month and a half of hospitals and rehab, came home on January 30th; he is now enjoying Elaine's "home cooking", and receiving care from visiting nurses several days a week.

Elaine finally announced that she will give up the reins of her "reign" as President of the Desert Sunbirds. We all knew this was coming, but we wanted it to be "some time in the future"! Not all bad though. Elaine asked **Mike Bailardo** to take over, and by a show of hands, Mike was unanimously approved. This writer feels that Elaine could not have made a better choice!

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Mary Frank**; and there were two winners in the 50-50 drawing; **Brendan Mulvihill**, \$50.00, and **Maureen Schultz**, \$13.00.

Calendar:

March 13 – Hosted by **Sandy Sereno**

April 10 – Hosted by **Dave & Kathy Wilson**

GOLD DIGGERS

SACRAMENTO



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A big “thank you” to **Penny Greenacre** for taking minutes, at the last minute, the day of the luncheon. My husband became ill that morning and I had to take him to the doctors.

The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on January 30 at Mel’s Original Diner in Auburn. This was hosted by **Alice & Glenn McPeak**. We had 54 Gold Diggers attending and no guests. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the McPeaks for hosting.

Officers Reports:

President ~ **Hank Wikstad** asked of those attending, how many have been members of Gold Diggers for more than 20 years. There were 5 or 6 people who raised their hands. He also read a thank you note from Salvation Army Del Oro thanking us for the Toys for Tots we collected at our Christmas luncheon. He said we were very generous with our donations of 75+ toys.

Vice President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** gave us a luncheon update for this year. February and April are covered. We need March and May through October for hosts. Our February luncheon will be our Past Presidents and Gold Diggers Anniversary and will be held at Woody’s Grill & Bar in Rocklin, hosted by **Terry & Penny Greenacre**.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** is not with us today

Treasurer ~ **Judie King** gave our Chapter’s balance.

Sunshine ~ **Alice McPeak** said no news is good news. **Sherrill Morgan** had eye surgery.

Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton** had no report.

Roster Chairman ~ **Jack Raynor** had no roster news. New roster will come out in March.

RUAEA Director of Northern California & Nevada John Zoboli ~ Some highlights he presented: The convention for 2013 will be in Denver, CO on October 9-13, 2013. The instructions for using the new pass program are available on ruaea.org. An updated program on Flying Together/travel was posted on Flying Together and Dale Harper’s site titled “UA Personal Travel Guide”. The content is 31 pages although if printed, several pages could be skipped. One of the changes for Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be a separate ID card for medications/prescriptions. Once the card is received, you have to have the information changed at any local pharmacy you have used. The current information will not be valid. Subscribers to the RUAEA Newsletter that enrolled with the three year subscription need to watch for the renewal notice; time is up or will be up soon. A new chapter has been formed in Vacaville, CA. **Alan Pochop** is President. Southwest has introduced a \$40 fee to board the plane as part of the first 15 people to board. UA has cut 600 jobs or 6% of management/administrative positions. This will include buyouts and layoffs. Also some open positions will not be filled. This is due to a \$723 million loss last year and to the reduced flying scheduled for 2013.

Calendar:

February 27 - Past Presidents & Gold Diggers Anniversary – Woody’s Grill & Bar in Rocklin, hosted by **Terry & Penny Greenacre**

March 27 - No host as yet

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Thirty-three Hangtown Miners “rang in” 2013 in fine style. **Bill & Linda Dinette** hosted our group at the Cork & Fork in Cool, California. What a delightful restaurant to start off this year. The location was scenic, the food was delicious and the room decorated in cheerful colors with a bottle of wine and two wine glasses filled with candy on each table. These center pieces were part of the raffle choices. Many “Thank You” to the Dinettes for this wonderful lunch.

Old Business ~ A gentle reminder that our annual dues are due! We have a deadline of March 11th (our luncheon date) to send your \$10.00 to **Tom Kenny** (3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667). Each member of our group is an important slice of the whole, so please let us know that you want to stay with the Hangtown Miners. If you have decided to drop, also let us know and remember, you can rejoin any time. As soon as we have our final count, we will have new, current rosters printed for our members. **Jon Somplack** said that he understood that the bank we use may be willing to print the rosters for us - possibly free of charge! **Tom Kenny** will inquire next time he’s there. **Jack Raynor** has been handling our rosters for us, but we understand that he and Marge will be dropping their membership. Jack, if this is the case, please let us know as **Thom Biro** is willing to take over this task.

New Business ~ **Jane Gibson** did bring up the subject of donating to a charity. In past years, the Hangtown Miners have donated to various charities at Christmas time. She noted that a donation is appreciated any time of the year so, since we have a nice balance right now, maybe we could continue with that tradition. We ask that you think of an organization you support and bring that suggestion to our next meeting. We will look at the suggested charities and choose one. **Tom Kenny** mentioned that while we have paid the Federal Government for our non-profit status, we still have California to deal with and there is no way to know what charges we will encounter. He suggests we delay donating until we know what will happen with them. Hopefully, we will know more on our status by our next meeting.

President ~ This section also covers our RUAEA report: Rudy brings a reminder to our members that you need to check into the Flying Together website during each year. When an UA retiree logs into Flying Together and receives one of these messages; “Employee ID/Password Failed” or “Profile has been Deactivated”, it means they have not logged into the system for over a year and their profile was turned off. They are still eligible for pass travel privileges; however, they must contact the employee Service Center (ESC) to have their profile reinstated. If you get questions regarding this, please provide them with following instructions: 1. Send an email to the ESC at esc@united.com with the subject line “Retiree resync”. 2. The email should include: * The retiree’s name, ID #, addresses on file, phone number and e-mail address * Or, they can call the ESC at 877-242-0075, option 4 and ask to have their profile reinstated. He also reported that United is enhancing seat assignment procedure for pass riders. Since United introduced its new pass travel privileges last spring, the company continues to make enhancements that help you get more out of the program. Your feedback was heard, and now United assigns pass riders to seats toward the front of its aircraft cabins before filling seats in the back. With this SHARES enhancement, effective November 14, co-workers and retirees with higher seniority are more likely to receive seats in Economy Plus, if any of those seats are available.

Rudy informed us that our discount with Fed Ex is about to be reinstated. Although it won’t take effect until the first quarter of this year (it is believed by mid-February) when the badge issuing machine arrives, but retirees will then be able to take advantage of the 75% discount with FedEx by providing their retiree photo ID badge. It is reported that when that machinery arrives, they will communicate the news via the internet and as many communication avenues as possible to get the word out. Please know that the badge will be valid for approximately 20 years and will cost between \$25-\$35. Additionally, there will be a form online that you must complete and mail to them along with a passport-type photo, but again, more details will be provided closer to its arrival.

This information came from “General News” of the RUAEA Newsletter and from Dale Harper’s website; dtharperster@gmail.com. You can access these websites yourself to learn more about what is going on with UAL.

Frank Dellinger asked how we get buddy passes. While employees still receive buddy/companion passes, retirees do not. Retirees are eligible for enrolled friends. Keep in mind that you are only allowed to have 2

enrolled friends listed in a calendar year. Once you name someone, you can't change the names until the next year. Also, when you enter a name, it takes 24 hours for their name to show up in the system. In the January issue of the RUAEA newsletter, on page 4, there is a paragraph or two about enrolled friends.

Jon Somplack inquired about the sweet deal that we used to get with Southwest - \$25.00 a leg! We still get a deal but it is called "ZED Fare" now.

Bob Ames related a harrowing experience on a trip he and **Dorean** took to Hawaii. He said to be vigilant when making your arrangements. Apparently the computer has different fares that come up and you need to be sure that your fees are quoted from the UAL column. The fees he was quoted went from \$30 to \$300! Apparently we UAL retirees are kind of a "Brand X"!

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** gave a gentle reminder that we need to put a stamp on the envelope - **Suzie Quinnell** tried to pull a fast one on USPS! He gave a hearty Thank You to the manager of Cork & Fork, Dennis Edwards, for his donation of a \$30.00 certificate to this fine restaurant to be raffled off today. Dennis also offered a fantastic discount to us should we want to host a fundraiser and have it catered by them.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** reports that we are still waiting for our official status as "non-profit" from the Federal Government. We know we have been granted this status but are waiting for their official paperwork. He received notice that they are processing applications made in March 2012. Since we applied in March, 2012, maybe we will hear by our meeting in February. Our current balance in our checking account is \$1,012.61.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** read a very nice Thank You letter from the Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association: *"The Mosquito Volunteer Fire Association would like to thank you for your generous donation of Gift Cards and Toys. With your help we are able to provide gifts for 6 families with a total of 19 children in our community. Because of your donation, we are also able to provide each family with 2 very large boxes of food and a 15# turkey."* Well done, Miners! You're awesome!

Sunshine ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** was not present but she sent along the news that **Rosemary Heier** is in a full leg cast after falling and breaking her knee cap. However, Rosemary was able to join us with cast and crutches but still her upbeat self. Jeanette also let us know that **Andi Stutchell** is recovering from a bout of pneumonia. Get well quickly, Andi!

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** said that she will bring books chronicling our chapter to the next meeting. It will be fun to look through these to enjoy the memories and see the changes.

Mary Buschman celebrated her birthday today – Happy Birthday, Mary! **Sam Rawls** is retiring, there's a couple of retirement parties for him on Thursday, January 17th. Our February luncheon is on Monday, February 11th at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Please note that the social hour begins at 11:30 not 11:00.

Raffle donations were: Limas - basket; Czepakay - rolled wafers; Dinette - table decorations; Akin - wine; Blazius - wine; Gibson - note paper; Somplack - wine; Heier - wine; Buschman - wine; Kenney - books; Kenny - bucket beer & candy; Fitzpatrick - wine. Thank you all for your generosity.

I think that about covers it! This is going out later than I wanted, so be sure to contact **Rudy Blazius** soon to let him know you will be attending the luncheon.



REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREES**

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Our first luncheon in 2013 was held on January 10th at La Gare in Santa Rosa. **Barney & Claire Hagen** hosted 38 members and guests to a delicious lunch which included La Gare's famous "homemade" soup and renowned Chocolate Dome for dessert.

Our new President, **George Schwind**, welcomed everyone and asked our new Vice President, **Brandon Maus**, to introduce our guests: **Ted Bell** brought his sister, **Alice Eastus**; **Ed & Margaret Nelson** and **Lee Trevelyn** were the guests of **Barney & Claire Hagen**, and **Gabby** was the guest of **Ruth Loy**.

Treasurer **Jan Blackburn** reported as of 12/13/12, we have \$657.78 in the General Account and \$45.21 in the Charity Account.

George asked our Immediate Past President, **Barney Hagen**, to continue giving monthly updates on pass travel benefits and procedures which he has agreed to do. Barney reported there have not been too many

changes this past month and the system is getting a bit better. If you take the time to look around at the various pages you will become more familiar with what's available and how to list yourself for flights.

