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## *All Arizona Luncheon, March 20, 2014*

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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter From The President



Hi Folks,

Happily we came through the Pass Survey unscathed, resulting in no changes to the current policy. This is what we, and other retiree organizations hoped, that the policy would remain the same. I know many of you would like to see some changes, however, sometimes change is not for the better.

We are in the early planning stages of our annual Convention in San Diego. Hopefully you have started thinking about your travel plans so you can join us and participate in all the wonderful activities that will take place. Remember if you drive, the parking fee is \$2.00 per day, allowing you in and out privileges. Weather permitting; the Banquet will be an outdoor event with an indoor venue in case of inclement weather. The three hospitality nights should be great fun. One night, there will be a one hour beer/wine event hosted by the hotel and there will be

a Friday Night Fiesta.

**Hank Gosselin**  
**President – RUAEA**

## All Arizona Luncheon ~ “Welcome - Cactus League”



The Holiday Inn, Casa Grande, AZ was the setting for the annual All Arizona Luncheon on March 20, hosted by the Azures RUAEA chapter from Sun City, Arizona. With the theme “Welcome - Cactus League”, the baseball fountain type centerpieces and various sports apparel worn by the guests, added to the sporty atmosphere.

89 members of the Arizona chapters, i.e. the Re-Uniteds from Mesa, the Roadrunners from Tucson and the Azures donned their favorite team shirts and hats and dined on a wonderful buffet of roast beef, chicken piccata with salads, potatoes and yummy desserts. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food and warm camaraderie.

Alliant Credit Union’s Giacomo Parente gave us information on investment, financial planning, savings and borrowing abilities offered by the reps from Alliant. He brought promotional handouts for everyone to partake of including, pens, bottles of hand sanitizers, calculators and calendars. Alliant also raffled off a \$50 check to a lucky winner.

**Hank Gosselin**, president of RUAEA, spoke about the organization’s push for more retiree involvement and about the upcoming convention in San Diego, California on October 1-4, 2014. He told us about the easy access to the hotel from the freeway, modern hotel facilities and a great rate for RUAEA members.

\$50 each was awarded to the three lucky winners of our 50/50 raffle. They were **Richard Aaronson, Ed Kokot**, and “Anonymous”.

Eighteen gift baskets made up of varying subjects from sports to wine to stationery to bed and bath products and Mexican themes were raffled off to the very happy winners. Also, a donation of two framed United Airlines destination posters were raffled. The baskets were donated by the hosting chapter members, the Azures. Some of the basket winners were: **Shirley & Ron Robertson, Pete & Alice Lopez, John Bennatts, Marie & Greg Peterson, Claire Byle, Jim & Gail Rudolph, Sandy Lawyer** and **Muriel Bergsma** from the Roadrunners, **Lisa Hopkins** and **Susie Hughes** from the Azures, and many other lucky RUAEA members.

A special thanks to **Mike Richards**, executive vice president of RUAEA, for being the main speaker and to **Joseph Hopkins** and **Carol Liltz** for their planning of this fun event. And, also, a “shout out” to the Azures members who contributed their time and talent to making the lovely, creative baskets.



## Future Events – You Are Invited



- **United/Continental Picnic** – Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014, in Denver, CO, at Wings Over The Rockies Air & Space Museum. For more information, contact **Tom Goodyear**, [tagoodyear@aol.com](mailto:tagoodyear@aol.com).
- **Sierra Roundup Picnic** – Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe. For more information, contact **John Zoboli**, (775) 856-2044, [johnzoboli@aol.com](mailto:johnzoboli@aol.com).
- **United Maintenance Get-Together** - August 19, 20, 21, 22, in Minden, NV. All are welcome. For more information, contact Darlene at [imthemama57@msn.com](mailto:imthemama57@msn.com).
- **RUAEA Convention** in San Diego, CA, registration starts September 30<sup>th</sup>, activities, October 1-4<sup>th</sup>. For more information, see convention article or contact **Barbara Drews**, Publicity Chairperson, [sdsailorgirl@yahoo.com](mailto:sdsailorgirl@yahoo.com).

## Pass travel survey results are complete; no changes to current program



Nearly 52,000 employees and retirees participated in the pass travel survey earlier this year, and the majority is satisfied with their travel privileges under the current pass travel program. There will be no changes to United's current travel program.

The survey results, tabulated by independent survey company Hay Group, showed that many employees and retirees use their travel privileges. Among the respondents, 96 percent use personal pass travel privileges at least once a year; 95 percent of respondents use vacation passes and two-thirds use buddy passes at least once a year.

Most respondents positively rated the ease of creating and changing bookings for leisure space travel as well as for creating buddy and vacation ePass bookings, while United needs to work on ease of pass travel on other airlines.

This survey was the result of United's commitment in 2011 to host a pass travel survey within a few years of harmonizing the pass travel programs of United and Continental. The company knows how important pass travel privileges are and appreciates your participation.

## EWR, SFO runway closures require extensive planning



EWR closed one of its three runways for a two-month construction project in April, and SFO is preparing to close two of its four runways for a similar project starting in May. It has taken United's teams years to plan for the temporary closures at two of its hubs to reduce service disruptions throughout the system.

*"There will be some impact to our operations, but we have done a lot of things to mitigate it,"* said Network Operations, Air Traffic Control Strategy Managing Director Bill Cranor.

Bill, who was at SFO to meet with leaders about the runway work, said the closures are inconvenient but necessary for the airports to build government-required safety areas that airplanes would use if they ran off the end of the runway.

At both hubs, United has done comprehensive modeling with the FAA to determine how many planes can take off and land safely on the open runways in optimal flying weather. At EWR, United has cut flying by about 15 percent from April through May to alleviate congestion.

At SFO, where construction extends into September, United has spread out its takeoffs and landings to ease the pressure on the runways during peak hours. The company also has very detailed plans for flight diversions. United has worked closely with all the airline staff that would be affected by the closures to ensure they are prepared. *"The idea is to make it more equitable and to improve the experience for our customers,"* Bill said.

EWR Station Operations Control Managing Director Rick Hoefling said the first few days of the runway closure have been smooth thanks to good weather. He said we coordinated with EWR, the FAA and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to time the runway closure so that it creates the fewest possible disruptions. That means doing the bulk of the work in April and May before the peak summer travel season.

*"Usually, work like this would take place in the summer months to capitalize on good weather. But summer is also a busy travel season,"* Rick said. *"In this case, it is less risky and easier on our customers to close the runway in the spring rather than the summer."*

The EWR runway will be closed again briefly in September. Other runway closures are in progress or planned for FLL (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.), LAX and SAT (San Antonio, Texas).

### **Operational review leads to DEN insourcing, negotiations at 15 line stations**



To determine the best model for providing reliable service in the most cost-effective way, United regularly reviews its airport staffing models. The company prefers to have United employees do the work where it makes financial sense, and, as a result of recent discussions with the IAM, United is insourcing above-the-wing customer service work for United Express flights at DEN that SkyWest previously handled.

United is also looking at competitive market rates at 15 line stations to see whether it can continue to keep above-the-wing and below-the-wing work within United. These stations are: ABQ (Albuquerque, N.M.), BUF (Buffalo, N.Y.), CHS (Charleston, S.C.), CLT (Charlotte, N.C.), CMH (Columbus, Ohio), DSM (Des Moines, Iowa), DTW (Detroit), ELP (El Paso, Texas.), FSD (Sioux Falls, S.D), ICT (Wichita, Kan.), KOA (Kona, Hawaii), LIH (Lihue, Hawaii), OGG (Kahului, Hawaii), and PNS (Pensacola, Fla.) and only Ramp Services in SLC (Salt Lake City).

United currently pays the same labor rates in all markets, unlike its major competitors, whose rates at smaller stations are in line with local market rates. This is one reason why United's costs are uncompetitive overall.

Under the terms of the United-IAM collective bargaining agreement, United is asking the IAM to enter into local negotiations with the company. IAM-represented employees will have an opportunity to vote to accept any changes in labor terms that make it feasible for United employees to continue to perform the work.

United expects to conclude this process by June 15 and will notify employees as soon as it either reaches an agreement or makes the difficult but necessary decision to have vendors provide staffing at these airports. In February, United notified employees in YVR (Vancouver), YYC (Calgary) and YYZ (Toronto) of its decision to outsource above- and below-the-wing work in these Canadian cities. United knows that any change that could negatively affect its employees is difficult, but the company is taking these steps in order to ensure its long-term competitiveness.

### **United is making improvements to keep its customers better informed**



When a flight's status changes, United's customers want to know about it. Until now, the company has been able to reach fewer than a third of them. As part of building a more flyer-friendly experience, United is making some changes that will improve its ability to notify its customers of flight updates via email and text messages when they happen.

**UNITED** In March, United began asking its customers - when checking in online or at a kiosk - for the best way to keep them updated while on their trip. For its MileagePlus members, this contact information may be saved for future trips, replacing the need to subscribe to flight status notifications. As part of this change, United is now able to text updates to international phone numbers.

Starting in April, employees will be able to manage their contact information through employeeRES.

### **Torgy's Travel Tips – May 2014**

After the bizarre winter weather in many parts of the USA this year, many of you may be thinking about getting away from it all and taking a cruise. That got me thinking about what I've learned over the years regarding cruise ports in order to maximize my time and minimize my expense. If that's appealing to you, read on!

Cruise line sponsored shore excursions are pricey, but they are convenient and you don't have to worry about "missing the ship" when the tour is over. On the other hand, they are often comprised of a fairly large group of people, which the tour guide has to control like a teacher with a full class of grade school students. And the excursion almost always entails a shopping stop that lasts longer than the time devoted to the advertised

theme of the tour. In many port cities you can “do it yourself” and return to the ship with wonderful, unique stories to share over dinner with your tablemates. Let’s take a look at a few examples:

Athens, Greece – The ship docks in Piraeus, which is a mere 20 minute metro ride to the heart of Athens. You can walk from your ship to gate E6, take the pedestrian overpass across the street to the metro station and purchase your ticket from an automated machine, in English. For €1.40 (each way) you can ride to either the stop called Monastiraki or Akropoli, both of which will put you right at the entrances to the Acropolis. You’ll have plenty of time to see the sights, have lunch in the Plaka, shop (if you want to) and easily catch the metro back to Piraeus. If your feet are too tired to walk back to the ship, just catch a 826, 843 or 859 bus outside the Piraeus metro station to take you to gate E11 or E12, where all the big ships dock. The bus is included in your metro fare. Note: Always validate your ticket before you board the metro.



Barcelona, Spain – Probably one of the easiest ports in Europe to go it on your own. Walk right off the ship and you’ll be at the foot of the statue of Christopher Columbus. With the water to your back walk up the famous La Rambla, a ¾ mile long pedestrian-only promenade teeming with sights, sounds and aromas. The Gothic Quarter is 1 block to your right and the colorful market La Bouqueria is on your left. At the top of La Rambla is Plaza Catalunya, a great place to board the “hop-on, hop-off” sightseeing bus. Even if you’re not a fan of this type of transport, you will be very pleasantly surprised by this one. For €27.50 you will get everything a tour from the ship will give (and probably more) for half the cost. And it will drop you off at good old Chris Columbus on the return, so you can walk back to the ship.

Juneau, Alaska – Want to see Mendenhall Glacier for peanuts? Walk off the ship and head towards Franklin St. Board the Borough of Juneau local bus, #3 or #4 and for \$2 it will take you there. You can also pay \$8 for the “Big Blue Bus” which gets you closer to the visitor’s center, but you often have to wait for the entire bus to fill up before it will depart.

Naples, Italy – If you’d like to go to Pompeii, Herculaneum or Sorrento you can do that! The cruise terminal is conveniently located to the city. Buy a €1.20 ticket from any tobacco stand and catch the R2 bus for the short ride to Piazza Garibaldi, location of the Centrale train station. Once inside, go downstairs to the Circumvesuviana line. Purchase an all-day pass, about €8.00 or less, depending on your destination. Validate the ticket before entering the train. Exit at Ercolani Scavi for Herculaneum, Pompei Scavi (be sure it says SCAVI) for the ruins of Pompeii, or all the way to Sorrento. You can easily spend the whole day in Pompeii, or you can go to Sorrento instead, and stop at Herculaneum on the return. Either way, it is a fun and economical way to see these sights.

San Diego, CA – The cruise port is literally on the main boulevard in the San Diego harbor. Just walk off the ship, turn right and the first thing you’ll run into is the carrier USS Midway, which offers the best self-guided audio tour I have ever taken, simply fantastic! A bit farther along the boulevard is Seaport Village where you can shop, wine and dine. Or, for a look back at old California, head for Old Town State Park. Walk to the Santa Fe Depot (easily visible from the dock) and board the Green Line/Santee Trolley. The fare is \$1.25 for seniors each way. You can easily spend an enjoyable 4 hours or more there. It offers history, entertainment, restaurants and shopping and only takes about 20 minutes to get there.

Seattle, WA – Many ships dock at Pier 66 which puts you right in the heart of the city. The waterfront is packed with temptations, be it a ferry ride across Puget Sound to get those gorgeous photos of the Seattle skyline, a visit to the aquarium, a ride on the Great Wheel, fish and chips at Ivar’s or a look inside Ye Olde Curiosity Shop. A few steps away are the stairs/elevator to famous Pike Place Market, a not-to-be-missed experience and totally free.

So, do a little planning and venture out from the crowd. Consult websites like TripAdvisor, Viator and CruiseCritic.com to see if your port of call has some do-it-yourself options that fit your comfort level.

**Happy Travels!**

### Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles



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Most Rev. Ramzi Musallam, Bishop of Pottsville, who is caring for the Chapel has advised me the mortgage on the Chapel has been paid. The chapel is under the protection of the Archdiocese and cannot be taken away by any individual. FYI, there have been attempts to do this. The Bishop is currently looking into additional ground to enlarge the area.

I sincerely thank my fellow retirees from United Airlines. Your thoughtfulness, dedication and support are greatly appreciated.

To donate to the Chapel, make check payable to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike, B307, Newtown Square, PA

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March 18 found 20 members of our group at the Pensacola Yacht Club in Pensacola, FL once again. Those attending were: **Bill & Ann Delavan, John & Myrl Eisinger, Gayle Furlow, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Horne, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** plus our new member, **Monica Leonard**. Missing again this month were **Park & Billie Learned** as **Park** continues with his stroke recovery,



**George & Denny Atteberry** who are back in Indiana until April, **Bob & Carol Dorsey** were out of town, **Ray & My Owens** are in Viet Nam until June, and **Jeanne Reinoehl** had a conflict. We were thrilled to have **Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** back after their absence. **Barbara Serra**, our treasurer, was able to attend although she is still recovering from the bite from her cat.

We are so happy to welcome another new member, **Monica Leonard**, to our Chapter. **Monica** was a flight attendant and moved here recently. Her husband is still working at MRO facility. **Monica** found out about our group through a short article in the Pensacola newspaper. **Gayle Furlow** put the announcement in for us. Thank you, **Gayle**.

Our lunch was changed from a buffet to ordering off a special menu prepared by the manager of PYC. The food, as always, was delicious. While we waited for our lunches to be served, **Barbara Serra & Bill Hayden** sold the raffle tickets. **Monica Leonard**, our new member, was asked to draw the winning ticket. **Ed Southworth** was the lucky winner! Congratulations, **Ed**!

**Bob Schwartz**, President, called our meeting to order at 1:00PM. The Agenda and Minutes were emailed to everyone. **Barbara**, our treasurer, had reports for the previous two months and **Yvonne**, our secretary, asked everyone if they liked the new format for the minutes. As suspected, only a couple of members had even looked at them! There were positive comments from those who had looked at them.

Our April birthdays are **Park Learned** (1), and **Rick Herrick** (30). Our only May birthday is **Sande Zander** (23). Happy Birthday to you three!

**Yvonne** read the email from **Don Nellans**, our Florida Regional Director, regarding the Pass Travel Survey. **Bob** had emailed the info to everyone but discussion followed with everyone pleased that at least there are no changes to the current program (at this time).

**Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** told us of their harrowing trip trying to get to Hawaii (full flights, cancelled flights, etc.!) They did finally make it and had a great time.

Next month's meeting date was discussed and **Bob** said the meeting is scheduled for the last day of tax season (he does taxes during the tax season) so we would not be able to attend. Everyone immediately said we would change the meeting to the following Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks, group!

Discussion was then held as to continue at the Yacht Club during the summer months when they are so busy or return to the Naval Aviation Museum for our May thru August meetings. By unanimous vote it was decided to return to the Museum for these months and take a vote again at that time as to where to meet. It is so nice when members have children or grandchildren for the summer and being at the Museum gives them a great place to explore while we have our fun meetings. We enjoy meeting them and having them eat lunch with us. It was decided to change our meeting day to the second Monday since the Blue Angels practice on Tues. & Wed. and you can never find a place to park and the restaurant is packed. We are excited to be returning. We've missed seeing the planes!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Pensacola Yacht Club. Our meeting days are changing some so please call if you are in our area and would like to join us. If you live in our area (Panama Beach, FL-East to Mississippi border-West), we welcome you to come and experience our group!

#### Calendar:

**April 22** - 11:30 AM

**May 12** - Meeting day changed

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We met at the Irondale Cafe for our March meeting. Members in attendance were **Bobby & Jean Cox**, **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, **Joe & Jane Jones**, **Charlotte Gibson** and **Jesslyn Arnold**. After lunch, the 50/50 drawing was won by **Jesslyn**.

Elected officers for 2014: **Charlotte Gibson** ~ President, **Beverly Yeager** ~ Vice President, **Ken Yeager** ~ Treasurer, **Joe Jones** ~ Secretary. We thank **Bobby Cox**, **Joe Singleton**, **Charlotte Gibson** and **Judy Slover** for their service in 2013.

We meet every second Monday at 11:30 am for lunch in the Birmingham area and welcome all retired

United friends and families to join us. For information, call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

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Happy Spring! The weather here in the West Valley of Phoenix has been warm and pleasant for quite awhile now. The forecasts have been in the 80's with 50's during the night hours and the flowering shrubs and cacti are in full bloom. It is a wonderful time to be in Arizona.

Our March 8 luncheon at Pebblecreek Country Club in Goodyear was attended by 29 Azures members who lunched on their choice of Chicken Salad on croissants or Cobb salads. The lunch turned out to be totally yummy and everyone enjoyed the large portions. Joining us were new members, **Boris & Susie Spitz** and **Lonna Fischer** and friend. Boris has joined the Azure breakfasters in Sun City at Coco's a few times. We hope they all will continue to join us for our lunches or breakfasts.

The Azures were proud to host the annual All-Arizona luncheon which was held at the Holiday Inn-Casa Grande, AZ on March 20. The Newsletter cover story gives most of the details of the luncheon but, besides for the facts the attendees were the warmest, friendliest group of people I have had the privilege to lunch with for a very long time.

I saw many long-time United friends, two of the longest friends were **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck** (I probably mentioned this before, but I worked with Ferrol when I started with United in 1977 "them were the good ole days". Also, on my "favorites" list was **Muriel & Ken Bergsma** (I knew Muriel, through a mutual friend, when I transferred to ORDCS in 1979). It was good, also, to see my many friends from the Re-United's i.e. Rita, Shirley, Ron, Peg, Bob, Ginny & Fred (friends from the Board of planners for the 2009 RUAEA convention held in Phoenix at the Hyatt downtown). We tabled with **Lowell & Pat Neal, Gene & Marge Hinners** and **Joe & Lisa Hopkins**. All in all, I had a wonderful time (as I'm sure everyone did) and I thank my co-host Joe Hopkins for making the whole luncheon "happen" with such ease.

To end our luncheon season, in April we will lunch on the outside patio at Abuelo's Mexican Cantina, 16092 North Arrowhead Fountain Center Drive, Peoria, AZ (around 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Bell Roads). We are expecting over 40 members to attend. We will be able to order off the menu and have individual checks.

Our May birthdays are **Susie Hughes** on May 6 and **Jean Sellon** on May 29.

The Azures will have a summer rest and will have our picnic on October 11.

### Calendar:

Breakfasts at Coco's, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Rd., Sun City, AZ at 0800: **May 6** and **May 20**. Please call **Sherry Muoio** by the Monday night before for reservations, (623) 572-4828.

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We hope our members who stick around this summer will continue to meet for breakfast on the fourth Friday of each month at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, AZ. Our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, has met with the Manager and has reserved our private room for the rest of the year and has also made a few changes to our menu that will be to everyone's liking. It's always nice getting together and sharing information with our United Airlines friends. Mark your calendars so you don't forget. Our breakfasts start at 9:15 a.m. We encourage anyone visiting in the area who worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time, and are 55 years old or older, to come to any of our breakfasts. Contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at



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We all enjoyed the annual All-Arizona Luncheon on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, sponsored by the Azures Chapter. The lunch buffet was very nice, followed by presentations by the Alliant Credit Union, our President of RUAEA, **Hank Gosselin**; and **Mike Richards**, Executive Vice President of RUAEA, who was the Emcee. There were a lot of nice baskets won by many of our members, and also a 50/50 drawing and one by the credit union. The theme this year was a salute to the Arizona Cactus League and all sports, and a lot of sports wear was seen worn among the members. We had around 30 members attend from our chapter. A date has already been announced for next year's All-Arizona Luncheon, which is March 19, 2015, sponsored by the Tucson Road Runners at the same place, the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, AZ. Thanks go out to the Azures for the successful luncheon we had this year.

Mark your calendars for the RUAEA Convention in San Diego, California to be held October 1<sup>st</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Town and Country Resort Hotel. It should be a fun time. There is a lot to see there. It's not a long drive from the Phoenix area, so consider that in your plans. The hotel is located at 500 Hotel Circle North. Breakfast is included with the price and parking is only \$2 a day.

Our breakfast on March 28 at the Black Bear Diner had 28 people. **Jay Hartough's** grandson, **Austin**, from Colorado, and also **Bob Irwin's** friend, **Nell**, were at the breakfast. There were a number of us at the Cubs/White Sox spring training game at the new Cubs Park the day before. We heard we could reserve a place up in the upper level of the Cubs Park with a minimum of 20 people, and they provide all the food for a very minimal amount, so **Ron Paluch** is going to check on this for next year. It was noted that **Judie Preston** made one of the baskets for the All Arizona Luncheon as our chapter's contribution. **Ed Dawes** announced that he has been in retirement for 30 years, he was President of Re-United's Chapter in 2000, and he keeps active. We're always glad to see him at our meetings. President **Shirley Claggett** mentioned luncheons coming up later in the year and looking for sponsors and suggestions of places to go. If you have any ideas, please let Shirley know. We were so sorry to hear **Bob Hallden** is not up to par and has resigned his position as Director of the Arizona Region for RUAEA. Cards can be sent to him at 9309 E. Cooper's Hawk Dr. in Sun Lakes, AZ., 85248. **Jim Brigante**, is in rehab after his hip surgery, and not going to have his other hip done until sometime this summer. He had hoped to have it done a lot sooner, have patience, **Jim!** Just takes time. Cards can be sent to **Jim** at 8700 E. Mountain View Rd, #1106, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. Hope everyone gets better real soon!

It was announced that after the company had the survey regarding passes, there is no change to the current policy.

Remember to continue collecting items for the children involved in our Fantasy Flight, such as mittens, socks, blankets, stuffed animals etc. The children range in age from Kindergarten to second grade.

Our Annual Picnic held April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Crescent Run Park in Mesa, will be reported on next month.

The following have Birthdays in May: **Victor Kostecki** (5/5), **Oscar Aguilar** (5/12), **John Griffin** (5/13), **JoAnne Griffin** (5/16), **Gary Gerstung** (5/22), **Christine Rang** (5/22), **Kathy Brigante** (5-25), and **Gene Menten** (5/25). Happy Birthday to all of you! The following couples have Wedding Anniversaries in May: **Ron & Ruth Willoughby** (5/1/2004), **Steve & Linda Cooper-Koltz** (5/4/85), **Brian & Carol Hinkle** (5/11/97), **Victor & Jeanette Kostecki** (5/18/68), and **Fred & Ginny Rockenhauser** (5/23/70). Happy Anniversary to all the couples!

#### Calendar:

**May 23** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by Wednesday, May 21 at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**June 27** – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner

**July 25** – Breakfast at Black Bear Diner



### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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A good time was had by all who attended the All Arizona luncheon hosted by the Phoenix Azures in Casa Grande. The Roadrunners gave a good showing with about 30 people making the 55 mile road trip, however, attendance was down from recent years. Hopefully, this is not an indicator of things to come.

Tucson was well represented in the winning of raffle items. **Ed Kokot** won \$50 in the 50/50 raffle. The following were basket recipients: **Shirley & Ron Robertson, Pete & Alice Lopez, John Bennatts, Marie & Greg Pederson, Claire Byle, Jim & Gail Rudolph, Sandy Lawyer**, and the **Goodes** (guests of **Sandy Lawyer**).

RUAEA President **Hank Gosselin** gave a brief description of where the organization is headed. It seems that the retirees gave the right answers to the pass survey. There were no substantial changes that are being made to retirees pass privileges.

Birthdays in May: **Bonnie Royle, Pete Lopez, Ed Degan, Merritt McGlothlin, Marian Dietrich, Shirley Robertson, and Ken Bergsma.**

Our April 17 luncheon is scheduled to be held at Guiseppe's Ristorante Italian, located on Oracle just north of Rudisill in the Casa Blanca shopping center behind Putneys, hosted by **Pat Carera**. Make reservations before April 14, (520) 797-0243.

#### Calendar:

**May 15** - (Note day correction) Teresa's Mosaic Cafe 2455 N. Silverbell Hosted by **Loretta & Wayne Norman**, (520) 743-4300, [iamsewbusy@msn.com](mailto:iamsewbusy@msn.com)

**June 19** - Hosted by **Shirley & Ron Roberson**. Details to follow.

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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pines chapter! There were 12 members in attendance at our March 18<sup>th</sup> luncheon and we had a very enjoyable get-together.

Our main concern at this time is the condition of **Earle Risdon's** health. Earle was diagnosed with cancer and is now undergoing chemotherapy treatment. All our prayers go out to Earle and to his wife, Jeannie, who is his main caregiver.

Our next luncheon will be on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Lone Spur Café in beautiful downtown Prescott, luncheon time is 11:00AM.

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Our Chapter did not meet during March. Our next meeting will be on April 16<sup>th</sup> hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell** and **Bob Wagner**.

I did not receive any news from our members, so I'm assuming they are all well and keeping busy.

I did read in the March 14<sup>th</sup> UAL Retiree Newsletter, that the pass survey was completed and that there will be no changes. What a surprise! That means I still lose 25 years of seniority on the Standby List. No wonder I don't fly as often as I used to.

Since the Malaysian incident, I heard that on or before 1960, the pilots flying for U.S. airlines were American citizens and also Canadians. Since that time, the airlines can hire any foreign pilots. It makes you wonder just who is in the cockpit now a day.