If you don't have a computer, you might want to check if your public library has one you can use. If you call the United E Pass Desk you will be charged \$25. If your plans change after you have listed yourself and you need to phone, there is no charge for that call.

Our Sunshine lady, **Verda Burr**, announced seven members had birthdays this month: **Pat Ortega, Ruth Loy, Sheila Legnitto, Pat Maus, Marji Matchinegg, Ted Bell** and **Wayne O'Kelly**. Ted was the lucky winner of the free lunch. We had two anniversaries this month, **Heino & Inara Witt** celebrated 33 years and **Tim & Kathy Staples** celebrated 42 years. And of course, Verda finished up with a great joke that had everyone laughing.

The raffle was fun as always and don't forget to stop by the Charity Box on your way out. We hope to see everyone next month on February 14 at The Fountain Grove Inn where our hosts will be **Brandon & Pat Maus** and **George & Lois Schwind**.

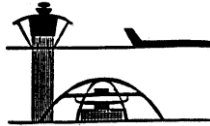
Note: If you change your email address, be sure to contact **Oscar Chambers** so he can update the roster and the members, joscar1313ec@netscape.net.

Calendar:

February 14 - Fountain Grove Inn, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**

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Here we are in the month of February; where does the time go? We are in the age group that complains that time moves too fast. That means we must be enjoying this life. After hearing the news and weather reports of the rest of the country, we say to ourselves, "*we are so lucky to live in So. Calif.*"

However, along with these blessed lives, we endure losses like everyone else. We wish to send our love and prayers to **Betty Tomaino**, whose father passed away. Since retirement, Betty has moved to San Diego to be closer to her family and now, the father of that family is gone. Send cards to: 1802 McKee St. Unit C-2, San Diego, CA 92110-1064.

Locally, **Nancy Bessenbacher** is now missing the love of her mother, who passed away in January. We send heartfelt sympathy to her at 7460 Sausalito Ave, West Hills, CA 91307-1730.

Our next luncheon is not scheduled until April, and since Easter falls on March 31st, we will postpone our April luncheon until Thursday, April 11th. See you at the Proud Bird, at 11:00 AM.

Calendar:

April 11 - Luncheon - Proud Bird



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There were twenty four in attendance at breakfast this morning and unfortunately, I wasn't one of them. The flu virus got me and I now have pneumonia which can go along with it. On a good note, all three of our February birthdays are in their eighties ~ **Skip Householder, Helen Soderberg, and Bob Grissom**.

Arlene Nicholson-Roberts was the winner of the 50/50 raffle for this month.

Kaycee Ward, retired from Inflight and we would like to see more of her in the future. **Louis Semon** is on his way to Hawaii and **Jim Sheehan** joined us also. So glad they are doing well after their bereavements.

I would like to print at correction: **Arlene Nicholson-Roberts** was referred by me in the newsletter as **Arlene Richardson**. I apologize for the error.

We should have more information on the Spring Fling Luncheon at the next meeting.

Calendar:

March 7 – Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394

GOLDEN GATERS

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Submitted by Emmett Landrum (SFOLM - retired)

Well, here we are in the New Year. Many things have changed - some good, some not so good. As you can see, **Helen Cain** is no longer writing this report. She has left this world and we all miss her very much. Rest in peace, Helen! A memorial service was held for her on December 9, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church in Burlingame. Many retirees, friends and family attended the gathering.

I have been asked to write the report for this month, so I hope you will bear with me as I am a mechanic and not a writer!

One of our local UALers just turned the great age of 100 years old. The distinguished **Milton Cavalli** who aced the driving test and can legally drive until he is 105 years old! Don't know how many of us can say that or ever want to say that! His daughter held a birthday party on January 20th and invited 200 friends to help celebrate his day - only 6 people declined, 2 were out of town, 2 were sick and 2 had passed away. I counted over 20 of us UALers there to help usher in another year for Milt. Along with many of Milt's friends and old car buddies, he is the proud owner of a collection of old Ford cars that only he knows how to start. Milt told us some of his experiences growing up and his memory is a heck of a lot better than mine. He is still as sharp as a tack. Both he and Marie were dressed in their 1920's garb that they wear when they appear in the Redwood City parade each year. We will be sure to look for them this coming 4th of July.

We held our first meeting of the year on January 28th. Our friend, **Milt Cavalli**, was present to help us get the New Year going and to give us another chance, for those who did not attend the celebration earlier, to eat birthday cake and to sing Happy Birthday.

We have, sadly, lost two members from our group ~ **Dorothy Julich** of San Mateo and **Dwayne Howze** of Los Gatos - our hearts go out to their families and know that fond memories will help sustain them in the days to come.

In -Tim- I -Da -Tion ~ Welcome to our new member, **Pat Nyland**, who graciously consented to write our March report. **Bob Donovan** has also graciously consented to write this coming month's news. We only have 8 reporters to find for the rest of the year, so guess who is looking for you!

This gives me a chance to invite you retirees to come join us - we enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones. We often lose track of friends we knew at work. Most months we bring our own lunches but in March, we will have our Chinese New Year's feast - very ably supplied by **Vera & Walter Kina**. You can pay for the Chinese luncheon at the February meeting - you will, however, have to supply your own chopsticks!

President **Ralph Trullinger** adjourned the meeting and **Kathy Hutt**, 2nd Vice President, announced our entertainment for the afternoon. Tibor Horvath and his wife, Yelena Savchenko supplied us with great music. Tibor plays a fast violin and Yelena keeps up with him on the piano without using any sheet music - how she can keep up with him is beyond me.

Our next meeting is on February 25th - come join us. (Don't forget to pay your dues.)

Calendar:

We meet on the 4th Monday of the Month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.) at 11am until 2pm, Foster City, CA 94404. Any mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404



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Happy Easter!

Spring is almost upon us and we are ready for some sunnier days.

Each meeting, we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. **Vi Mattscheck** celebrated her 92nd birthday and **Keith & Ann Olthof** celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Mary Lou Rogers reminded us of some important suggestions when a medical emergency arises. Be prepared and have a list of your medications available. Don't be stubborn. Call 911!

Our chapter will have its Spring lunch at Michael's at Shoreline in Mountain View on Wednesday April 24th. This is the actual date of our first meeting as a chapter of RUAEA in 1983. Our hosts for the event are **Thelma Graham, Vernon & Maureen Snyder, Vi Mattscheck**, and **Alex & Margie Klaus**. Special music will be provided by Daphne.

On March 1st, we will have a special guest speaker ~ Dawn Haskins from the Alzheimer Association, will be sharing "the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer" with our group.

The past few months have brought losses to our group. **Lewis Bacheller, Dwayne Howze** and **Dave Saso** passed away. We share in the loss with **Anna Howze, Joanne Saso** and their families and keep each of them in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave Saso was our treasurer and social chairman. He spent many hours coordinating and planning events for our group. His informative meetings and cheerful smile will long be remembered and missed.

We meet every Friday morning at 8 A.M. at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd., across from the Home Depot, in San Jose. Please join us.

Calendar:

March 1 - Guest Speaker Dawn Haskins "*10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer*"

April 24 - Spring Lunch at Michael's Shoreline in Mountain View

June 18 - Annual Picnic at Vasona County Park in Los Gatos

EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our January meeting was held on the 14th at our usual meeting place, Sizzler Restaurant in Concord with 36 members and guests. We welcomed new guests, **Joe & Wilma Leather** (Joe retired from the MOC in SFO) and **Bill Graham** who retired from the MOC in SFO and was previously at the MOC in OAK. Our returnees were **Ken Price, Cheryl Kinkead** and **Sue & Ed VonEmster**. **Caryl Payne** also returned and will be a regular now that she has retired from Macys.

The 50/50 was won by **Sue VonEmster**. The free luncheon certificates were won by **Carol Parks** and **Roger Ehm**.

Our Treasurer, **Rich Bouska**, gave a report on our finances. We were able to subsidize the individual costs of our Christmas luncheon and are still in good stead thanks to his diligence. Many thanks, Rich.

Cheryl Kinkead gave a presentation on the National Museum of Commercial Aviation near ATL, www.nationalaviationmuseum.com.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. There are three exceptions during the year: June is our annual picnic. July we do not meet and December will be held again at the Back Forty restaurant. Social time is from 1100-1200 then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We have many departments represented.

We have an ongoing book and magazine exchange. The leftover books are donated to either hospice or libraries and the magazines are donated to various hospitals.

Calendar:

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10 - Annual Picnic



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As the North state continues to have unusually great weather, we do think of our counterparts in the Midwest and East Coast. Our first meeting for the year 2013 was held January 24, at the Holiday Inn located in Redding, California where we enjoyed a great luncheon/meeting with 24 retirees and spouses in attendance. **Merritt Odor**, our President, thanked **Richard Skelly** for setting up the reservation. Merritt also welcomed our Regional Director, **John Zoboli** to the meeting.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Merritt Odor** celebrated a birthday as well as **Sharon Simonton**.

Merritt reminded everyone that their \$10.00 dues per family are due.

John Zoboli gave an update on the RUAEA convention for 2013 as well as the new prescription program for Blue Cross/Blue Shield members. He also reviewed the new luggage rules.

Good news, a new chapter of RUAEA has been formed in Vacaville, Calif.

Our member profile this month is about **Vincent Neidlinger** ~ Vincent started at the SFOMOC, at the San Francisco Maintenance Center in February of 1968 and learned all the phases of the supply system as it pertained to Aircraft maintenance, station parts requirements, outside vendor parts repairs, surplus parts monitoring and sales, loans and exchanges of parts with other airlines. He was also a newlywed, and both he and his wife raised 4 girls at their house in Livermore. This necessitated the use of the commute bus for 14 years. He also learned about being an expeditor and scheduling parts for the component shops and overhaul maintenance. In 1977, he rejoined the Navy, in their Reserve program to gain time for retirement. In 1988, he transferred to the new OAKMOC and helped set up the stores department, OAKJL, and became a Lead in 1990. He was mobilized for active duty during Operation Desert Storm. That was only for 90 days but the entire group was uprooted to a station in Europe where they based their operation. Returning home, and back to work, he became an OJT Lead Coordinator for all the new Storekeepers at OAKJL. It was during that time that 9/11 hit and afterwards, he took the offer of a "Guaranteed" early retirement on October, 31, 2001. He started at \$3.00 per hour and retired after 33 years at \$22.00 plus benefits. Vincent is now enjoying his retirement with Kay and they do a lot of traveling and enjoy their beautiful home in Redding, California.