An interesting fact: On average, pilots fly between 9 and 14 days a month. Indian company pilots fly between 24 to 26 days a month.

### **BRAZEN RAISINS**

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Eight members and two guests traveled up the mountain to Oakhurst, where **Dick Shryock** resides, to hold our meeting at the Sweetwater Steakhouse. It was a beautiful, sunny drive and some fresh snow on the ground at Oakhurst. Thanks go to **Dick Shryock** and **Hazel & Dick Hayes**, our hosts for the April Meeting.

We were all sad to hear that **Dick Shryock** is resigning from the Brazen Raisins. His last meeting will be May 7<sup>th</sup> and he has volunteered to be the host! Dick is the last original member of the Brazen Raisins and has written the History of Brazen Raisins, which will be handed over to the current President of our chapter. Dick has listed his home in Oakhurst for sale and has already bought another home in Yuba City to be near his family. Also, **Charlie & Millie Barnett** have resigned from Brazen Raisins. We are hoping that **Virginia & Jim Van Patten** will be coming back to our meetings, soon. Our chapter is getting smaller each month.

Our guests were **Roger Casterline** and **Zelma Kibler**. **Roger Casterline** spoke about the survey that most of us filled out and said that it did not change anything in regard to our travel benefits. **Zelma Kibler** brought a "Get Well" card for all of us to sign for **Don Nessling**, a former member of Brazen Raisins. We all hope he will get well soon.

**Dick & Hazel Hayes** announced that they would be attending the 2014 RUAEA Convention in October.

The fifty/fifty raffle was won by the **Oakshotts**. Other gifts were won by **Elida Rivas**, **Zelma Kibler**, **Nile Jones** and "Lucky **Dick Shryock**".



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**Kathy & Dave Wilson** hosted the Desert Sunbirds' March meeting at the Soul of Mexico Restaurant in Indio. Our meal choices were Soul of Mexico Salad, "Wet" Burrito, Enchiladas Michoacan, and Chile Verde. It is a relatively new restaurant, but made to look old with cracks in the walls, and the paint in some areas made to look like it has worn off to reveal red bricks as the original building structure. Altogether a very charming place, and twenty six members and guests enjoyed the food, service, and the ambiance.

Our guests this month: **Dick Milford** was again the guest of **Mary Frank**; **Patti Sica** brought her friend, **Maureen Kirkwood**; and I brought **Marji**, no longer a guest, now a member. We also signed up a new member, **Jeanne Kalahiki**. Jeanne gave me the information about her career with UAL, but I've misplaced it. We'll have her info in next month's report. Sorry, Jeanne. My bad!

**Maureen Williams'** gall bladder surgery went well, according to her daughter, but she is having other health problems. Last I heard, she is using portable oxygen at home. Her address, should you wish to send a card: 9757 Valencia Dr., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240. **Barbara Rowe** is still rehabbing her broken kneecap. We hope to see both of these ladies back at our luncheons real soon.

Congratulations to **Glen & Jan Voirol**, who celebrated their 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 27<sup>th</sup>; and **Ben & Shirley Schiewe**, who celebrated 32 years on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**Elaine Aggson** was the Birthday Winner; the 50/50 drawing was won by **Shirley (Spitler) Schiewe**, \$40.00. Two “belts” (with a pouch to carry water, OJ, coffee, beer, Jim Beam, or ?) were added to the 50/50 drawing by the **Wilsons, Gay Traber** and **Jerry Weiss** were the lucky winners.

One final note: Our Luncheon/Meeting in May will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>, the first Wednesday of the month.

Calendar:

**May 7** - Hosts: **Jerry & Sheryll Weiss**

**June 11** - Hosts: **Fred & Jan Kellerhals**

**GOLD DIGGERS**

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**SACRAMENTO**



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on March 26 at Strings in Auburn. This was hosted by **Alice & Glenn McPeak**. We had 35 Gold Diggers and one guest; **Anita Urie**, guest of **Alice & Glenn McPeak**. Our Chapter President, **Orville Harshbarger**, welcomed those attending. The members thanked the McPeaks for hosting.

*Officers Reports:*

*President* ~ **Orville Harshbarger** thanked all those attending today.

*Vice President* ~ **Phil Frank** gave us a luncheon update for this year. We still have May, June and January of next year open for hosting. Orville said he would take the month of May.

*Secretary* ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for March. Those 50 years and over: **Art & Pat Rugh** (65 years); **Marv & Jean Becker** (56 years); **Fernando & Ana Campos** (53 years) and **Robert & Judith Miller** (51 years). **Harold Esola** led us in singing the anniversary song.

*Treasurer* ~ **Judie King** was not in attendance so **Stephanie Norton** gave the report.

*Historian* ~ **Stephanie Norton** does not have a report.

*Sunshine* ~ **Alice McPeak** said that the **Szekretars** are not well, **Martha** had gall bladder surgery and **Charles** is not feeling well.

*Roster Chairman* ~ **Jack Raynor** was not with us today.

There will be an update on the convention next month. **Stephanie Norton** wanted to know if we would like a day excursion trip when they host in September. Everyone seemed to think that would be fine. Neither **John Zoboli** or **Ron Bertacini** was with us today.

Calendar:

**April 30** - Tahoe Joe's, Roseville – hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**



**HANGTOWN MINERS**

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Were you feeling the Green? Have a little Irish brogue to your speech? Okay, so maybe we were a wee bit early for the green beer, but such a simple problem like “timing” can’t hold back a Hangtown Miner! A huge “Thank You” goes to **Suzanne & Tom Kenny** and **Carolyn Woolston** for setting up March’s luncheon at 36 Handles restaurant in El Dorado Hills. I think we had 42 miners in attendance! Now, this led to some real coziness as the room is intended for about 40 tops. No problem! If you weren’t able to be there, go by on your own sometime. The furniture and beautiful cabinets/bars came from Ireland!

*President* ~ **Rudy Blazius** extended the Thank You for our luncheon and then welcomed our new (returning) member, **Reva Gordon**. He also welcomed **Pat Nelson** who attended as a guest of **Pilar Perez**. Pilar didn’t make it, but Pat had such a good time, she is joining the Hangtown Miners. We had a few

celebrating birthdays in March: **J.R. Heier**, **Cindy Blazius** and **Linda Dinette** all claim this month. **Charlie & Carlene Hyde** celebrated their 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Congratulations to all of you!

*Vice President* ~ **Bill Dinette** didn't have a "report" per se, however he did contribute an observation: You never know when you will cross paths with another United Airlines ex-employee. On a recent shopping trip he stumbled upon **Jim Rhoades**!

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have anything she needed to report.

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** reports that our checking account balance is now \$1,295.79. All the paperwork for filing our non-profit status with the State of California has been sent in for approval. Since we all are aware of the slow pace government offices adopts, maybe we will have our confirmation next month. Tom is not very pleased with the (very) slow acknowledgement of our gift of \$200 to the Food Bank. They were speedy in cashing the check but apparently the paperwork was misplaced during their move. He's thinking that perhaps next year, they will not be on the list for donations.

*Sunshine* ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** sent Get Well/Thinking of You cards to two of our members. **Bill Gibson** had some surgery (he's doing well) and **Tom Stutchel** has been dealing with a skin problem. FYI, Jeanette has learned that former members, **Paul & Bernice Ambrose**, have new living situations. Paul is residing in a memory impaired facility in Auburn while Bernice is living in a senior residence in Grass Valley. Good thoughts and prayers go out to each of you and any of our Miner Members who may be experiencing problems.

*Historian* ~ **Lynda Lima** brought our Hangtown Miners Memory book(s). She does such a great job keeping up with us! Be sure to take a moment or two to browse through them.

*Old Business* ~ We still have a few members from whom we have not received the annual membership dues. While we understand that sometimes "life" gets hectic and we don't get to some of the things we intend to do in a day. However, that being said, we do need to hear from you - whether you plan to continue or not. April is our "cut off" month, so don't lose out!

*New Business* ~ Are you ready! Our esteemed president, Rudy, always brings us interesting as well as informative pieces of information. Topics covered included Veteran ID card, Medical Benefits, news items from the last RUAEA Newsletter.

Rudy closed our meeting and the Drawing Of Opportunity began. **Jeanette D'Amico** was the winner of the donors' prize. Donations included: **Blazius** - candle set; **Dinette** - multi-meter & wine; **Raber** - wine; **Wolfram** - bear; **Kenny** - balloons; **Woolston** - barbeque sauce; **Biro** - wine; **Czapkay** - insulated cup; **Lima** - basket; **Fitzpatrick** - wine; **Akins** - eggs; **Kozelka** - beer & glasses; **Bushman** - wine; **D'Amico** - basket & blanket; **Gibson** - jam & hanging; **Somplack** - pot holders. Thank You to each of you for your generosity.

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Our March luncheon was held on the 13<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Valerie Hulsey** and **Jan Blackburn**, at the La Gare restaurant in Santa Rosa. There were 36 members, with 7 guests attending, including **Alice Eastus**, guest of **Ted Bell**; **Bob Giannini**, guest of **Jan Blackburn**; **Tony & Patricia Hughes**, also guests of **Jan Blackburn**; **Clem Shanahan**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; and **Lee Trevelyn**, also a guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; and **Sherri Quock**, guest of **Diana Quinn**.

The theme of the luncheon was St. Patrick's Day, with many wearing their green colors; the tables were nicely decorated with green ribbon wrapped wine bottles, which were later "grabbed up" in the raffle!

President **Brandon Maus** led us in a moment of silence for the recent passing of **Andy Citara**. VP **Larry Wilson** is working on an updated list of member's home and e-mail addresses. A schedule of all this year's upcoming luncheon dates and hosts was passed around to all those present.

**Oscar Chambers** brought us the Treasurer's report, which shows us comfortably positive in the General Fund at \$581.68, and \$205.11 in the Charity Fund. Let's continue to remember to "feed" the Charity box at our subsequent luncheons.

**Barney Hagen** reported that the Electronic Ticketing System for obtaining pass tickets is nearing completion. A recent e-mail from **Roger Casterline**, lists the updated phone numbers for reaching

Reservations. Barney also shared his recent experience riding in the open cockpit "Air Cam" plane, in which he toured over Sonoma County, and flying low along the Russian River. Sounds like fun!

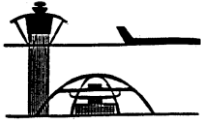
**Roger Casterline**, Regional Director of RUAEA, reported attending the RUAEA Board of Directors meeting in San Diego to view the grounds and the lodging for the upcoming Convention in October.

The Birthday and Anniversary list, along with an obligatory "joke" was read by **Mary Wilson**, Sec. in place of **Verda Burr**, who was away this month. There were no Anniversaries for March to announce, but the Birthdays were, **Patrick Cadden**, **Richard Sothern**, **Edie Olson**, **Brandon Maus**, **Barney Hagen**, and **Donna Stuckey**. Barney was the winner of the Free Lunch!

The Raffle was held for the many bottles of red and white wines and boxes of great tasting See's candies. It was a lovely luncheon and wonderful food served, and we look forward to being together at the next gathering on April 10, 2014, at the Quail Inn in Oakmont, hosted by **Mary Hill** and **Maddie McKinnis**. See you then!

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Our beautiful spring is bringing welcome rain and many celebrations. The day of our luncheon at the Proud Bird, the birthday season started off with a bang. On April 4, **Art Cottrell** and **Ann Chorbi** (who are twins by the way) celebrate their special day. This is followed by **Andy Chorbi**'s whose birthday is April 6. The Cottrells and Chorbis have named this party the "3-A Celebration" for Art, Ann and Andy. Then to add more fun, they celebrate Pat & Art's wedding anniversary on May 16. This year is their 50<sup>th</sup> year of wedded bliss! We want to wish happy Birthday to other Re-LAX-ers.

**Eleanor Jones**' birthday is April 7 and **Al Tschirhart**'s birthday is April 8. Another significant birthday will be celebrated by **Norm Bettke**, who will be 84 on May 14<sup>th</sup>! Our best wishes to all these Aries and Taurus of April.

We had a happy call from **John Daley**, who finally convinced his Drs. to let him go home. He'll be at the luncheon with his caretaker, Caesar.

**Peter & Barbara Schuster** invited Hal and I to visit their time-share in Oregon. It was a magnificent drive though snow-capped mountains, with daffodils and colorful flowering fruit trees! Pete enhanced the trip by shopping for oysters in Washington and then drove the coastal route home past breath-taking scenery of the rugged Pacific Ocean. It was really an incredible trip. Many thanks!

Just before sending this column, we received an e-mail from **Tarina Murray**. In early February, she underwent surgery on her neck and back. She's still in heavy braces 24 hours a day and still has severe pain. We send our love and prayers to help her thru another difficult surgery. 7619 S. Victoria Ave., Inglewood, CA 90305-1250. We remember that **Ester Horompoly** is also going thru severe back surgery and is still at home in recovery also. We hope to see these ladies soon, for we know this is an extremely difficult time. Our love to both!

#### Calendar:

**June 6** - Proud Bird restaurant

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Our group was a little smaller this month, only twenty five in attendance but it wasn't the blustery weather. There are several retirees out travelling. We missed them but know they are having a great time.



There were no birthdays this month. **Barbara Drews** won the 50/50 lottery and she was also presented with a handmade walking stick made by **Al Soderberg**. He did some very nice carving using bamboo and Barbara will be the envy of all the hikers at Mission Trails Park where she works as a volunteer.