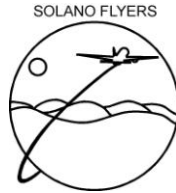
It was **Don Arndt**'s lucky day. He won the 50/50 raffle and the \$15.00 gift certificate for lunch. The next meeting will be held at the Countryside Café in Red Bluff. **Vanessa Pratt** volunteered to set that up. It will be held on Thursday, March 28th at 11:30 A.M.

Calendar:

March 28 - Countryside Café in Red Bluff beginning at 11:30 A.M. Come join us!

SOLANO FLYERS

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We are entering the 4th month of our chapter and the chapter is gathering new members almost every month. We seem to have about 40 members now, although they don't all come to every meeting, which is probably a good thing because the little room in which we meet at Denny's is full, almost to overflowing. President **Al Pochop** is searching for a place either here in Vacaville or in our neighboring city, Fairfield for a place that might fit our needs.

Following are our charter members ~ **Robert Allen, Whitney Baker, Charlie Banfield, Billy & Joanne Blizzard** (Joanne is our treasurer), **Jack Bolander, Norm Borchert, Tom Carman, Roger Cordi, Richard Cox, Rich & Mary Dabbert, Rich & Mary Donahoe, John Fechter, Jim & Gladys Festa, Bill Fitchhorn, Ken Fitchhorn, Padraic & Eileen Gardner, Adrian Hunter, Geoff James, George Maker, Ed Meadows, Jerry Munkholm, Harold Mitchell** (our artist), **Joe & Dorothy Nevid, Ellisnish Nishimoto, Rich & Ginny Petrovsky, Al Pochop** (our President), **Jerry Powers, Tony Prado, Marian Quilao, Bob Ritchie, John Robinson, Paul Schwafel, Jim Scott, Bill Stoye, James Tate, Frank Uhl, Chuck Washeckek, John Weldon, Robert Zweighardt, Charles & Martha Szekretar, John Francis, Al Wiederholt, Robert & Michiko, Jack & Irene, McKinley Nelson, John Francis, Louis Pell, Robert Arsaga, Trent Lowney, Raquel Whitney, Brenda Richardson, Ida Burton.**

I apologize for any misspellings or omissions

Solano County is one of the most beautiful areas of California, with the possible exceptions of Yosemite and a few other scenic spots. Its towns, though small, are filled with active people, many who escaped from the crowded Bay Area. I'm glad I live here!

COLORADO



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The Mile Highers celebrated Ground Hog Day on February 2 with a breakfast at United's Flight Training Center. It is our understanding the Ground Hog "Punxsutawney Phil" did not see his shadow, so it should be an early spring in Denver. First Timers were **Diana & Sal Leon**.

Tom Goodyear reported that **Jean Montgomery** passed away on January 16 and **Augustin (Gus) Grznar** passed away on February 1.

Marilyn Hawkins fell on November 3 and broke her collar bone and left arm; she was in rehab until January 5. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 1050 Emporia St., Aurora CO 80010.

We were all glad to have **Harriet Ahr** back with us again. Her daughter in law **Sharon Ahr** brought her and grandson, **Nicholas**. She had some good advice about what to do when you are living alone. One of the things she mentioned is to have some type of wearable electronic device that notifies officials that you may have fallen.

Doris Hall brought some home made oven hot pads to the breakfast for anyone that wanted one. Thanks Doris!

Hold August 21 open for the Continental and United Retirees catered picnic at Wings Over The Rockies Museum. Watch your Newsletter for more information.

Regarding the RUAEA convention in Denver in October, **Marilyn Marcy** will attend our March Breakfast and give us further information and how we can help. There have already been some of you that have volunteered, and it is really appreciated.

We want to thank everyone who returned their 50/50 winning to the chapter.

Our Spring Luncheon will be on April 24, at the Fresh Fish Co. The address is: 7800 East Hampden Ave., Denver, CO 80231. Happy Hour will be 11:00 - 12:00 and Lunch at 12:00. Entrées are: Grilled Salmon, Chicken Piccata, Shrimp Scampi, Fish and Chips, Costa Rica Tilapia. All lunches are served with a Caesar Salad, Rosemary Red Potatoes, Chefs Vegetable of the day and their authentic Sourdough bread and Carrot cake for desert. All Lunches are served with non alcoholic beverages.

Price for the luncheon is \$19.00. Make your checks payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter, include your choice of meal on the check and send them by April 18 to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80221. Also if you are bringing a guest/s please include their name/s and choice of meal(s) on your check.

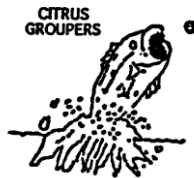
Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on March 2nd at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35th Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast. Don't forget your aluminum cans.

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The January meeting was called together with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by our President **Don Nellan**. We had 26 members in attendance. **Charles Wirth** gave the treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$162.10. Also, the dues are being taken by **Charles Wirth** for 2013.

Christy from the Waterfront Inn at Sumter Landing in The Villages (this is where our convention is being held on February 22, 23 and the 24, 2013) briefed us on the amenities we could expect during the convention. The final day for registration was February 1. Registration will begin on Friday, February 22. We will also have a 50/50 drawing. The guest speaker is the new president of RUAEA. We hope to see you at the convention. A lot of hard work has been done by all and we appreciate the hard work to make this convention a big success.

Mr. **Bob Kievlhan** is recovering from surgery. We all are wishing you a quick recovery. We need to extend a happy birthday to Mr. **Henry Gefrdis** and Ms. **Eileen Cochran** in November. We wish Ms. **Eva Dulen** and Ms. **Mary Nellans** a very happy birthday in December. December Anniversary was celebrated by Mr. & Mrs. **Charles Cochran**. Our best wishes to all of you! And in January, a happy birthday to Mr. **Don Dulen**.

Calendar:

Meetings are still every 4th Thursday of the month at Nancy Lopez Country Club in the Villages. If you have any questions, please direct them to **Don Nellans** at nellansdon@aol.com, (352) 861-8486.



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I was greeted with a big surprise at the front of the restaurant by President **Dick Coughlin**. He informed me he would have to leave after the meeting got started and could I take over after that as VP **Steve Moddle** was away. Of course, what else could I do? By the time everyone arrived, there were 17 member and guests. Our guests were **Diane Clody** and **Bill Stranz** from IN, friends of **Penny Logan**.

After our flag salute and prayer, Prez Dick explained that he was getting treatments at Halifax. He explained the whole procedure he had to go through; because the radiation treatment he had previously from his mouth cancer had affected some of his teeth. In order to remove the teeth, the treatments had to take place first.

To top all this, Dick had a stent operation in Jan. Wow! Keep him in your prayers. **Penny Logan** also reported that she will have an operation to remove a growth spot close to the corner of the eye. She will need skin grafting. Pray for her too.

Steve Moddle was at a school reunion in Disneyworld, **Gloria Marcantoni** had company, **Herb Gardner** was in Chicago and will also be away for our March meeting. Busy people. **Honeylou Funkhouser** was with us but hubby **Nelson** is in an assisted living place right now. February is his birthday month, so we signed a card for him and sang Happy Birthday long distance and Honeylou blew out the candle. It was also **Al Warner**'s birthday month so we re-lit the candle and sang again to him. **Larry & Janet Horton** celebrated 55 years together February 1st. Larry also celebrates 56 years with UAL.

I noticed that **Ed Martin** didn't have his nametag on. He thinks he left it at home. That's a no-no, we don't take our nametags home. **Larry & Janet Horton** didn't have their nametags on either; their excuse is they couldn't find them in the box. Poor excuse. When I got the box home, I found their tags. We're going to have to start taxing people who don't wear their nametags. Taxing seems to be the popular thing to do these days. Prez Dick left me with a few jokes which I read. They must have been really good because **Rick Johnson** gave them a laugh.

Treasurer **Penny Logan** made a good report of our money, and collected a few more dues from people. **Bob Clinedinst** won the 50/50 money and **Rick Johnson** won the second drawing. I think it was some sort of flowering plant or bulbs you have to start up yourself.

Herb Gardner will be back in April to fill us in on all the "doings" for the Annual Balloon Sky Fest held at New Smyrna airport areas the weekend of April 8-10. After the meeting was over, Penny got everything collected up for me and **Ed Martin** got the container into my car. Thanks a lot. We'll gather together again March 9. Remember to think big thoughts but cherish small pleasures.

Calendar:

March 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

April 4 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

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Thirty-three members and guests stood for the Pledge of Allegiance as **Ernie Vosges** held our flag. Then President Rich started the meeting. New faces in the crowd today included **Stu Hunter** and **Murray Delauter**, who both joined the chapter and paid their \$10.00 dues for the year 2013, as did many of us. **Retta Finn** joined the group as the guest of **Patti & Monty Clark**. **John & Mary Starzynski**, who joined last month, sat at our table. Both Monty & Mary have recently retired! Ain't life grand? With both Monty and **Mack Chandler** in our chapter, we may be enjoying a bit of singing in the future!

January Birthdays included **Jim Mummah**, **Diane Lewis**, **Tom Cannata**, **Murray Delauter** and **Barb Fitak**. February Birthday singing for **Bob Duszynski**! Congrats to all!

Happy Anniversary wishes to **Richard & Marjorie Vinson** celebrating 53 years together on February 7th!

President Rich was awarded a plaque by the membership for his many years of dedication to our chapter, both as a member and as president. The award was presented by **Ernie Vosges**, as the board gathered around Rich. Rich promptly handed the award to Cathy, and said "*She deserves this more than I do!*" Cathy nodded in agreement and smiled and we all clapped - for both of them!

February 5 Meeting ~ Our meeting began once again with the Pledge, as forty-one members and guest stood, with hands over hearts or with a military salute. Many of us paid our 2013 dues, including **Lou & Joan Gaydos**, who surprised us and drove over from New Smyrna Beach, **Jim Weeks**, down from Clermont, **John Wiseman**, **Chris Hess** and **Bob Duszynski**, to name just a few! **Retta Finn** enjoyed the January lunch (I guess!) 'cause she came back today and became a member too! **Laurie Bork**'s mom, **Nancy**, visiting from Chicago, joined us for lunch - to thaw just a bit? Welcome!

Ted LeGrand read a nice thank-you note we received from the VA Community Medical Center for our Christmas donation. Our many veterans present were very pleased.

Thanks to all the folks who keep us up on the happenings—the good, the bad, and the ugly. Please continue to pray for all our “United family and friends”.

Elaine “borrowed” the microphone from Rich to share with the members sad news of the recent passing of MCO Red Carpet retiree, **Anita Pawlack**’s husband, **Pete**. Pete worked here in MCO for TWA back in the day. They had moved to NC a couple years back. Anita’s address is: 10 Oak Lane, Pinehurst, NC 28374. Phone: (910) 215-5557.

Members brought donations for the Children’s Home and filled **Al Fields**’ SUV to the brim! He & helper **Gene Hall** drove straight there after the meeting. Thank you ALL!

Calendar:

Luncheon/Meeting at 1:30pm, Golden Corral on So Semoran Blvd

March 5

April 2 - Spring Picnic, Cypress Grove Park. Gates open 11am. Eatin’ begins at Noon

May 7

June 4



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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its regular monthly luncheon meeting at noon on February 1 at Sabal Springs Golf and Tennis Club in North Ft. Myers. We had a record number of attendees - 35! Snowbirds **Tony & Darlene Novak**, **Don & Mary Mitchell**, **Ellie & Jack Teresinski**, and **Dave & Gwen Detwiler** were guests. Other “first timers” were **Harry Good** (who’s re-joining us after several years’ absence) and **Jack Palmer**.

President **Bill Burg** conducted the 50/50 raffle and it was won by **Paul Olson**. Other raffle winners were **Suzanne Aguilera**, **Linda Volz**, **Peggy Kliner**, **Sandy Pryde**, **Dennis Aguilera**, **Marilyn McNabb**, **Diane Roberts**, **Jack Palmer**, and **Jerry Pryde**.

Program chairman **Jerry Pryde** announced next month’s meeting will have a speaker from Total Wine, a wine and spirits “supermarket” in Ft. Myers. In the absence of an outside speaker this month, those persons who had funny or exciting episodes to share with the audience from their past “work days at United” delighted us with their stories. **Jerry Pryde** started it off, followed by **Wanda Schmoyer**, **Nancy Kopp**, and **Rosemary Blake**—all former flight attendants. Each had more than one episode to share! Then **Mel Volz** and **Dave Detwiler** gave us more chances to laugh! What a great exercise this was - the laughter was sure good for the soul! We bid farewell to **Joan Gilkison** who anticipates moving to Virginia Beach, VA in the very near future to be near her family. She will surely be missed. **Tom & Marilyn McNabb** also plan to move to Wisconsin to be near their son and family within the next few months. They were the Founders of the Pelican Drop-Ins back in 1987!

Our next meeting will be at Sabal Springs on Friday, March 1. If any retirees are visiting in the area and can join us on that day, please call ahead to make reservations for lunch by Tuesday, February 26. We would welcome you!

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting on 1st Friday of the month Oct.-April (Sabal Springs Golf & Tennis Club, North Ft. Myers)

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

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Twenty-seven members of the Sand Dollars met on January 10th at the Bella Mia Grill in Palmetto, FL. We had a private room, beautiful view, great food, and lots of laughs.

We had a lot to celebrate: January birthday of **Suzan Goodson** (14), February birthdays of **Bob Parker** (4), **Cindy Irwin** (5), **Michael Hyde** (8), **Bill Phillips** (19) and **Alice Parker** (23). We also honor the 17th wedding anniversary of **Bill & Inge Phillips** on January 5. **Harvey Rucker** celebrated 20 years (2/93) of retirement. How time flies!

We extend our sympathy to **Ginger & Mike Hyde** on the death of Ginger's brother, **Jack Glascock**.

The attendance drawing was won by **Loretta Marvett**. The 50/50 winners were: 1st - **Dick Bulin**, 2nd - **Liz Mavis**, and 3rd - **Pat Trice**. **Dick Bulin** generously donated his winnings back to the treasury.

If any United/Continental retirees are in the area, please join us for our lunch gatherings. We warmly welcome new members and visitors.

Calendar:

February 14 - 11:30, Der Dutchman Restaurant, Bakery, Gift Shop, 3713 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota, FL, (941) 955-6007

March 14 - 11:30, IMG Golf & Country Club, 4350 El Conquistador Pkwy, Bradenton, FL, (941) 758-1466



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President **Barbara Rieces** called meeting to order with 15 present. We had two guests ~ **Tom Wentworth** who retired in 2011 from Continental and **Dick Vanderlofke** who retired from United in 1994.

Treasurer **Lillian Sawyer** gave treasurer's report.

Our birthday girl this month is **Martie Fitzgerald** on February 20th.

Sunshine Committee sent a card to **Mary Martin** as she had an emergency appendectomy. **Barbara Rieces** said her husband, **John**, really appreciated all the get-well cards sent to him. She said he still has a long way to go.

John Wilkenson registered his two granddaughters in the friends program. One of his granddaughters entered in a picture contest of the Empire State Building and she got second place out of 48 entries. Proud grandfather!

Bob & Jan Lindstrom volunteer at the Brooker Creek Reserve and told a few of the many programs available such as hiking tours, plant sales, etc.

Barbara Rieces will be dancing in a variety show at Summer Tree, March 9th and 10th. The public is invited and she has tickets if anyone is interested.

Calendar:

March 4 – Meeting, 10:30 a.m. at IHOP's on Highway 54. Join us.

TREASURE COAST

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With a total of 27 Members, 3 guests and one new member, **Joan Palumbo**, who hails from Delray Beach from January to March as a snowbird and the rest of the year at home in Long Island, New York. It was a bustling time and very active indeed for the beginning of February. Joan, a Registered Nurse, offered her assistance whenever the occasion arises. Welcome to our group, we are very happy to have you as a new member.

Frank Wise was under the weather so he could not attend this meeting, we hope he recovers quickly.

We also had **Ingrid & Kern Yaeger** from Burns, TN visiting with **Ed & Vicky Snyder**; they are also actively looking to return to Florida to live. Evidently, they miss Florida so return they must. Good luck with your move and hope to see you soon.

Well, we also had a surprise visit from **Tom Kolibab** and his lovely wife **Sharon**, Tom finally finished remodeling their kitchen in their Florida home, happy to see you both.

Some of the topics covered at our meeting, after our President **Al Popek** banged down the meat tenderizer about 10 times to get everyone's attention, were when traveling with United and United Express, book all Y class and call reservations with the record locator and ask them to change to F class if any of the flights offer F Class on the itinerary. If this is not done, you will have major problems. Another issue was Express Scripts charges for medication if you retired from the IAM and were a mechanic, it seems they charge higher rates and the **Laksos** don't seem to be able to get a straight answer, it has been suggested that they call the IAM Headquarters and also send an email to Dale Harper since someone else may be having a similar problem.

The Picnic will be held at Dubois Park located in Jupiter and it will be held instead of our regular luncheon meeting on May 7 commencing at 12Noon. Dubois Park is the same place we had it last year and it was a wonderful success. Please note there will be no meeting at Wahoo's on May 7. Further details and directions etc will be given at the March meeting.

Anyone wanting to join us please let us know, we would love to have you, the food, service and company are the best, ask any of our members.

The 50/50 was won by none other than **Joan Palumbo**, our newest member, way to go Joan. The Progressive winner was **Sharon Kirk**.

Our birthdays are **Bob Langevin** (3/16) and **Jim Morehead** (3/27). Happy Birthday to both of you!

Remember to laugh always, love intensely and forgive everyone. Life is a gift and your present is each new day. Tell the people you love that you love them; they should not have to wonder if you do.

Calendar:

March 5 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

April 2 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

May.7 – 12 Noon, Picnic at Dubois Park, Jupiter, FL (No meeting at Wahoo's)

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Our Dixie Flyers held its monthly meeting at Broadway Diner in Fayetteville at 2:00PM, January 2. Blessing of the meal and attendee's given by **Don Shelley**. Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Fred Cron**. We

had 3 guest ~ **Jay Marshall**, grandson of the **Elks**; **Sara Forter**, guest of **Fred Cron**; and **Colleen Austin**, daughter of the **Sullivans**.

I made a motion to accept her as a member as she attends meetings every month as well as a Delta Airline Flight Attendant (retired), accepted. We haven't had any Continental retirees express interest in our group.

Not any new news about United except if your itinerary changes you have to re-list yourself on the next flight. Since our merger with Continental, our retirement perks have not been the same.

January Birthdays: **Stan Cebula** (2nd), **Ed Paille** (7th), **Cheryl Souza** (11th), **Mary Owens** (17th), and **Bobby Jones** (20th).

February's Birthdays: **Young Paille** (1st), **Richard Thompson** (17th), **Ward Wagner** (15th), and my very special wife, **Marge Heider** (20th).

On a sad note, **Bruce Broderson**, retired CSA of ATL, formerly of Monterey and Oakland, CA, passed away into the Friendly Skies. A memorial service was held Saturday, January 26 at 2PM at Carl Marvell Funeral Home, 200 Robinson Rd., Peachtree City, GA (770) 487-3959.

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Aloha. The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter. We meet three times a year, in February, June, and September on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All retirees are welcome. The location and luncheon costs vary.

We look forward to seeing you in United's Little Corner of the World.

IDAHO



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Less exciting news this month! A big snowfall (and we've had many since) kept many of our members from joining us at our January meeting. January brought weather inversions, fog, snow, ice, and (for Boise) extremely cold days and nights. Our nearby ski mountain, as well as others in Idaho, is keeping busy!

Those hardy folks who ventured out were **Marian Odom** (glad to see her again), **Marilyn Taylor**, **Bud & Pat Peters**, **Denny Snyder**, **David & Carol Adams**, and **Frances Blue** (Carol's mother, 96!)

Early in the morning of January 24, southwest Idaho experienced its worst ice storm in the last 30 years. David, our president, was returning from Las Vegas with 31 young adults on his bus when he encountered icy roads. He stopped the bus alongside the road at 5:20 a.m. About 10 minutes later, the bus was hit on the left rear corner, followed by another truck which sideswiped the left forward side. Once the roads were opened at 3:15 p.m., David was able to drive on to Boise, about 70 miles. Thankfully, no one was injured.

Two days later, a Harmon bus tour with 31 passengers was driven by David north to McCall, about 110 miles, for the annual Winter Carnival. The first was in 1924. Known as the Payette Lakes Sports Carnival, it included dog sled races, ski racing and jumping, snowshoe races and snow shoveling competitions.

After about 5 years, the Winter Carnival evolved to an "ice break-up contest," which involved guessing at what day, hour and minute the ice would break up in the lake. However, the last contest was in 1941, at which time "gambling" had become illegal. In 1965, the Winter Carnival was revived and morphed into the Carnival we know today. Favorite events such as the snow sculpture competition, Mardi Gras Parade, and Torchlight Parade were added, as well as an ongoing effort by local businesses to host new, fun events each year. The Winter Carnival has grown to encompass over 100 events over the course of the 10-day event!

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Happy Valentine's Day to all that we hold dear to our hearts. Hope you had a romantic day with your favorite person or persons. Enjoy them while you can.

You may have noticed that I added the Chicago Mainliner website to our addresses above. The Skyliners are working with the Mainliner Club to make their information available on our website and our information on theirs. We're hoping current employees will look at our site and know that we exist. Membership is now open to retirees and regular employees. The dues are \$5.00 per year. You can mention it to your friends who are still working and encourage them to see what we have to offer. The two groups are United's only social organizations. All United/Continental retirees and employees are eligible to join the Skyliners. We really are a fun group. Join and Unite-d.