**Donna Capps** and her sister are en route to France where they will be touring the wine country of Bordeaux. They will be gone for about three weeks. **Roberta Parisi** is on her way to Amsterdam with her nephew and plans to show him all the great sights the Netherlands has to offer.

**Arnold & Maria Pollack** just returned from a trip to South Africa and it was all of the fabulous things they had heard. They tell me one of the thrills of Cape Town was visiting Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated. They also visited a small village, (Shanty town), where they mingled with the people and drank beer out of a communal bucket. During their travels they saw elephants, rhinos, giraffes, ostriches, and Maria, in a brave moment got to pet a cheetah! What a thrill! In Zambia, they took a sunset boat cruise on the Zambezi river, and they were given unlimited drinks. This may be to keep the tourists from being frightened by the animals? They saw baboons, hippos and monkeys in the trees. They also visited a small village where people live without electricity, limited water, and no bathrooms! No comment on that one.

We are expecting a good turnout for our Spring Fling at Fiddler's Green restaurant on Shelter Island. They don't open for lunch, only accept private parties so we will have the restaurant all to ourselves and we will eat and enjoy the ambiance and the nautical theme of this restaurant which is a landmark of the boat community.

The Convention is very much on our itinerary and we will have all the information you need to register in the June issue of RUAEA. There's lots going on in San Diego, come on down.

#### Calendar:

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

**October 1 – 4** – RUAEA Convention



#### **GOLDEN GATERS**

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President **Jerome Underhill** called the March 31 meeting to order. The Mainliner Club will have a Reno trip August 22-23 for \$169 pp. Recording Secretary **Donna Taiclet** read the February minutes. Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** acknowledged **Phyllis Maloney** who celebrated her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday! Auditors reported that they sold 70 tickets for today's Chinese Luncheon. Kitchen Coordinators **Monte & Mary Ann Monson** are moving to Bakersfield, CA. They thanked everyone for the friendship they've received for the last 10 years. They also thanked **Ralph & Bernice Trullinger** for introducing them to everyone and they said they enjoyed all the trips. You will be missed! We hope you'll be back to visit soon! **Linda Barrett** is the new Kitchen Coordinator.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** reported the Death Valley trip was great and the weather was perfect. RUAEA Western Director **Roger Casterline** updated us on the venue for the RUAEA Convention - Town and Country Resort in San Diego.

Thanks to Retired Kitchen Coordinators **Vera & Walt Kina** for arranging today's Chinese Luncheon. We will have hot dogs at our May meeting and Free Pizza later in the year. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Kathy Hutt** announced today's entertainment - Tony Castle, a one man show.

#### Calendar:

**April 28** - 11am - 2pm.

If any of you are visiting the SFO area and are here during our monthly meetings, please join us – we'd love to see you. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404

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## SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY

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The SFO/SJC South Bay meets each Friday morning at 8:00 am for breakfast at Holder's Country Inn, DeAnza Blvd., Cupertino, followed at 9:00 by a meeting. This is a Social Group where we talk with friends about our families, activities and trips.

President **Dave Walb** and his wife **Nancy** just returned from a fabulous trip to Australia including a cruise to New Zealand. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, our Vice President **Dave Garland** gets a lot of kudos for joining members of his church for an extended work trip to a camp for orphans in Zimbabwe. So, with both our President and Vice President out of the country, we relied on the support from former Presidents of our organization. Our thanks go out to **Sam Cramb**, **Alex Klaus**, **Bill Reichard**, and **Tony Urso**. It is this kind of support and cooperation that makes our chapter function so well. *(Correction to last month's newsletter when I stated we have 3 past presidents, when I should have said five! Sorry **Bill Reichard** and **George Sousa**!)*

**Sally & Tony Urso** enjoyed a visit with their daughter, **Lisa Donaldson**, who works for UAL in Denver as a Technical Writer. **Lisa** flew out to celebrate both **Sally's** and **Lisa's** March birthdays. **Al & Mary Lou Rogers** were busy entertaining a Denver visitor, **Al's** sister. **Al & Mary Lou** managed to take in the San Francisco Cable Cars and Santa Cruz (did you spot any Gray Whales?). It is always fun to have an excuse to be a tourist in our own area. Then they were off to Honolulu to visit **Mary Lou's** mother. **Jean & Louis Marcolina**, **Zelma Kibler**, **Roger Casterline**, **Rosemarie & Bill Reichard** enjoyed a cruise from San Francisco to Ensenada. What a nice way to celebrate Spring.

The arrival of Spring was not so kind to many of us who combated colds, bronchitis, and even a couple of members struggled with pneumonia! (Get well soon **Charlotte Cacioppo**!) Some seasons are not as kind to us as we would like. It certainly makes one appreciate good health.

On a happier note, Spring seems to be a time when love is in the air and many of our members celebrate wedding anniversaries during these Spring months. These include **Ann & Keith Olthof**, **Robin & Dave Garland**, **Cheri & Ben Scales**, **Charlotte & Jay Cacioppo**, **Karen & Bob Devlin**, **Barbara & David Diaz**, **Carol & Bill Copley**, **Katrina & Leon Manou**, **Jean & Lou Marcolina**, **Maria & Ted Boone**, **Claire & Lloyd Eber**.

The Spring Luncheon has not occurred at the time of the RUAEA Newsletter deadline so more details will appear next month. However, thanks to members who have been planning and will host the luncheon. **Dan & Georgia Nielsen** and **Sharon Ramsey** are spearheading this activity with help from **Kathy Adams**, **Marian Bruns**, **Karen Kitt**, and **Cicina Norton**. **Cheri Scales**, our chapter Treasurer, has been a mentor in how to get this ambitious activity together. We are all looking forward to seeing everyone at Vahl's Restaurant in Alviso on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** reported that there was greater participation in the online Pass Travel Survey than the last survey, and that there will not be any changes in Pass Travel Privileges. **Roger** and **Zelma Kibler** visit different RUAEA groups, and got a surprise of snow last month in Oakhurst when they visited the Brazen Raisins, **Donald Nessling's** former group.

Our members have a wide variety of life stories and work experiences. In this month's newsletter we want to feature one of our members, **Donald Nessling**. **Don** celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday in March. **Don** was born in 1922 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he graduated from High School in 1940. He joined the National Youth Administration Program and was assigned to Milwaukee County Airport doing Aircraft & Engine (A&E) book work. Here he was instructed in airplane maintenance, but the instructors were drafted for WWII. Rather than move to Seattle to work for Boeing Aircraft he chose to remain in Milwaukee and work for Pennsylvania-Central Airlines (PCA) as a Ship Polisher. Soon he was promoted to a Ramp Service Agent at Chicago Municipal Airport (re-named Midway in 1948) where he drove an Air Conditioner Truck used to service DC3s. In early 1942, PCA lost Chicago as a stop, but Washington National (DCA) had opened and PCA (along with American and Eastern) had offices, called "Mahogany Row", next to the hangers. **Don** was promoted to Washington National as a Junior Mechanic, assigned to the Sheet Metal Shop. In April 1944 **Don** made Lead Mechanic. During his years at DCA, **Don** made thirteen Field Repair trips, utilizing his Sheet Metal expertise. Also, during this time PCA was re-named Capital Airlines (1948), and in 1961 Capital and United Airlines merged. In 1966, **Don** was awarded Mechanic of the Month for DCA, and awarded Mechanic of the Year for UAL where his name is on the Award Panel at the base. In December 1966, **Don** was transferred to the San

Francisco Maintenance Base where he had numerous assignments: Sheet Metal Lead in DC-6 Dock Overhaul, Lead in the B29 hanger for Caravelle Fuel Leak Special Routes, Temporary Foreman on DC-6 Front Door Inspection, Lead for Dock 7 DC-8 Overhaul and Lead in Shop 265 Control Surfaces.

While a Lead, Don volunteered for Flight Attendant (then called Stewardess) Mock-ups at Chicago, New York, Denver and San Francisco. In Denver, Don's crew cut out B720 Main Passenger Doors for Mock-ups. In 1985, Don retired after 43 years 11 months of airline employment. Don likes to play poker, but his main hobby is stamp collecting. In addition, he has a large collection of PCA and UAL First Flight Covers (15 binders). He also collects Panama-Pacific Exposition stamps, post cards, and US coins. Don gets UAL and Capital pictures and mounts them to donate as door prizes at our retirement events – always a popular item! It is no surprise that Don is difficult to beat when it comes to Airline Trivia Games. He is a real expert. Don has two grandsons and presently lives with his daughter, Donna, and her husband at 545 Sunnymount Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA. 94087 and would love to hear from anyone whom he might know from his years with the airlines.

On-going events: **Alice Rostirolla** is managing the Book & Magazine Exchange at our weekly meetings. **Harry Willever** collects various items; i.e. toiletries, paperback books, & recent magazines for the Veterans' Hospital in Palo Alto.

#### Calendar:

Every Friday – 8:00 am Breakfast at Holder's Country Inn, DeAnza Blvd., Cupertino (across from Home Depot) followed by a 9:00 am Meeting

**May 7** - 11:30 Spring Luncheon at Vahl's Restaurant in Alviso

**June 17** - Annual Picnic at Vasona Park in Los Gatos

**October 1 - 4** - RUAEA 2014 Convention in San Diego

**December 9** - Holiday Luncheon at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara

**\*\*It is not too soon to volunteer to host the Fall Luncheon. I am certain our Spring Luncheon Organizers will be happy to give helpful tips.\*\***



#### **SAN JOAQUINERS**

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On March 13, our group, hosted by **Don & JoAnn Nesja**, met at Teresa's Italian Restaurant in Jackson. After the Pledge of Allegiance, we had our "joke time", led by **Don Nesja, Guy Hoffman** and **Bob Blair**.

Back with us after a hip replacement was **Elma Reyna**. It was so good to see her moving around pain free. Absent was **Fred Verbaere**, who was suffering with a bad back.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** reported all our bills paid, with only a memorial donation for **Regina Weber** awaiting the location for the payment. Our balance is almost \$600.00.

**Bob Blair** presented the group with a new (taller) "street sign" (to be placed as an identifier outside the meeting location), which was met with many ooh's and aah's. He also asked two trivia questions (answer at the end of this report). 1) When was the "shield" UAL logo first used? and 2) When was the logo with the vertical red, white and blue stripes used? Answer at the end of this report.

Our RUAEA Director, **John Zoboli** gave us an update on various happenings. He plugged the RUAEA Convention (October 1-4 in San Diego) and passed around pictures and fliers. Also the Maintenance Gathering in Minden, NV on August 19-22 and the Sierra Roundup group's picnic at Sand Harbor Park at Lake Tahoe on the way to Minden, August 19. He also mentioned that another retiree, **Don Lee** owns the Barnwood Restaurant in Ripon.

President **Bob Brooks** announced that we have hosts for all months except September, and called for a volunteer.

**Bobby Woods** introduced his new bride, **Eleanor Woods** and accepted the congratulations of the group.

Those in attendance celebrating birthdays were **Carl Swanson, Jack Walls, Glorie Gemberling, Rudy Reyna** and **Bob Brooks**. Anniversary celebrants were **Jack & Rosie Walls** and **George & Glorie Gemberling** (60 happy years).



All were invited to come see Daffodil Hill near Volcano. The flowers are abloom! Trivia answers were 1) 1939-40 and 2) 1954-55.

April meeting will be hosted by **Ken Wesela** and Vice President **Carrol Valdez** and will be in Manteca on Thursday, April 10. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Bob Brooks**, (209) 772-9814, for meeting information.

### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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We had a smaller than usual group of only 19 at our March meeting. Illness and traveling limited our attendance. Our theme was “green” in honor of St. Patrick’s Day and décor and the door prize was provided by **Carol Parks**.

We have lost one of our earliest members, **Ed Bingle**, who passed away in February at age 97. He will be missed by all.

It was good to see **Ken Price** back after a three week hospital stay and in his usual good spirits.

We enjoyed a good review of plans for the San Diego Convention by **Diane Griego** and the Western Director of RUAEA, **Roger Casterline**, who was in attendance. Roger passed out brochures on the Town & Country resort where we will be attending the Convention. Roger brought as his guest, **Zelma Kibler**, past president of RUAEA. We are so pleased to be able to attend in the beautiful city of San Diego, which is also an easy travel destination for us.

**Tom Johnson** advised us that Amtrak is offering 50% off to seniors on the SMF-SJC route on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. He also brought in a brochure from his recent visit to Cheyenne from the Cheyenne Regional Airport which proudly states that “United Airlines stewardesses came from across the country to train”. Ah, yes – some of us have fond memories of the “Wigwam Room” and the luxurious dorms, you really had to be there!

At our last meeting, we talked about the changes for retiree parking at SFO. You may obtain your permit anytime of the day when you plan to park or 24 hours in advance. There are three hours when you cannot enter the lot: 0530-0630, 1330-1430, 2130-2230. If you find yourself there during these times, just park in the Cell phone lot which is just adjacent and wait. This change was to coincide with shift starting times for active employees.

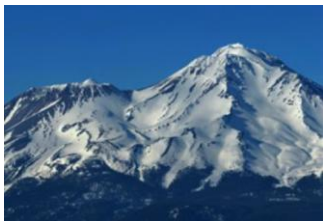
**April 14** – Zio Fredo Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

**May 12** – El Tapatio Restaurant, 40 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill

**June 9** - our annual picnic, 1634 Nuala St., Concord

**No meeting in July.**

We have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas only greeting cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards.



### **CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS**

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Rain did come to Northern California and would you believe a couple of tornados also! The area around Chico is very flat and we experienced weather that this area has not seen in a while. However, the weather did not stop 29 retiree and spouses from enjoying a great luncheon/meeting at the Countryside Café in Red Bluff.