In the Chicago Reservation office on Touhy, next to Alliant Credit Union, there is a Mainliner Store with all the United merchandise we are familiar with, and may have been looking for. Their hours vary by day. All the information is in Chicagomainliner.com.

Our January North side breakfast had a good sized crowd attend. The Snowbirds have gone South for a few months, we'll see them again in April. Lots of news to report, **Linda & Gerry Cilona** were first timers to our gathering. **Jim Sommerfield** had a fabulous Christmas with his son and family from Arizona. **Tina Acoba** looked wonderful even after a hospital stay in early December. Go **Tina**!

Many of our members are traveling. **Toni VanKampen** and her husband took a Panama Canal cruise in November. In December, they went to Disneyland with their children. Toni and her girlfriends will cruise the Caribbean in February. Busy lady, they'll be naming a ship after her. **Mary Kay & Gil Wojtal** took a Grand Circle cruise down the Rhine River from Amsterdam to Basel. They traveled after Thanksgiving, the weather was a little chilly, but they had a grand time, and air fare was included! What a deal!

Carol & Bob Faust will be in Colorado for a few months at their condo enjoying skiing and other winter sports. **JoAnn & Vince Giannini** will be married 55 years in February. **JoAnn**, did you marry at 10? You don't look old enough for 55 years! Planning cruises in the near future are, the **Fausts** and **Virginia & Carl Monaco**. We'll hear more about them when they return. Very encouraging knowing people are getting out and going places.

Since Medco has been merged with Express Scripts, some of us have had problems signing on to their website, ordering and updating our form of payment. You might have to call and make sure all your profile information from Medco has transferred to Express Scripts. We know some of these mergers don't always work out very well. Or so I've been told.

Our Spring Luncheon will be on Monday, March 25, at Villa Brunetti's. The address is 9755 W. Grand Avenue, in Franklin Park. The luncheon will be \$19.00. The invitation is in the Skyliner's website for you to print and send in. For those of you without a computer, or not signed up to receive emails from us, your invitation will be mailed out this month. Other events scheduled are a Cubs game this summer, our picnic on June 24, and the Christmas Luncheon on December 10.

The South side breakfast only had a dozen people. Perhaps the rain and 60 degree temperatures kept them home, hopefully doing interesting things. The raffle was won by **Gwen Brookins**, **Marge Caliendo** and **Lavonne Halach**. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the breakfast would start at 9:30 vs 9:00. **Bob Kalicki**, president of the Skyliners, made a few announcements regarding the Skyliners/Mainliner Clubs, and our next luncheon.

One of our ORDMM retirees passed away in February, **Bob O'Connor**. Bob always had a sunny disposition and was willing to help you with anything. At one time, he was president of the UA Mainliner Club. His wife of 55 years is **Catherine**, at 3610 Pheasant Drive, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

On our sick list this month are two of our members, who had procedures in late January. **Darlene Felske**, had hip replacement surgery. She's doing well, cards can be sent to 2612 Flicker Lane, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

Rich Surma (EXOKF) is quietly recovering at home from minor surgery. He had the procedure in late January related to his diagnosis of prostate cancer in 2011. Rich is following doctor's orders to hold off further remodeling until March and he is already missing the wonderful meals and the variety of jellos he was served at Northwest Community Hospital, "*definitely not airline cuisine*", Rich said. His address is 10 Grow Lane, Streamwood, IL 60107-1404. Get well, folks.

These are only two of the retirees we know about. There are many of us out there with body parts that just aren't working as well as before. And since the warranty has expired, maybe we could send some good thoughts or prayers to our fellow UA friends. We don't know their names, it doesn't matter, but it might help them through the dark days knowing somebody is thinking of them. Someday it could be us.

And a gigantic "thank you" to all of you who contribute to this column. I couldn't do it without your help.

Calendar:

Northsiders' Breakfast - Ritzy's Café, 8:30 A.M. 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows. (**March 13**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southsiders' Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**February 26**). Last Tuesday of the month.

March 25 - Spring Luncheon, Villa Brunetti's, 9755 W. Grand Ave., Franklin Park, 11:00

June 24 - Summer Picnic, Chandler's, Roselle Rd., Schaumburg 11:00

Fall Event - To be announced later

December 10 - Christmas Luncheon, The Avalon, Higgins and Rt. 83, 11:00



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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 20th Luncheon. We are a very small group as there can be anywhere from 6 to 15 people coming to the luncheon. We have no agenda, just an afternoon of old friends, new friends, excellent food, UAL news, travel experiences, etc. Our bylaws ~ no new business, no old business, no dues! We order from the menu and get separate checks.

So you can see that this is a very informal and casual gathering and we welcome everyone that would like to have lunch with our group.

Note that the Skyliners will be having their Spring Fling Luncheon the following week on Monday, March 25th at a new venue, Villa Brunetti. Since we all belong to the Skyliners, we will want to attend both functions.

Ted & Agneta Jung recently flew to South Africa for a 3 week pleasure trip along with their daughter listed as a "friend." Using their vacation passes, they had no problem getting Business/First to Frankfurt flying on a Tuesday and returning on a Wednesday. Service was outstanding both ways. The balance of the trip to Zambia, Johannesburg and Cape Town was on SAA with ZED/90% tickets in coach seats.

Highlights of the trip were taking a Gorge Swing or the "Zipline" over the raging Zambezi River in Victoria Falls with video to prove it. The next stop was a visit with friends in Pretoria, just outside Johannesburg. Then on to Cape Town for a stay in a time share in "Strand on False Bay." Some sight seeing trips taken were to Table Mountain via the cable car; the vineyards @ Stellenbosch; riding an Ostrich in Oudtshoorn which is Ostrich Country; driving the Garden Route along the Indian Ocean was the perfect way to see more of the country.

This was a second trip to South Africa for the **Jungs** and it is highly recommended.

Calendar:

March 20 - Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m. (Please email or call me before noon of March 19th so that I can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect)

April – No Luncheon scheduled

May 15 – Luncheon scheduled on usual date of third Wednesday of the odd month

INDIANA

INDY RACERS

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The Indy Racers welcomed **Tom Lane** and his wife, **Jane**, to January's meeting. Tom, who helped open the Indianapolis Maintenance Base, retired from the Indiana Department of Transportation in December. He and Jane, who is a registered nurse, enjoyed a February cruise from Rome to Istanbul, and plan to join us again for the March 12th meeting.

The Racers decided to provide further support to the USO by donating "\$10 restaurant gift cards" to the group that meets at the Indianapolis International Airport. The Indy Racers received the gift cards as part of its agreement with Charbono's Restaurant where our Christmas dinner was held. We hope USO volunteers and service members enjoy the meal discounts.

President **Chris Johnston** reminded members that local Indy Racer annual dues of \$12 per member and \$7 per spouse/significant other should be paid by the March 12th meeting. During the business meeting, members also agreed that future business meetings would start at 2:30 p.m. rather than 3 p.m.

Our group celebrates seven birthdays this month. B-Day wishes are extended to **Ed Loftus** (3/3); **Lenny Kurtz** (3/6); **Hannelore Brabo** (3/16); **Frank Prins** (3/24); **Charles Theiss** (3/27); **Robert Duty** (3/30); and **Ken Boeke** (3/31). Happy Anniversary to **Ruth & Bob Duffey** (3/16); and **Tony & Barbara Urbanovic** (3/29).

Calendar:

March 12 - Emmy's Original Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beachwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 p.m. Our business meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

April 9 - Emmy's Original Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beachwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 pm. Our business meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

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No February meeting so no meeting news. February gave us New Englanders some serious cold weather, but little of the white stuff, totally livable if you are used to it.

Our treasurer and spouse, **Bill & Elaine Vanderwal**, enjoyed a few weeks in Florida. They met up with our past VP, **Lew & Silvy Shakley**, snowbirds and **Paul & Mary Ward**, active Nor'Easters and now FL residents. Bill said it was like old home week!

Our new VP, **Edwina Lundquist**, was in an auto accident at the end of January. Although she's not badly hurt, her car was totaled.

In just two days, January 28 & 29, we lost two members, **George Mavreles** and **Paul Newcomb**. Both were founding members of the Nor'Easters, George as VP and Paul as treasurer. Paul eventually took on both positions at once, treasurer and secretary. George (The Greek) started with Capital Airlines in New York and transferred to BOSCG with United. George was easy going, very generous, accommodating and actually loved by all of United's employees at Logan Airport. Paul, BOSRR, BOSCS, another easy going person, stood out among his peers and only had friends. I got an email from **Dick Nebels**, BOSCS now living in Colorado, stating, "*Paul was a pleasure to work with, never had a complaint and never a bad word*". Both were regulars at our luncheons, George usually brought many family members. Both were assets that will be surly missed.

Just after both their passings, I had conversations with **Patti Austin**, **Carleen Eddy**, **Mercedes Hersom** who relayed part of Paul's eulogy, **Charlie Stauler** and **Bill Vanderwal**, all concerned about our friends we lost.

Steve Bilodeau, past Nor'Easter, now a FL resident, just lost his older brother. Steve lost both siblings in a six month period. That has to hurt. My prayers are with you Steve.

I sent out 2013 membership renewals in January, but we haven't heard from many of you yet. Please, fill in and mail your renewals and dues ASAP!

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

March's anniversaries ~ **Frederic & Rita Casey** (58 years), **Marcia & David Kilpatrick** (19 years), **Gerald & Margaret Peters** (56 years) and **Lew & Sylvia Shakley** (50 years).

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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As I glanced over past RUAEA NL's; I cannot believe I have not sent a report since last October. However, due to all your Love and Prayers, I think I am finally back, well at least 98%, the brain is a little slow yet. I **thank** everyone for their thoughts and prayers, they really work.

Today, February 7th, 18 Escapees & 3 guest gathered at the "New Peking" in Garden City, hosted by **Maxine Raymond**. We were all delighted to see **Rick Schwendenmann** looking great, another proof that your prayers work. Rick went into cardiac arrest on December 23. Fortunately he was at Providence Park hospital at the time and got immediate medical attention. He spent six days in the hospital and was released wearing an external defibrillator. Surgery is not an option for him. Please keep Rick in your prayers @ 31100 South Hill Rd, New Hudson, MI 48165.

We were also delighted to see **Camille Wade**. Camille has been **Bill's** caregiver since Bill underwent quadruple heart bypass surgery on December 20th and has had many complications since his surgery which has delayed his Physical Therapy for several weeks. However, Camille says he is expected to be moved to the PT floor and start PT tomorrow, if all goes well. Our love & prayers to Bill & Camille @ 5744 N. Charlesworth St., Dearborn Heights, MI 48127. Camille says they will take any prayers they can get and they are very appreciative and touched.