President **Merritt Odor** greeted everyone and welcomed a guest for the meeting, **Russ Fulwood**, who is a friend of Merritt's. Merritt thanked **Vanessa Pratt** for setting up the meeting/luncheon. They always do a great job and at a reasonable price.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Dick Hooning**, **Bill Simonton**, **Glenna Solid** and **Hal Burdick** all have birthdays in March and April.

RUAEA Regional Director **John Zoboli** could not make the meeting but sent a notice about the United pass policy. There were no changes to the policy which brought a few smiles to the group.

There was some discussion on e-tickets and **Ray Herrick** talked about some problems with listing on a computer with Windows 8. He solved the problem using Windows 7.

**Merritt Odor** introduced our speaker for the day, **Russ Fulwood**. Russ was an instructor and fireman at the Tri Valley Fire Academy in Dublin, California. He gave a very interesting and entertaining talk about his experiences and what he has done since he retired. Russ has been retired for 17 years and it is always great to hear someone else's retirement experiences. He was 51 when he retired and then opened a machine shop. He was a great and entertaining speaker and we all enjoyed his stories.

**Katie Innocenti** volunteered to give us her work and travel experiences since she has been retired. Katie worked in United reservations and always has some great information about travel.

Katie retired May 1, 1998 after 41 years with Capital and United Airlines. She continued to work for United as a consultant until January, 1999. Katie found retirement boring and found a job in a 3 person travel agency in Chico (owner, daughter, and herself). She ended up booking all airlines, cruises and tours. This was ok but she found she preferred air/hotel/car booking vs. leisure trips. A friend owned a travel agency in San Francisco and asked her to work for them when she retired. Katie said she could not work for them unless they provided an opportunity to work from home. The owner called in 2000 and Castro Travel hired her in January, 2001 to work from home in Chico. This was a perfect set up for her compared to the last 10 years with United when she commuted from Chico to San Francisco to work each week. Katie has done corporate travel for Castro for the past 13 years and so far she is not bored or ready to give it up. Katie has been working 4 days a week since July, having Mondays off. She claims those 3 day weekends are a blessing. Katie has excellent perks with the agency. She can use FAM trips (familiarization trips) several times a year, and United/Lufthansa have been sponsoring a 4-5 day FAM trip over Thanksgiving for 20 years. Katie has visited BKK, PEK, (twice) FRA, and MUC up until a few years ago and flies coach with a chance to upgrade at the gate. In addition, there have been trips to many US destinations. Because of the travel agency's affiliations with 4-5 star hotels, she has complimentary rooms and meals at some very nice hotels. Way to go Katie! It sure is a nice way to spend your retirement but we also we know you work very hard.

**Bunnie Stuart** won the 50/50 raffle and **Bill Simonton** won the \$15.00 lunch certificate. **Katie Innocenti** was nice enough to donate 3 United umbrellas and they were also raffled off. **Hal Burdick**, **Kent Jorgensen** and **Dick Hooning** were the winners.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 22, at 11:30 A.M. at Casa Roma in Chico. **Merritt Odor** volunteered to set up the restaurant reservations.

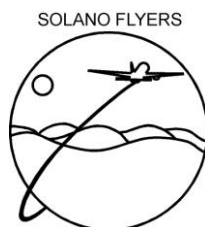
#### Calendar:

**May 22** - 11:30 A.M. at the Casa Roma, Chico

If you are visiting Northern California, come and join us for a great lunch!

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Our meeting was held at Denny's restaurant in Vacaville. Attending were **Eugene Boyce**, **Robert & Michiko Allen**, **Harold & Barbara Mitchell**, **Frank Uhl**, **Bob Zweighardt**, **Louis Pell**, **Bill & JoAnne Blizzard**, **John Francis**, **Pad & Eileen Gardner**, **James Ellison**, **Ben Reed**, **Robert Zirzow**, **Allan Pochop**, **Jack Hornfischer**, **Coustantiono Poolos**, **John Zoboli**. All those in attendance received their Solano Flyers name tags. Our 50/50 drawing ticket was for \$47.50, and won by **Jack Hornfischer**.

The group welcomed **John Zoboli**, RUAEA Northern California, Nevada Director, for our meeting.

Our secretary **Jerry Karus** had a tripping accident, which had a negative effect on his back. Jerry does not know when he's able to return, so the Chapter Secretary position (temporary or permanent) is now available.

**John Zoboli** delivered a passionate speech regarding the rewards of volunteering to one of the chapters coveted positions. It was a very hard decision to select from the many volunteers for secretary, but one stood out from the many. We celebrate **Harold "Mitch" Mitchell**, the winner of the secretary position. Congratulations, Mitch!

I received the following information regarding retiree parking at SFO. I'm not sure how retirees can access the parking facility, but the process restricts active employees from entering. To alleviate the traffic congestion, retirees will not be permitted access during the shift changes hours of, 0530-0630 ~ Day shift, 1330-1430 ~ Swing shift, 2130-2230 ~ Grave shift.

Perhaps a picnic at the park for our June meeting? ToGo's sandwich shop will make an individual choice box lunch, 6 inch sandwich, two fruit choices, chips, cookie/brownie, for \$8. Discussion in April meeting.

The Minden, Nevada, retiree gathering is for August 19-22. There are accommodations at the casino, Motor Lodge, and the RV campground. Last year, there were approximately 90 people. A BBQ Wednesday afternoon at the RV area was very popular. The daily gathering is at the RV campground, and at the shows in the casino nightly. It was very enjoyable and a relaxing time for all who attended. Mark your calendar, <http://www.carsonvalleyinn.com/>

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We met for our breakfast meeting in the cafeteria at DENTK on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Our meeting started with a larger turnout due to beautiful weather. Soon afterwards, we got a surprise, a fire drill, we were all escorted outside as the fire alarm sounded. Fortunately, it was a false alarm, and we all returned inside for a refill on coffee. We had 38 attendees and one new guest, **Glenn Cannon**, DENCg.

Updates on our members are **Doris Hall**, DENRR, will be having carotid artery surgery. She welcomes cards & calls at 1616 E. 78<sup>th</sup> Ave, Apt. 152, Denver, CO 80229, (303) 288-6261. **Tom Goodyear** is recovering from pneumonia. **Walt Hansen**, DENMM, is recovering from a broken leg in January while in AZ. Two memorial services were held April 4<sup>th</sup>, **Dale Kerns**, DENMM and **Ed Rappel**, DENMM. **Curt Bullion**, DENTR, passed away 2/28/14. A memorial service for **Bill Chambers**, DENTK, will be 4/12/14 at Hope Lutheran Church in Aurora, CO. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Hope Lutheran, 1345 Macon, Aurora, CO 80010. **Irma Atanasio**, DENCs, has moved to PO Box 246, Lightfoot, VA 23090.

**Harriet Ahr**, DENCg, distributed our current Mile Highers directory. Alliant Credit Union sponsored the publication. Our 50/50 drawings again were successful with the following winners returning their winnings to the chapter: **Ray Shoults, Jack Green, Jim Ogden, Walt Hansen, Jim Spate, & Gil Rohde**. Our chapter also earns money by recycling aluminum cans. Bring them to our next breakfast.

### Calendar:

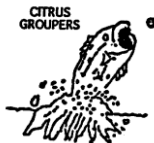
Our next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be at the United Flight Training Center, on **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The entrance is located on 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, just East of Quebec. Don't forget the aluminum.

**August 13** – UA/CO Picnic at Wings Over the Rockies Museum

## FLORIDA

### CITRUS GROUPERS

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The Citrus Groupers met on April 27 at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages with 15 members present. After our usual great lunch, our meeting was called to order by our Vice President **Claus Brinnitzer**, as our newly elected President **Ralph Brick** was in Chicago and Wisconsin on a family visit. Our treasurer **Joan Brandonisio** gave her report and we can safely say we are not broke. Joan is collecting 2014 dues now.

RUAEA Regional director **Don Nellans** shared some pertinent information with us saying the pass survey is complete and there are "No Changes" to the UAL pass policy at the present time. He also said we may encounter some delays over the summer if traveling through SFO as they were going to have two runways shut down. Don mentioned that the RUAEA Convention will be held in San Diego this year at the beautiful Town and Country resort. He said it is pretty hard to attend this event and not run into somebody you know, plus there are going to be some really good tours this year. He also reminded us that we can now easily renew our RUAEA membership online by credit card at the RUAEA website. Don also said that UAL has informed RUAEA that they intend to put up a retiree's page on Flying Together.

Next, we had a discussion on having a 25 cent fine for those that do not wear their name badge. We talked about several ways the money could be used. We put off any decision on this until next month. It was mentioned that the Water Front Hotel had contacted us regarding hosting another RUAEA Florida Retirees gathering, and we decided that we had offered everything we had at the first one and unless we could come up with new ideas to entertain everyone, we would postpone that idea for a while.

**Claus Brinnitzer** brought up two ideas for side trips. They were a winery tour and a wilderness air boat tour. He will get back to us with prices at the next meeting. **Don Nellans** reminded us that the Flight 93 Memorial still needed donations and when we can we should consider doing that. **Pat Townsend** won our 50/50 drawing and since she had won it last month as well, Pat donated it all back to the chapter. Thanks Pat.

If you need information about the Citrus Groupers/The Villages, FL, you may contact **Ralph Brick** at [brickralph@cox.net](mailto:brickralph@cox.net), and/or (352) 219-0289.



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Today was a perfect "10" in Daytona Beach! This is why we move to Florida! Yet, we still had a great turnout of 17 people including **Jane Kress** and **George Parker**. **Bobby Rieck** brought a friend (**Jean Wise**) as her guest and we hope she enjoyed the luncheon and meeting. We were very glad to see them all! A few of our regulars had prior obligations, trips, and company keeping them away this month. We're sure they'll be back again soon.

After the pledge and prayer, President **Dick Coughlin** gave us a UAL report. He related that the pass travel survey resulted in no changes, UAL was honored as a top company for hiring women-owned businesses and Newark opened a new wide body hangar. Other items of interest included a comment from a 1K, flight cancellations due to winter weather (they should make Daytona a hub and they wouldn't have so many problems) and mentioned launching of a stretch 787. Other "did you knows" were 737's now offering Wi-Fi, the 747 returning to the Chicago market, and the new 737-900ER. So much going on!

We had no birthdays or wedding anniversaries this month, but Dick Coughlin celebrated his Company anniversary. He reciprocated the congratulations with a couple of his world famous jokes.



**Penny Logan** wasn't here to give a treasurer's report but **Dick Coughlin** briefed us on that. He mentioned a local charity we were considering supporting (Cudas Unhooked). He was going to contact them to see if they would like to speak at one of our luncheons to give us information about their organization.

**Steve Moddle** was the lucky winner of the 50/50.

**Gloria Marcantoni** told a scary story about her health insurance bill. She received a mailed notice from UAL Benefits that the cost for her and her husband's insurance was going to increase by \$500 a month and it would include a one-time retroactive debit of \$2309! After numerous phone calls and a few sleepless nights, she saw a correction in the computer. But there was never any explanation or apology. The moral of the story: pay attention to your mail!

**Herb Gardner** briefed us on the New Smyrna Beach Balloon and Skyfest held last weekend. Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate so the balloons couldn't be launched, but it was still a good show.

Calendar:

**May 1** - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

**June 5** - (same time and location)

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Sixty of the best looking folks anywhere around gathered on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Cypress Grove Park on Holden Avenue to picnic and celebrate springtime in Orlando! Those who enjoyed some tasty burgers and dogs, grilled to perfection by **Stan Halterman** and **Ernie Vosges** included: **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn, Gene Hall & Eleanor, Patti & Monty Clark, John & Mary Starzynski, Laurie & Darrel Bork, Diane Lewis, Linda Agnello & Bob Olsen, Cheryl & Ernie Vosges, Bobbie Gay, Richard Vinson, Dee Francis, David & Lisa Leighty, Marilyn Ulmer, Tom Cannata, Don Ulman, Ted & Charlotte LeGrand, Joan Gaydos & friend, Carolyn, John & Gaynell Crawford, Betty Davidson, Bob & Gloria Schmitt & grandson Zack, Al & Lois Fields and friend, Phil Brooks (CHIDD), Mack Chandler, Joe & Barb Fitak, Dan & Marlene Raciak, Dick & Cathy Benson, Angel & Julia Montalvo, Bob & Regina Ketter, Mary & Bob McNeill, Jim & Pat Hernandez, Ken & Shelby Michels, Cliff Hill & Jerry, Stan & Barb Halterman, Jim Mummah, and Elaine & Joe Mannella.**

After eating our fill, **Ernie Vosges** held the flag for our Pledge of Allegiance. After dragging a couple Birthday dates out of the crowd, Pres. Rich read us a good joke and we all went back to talking! Great Meeting!

Oh, those birthdays? **Bob Schmitt** (4/16) and **John Crawford** (4/26) and some mention that the date WAS their age?

Prayers of healing and strength for all our members and families!

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month, Luncheon/Meeting at 1:00pm, Golden Corral on So Semoran Blvd

**May 6**

**June 3**



**SW FLORIDA**  
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The meeting was held at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits in Cape Coral. Attending were **Wallis Aves, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed & Judy Clarke, Gary & Janice Crittenden, John Dainus, Jerry & Peggy Kliner, Bee McCarthy, Paul & Ingrid Olson, Jerry & Sandy Pryde, Mel & Linda Volz**, and guest **Craig Milan**.