Since I'm writing this in the last minute and do not want to miss another deadline, I will try to catch up next month. Stay well!

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call

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Here we are in late January (even though you're reading this in late February or early March) and enjoying a blast of arctic air which headed our way to remind us of where we live. We had only 22 Lites at the Old Country Buffet the day of our meeting, including **Marge & Virginnia Swenson** who make the trip to the Cities only occasionally. That wasn't the reason our attendance was so low, though; the weather was quite nice, actually. In addition to the absence of the snowbirds, influenza has raised its ugly head and many are sick already or are trying to avoid getting sick and decided to stay home.

It was good to see our honorary members, **Tom & Judy Caffisch** again. They've had a horrendous year health wise and although Judy was there in a wheelchair after having broken her ankle, she gets five stars for making the effort to come. Tom is ambulatory again after knee surgery and some nasty complications following it.

Our sick-list has the following folks parked on it this month ~ **Don Wood** is recuperating from pneumonia, **JoAnn Eichacker** is recuperating from back-to-back surgeries to hopefully repair damage to her spine and give her relief from pain.

We're saddened at the loss of our own gentle giant, **Wes Briest**. At 92, he was one of our senior members and it was always good to see him & **Bette** when they were able to join us for lunch. Condolences may be sent to the family at 4147 Beaver Dam Road, Eagan, MN 55122.

We've heard that **Ethel Johnson** decided to return to Denver, after all. Despite several attempts to reach her by phone, there's no further news of her new contact info. If you're reading this, Ethel, we miss you and wish you well. Let us know where you are!

Our president, **Lee Storlie**, is quite a history buff and has an extensive collection of UAL memorabilia. He had with him a few old company timetables from 1974 and one of them featured the IDS Tower in downtown Minneapolis on the cover. Timetables? You remember ... those little booklets published quarterly or so where one could look up flight schedules? Just another icon of the past that's bitten the dust in the name of technology.

Gene & Kookie Delvaux, our intrepid cruisers, recently returned from Hawaii, having sailed the Pacific from LAX, through the islands and back to LAX. Now they're home planning their next trip.

Lee ended the meeting with a couple of bad jokes and you'd think he'd sprayed some kind of joke pixie dust or something in the air. Suddenly, from several corners of the room the jokes started coming, each worse than the one before ~ all groaners! What a great way to end the meeting!

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 in attendance at the Golden Corral. Included were **Bob Hatcher** (Edmond, OK); **Margie & Mike Stiles**; **Katherine Rowe**; **Carol & Roger Jensen**; and **Larry & Sharon Farrell**. **Carol Jensen** was the lucky winner of the 25/25/50 not once but twice and took home \$48.00.

We are sad to report the death of **Louie Stankoski** on December 21. Services were held at St. Columbkille Catholic Church on December 28. Our sympathy to Louie's family and to **Alene Dytrych**, his sister-in-law.

I received a card from **Sue Manhart** and she said **Vince** is still a very funny guy and is loved by the people who take care of him at Garden Terrace. She said he still remembers he worked for United. Her greeting said, "Merry Christmas to all our United friends in Omaha."

Birthdays: **Casey Casebeer** (2/3); **Jane Sesto** (2/8); **Mary Beveridge** (2/9); **Carolyn Kraft** (2/14); **Larry Farrell** (2/19); **Cary Manson** (2/22); and **John Mason** (2/24).

Jack Acevedo had a coronary episode on Christmas Day. He entered the hospital, had angioplasty and was released on the 28th. Doctors said if he had waited any longer, he would have had a major heart attack.

Clair Soseman had a pacemaker put in January 3 – stayed overnight to make sure everything was working okay. **Barb** had heart problems this year also – she appears to be doing okay now. Hope 2013 is good to both of you and no more problems.

Calendar:

March 5 - A+ Buffett, Hosted by **Eileen & Evan Holly**

April 2 - Tusseys – Hosted by **Clair & Barb Soseman**

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There were 17 members at our January meeting at Jack's.

Our Annual Picnic reservations for Sand Harbor have been sent in for Monday, August 19. Mark that date on your calendars. Clipped Wings has also been invited and notified of the date. We are awaiting our confirmation from Nevada State Parks Dept.

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

We were pleased to see **John Brown** at the January meeting, but sad to hear about the death of **Elizabeth Brown**.

Please remember that 2013 dues are to be sent to **Kathy Robinson** at 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502. There has been no price change from 2012 - \$5.00 per person. The dues help fund the monthly newsletter and our summer picnic and Christmas lunch.

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John Daily opened the meeting with a flag salute, and a moment of silence for **Dolores Lee** who passed away; she worked for Air Freight at Newark.

We had two visitors ~ **Mark Crawford**, who is a ramp supervisor at Continental, and will be looking to bring in new retired people for a combined membership. Mark talked about the United We Care organization that is still contributing to the Sandy victims to the tune of \$750,000. He was asking us to bring in United memorabilia to be sold at a silent auction, where the money will go to the "Sandy Fund". Our other guest was **Rich Creighton** from local 914 at EWR. He talked about the problems in the merger, but it seems that the integration is getting better. We are all hoping for the best.

John Murphy gave his finance report, and as usual, we are still okay. **Marty Etler** won the 50/50. Our next two meetings will be on Wednesday, February 27 and Wednesday, March 27 at 12 PM at Snuffys in Scotch Plains.

"A true friend will reach for your hand, but will always touch your heart!"

NEW YORK



GUYS AND DOLLS

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Our luncheon on February 5th was cancelled due to possible inclement weather, illness and travel plans for members. Next luncheon is Tuesday, April 2nd at San Martin - 12noon. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** at (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** at (212) 799-8061.

NEW YORK METROS

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Light attendance of 36 at this month's luncheon. There is still a lot of recovery going on from hurricane Sandy, but we've been blessed with a pretty good winter so far – just a dusting of snow every now and then, although it has been quite cold.

There are several deaths to report ~ **George Mavreles** (aka George the Greek) died in January. George was well known here in NY and was a member of the Nor'Easter chapter. Also passed away were **Bill Lejeuz**, **Rudy Capanale** and **Charlie Metzger**. **Iggy Blanda** is recovering from eye surgery.

While most of our group worked at airports, I am passing along news of the death of **Buzz Glade**. Buzz was my supervisor at 80 E. 42nd St., when I first started with United, and also at the 1964/65 World's Fair. Others will know of him from Reservations at "The Rock" in NJ. He was living in Smyrna, GA.

Winners of our 50/50 (by my math 25/25/25/25) were: 1st prize ~ **John Mueller**, 2nd prize ~ **Barbara Modafferi** and 3rd prize – **Dale Deuber**.

Charlie Kaczinski cheered us up with four great jokes. Just to end on a happy note, I'll shorten one and make up names ~ *Joe and Mike were discussing heaven and baseball. Mike: "Do you think they have baseball in heaven?" Joe: "Yes, they do". Mike: "Oh, I'm so glad". Joe: "That's good because you're scheduled to pitch this Saturday."* Ha, ha! More to come.

Calendar:

March 6 – Milleridge Inn.

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Hello everyone. This is our first luncheon of the New Year and the room is noisy because of two months with no meetings. President **Dolly Taucher** opened the day with a prayer. Of course, we all resumed talking

until the servers brought our salads to the tables. It was really good to see so many able to come and gather for lunch.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year! We do have snow on the ground, but it is a beautiful sunny day just made for going out for lunch with a group of your old friends. So that is what we did and had a great time catching up on the past couple of months. We returned to a restaurant called Stancatos where we had a great buffet. Our dessert was really, really good, "white almond flavored cake with Butter Cream frosting". It came from a local supermarket (Giant Eagle). If you have one in your area, try it, you'll love it. Our group totaled 62 to start out the year!

As usual, we serenaded our birthday guests. Our Birthday Greetings go out to all of our members who are also celebrating January & February birthdays, but could not be with us! Following are the members who joined us today: January ~ **Bob Alexander, Nancy Carter, Jacki Craig, Kathy Elster, John Jeskey (93), Marie Pivick, Paul Rodjom and Bob Templeton.** February ~ **Tom Hockett, Mary Lou Kuretz, Mary Lou Mack, Jeff Spooner, Dolly Taucher & Franck Wachs.**

Congratulations were in order for **Bob & Beverly Templeton** on their 55th Wedding Anniversary. Our Congratulations go out to all who could not be with us today.

Like all of you, many of our members are going through some serious health issues personally and with family members. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. **Bill & Judy Rose** have a seriously ill adult son named Patrick. **Dennis Adams** CLECG has been going thru a bout with cancer and at this point has gotten some good news. **Perry McKnight** (CLE) and family could use prayers. **Lou Gaydos, Sharon Garrah** (wife of **Bernie**), **Herman Gregory, John Jesky**, and **Arlene Taylor**. We all have our own to pray for, but we can stretch out to include those we know and those we don't. I'm sure some of you may have worked with some of these men at one time or city or another. Remember them and maybe let a spouse know you care. Thank you for reading.

Sadly, the UAL family has lost another ~ **Jerry Meyers** worked in CLE as A&P mechanic (midnights) until the late 80's when all the transfers went on. Went on to DC and Pitt. His current residence was East Liverpool, Pennsylvania. He had a kidney transplant, complications followed and he passed away.

We really must thank **Dave & Marie Plako** for handling our Fifty-Fifty. When I think about it, they don't get a chance to sit and talk with their friends before the meeting is opened. While all of us are chit-chatting away, they are manning the 50/50 table. A great big Thank You to both of you! The winners this month were **Steve Pytel** and **Ken Buckman**. Lucky! Lucky! Lucky! This month we were able to give away three more items to the very happy winners who at least won something! They are **John Kercel, Marty Hassel** and **Don Elster**.

**A good way to forget your troubles is to help other people ... out of theirs.*

Calendar:

March 6 - North Olmsted Party Center, hosted by Gene & Jacki Craig. Deadline Feb. 25, doors open 11:30 am, Luncheon 12:30 pm

April 10 - Michael's Place, hosted by Bob & Florence Alexander. Deadline April 1, doors open 11:30 am, Luncheon 12:30 pm

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Our new year started with 66 people attending the luncheon. Our new President **Nancy Hooper** started her term in office with her husband **Jack** unable to attend the meeting. He injured his shoulder in a fall at home but has fully recovered. Winners this month for a free lunch are as follows: Door Prize ~ **Joanne Patterson**, Men's birthday ~ **Cliff Blare**, Women's birthday ~ **Johni Wilson**, Anniversary ~ **Gene & Lorie King** and 50/50 ~ **Fred Dixon**.

Thanks to **Johni Wilson** who took pictures at the Christmas party, she had them developed and displayed on a table so those attending could take the ones they wanted.

What a month for 50th wedding anniversaries. Congratulations to **Gene & Lorie King** who were married on January 25th and **Inge & Horst Pempeit** were wedded on January 28th, 1963. We also had a birthday girl who turned 90 on January 2, **Cora Harper**. Cora is able to attend our meetings thanks to **Harold & Anna Miller**.

Harold Miller presented our Past President **Paul Russell** and his wife **Kathy**, who was the secretary for 2011-12, with a gift for all they have done during their term in office. It was a lovely wood cutting board made out of myrtle, maple and walnut.

I was informed yesterday **Tony Farley** has been hospitalized but that is all I know at this time. The person who told me says he is a terrible patient. Get well Tony!

The Board of Directors for the Dew-er's was recently told the Refectory Restaurant is closing on February 17th, however they are hoping to open in another space in the same shopping mall. The board decided to cancel the March meeting and will further negotiate with the Refectory to find space for April. This is all I know at this time, but I can assure you the membership will be kept informed by e-mails on what is occurring.

Rosalie Betschart is accepting dues for 2013 and they can be sent to her at 220 NE 116th, Portland OR 97220 if you don't plan on attending a meeting. Dues should be received by March 15th in order to have your name listed in the yearly roster. Dues are \$5 for one and \$10 a couple.

Calendar:

No March Meeting

April 10 - TBA

PENNSYLVANIA



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Our Spring "hopefully spring" meeting will be held at the Clarion Hotel, Essington on Monday, March 11 at 12:30 pm. We always enjoy seeing our old friends. The price remains at \$12.00.

Our charity of the month is small gifts for our overseas military personnel. These include puzzle books, paperbacks and non chocolate and non alcoholic goodies.

We send sympathy to the family of **Bennet Messer** for his passing on January 29. He was a faithful member of our group and is missed.

Gene O'Neil, the brother of **Dennis O'Neil** also passed away. Our caring thoughts go to the family.

The committee can't wait to see you all.

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Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow February 2 so spring will soon be upon us. However, winter is still haunting us in the Burg. That Ground Hog had better be right. Day light savings time begins March 10th, St. Patrick's Day 17th (get out your corned beef, soda bread recipes and green beer). Spring arrives the 20th. "*Celebrating spring is as easy as opening a window and catching a breeze*" (I don't know who said that). Palm Sunday is March 24, Passover 26, Good Friday the 29 and the last Sunday of the month is Easter. Wow how fast time moves along!

It is with sadness of my heart to report **Anita Pawlack's** (RCR PIT/MCO) husband **Pete** passed away unexpectedly January 22. Pete was a very special friend of mine and I will dearly miss him. Anita's address is 10 Oak Lane, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Tom Malley had a stroke on his way to Florida, what we know now; he is in Savannah Georgia hospital for rehab. He has to be able to walk before they decide whether he can stay with his daughter or send him home for awhile.

I went to visit **Rich Guida** at West Hills Rehab Center. He was in good spirits but would rather be at home. The doctors are trying to find out why the blood clots are still forming. Please keep Rich & Barb in your prayers.

I received word that **Ray Mc Conaghey** had a heart attack but is home and is doing well. **Art Todd** sent me a note and wants to thank each and every one of you for your notes, sympathy cards and prayers when his wife **Linda** passed away. **Joan Ference** is having major problems with her shoulder; she is hoping the shots she is getting will help the pain to go away. At the Interline Christmas Party, Joan's husband Vic, had a nose bleed. Two nurses were at the party and attended to him. They could not get the bleeding stopped, so on to the emergency room. The doctors cauterized his nose and back to the party he went. Vic, you will do anything to get attention.

Our Aquamarine Gems birthdays are: **Dick Brinza** (3), **Ray Sellers** (3), **Ed Yauch** (4), **Treatie** (15), **Max Seaholm** (23), **Lorraine Keith** (23), **Barb Seaholm** (31). Happy birthday to all! Happy anniversary to **Barb & Max Seaholm** (11)!

I am going to do a little bragging. My nephew Edward Krzemienski, 7 years old, wrote a story about Jim and his week of wild rides. Ed took top prize in the first grade category for "Jim's Crazy Bus Week" - no small feat when you consider that Ed's story was chosen over thousands of submissions from 63 participating PBS stations all across the country. In the book, Jim's bus was something different each day - a duck, a sponge, a mustard bottle and even an ear of corn. Ed went to pick up his award at the local TV studio, decked out in his suit, tie and an ear-to-ear smile. His prize? An iPad. Ed is now in second grade at Washington Academy in Muncie, IN. He has an amazing imagination and I am so proud of him.

Our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon will be held March 15 at J. W. Hall's. You will be receiving your flyer soon in the mail with more information. When you send in your check, if you have not paid your dues, please include \$5.00 with your reservation. Also remember to bring non perishable food for the local food bank.

Calendar:

March 15 - St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Seventeen members and guests came out in the rain for our January 17th luncheon/meeting. We thank **Terry Taylor** for making the arrangements at the O'Charley's in Turkey Creek. Our waiters and the food were excellent.

We had received letters from the Union County Food Pantry thanking us for our recent donation. It was greatly appreciated. We also had received a card from **Cecil & Rachel Adkins**. Cecil had a bout of flu and pneumonia and ended up in the hospital over New Year, he is doing OK now. They hope to make it out to a meeting later this year. **Bob Rotiski** is not doing well and is in a facility for dementia. **Cal & Maxine Anthony** have also been sick with the flu.

Our new insurance and prescription cards were discussed. It seems that everyone but Herman & I had received both of these cards. We didn't know there were two separate cards until I needed to pick up a prescription at the local drugstore. The drugstore was transferred several times and then put on a long hold (no one ever came back to the phone). I ended up paying for the prescription. Herman then tracked down the correct number and they issued us our prescription cards.

Door prizes were won by **Jeanne Barkmann, Ray Perry** and **Bev Emmel**. The 50/50 prize of \$20 was won by **Terry Taylor**. Everyone was reminded that the next breakfast was February 21st at 9:30 AM at Mimi's Restaurant in Turkey Creek.

It was still raining when we left the west side of Knoxville. Then the adventure began! The snow storm that they had been predicting moved in early on the east side of town. Before we got part way to **Betty Shipe's** home, it was snowing heavily and ice had formed on the roads. **Mary Gilbert** and **Carol Anderson** were also having the same problems. It took them 2 hours to get to Mary's home. The roads were so bad by that time that Carol spent the night there. Herman & I had farther to go (as we live north east of Knoxville). By the time we got to Maynardville (the next large town), we had icy roads with 5 inches of snow on top. It's a good thing that we lived all those years in Chicago as cars and trucks were everywhere. We did stop at a gas station just north of Maynardville. We'd been there about 15 minutes when the police came through and shut the road down until the plows could come through. We managed to slip and slide through the hills in our subdivision (white knuckle time!) and got home 5 hours after we left the restaurant. Since that time, we've had another ice storm and the opposite extreme - 69 degree weather! What a goofy winter. We've had more snow than our son has had in Chicago!

Calendar:

March 21 - Luncheon Meeting, hosted by **Al & Jeanne Barkmann**.

April 18 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant in Turkey Creek Shopping Plaza.

May 16 - Luncheon Meeting, hosted by **Jack & Sue Ferrell**.

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



They say that "No news is good news." That makes me wonder if they mean "it's good when there is no news" or if "there is no such thing as good news." If you listen to the news or read the newspaper, you might tend to believe the latter.

In the case of Seattle's Emerald City Slickers, it simply means that we haven't had a meeting since last November! We don't meet in December, the January meeting was canceled, and the February meeting hasn't yet occurred; ergo, no chapter meeting news. Nevertheless, I'm sure your correspondent can come up with something to print. She isn't noted for being at a loss for words. In college she liked essay questions; because she usually could bamboozle the professors into thinking she really knew something about the subject.

Many chapter members have had run-ins with Express Scripts. Suggestions for setting up individual accounts, for choosing passwords, and hints for dealing with the new company handling Medco have been published in Contrails, our local chapter newsletter. The discussion is likely to be ongoing for several meetings, and we hope to see national coverage in the business pages of this newsletter. Yours truly had her problems straightened out during a 70-minute telephone conversation with a delightful Express Scripts representative, who bent over backward to correct errors and set everything else in motion.

Doris Spence (SEAMM) smiled for the camera with a basket of thank you notes she received in honor of her amazing 12,350 plus hours of volunteer service to the USO. Her picture appeared in the Highline Times. Thanks from all of us, too, Doris, for your dedication to our armed services men and women.

Meetings or not, Emerald City Slickers continue to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, even if it means turning a year older. Remember that it's all a matter of mind – if you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

March Birthday greetings go to **Blaine Anderson, Don Anderson** (SEAF0), **Vivian Anderson** (SEAFR), **John Bell** (SEACS), **Helen Clement, Marion Hafterson, Kay Johnson** (SEACG), **John Lockhart** (SEAHH), **Mary Luke, Hubert Malco** (SEAHH), and **Dick Wiesner** (SEAF0).

Not so many Slickers chose March for their weddings. We send congratulations to **Kent & Carol Soffel** (SEARR) on their 45th anniversary.

On a sadder note, we received news from **Erwin (Casey) Casanova** (SEAFF) concerning the death of **Warren Hillman** in Oro Valley, AZ, last fall. Casey had worked with Warren in Los Angeles and Seattle, where Warren retired from SEAOO.

Calendar:

March 12 – Luncheon, Fairwood Golf and Country Club

April 9 – Luncheon, Fairwood Golf and Country Club



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We still have snow and ice and it doesn't go away. We had our dinner at the Outback Restaurant in Spokane Valley. We had 14 people and everyone made their own choice and enjoyed everything. Because we had more than eight, they gave us two plates of onion balls and boy, were they good! Two of us had a special martini. It had four different kinds of alcohol with whip cream on top, with a cookie on top. You wouldn't want to drink more than one if you are driving. The hosts this time were **David & Theresa Reisenauer** and they chose a great place. I hope we can go again.

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

The Dulles Loungers met on January 9th and swapped stories about our Holiday Adventures and trips! About 60 Loungers were in attendance on a cold but sunny day.

Your correspondent (**Lucy Chatelain** IADRR) took a Christmas cruise from Baltimore to Nassau and it was a great trip as we were in a group of 40. We sailed aboard Royal Caribbean "Enchantment of the Seas" on December 22nd for a 7 day cruise; we were only 2 days at sea before we sailed into warm weather and bright blue skies. Nassau was as pretty as I remembered it! We had a great many children on board as they were off from school and it was interesting to hear their impressions of life at sea!

Another cruise fancier is **Kate Connelly** (DCASW) who flew to San Diego to join her group of 14 friends to take a 15 day cruise in late November. The ship was the "Celebrity" and they sailed to all the Hawaiian Islands. The cruise took them to the big island of Hawaii where they saw the famous volcano, and then on to Maui, Kona and Oahu.