We had no program, but the conversation was lively and only subsided for a moment when lunch was served. **Gary Crittenden** told a cute golf joke.

Several of our regular members were attending the tea benefiting PACE Club for Girls and honoring **Sally Sciple**, Grande Dame recipient for 2014. Sally has been involved in many worthy causes in Fort Myers through the years. She was a stewardess for Ozark Airlines before the term "flight attendant" was conceived. She was also a private pilot, and has led a very colorful and interesting life.

Sadly, we lost one of our long time members this past month, **Roy Brown**, husband of **Maxine**. Roy was a proud Navy man and enjoyed sending emails promoting patriotism. Our condolences to the family!

**Mel Volz** won the 50/50 raffle. He chose the cash amount of \$22 over the other prizes of nuts, candy, and wine. Almost everybody won something except for **Sandy Pryde**, who wondered if her stubs had been left out of the bowl. Mel actually had 5 out of 8 winning tickets, but declined to take more than the money and candy. All those that had more than one winning ticket graciously declined to take any more gifts and said "draw again."

President **Bill Burg** talked about the May 2 picnic at The Landings Yacht, Golf, and Tennis Club. Steaks will be provided by the Pelicans and each couple is asked to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. That will be the last regular meeting until October. Some of the group meets at Perkins monthly June through September.

**Bill Burg** also asked if somebody would be willing to chair the October meeting since he and Margie will be at the RUAEA Convention in San Diego the first week in October. He also invited other members to think about going. It was ultimately decided to postpone the meeting to October 10.

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month (October – April) at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits in Cape Coral, and 9 a.m. breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers (June – September).

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Our group has been lunching, laughing, and chatting each month this year; but our Correspondent has had computer problems; thus, our Newsletter contributions have been slim! Hopefully, we've been missed.

Our February luncheon at Cedar Reef Fish Camp in Bradenton was well attended, with over 20 Sand Dollars present. We were thrilled to welcome for the first time, **Tom McDonald** who retired from JFKFO, as well as **Marina & Kent Slater**; Marina retired from Denver. We also had a good time on March 13 at Barnacle Bill's in Sarasota. We plan our April 10 luncheon to be held at Apollonia in the Cooper Creek University Mall, Sarasota.

We celebrate April and May birthdays for: **Jim Goodson** (4/2), **Inge Phillips** (5/8), **Harvey Rucker** (5/15), **Russell Wasser** (5/27) and also a wedding anniversary on 5/20 for "Skip" & **Cindy Irwin**.

Our happy group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:30 for lunch at an area restaurant. We think about continuing through the Summer months, though our number is smaller due to Snowbirds leaving us. We love visitors and new members, so contact us if interested!



### **TAMPA BAY**

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Our April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order by our president, **Beverly Alderdice** at 11:10 am. The meeting was held at Anderson Park prior to our picnic luncheon. Beverly mentioned that we should always let someone from the board know if we're unable to attend a special function like the picnic. No shows are only good when we're standing by for flights. Pit Boss has raised their prices.

The minutes and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Lillian reminded us that dues are due by July. **Carol Starr** is celebrating her birthday on April 13.

Sunshine lady **Terri Breslin** told us about the **Hottels** and **Les Manuel**. We wish them well. She also reminded us about the Christmas holiday luncheon. It is going to be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Springs in Trinity. We'll have more information soon. While there will be no live music this year, Heritage Springs will be providing a lovely Holiday atmosphere.

The **Lindstroms** were the only ones who did any traveling. They visited Silver Springs State Park, one of Florida's best. They mentioned that there have been a lot of changes for the good since they were last there. It's a great place for getting back to nature.

Since Gabriella will be graduating from High School this year, Beverly asked if we wanted to continue to donate to the Juvenile Diabetes Fund. Everyone was in agreement. **Bob Lindstrom** told us about an article he had just read about some new advances in treating JD.

It was nice seeing **John Riecss** back with us. He told us about the problems he had had and thanked us for our prayers. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

So you can adjust your calendars, there will be no meetings in June or July. Our meeting in Sept. will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> because of Labor Day.

### **Calendar:**

**May 5** – Meeting, 10:30 a.m. at IHOP.

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With 23 members in attendance, it isn't a bad day on April Fools' Day! **Bob Langevin**'s meeting reminder is a great asset, and seems to be working for the most part, if people would only respond more quickly!

In memory of **Catherine Coate** who passed away on March 11, **Al Popek** asked everyone to remain silent for one minute and he had a lovely framed picture of Catherine next to a vase of flowers for everyone to see. Catherine was a member for quite awhile and recruited a lot of members from Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and other southern cities to join our chapter. We will miss her and may she rest in peace. Unfortunately, we were never advised of any services so that we could pay our respect.

With a sad note, our Treasurer **Frank Wise** had to resign because of health issues, Frank, thank you for your hard work and we wish you well. Our former Treasurer **Diane Liebisch** will take over Frank's position until the next election. Thank you so much Diane for coming to our rescue. What a team!

When President **Al Popek** was trying to bring the meeting to order, he pierced a crack in the block of wood that he pounces with the meat tenderizer, don't you think that got a chuckle or two out of the group. The Manager of Wahoo's told us he knows when the meeting is being called to order since he hears the banging of the meat tenderizer in the dining room! He wasn't annoyed and said it is funny to hear.

Al covered a lot of subjects of interest to everyone. One of the topics was, if you want to find someone still employed, you can go into Flying Together, it will give you all the info you need to contact them. Be aware two runways in SFO close on May 17 throughout the whole summer. I guess you noticed that Maui, Kona and Lihue may be outsourcing its employees! United Express is getting larger planes.

News on our picnic, please note a date change! The event will be held on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Dubois Park, a sign up sheet was passed around so members could select what item they wanted to bring. An invitation and all details will be sent to all paid up members.

The 50/50 was won by **Bob Langevin** and the Progressive was won by **Carolyn Lindgren**.

Al & Janice decorated the tables for Easter along with candy. Would you believe the candy was almost all gone before lunch.

Happy Birthday to **Paul Liebisch** (4/25), **Barbara Dodenhoff**, **Carolyn Lindgren** (4/28) and **Vicky Snyder** (5/1).

That's all folks, until the next time. Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking.

#### Calendar:

**May 6** - No Luncheon/Meeting

**May 13** – Noon, Dubois Park Picnic, Jupiter, FL

**June 3** – Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Stuart, FL

**July 1** - Wahoo's Luncheon/Meeting, 1230PM, Stuart, FL



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We had 10 retirees and guests at our very first meeting! President **Gloria Marcantoni** welcomed everyone and gave a brief recap of some of the happenings at UAL. Our Florida Regional Director **Donald Nellans** also joined us. Our most senior member is **Bill Hughes** who started in 1952! Our best story came from **Edith Morse**, when she was in Miami she actually stood up Frank Sinatra for a date!

Of the 10 in attendance, 7 had April birthdays so we sang (slightly off key) to them all. After a delicious lunch, we agreed to come again in May. **We urge any retirees/spouses in the area to join us.** If you can't make it but know others that may be interested, please give them this information and have them call me for more details. All employee groups are welcome, United and Continental!

#### Calendar:

**May 8** - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 416 Commerce Center Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32225, (904) 727-7460

### HAWAII

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet regularly for lunch. If you are interested in joining us, send your email address to [HNLRLUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLRLUA@gmail.com) and we will email you the details. All retirees are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.



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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to [annmedve@aol.com](mailto:annmedve@aol.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

## **IDAHO**

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Our March Gems meeting was enhanced by the presence of **Joe & Wilma Leather**, visiting from Oakland, CA. Joe worked at the SFO Maintenance Base, retiring in 1998. He and our **Rick Dempsey**, also in maintenance, shared many years there together. Joe & Wilma are members of the East Bay Diablos chapter. We are always glad to have visitors join us, especially when they leave saying "Enjoyed being with the group. Everyone here is so friendly!"

It was good to see **Susan Shaw** again. She worked for United in Boise reservations. **Bud & Pat Peters** celebrated their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. They've caught up with us now! **Shirley & Rick Dempsey** are still glowing, following the February birth of their first grandson! Dwight was born 4 weeks early, weighing 5 lbs.14 oz. and measuring 19" long; *"Mom and Dwight are doing very well. He is a beautiful baby and we are loving and spoiling him! Glad we got back from the Eastern Caribbean in time for his birth."* Needless to say, a quote from the proud grandparents!

**Marlene Croghan's** 90<sup>th</sup> birthday ~ Part 2: And what a celebration it was! The large reception room at the Holiday Inn was packed the early afternoon of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Among family members were Marlene's daughter Marilyn (who babysat for our two little ones many years ago) from Arizona with her son and daughter, also Marlene's son Wally and his two children. Son Jerry (who used to mow my mother's lawn) and his family live in Tennessee and were unable to be with us. As you might guess, the United family was well represented. Our Marlene is much admired, and it was a joy for us to meet together to honor her! Marlene will be moving from her home the first of May to a new, very nice senior living center.

Not to be outdone, **Louise Duvall** celebrated her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday by riding with her son on his Harley, to each her own, brave lady, I say. We like her spunk!

Others joining us for our lunch meeting were **Denny Snyder** and **Charles & Shirley Perkins**.

I look forward next month to sharing with you the Gems' visit to the Warhawk Air Museum, where we have UAL displays. David & I tested the food recently at the café and declared it good!

### **Calendar:**

**May 13** - 11:30 - Join us at Jerry's State Court Café, 6767 Fairview for great food & fellowship.



## ILLINOIS



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At our Northside's breakfast, about 30 people came and enjoyed seeing others, and even more, enjoyed to be seen. **Toni Van Kampen** took a cruise to the Mexican Riviera with her friends. **Mary Szabo**, EXOIN, came home one day to find a car in her back yard. A woman was driving too fast, lost control of her car, jumped the curb, and drove through three back yards and two fences. At least one of **Mary's** trees stopped them from going too far. Yep, the tree did not survive. The Fire Department had to cut the woman out of her car. Sounds like she was late for whatever she was speeding to. **Norm Pearson**, was in the hospital with a bad case of pneumonia. He's on the road to recovery, but it's slow. Get well, **Norm**, we miss you. **Pete Kapischke** came back to the breakfast after a long absence.

At the ORDMM breakfast, **Dick Hansen**, was a "newbie". Great to see you, **Dick**, bring your brother, **Dennis**, next time, too. **Carl Bowling**, **Jim Lyckburg** and **Pete Kapischke**, returned after some time off.

Our Southside breakfast had 13 retirees. The only traveling I heard of was to the doctor and the tax man. Our raffle consisted of money and candy brought in by **Agnes Pearson**. Winners included **Marge Caliendo**, **Barb Wesemann**, **John Pasakarnis**, **Ed Ward**, and **Jan Gawenda**.

Only one death to report this month, **Patricia Pazarekas**, wife of the late **Ray Pazarekas**, ORDMM. Her sons are ORDCG leads, **David** and **Richard**. We also say goodbye to the great Mickey Rooney, 93.

Our Spring luncheon was at the Cotillion in Palatine. It was attended by about 140 people. New attendees were **Cathleen Jeffries**, from CHIRR and GRRCS, **Pat Kucera** and **Suzanne Burkhardt**, both from ORDCS, Red Carpet Club, **Mary Saffold**, WHQKA, and **Jim Sullivan**, WHQKF. Also a "newbie" was **Janice Menchaca**, CHIRR, who was also celebrating her birthday. An active employee attending was **Lucy Paet-Smith**. We hope to see you all at our next event on June 23, at Chandlers, in Schaumburg.

Thank you to our troops that keep us safe every day and every night from the rest of the crazy world.

Also a big thanks to those ladies who brought us up, wiped our noses and tried to keep us on the straight and narrow. Hope you're one of those ladies and your children pay you the proper homage on May 11, Mother's Day. God bless every one of you, you deserve it!

Here is the First Quarter Postage Fund: **Margaret Andersen**, **Marlene Anderson**, **Pat Artman**, **Juanita Braid**, **Al Broderson**, **Karen Carney**, **Helen Cauwels**, **Lynn Clark**, **Steve Conrad**, **Rich DelBoccio**, **Betty Doran**, **Angie Halama**, **Mary Haley**, **Bill Hamilton**, **Pete Kapischke**, **Ed Keifer**, **Linda Kim**, **Al LaRoche**, **Lorraine Licause**, **Carol Maday**, **Lillian Mallstrom**, **Terri Martin**, **Pat Muha**, **Dona Nefczyk**, **Judi Nelson**, **Harold Ogle**, **Norm Pearson**, **Agnes Pearson**, **Syed Razvi**, **Modesta Sailer**, **Jim Sommerfield**, **Barbara Spratt**, **James Sullivan**, **Mary Szabo**, **Diane Thompson**, **Ginny Vlach**, **Jim Vlazny**, **Don Wagner**, **Diane Webb**, **Norm Wilkinson**, **Mary Kay Wojtal**, **Susan Zuccarello**.

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Thank you to one and all who contributed to our Funds. Every penny helps defray the cost of these services.

Have you ever heard of a Coupon Class? A friend of mine signed up her husband and herself for one. I thought she was joking. Her husband didn't believe in saving coupons, so she dragged him there. As it turned out, it was so popular; they had to add another class. Really?

### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**May 14**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**April 29**). Last Tuesday of the month.

**June 23** - Aloha Picnic, Chandler's, Roselle Road, Schaumburg, 1100 A.M.

## INDIANA

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Finally, a few warm days, even my daffodils are starting to bloom and a neighbor's crocuses are beautifully covering her yard. Not a single snowflake in sight, there will be a spring!

Sixteen members including: **Ken & Deanna Boeke; Ray & Hannelore Brabo; Mario & Margaret Bregante; Jack & Carol Conway; Bob Duty; Jim Gibson; Frank & Rita Prins; Charles Theiss; Dimple Rihel; Ralph (Bud) Barnett** and yours truly attended our March 11 meeting. The members are looking forward to additional activities with warmer days on the horizon. **Margaret Bregante** offered to look into a mystery-dinner theatre outing. The membership approved additional changes to our bylaws.

**Dimple Rihel** volunteered to research availability of the Danville Lodge, which we have previously used, for our summer picnic. **Rita Prins** will explore having our summer picnic at German Park as an option. Many times they have car shows on Saturday and we could include that as part of the entertainment for the day. **Margaret Bregante** agreed to audit the treasurer's books from last year.

Members continue to make plans to travel. **Frank & Rita Prins** look forward to a trip to Branson this spring; **Charles Theiss** is planning to visit his son's family in Tennessee; **Mario & Margaret Bregante** are heading west to Las Vegas for a wedding, early in May.

**Tony & Barb Urbanovic** have been in New Mexico to be with Barb's brother, Larry, who is undergoing cancer treatments. We ask for prayer for healing and strength for Larry and strength and comfort for Barb & Tony as they stay with Larry since he is alone.

Happy Birthday wishes for our May birthday members: **Shary Johnston** (5/28) and **Cheri Innis** (5/6) (hope she's reading this).

Anniversary congratulations to: **Cheri & Ron Innis** (5/10) and **Mario & Margaret Bregante** (5/20).

### Calendar:

**May 13** - Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center, Suite 300, Avon IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 PM, business meeting begins at 2:30 P.M.

## MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor'Easters' first meeting of the year brought out 33 members to Jevai's Italian restaurant in East Boston, a place where almost everyone who worked at Logan, lunched at one time or another. The food, service and room were all great. And, I didn't hear anyone complaining about cocktail prices like we've had at other restaurants. The 50/50 was won by **Frank DeStefano** and **June Alberino**. Free lunches went to **Oscar Barule, Sarah Pitt-Wooll** and **Mercedes Hersom**. The progressive would have been won by **Joan Simard** if present. The next progressive will be worth \$30, be there to win. June said this was the first time she ever won the 50/50, and lucky Sarah won it the last meeting.

For those who complained we don't hold a meeting, just a lunch, we finally held a business meeting, discussing answers to all the suggestions asked on the 2014 membership renewals. We'll post meeting dates for a whole year in advance. A trial idea to boost attendance, free membership next year to those who attend every meeting this year. We have 33 contenders already for a free 2015.

I got a call from **Charlie Staula** asking how to get passes on the internet. Good luck Charlie! We don't see him too often because he won't drive far. His daughter wants to take him to Alaska in July, mid summer. I suggested making a reservation and consider the 20% positive space.

**Susan DePippo** has taken over arrangement for the overnigher in northern New Hampshire, that proved so enjoyable last year. Although not published as a Nor'Easter venue, they got eleven couples. This year we'll send out a flyer and make it a chapter function. We plan on early September, between the summer tourists and the foliage leaf peepers, a week between crowds.

**Carleen Eddy** has a new grand daughter, Susan, born on March 18. Carleen is taking the Mississippi cruise on a paddle wheeler with tour stops then on to New Orleans. Says she got a good deal online. She's always flying off somewhere!

**Bill Shailor's** dog Tula of seventeen years passed away in mid December. Bill has a niece, a veterinarian who will try to find an older well trained replacement. Hope it works out Bill!

**Peter Fusco** has had muscle spasms and was in and out of a hospital. He will be selling his home of 45 years and moving in with his daughter this year.

A special thanks to **Helmut Umbley** who drives **Bill Shailor** in and to **Andy Montalto** who brings in **Peter Fusco**. Neither drives anymore, but come to every meeting. Thanks guys!

March came in like a lion and went out like a lamb. Despite the long, cold, and a way too much snow winter, I drove from NH to BOS in my Mini convertible with the top down. At last, what a pleasure! Despite all the snow on the ground here, we just had four 50 degree days. Spring is here!

Well, at last United and Continental will merge into one terminal at Logan airport. UA will leave terminal C and CO will leave terminal A and merge at a newly rebuilt facility in terminal B by mid April. April 25 was an open house for retirees and employees.

I saved the saddest news for last. The Nor'Easters lost a dozen members for 2014. Two left permanently to the friendly skies. Ten didn't reenlist for one reason or another. Unfortunately, there are very few future retirees to enlist. Try as hard as I may, I couldn't get anyone from CO in BOS to join our group.

May's birthdays ~ **John Dellelo, Peggy Dellelo, Ron Heisler, Andrey Joyce, Joan Meister, Patti Flanagan Mix, Andy Montalto, Jayne Reagan, Eileen Seibold, Lew Shakley and Ken Washburn.**

May's anniversaries ~ **Nicholas & Sandra Bouzianis (44 years), Bob & Susan DePippo (31), Mary Beth & Staley McDermet (43), Thomas & Lillian Snyder (29) and William & Elaine Vanderwal (43).**

*Aging would slow down if it had to work its way thru Congress!*

#### Calendar:

**June 3** - Jimmy's Steer House, Route 1 North, Saugus, MA.

**August 5** - Picnic (spot to be announced)

### MICHIGAN

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We had 11 Escapees gather at The Red Olive in Canton April 3 hosted by **Carol Slade**. We welcomed for the first time this year **Bernie Mc Manus**. Bernie was wearing his jacket with these words; "Mischief Maker" and a leprechaun under them. Now all of us who know Bernie know that no other words could be truer.

We heard that **Debbie LeFebvre** is in the hospital in FL with pneumonia. Our love and prayers to Debbie for a speedy recovery @ 250 JFK Drive # 408, Atlantis, FL 33462.

**John Schick** passed March 18<sup>th</sup>. A memorial mass was held on March 26. Love and prayers to family @ 22621 E. 12 Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2505.

Lastly, wishing all a blessed Easter and hope to see some of you at the Loonies affair.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

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Our meeting day in March was something we've not seen lately ~ an average, seasonal day! 25 Lites & one small guest (**Janet Meyer's** granddaughter, Anna) came together to share a meal and conversation.

We were all stunned when we arrived at our usual luncheon venue to find that our private dining room had been turned into a game room! No one from the establishment had bothered to call our group to advise us that it would no longer be available. There was quite a bit of grumbling and it was quickly decided that we'd find a different place. President **Lee Storlie** tried to conduct a meeting, but it was very difficult when we were seated out in the middle of the main dining area, surrounded by the restaurant's other diners. He had to shout to be heard and we all strained to hear. Needless to say, it was not a pleasant experience.

After lunch, several of the group checked out the Grand Buffet, located across Robert St. from where we've been meeting. It's clean, well-appointed and has a group dining area. The menu is Asian, but it was decided to try it for the next few meetings for a start. Nothing is being cast in concrete, if it doesn't meet the expectations of most of the group, we'll keep looking.

**Jim & Mary Brennan** returned home from Kona in time for the April meeting. Some communications with them while they were in the Islands had been more in the sense of "Nah, nah, nah, nah, NAAAH, nah!" as **Mary** reminded us that she hadn't lifted a snow shovel in weeks. But Ma Nature had her revenge with two big snowstorms after they got back. We felt bad that they'd been deprived of shoveling, so were happy to share our wealth.

It was fun to see **Andy Holen** again. Too bad **Norma** couldn't get out of her commitment. They live far enough away that we only have infrequent visits with them. Andy made the stop in the Cities en route to his son Bob's place in southern MN. He told us about a neighbor who got royally scammed by a shyster who convinced him to swipe his credit card for a delivery and he came out with about \$10,000 worth of fraudulent charges.

We lost another old friend recently. **Ken Schimmels**, who had transferred from MSP to EUG years ago was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer before Christmas and passed away in February. His laid-back way and droll sense of humor made him an easy person to work with. Condolences may be sent to **Donna** and family at 321 West Anchor Ave., Eugene, OR 97404.

In addition, the sudden death of **Kathy Schroer Lindell**, still-active MSP colleague and wife of MSP ramp serviceman **Bob Lindell** brought home just how fragile our time on this planet can be. Condolences may be sent to **Bob** at 5520 – 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave., So., Minneapolis, MN 55417.

Our missing friend, **Jim Simon**, who scampered outta Dodge (Chetek, WI) before the infamous Winter of '14 hit, sent a letter to the group giving an update on his life and status. He's now settled near Sacramento and revels in the fact that now he only needs 15 minutes to mow his lawn with a push mower instead the 2 hours on a riding mower in Wisconsin. Of course, he didn't have to shovel any snow either. But when the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month arrives and the Northern Lites meet without him, he'll be sad he isn't a Midwesterner anymore.

**Lee** came up with a funny bit of trivia from a hundred years ago ~ in 1914 the U.S. Postal Service banned the mailing of human beings! It seems that some folks were placing fifteen cents postage on their children and "mailing" them to their grandparents for a visit.

A bit of hopeful news about **Joann Eichacker** ~ she's doing physical therapy 3x a week and is at least able to again walk for short distances. **Chuck** is hoping that soon she'll be able to exercise in the pool, as those exercises are easier for her. A note or phone call would be welcome, I know. 10751 So. Ocean Blvd. B13, Jensen Beach, FL 34957, (772) 229-1808.

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April, at the **Grand Buffet**, 2015 So. Robert Street, West St. Paul, about 4 blocks north of I-494. (*Note different restaurant!*)

## NEBRASKA

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What a nice crowd at Valentino's with 40 members in attendance. I think everyone was happy to get out as it was forecast to be in the low 30's which was a heat wave compared to our below zero days we have had. It was great to see **Andy Vassios**. **Roger Jensen** said he has lung cancer and started chemo on March 19. **Larry Farrell** spent 5 days in the hospital with fluid on his lungs.

Keith received a notice from **Chuck Cole**, former Mountain Region Director, (now RUAEA Arizona Region Director) stating that we have **Don Burbank** as our new RUAEA Mountain Region Director. We welcome him and hope to receive a visit from Don once the weather is more to our liking, both in Denver and Omaha.

Keith and I called on **Trudy Tighe** at Parsons House and **Don Jensen** at Elkhorn Nursing Center on March 8. We visited with Trudy who is in the Alzheimer's unit. Keith talked to her about many of the people they both knew – some she related to and others not. I had seen Trudy on July 23 and, visiting her now, I can see a marked change in her condition. Alzheimer's is such a devastating illness. Keith and Don enjoyed visiting about their days working for UAL.

I called **Beverly Hughes** to see how she was doing since the death of **Harley** and she was in Phoenix. They always went there in the winter and, since it was so cold here, she caught a plane in January for the warmer climate. She will be home April 3.

Birthdays for April: **Arnie Mahoney** (1); **Keith Cornish** (2); **Ralph Bredow** (4); **Evan Holly** (9) **Allen Purkapile** (10); **Clair Soseman** (10); **Bob Glover** (13); **Glen Saffer** (14); **Hilde Schwan** (14); **Angela Hansen** (15); **Penny Saphir** (16); **Virgina Nollette** (18); **Tony Sortino** (22).

Chapter President **Tony Sortino** suffered a stroke on March 13. The latest update is that he will be going to Immanuel Hospital for Rehab. Tony did not have his speech impaired, but he did have other problems from the severity of the stroke that will take some time to get back in working order. Our prayers are with Tony & Jackie at this time.

Imagine your cell battery is very low: To activate, press the keys \*3370#. Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time. Very good tip, especially if you find yourself away from your home and need to call someone.

### Calendar:

**June 3** - Cooper Farm, hosted by **Cary & Toddy Manson**

**July 1** - Fernando's in Blair, NE, hosted by **Patty Shook & Sid Schneider**

**August 5** - Piccolo's, Hosted by **Dick & Marilyn Weak**

## NEVADA



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Las Vegas has been enjoying warm weather during these spring days. I am sure the long hot summer will be upon us soon. **Christine & Woody Earl** just returned from a 12-day, fun filled Regent Cruise around the Caribbean Islands of Nassau, Puerto Rico, St. Bart's, Antigua, St. Lucia, and St. Maarten, returning to Miami, FL. She and Woody were very impressed with the level of service, provided each and every day, onboard the



Navigator of the Seven Seas. **Bob & Zenta Berghofer** left Ft. Lauderdale on a 40-day cruise to Europe and the Mediterranean onboard the ship HAL Noordam. We look forward to hearing about the trip on their return.

**Bob Morwick** (LASMM) is recovering from a knee replacement. **Mike Vasko** (LAXMM) is still having problems with his knee surgery. **Tony Tricoli** (LASIP) continuing with Chemo and Radiation treatments. Our prayers and good wishes continue for these retirees. I guess health problems are part of our retirement; too bad it isn't all like the pictures one sees of the happy, go-lucky couples at retirement villages! But we all continue to count the blessings that we do have. Happy Easter, everyone!

Calendar:

Lunch and meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every other month at Arizona Charlie's on Decatur Blvd., 1130 to meet and greet; lunch served at 1200

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**August 12**

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There were 19 members at our March meeting. The meeting was moved at the last minute to the Black Bear Diner on Virginia St. due to Jack's going out of business.

March birthdays were celebrated by **Maurine Williams** and **Jim Wagner**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Larry Reid**. The surprise gift was won by **Aidia Keller**. Nice to see you again, Aidia! Thanks to **Bill Perkins** for the tasty desserts.

There is a new process for reduced fare on Southwest. John has the information for those interested.