Kate reported that the Pearl Harbor Tour is as popular as ever and there is now a museum adjacent to the USS Arizona Memorial. Honolulu has changed a lot in recent years and is not as charming as most of us remember it in the 1970s and 1980s.

Another intrepid traveler, **MaryBeth Collins** (IADRR), flew to Madrid in late October to visit her brother, who has lived in Spain for several years. MaryBeth enjoyed beautiful fall weather and she was very impressed with the Guggenheim Museum at Bilbao. This is a Frank Gehry masterpiece of modern architecture and is well known for the modern art collection.

Calendar:

March 13 – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas VA

April 10 – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas VA



CLIPPED WINGS

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The Special Olympics (World Games in South Korea) are now complete and we are awaiting news from the parents who were able to attend with the grant dollars donated by Clipped Wings.

We are so pleased with the previous and active CO Flight Attendants who have now joined our ranks, plus our membership is continuing to grow with first time and renewing members.

The newly designed scarves should be ready for purchase in March. The new airplane scarf will feature several United airplanes, the "New United" airplane, a few nostalgic Continental airplanes and a Capital airplane. The cost with postage will be \$22.50. There are some airplane ties still available for sale. (You might want to buy one of those ties before they are all gone.) Contact: **Cheryl Jensen** – Rjensen48@aol.com. These Clipped Wings sales will continue to benefit our philanthropy, Special Olympics.

Updates:

- Committee members designing the new Clipped Wings website and the brochures have been diligently at work. Website launch is due any day.
- The new Clipped Wings brochure will be printed and available for distribution as soon as the new website is known.

We are all looking forward to many fun events this year. Please join us!

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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.)

Bruce Baur, 1020 Yates Way, #410, San Mateo, CA 94403 94403

I recently moved and called United for a change of address form. I was told such forms are no longer being sent out; like nearly anything else such changes have now to be made on the computer.

I hope that this information will be of some help to anybody who has to move in the future.

Go to "*Flying Together*" then:

1. On the top right click on "*Employee Services*", then
2. on the left, below Information for all co-workers, "*Benefits*", then
3. Below Learn Enroll, Your Benefits Resources (YBR), then
4. On top, above your benefit resources, "*Your Profile*", then
5. Click on "*Personal Information*".

Your personal information should pop up and any changes to it can be made right there.

Gae Bockelman, 5240 E 120th Pl., Thornton, CO 80241

Thanks for your work everyone; it is appreciated. All of the information provided helps since we're not computerized.

We are doing well, after heart problems for the both of us. I have been able to reverse my diabetes; no longer have to take insulin or pills and my blood sugar is down to 104. I have been walking 2-3 miles daily, weather permitting.

Duane Chambers 608 N Clover Ct., Nixa, MO 65714

Thanks for the great job you do. It doesn't seem like I left United eighteen years ago. I don't know if SATO Travel still exists. I am glad we kept the United name because everything else is Continental. I work about 20 hours a week as a courtesy clerk at Hy-Vee (grocery store). All you have to remember don't put a bag of cat litter or a bag of dog food on top of eggs.

Bethine Grunewald, 2355 28 Mile Creek Rd., Gerry, NY 14740-9531

Thank you for answering my email. I am glad that you still exist. I found you by accident. UAL benefits people told me you no longer were in business. But I found RUAEA while searching on the computer.

I haven't travelled since I moved up here in the mountains of New York. But I am going to try to go some where in the future.

Thank you again for the quick response to me.

Peggy Hallsted, 243 Caseco Lane, Port Orchard, WA 98366

Thank you for the reminder for my dues. I have been dealing with breast cancer and surgeries and it completely slipped my mind. I paid for a few years in advance last time and didn't realize the time was up!

I am doing great now and entering back into the real world. Thanks for all that you do.

John Hildebran, PO Box 191, Moyers, OK 74557-0191

Wow! Another year has gone by since I retired in December of 1980!

Notice I am updating my membership just a year at a time as I don't want to overdo it. Ha!

Sally and I are not into computers yet, so we are glad to get all the news the old fashioned way.

What a blessing you all are for keeping us seniors informed of the airline business.

Speaking of old times, I especially enjoyed the remarks by **Madeline Latimer** in "The Salt Lakers" column of December 2012, telling about everybody doing everything in the early days of UAL in the 40's.

It reminded me of my days with Capital Airlines in Erie, PA. It was my first job after getting out of the Air Force. I was hired in November of 1945. Capital only had a manager and one agent. I came in as number 3; but added several more in 1946. But like SLC, we did everything, even handled air freight and mechanical duties at times. I remember at least twice we had to use a "sling" to start an engine when the battery wouldn't.

We had no weather bureau, so we handled that too. In the winter we had to run a "braking action" check. We would drive our own cars down the active runway, get up to 50 MPH, slam on the brakes and see how we slid. Then we would report it to flight control, good, fair, and some times ... nil. Remember this was in the days of the DC3's. What a difference 68 years make!

Alice Hockensmith, 1329 Elmhurst Ln., Schaumburg, IL

Thank you to **Francis Domaratus** and everyone else who works on the Newsletter. I look forward to receiving it every month. It is the only way I get information on changes, benefits, etc. happening at UAL. I really appreciate your hard work.

Three years ago, I had brain surgery for an aneurysm which paralyzed my left arm and leg, so I haven't been able to attend any RUAEA or Skyliners events. But I hope to do so in the future.

Linda Keim, 16547 Antero Circle, Broomfield, CO. 80023

We add our "thanks" to all of you hard working folks who keep us informed and in touch with one another. Your information about our pass benefits is invaluable, especially for those of us without a home computer. Although when reading about those who have tried to travel, maybe the old automobile is not the best way to go I've always gotten a first class seat, a great companion with peace and quiet. This is so much better than the middle seat in the last row.

Ron and I are both well. He's coming up on 25 years of retirement. His goal is to be retired for at least as many years as he worked for UAL, which is 34. We're enjoying our home in Broomfield in a 55+ community. We've got a great clubhouse with an exercise room that we both use almost every day. It keeps us from putting on too many pounds, which at our age is easy to do. I'll be 68 this month and Ron will be the dreaded eighty in May. But as long as we're pretty healthy, I believe age is just a number.

Our best to all, and a special hello to **John & Connie Wilson**. Ron and I both worked with John in DENRR, back a million years ago. Keep up the great newsletter.

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

Thirty years with United and I end up a “Continental” retiree! A very sad state of affairs. As **Bill Bendix** used to say, “What a revoltin’ development this is”. Remember him?

I simply want to thank you all for your hard work for, and dedication to, all of us retirees. It is certainly appreciated.

Ruth Marston, 12422 E Caspian Dr., Aurora, CO 80014-1987

I have had a pretty good year; but early on was not the best. I had to have a heart valve replaced on April 10th, a pacemaker on the 18th and home on the 19th; but all went well.

In July, I did some traveling with a son, daughter-in-law and great grandson. We drove to the Grand Tetons, West Yellowstone, Coeur d’Alene, ID and Whidbey Island, WA. This was a very beautiful drive. I flew back to Denver from there.

In early August, I flew to San Antonio, TX to take my great-grandson home.

On the 18th, I flew to Fairbanks, AK and did a land and sea tour of the Inland Passage on Princess Cruise Lines.

In November, I flew back to San Antonio for Thanksgiving and back home. Then I was off to Nevada for a few days.

I feel better now than I have for a long time.

I wish everyone a great New Year.

Janet Rodriguez, 4666 Varna Ave., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

I am sorry to be late with my dues.

I sold my beautiful home in Ashburn, Virginia. It sold fast, within 30 minutes the first day it was on the market; and my head just stopped spinning.

I have moved to the Los Angeles area to spend the rest of my life near my children and grandchildren. Thank you for all that you do for RUAEA.

Nalini Shah, 1288 Bradley Lane, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

My renewal for the three years is over and reminds me that life goes fast and the time does not stop for us.

We had two family weddings this past year. We all enjoyed them very much.

We also went on a tour of Yellowstone Park for 10 days with our friends. It was enjoyable seeing the beauty of nature.

We really enjoy reading the newsletter. Thanks to all volunteer RUAEA members. We wish all the “Best of the New Year”.

Wallace Wong, 345 West 58th St. #6-T, New York, NY 10019

Another year, another birthday, and it’s time to pay my RUAEA membership dues. How time seems to fly!

However, there are some dates I will always remember, such as my hire date with United Airlines; September 4, 1953 and my retirement date; August 1, 1989. These dates are packed with warm memories, relationships and exciting experiences.

Happy New Year to the RUAEA staff and Thank You for keeping us informed.

The following was taken from an invitation to Wally’s last round-up retirement party in July, 1989.

As I reflect on my 35+ years with United Airlines, I can’t help but recall the people, events and changes, which have made my association with United an interesting, challenging and most richly rewarding experience.

I will always remember and value the friendships that have evolved during my tenure at United.

Finally, I would like to quote from the song, “Getting to Know You” from the King and I, in which Oscar Hammerstein the 2nd writes that “When you become a teacher, by your pupils you’ll be taught”. I have been taught very well indeed by some of the most extraordinary students, co-workers, community leaders and friends that have been my good fortune to know. It is these past, present and future people; I will miss most of all.

My retirement plans will focus on four main objectives, (1) Education, (2) Recreation, (3) Travel and (4) Community Service.

First Year ~ Relocate to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Attain a Masters Degree in the Fine Arts: Major in Music and Theatre Production at the University of New Mexico.

** Start studies in the Spanish Language*

** Domestic Travel*

** Continue sponsorship of Native American Children*

** My wife Mary will set up a Case Management business and attend classes at the University of New Mexico.*

It would be interesting to know how many of these Wally has accomplished, since retirement. MAG

Robert (Bob) England, SFOMB, 2758 Bowmont Dr., Eugene, OR 97405

Usually I would wait for my renewal time to send a note. However, I wish to share a thought. I would hope that UAL management can somehow be reminded that we retirees are not just a dead weight for UAL. When I was employed by United on my 17th birthday, I became a member of Bill Patterson's "airline family". It soon became evident through his actions and contacts with us at SFOMB, that he intended to achieve success for all through his co-workers, not in spite of them. We did in fact, become the very best airline in the world. As we all know many subsequent CEOs tried to divide, suppress and sell off parts of our company all in the name of immediate profit for the stock holders. One CEO even tried to kill the employee suggestion program. I believe that by sticking my neck out I helped to avoid that move.

To sum up, I hope management will awaken to the fact that we are a very large pool of mostly UAL advocates. We did not retire from the world community. In fact many of us now come into far greater contact with the general community. As volunteers with our public library my wife and I are in contact with dozens of local citizens. We know that we have created income for UAL through these contacts and that these people will in turn create far more in the future.

With thanks to all of our association's volunteers.

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