Our summer picnic will be on Tuesday, August 19, 2014. The cost this year is \$400.00 for the Nevada State Park reservation.

Calendar:

**April 14** - Black Bear Diner. See you there.

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Our meeting was opened by our president, **Frank Worzacha** with a flag salute and a moment of silence for those of United's family who have passed on. We also talked about the coming convention in San Diego, and asked if any of our people will attend. Both Frank and **John Deily** talked about our May meeting which will be "hobby month". Everyone was encouraged to bring in their hobbies for "show and tell" and I don't want to see any "sleight of hand!"

**George Whitman** gave a very interesting history of the forming of our chapter at Newark, dating back to March 7, 1994 where our first meeting was at a room at Airfreight. It's been 20 years and much has happened, too much to write about, and yet the United spirit lives on.

**Rich Creighton** and **Bill Imbenba**, from local 914 of which I was a charter member, came to our meeting to give us an update on the consolidation of the workforces at EWR. While there are plenty of problems, we all hope for a "light at the end of the tunnel" for better relations. Besides advising us about the possible reductions

in force of 15 of our smaller stations, they also talked about the upcoming election for the Grand Lodge. As always, it is good to hear what's really going on at Newark.

**John Murphy** gave our finance report and as usual we are still okay. **Louise Kelaher** won our 50/50. Our next meeting will be on April 30, 2014 at Snuffy's.

*"Some good advice, never slap a guy that is chewing tobacco!"*

## NEW YORK

### BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

Twenty Chips tasted the wonders of the Erie County Community College Culinary class once again. This time it was the English, Irish and Scandinavian Feast. I only wish I knew names of all the menu items but each and every one was delicious. Our grateful thanks to the students that prepared and served our meals, they have a bright future.

The good news, there has been no reports of illness among the group. However, we have had several friends passing recently. **Ron Breckenridge**, **Roland Powers**, a former UA employee in BUF and **Joe Buffomonte** who left us years ago in one of the many routine personal adjustments. Joe kept in touch when in town and was a good friend to everyone.

Spring has been delayed a bit but slowly and surely winter is being pushed aside and the warm weather is returning. How can I tell, my yard is no longer under a foot of snow. On the other hand, Niagara Falls was spectacular this year; covered with ice to the top and the water flowing behind. Trees all around the falls were ice covered by the mist that is constantly in the air and looked like crystal art. The big rocks at the base were ice covered and looked as big as 4 story buildings and at night with the colored lights shining on them looked like a majestic painting.

In June, we will return to dinner meetings with several places under consideration. We will have an announcement in early May of the time and location.

### NEW YORK METROS

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The Metros' luncheon on April 2<sup>nd</sup> was attended by 32, out of a membership of approximately 140. I know some of these are spouses who never attended, some are not able to travel, some don't get the RUAEA Newsletter and then, there are the snowbirds and snowflakes, fluff up your feathers and get back up here. We miss all of you. On that note, a warm welcome to our newest member, **Kitty McSweeney** who has been coming as a guest of **Jim Richardson**, now legit.

I spoke with **Justine Thomson** to verify details of her husband **Frank's** death. He was a lead mechanic (or supervisor) at JFK. Frank passed away March 7<sup>th</sup>. Our sympathy and prayers for Frank and his family. **Walt Jackman** also passed away in 2013 but I have no further details. Let's keep each other in our prayers, someone always needs it.

Hot off the press! Newsday ~ The reason **Donna & Ronald Feingold** were not at the meeting was because they were in St. Louis where Ron was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, AAHPERD for short. Ron is Professor Emeritus at Adelphi University, where, I believe, he was past President. We are honored to have you in our midst, Ron.

There must be something in our water because, not that he has anything to do with United, there is a young man on L.I. who is the first in the country to ever be accepted by all eight of the universities he applied to, including Harvard, Cornell and Yale.

Winners in the 50/50 drawing were, in order, **Jim Richardson, John Klos** and **Roy Portelli**. Our special “pot” for the Christmas drawing is growing but remember, you have to attend at least six meetings till then, to be in it.

**Paul Cohen** added a nice touch to our tables with packages of Kedem Tea Biscuits for Passover. Have a happy one and Easter too! We will be having our summer picnic at Wantagh State Park on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, someone beat us to the August date but **Dee Talochino** is working on another spot for us.

Calendar:

**May 7** – Luncheon at Milleridge Inn

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Hello to all our UAL employees and retirees! This month we travel to the Little Old Schoolhouse in Litchfield, Ohio for our meeting. We have 62 from our group traveling to one of our regular restaurants, regular because we have always been treated well; our luncheons are filled with many choices on the main buffet. On the side, we had a choice of two excellent soups and a salad bar with enough items to make just about any salad you could dream up. Thank you to **Vince & Norma Malena** for hosting this month's Luncheon! We do appreciate your help!

President **Dolly Taucher** opened our meeting and asked **Arlene Taylor** to lead us in an opening prayer. She and her husband got home last night from a little get-away and we were really hoping she made it back in time because she opens our meetings with such grace.

**Dolly** went over a few things about the IRS Form 1099-MISC that United sent out to some based on pass travel by “eligibles”, and how to handle it, how it should be reported, and helped us to understand it better. We thank her for her expertise. We also received some info on the booking fee and how the retirees will have to learn how to get into the system for booking and what to do if you do not have a computer.

Anniversaries were celebrated by the following: **Len & Mary Friedel** (50 yrs.), **Steve & Lee Rak** (51 yrs.), and **Arlene & Earl Taylor** (15 yrs.) Congratulations to all and we wish you many more years of happiness together. This also goes out to all of our members and friends who were unable to be with us today.

Birthdays were also celebrated: **Len Friedel, Vince Malena, Kathy Newman**, and **Barbara Wachs**. I am sure we have many more, but again they were unable to join us. We want to send all of you “April babies” our happiest wishes to each and every one of you. Wish you were here. Our thoughts and a little prayer go out to you.

Fifty-Fifty ~ Congratulations to **Betty Krischker** and **Jack Preston**. This was the second month in a row for Jack. Is he lucky or what?

*\*\*Give not from the top of your purse but from the bottom of your heart\*\**

Calendar:

**May 7** – Bucci's Steakhouse/Crown Plaza, hosted by **Barb Vaults & Carol Seifried**

**June 4** – Rose Hill/Medina, hosted by **John & Carrie Kercel**

**July 2** - Diamond Event Center, hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko**

## OREGON



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Corned Beef and Cabbage was the main entree for our March meeting celebrating an early St. Patrick's Day. There were 75 members in attendance. **Louise Robillard** decorated the tables with primrose plants and they were given out at the end of the meeting. There wasn't a lot to discuss at our business meeting except to remind everyone we would be moving to the Ramada Inn in June and **Jack Hooper** announced the RUAEA convention would be October 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>, in San Diego, CA. It was nice to meet **Tony Nunley**, son of **Ophelia**, who came as her guest.

On our sick list this month were **Joyce Charron** and **Gene King**, I understand they both are recovering nicely from their surgeries.

**Janis Ward**, retired PDXCS, died on March 30<sup>th</sup> of complications of a broken hip and Alzheimer's. Most of her time with UAL was spent in PDX although she worked in Michigan for a short time. She is survived by nieces and there was to be no service. **Muriel Petty**, wife of **Tom Petty** PDX00 (deceased) died on March 27 at the age of 97. Tom was president of the Dew-er's in the 80's and both of them often attended the National Conventions. She is survived by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We send our condolences to both families.

March anniversaries were **Sara & Cliff Blare** (54 years), **Jeri & Len Blodgett** (49 years), and **Paul & Kathy Russell** (49 years). Congratulations!

March birthdays were **Marge Curtis** (91), **Bob Edwards**, **Lori King**, **Tina Lewis**, **Sue Rommel**, **Russell Stinnett** (61), **Mike Thomas** and **Ken VanHusen** (79). Happy!

The winners this month of a free lunch are as follows: Door prize ~ **Marge Curtis**, Woman's birthday ~ **Marge Curtis**, Man's birthday ~ **Russell Stinnett** and 50/50 ~ **Jeri Blodgett**.

Remember April showers bring May flowers.

### Calendar:

**May 14** - Good-Bye Colwood, Colwood Golf Club, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd. in Portland

**June 11** - Ramada Inn, 6221 NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR

**July 9** - Annual Picnic, Red Sunset Park, Gresham, OR

### OUR CLUB

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We held our monthly meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the new location of La Burrito located on the beautiful Grants Pass Parkway. If you ever get our way, you must try their great food. If they had patio seating, this would have been a day we would have preferred to be outside in the sunshine. We have been getting much needed rain but not enough to get us out of a possible drought this year. Hard to believe seeing Washington and Northern Oregon has had more than their share.

We had 18 members in attendance. **Russ Randall** was there; back from knee replacement was **Bob Wright** and missing since February was **Laurie Jordan**. We are always happy to see those who have been absent for a couple months. We truly miss our members when they don't attend; it is like part of our extended family is gone. Our best wishes go out to **Harry & Barbara Horne** who was missed this month and also **Ida Rogers** and **Miriam Lindberg**. Seeing this was our monthly meeting we all had conversations and good food.

**Jane Frincke** has bought a new home near one of her daughters, **Doe Pope** wants to sell her Monaco motor home, **Tom DelCorso** is already thinking about if he wants to enter his Vette in the annual "Back to the Fifties" parade and I am trying to talk my husband, **Ric** into getting me a Tea Cup Pig. We also tried to talk a little

county politics but that was cut short by opposing opinions. So we just agree to disagree and continue on with fun conversations and eat more food.

We did pass around pictures of our favorite cars and trucks. There were some beauties and my winner was **Marge Calkins** "Firebird" from her wild years. Please don't tell my husband I said that was the winner over his or **Tom DelCorso's** Corvettes, I would be toast, burned at that.

Our next luncheon will be hosted by **Russ & Alberta Randall** on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Location will be announced at a later date.

Keep Smiling, it makes people wonder what you are up to!

## PENNSYLVANIA



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Christmas in March was enjoyed by 39 persons on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Our banquet was served to us and it was very good. Our silent auction was well supported and our members brought a variety of items. We had about 25 items, so I will just name a few of the winners. The 50/50 was won by **Bob Fox**, the wheel of fortune scratch offs were won by **Karl Baraninfo**, the son in law of **Walt Sonderman**. The special dinner for two at the Clarion was won by **Kenny Medrow**. Many thanks to **Al & Kathy Edwards** for running this event for the past 10 years. This is our last silent auction, it has been a fund raiser and has helped us give out Christmas baskets.

We are hoping to see you all on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Essington at 12:30 for our next luncheon. The program speakers will be from Delaware Valley Advisors, LLC and they are Mr. Gerald Karelhon and Mr. John Kneil. They have been in investment and estate planning for over 25 years.

Keep well all my friends!

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Let's hope the old saying April showers bring May flowers is true. I'm being optimistic and storing the rock salt away.

Our Buccos are off to a good start this year, can't believe the "higher ups" decided to change the official logo from the Jolly Roger to the letter P. Are the announcers going to change their saying from "Raise the Jolly Roger" after a win to "Change the P"?

Sorry to report we lost another friend, **Rich "Mutchka" Roman** succumbed from a cerebral hemorrhage. Rich was one of a kind and will certainly be missed by all. Our condolences go out to his wife Dolly (a former flight attendant) and daughter Rene (current flight attendant for SW) and son Michael. Cards can be sent to Dolly at 1329 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Conway, PA 15027.

**Lois Varrenti** and **Jim Weber** are currently undergoing treatment, they are very grateful for all your prayers and get well wishes. In case you missed it, Lois' address is 771 Marigold Ct., Bridgeville, PA 15017 and Jim's is 50 Castlevue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

Off to a brighter side ~ **Frank Murdock** recently celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and **Sam McDermott** will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Sam is living at Haven at North Hills, his home address is 37 Newgate Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15202. His daughter Dee will see that cards sent to his home address will be taken to Sam. I'm sure he would love to hear from you all.



Birthdays for May ~ **Ed Ike** (3<sup>rd</sup>), **Carl Chiocchi** (7<sup>th</sup>), **Barb Guida** (11<sup>th</sup>), **Dee Chiocchi** (16<sup>th</sup>), **Harry Shirley** (12<sup>th</sup>), **Joe Scafoglio** (17<sup>th</sup>). Anniversaries for May ~ **Carl & Dee Chiocchi** (13<sup>th</sup>), **Rich & Barb Guida** (26<sup>th</sup>), **Bill & Ruth Redfern** (26<sup>th</sup>), **Vic & Joan Ferrence** (30<sup>th</sup>).

I am willing to bet that PIT had the trophy for the best looking managers on the system. **Frank Murdock** and **Sam McDermott**, **Frank Schmitt**, and **Dale Hall** and on and on.

I'll never forget when **Frank Murdock** reported to PIT. Frank would come out to the lobby and "observe". Yours truly happened to be working the Flight Info counter and guess I wasn't answering the phones fast enough. Sam came out and asked Frank to please go back into your office, because the female agents couldn't keep their eyes on their job.

Our gal Treatie is planning a June luncheon, date and place to follow.

## TENNESSEE

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**Al & Jean Barkman** hosted the luncheon at Connors Steakhouse in Turkey Creek. Knoxville on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The food was excellent and the prices were reasonable. The meeting was lead by our new president **Pollie Klosky**.

The wellness report is as follows ~ **Herman Emmel** is in rehab and doing well; **Joe Corbin** is recovering from quadruple heart surgery, he attended the meeting and is doing very well; **Gerry Barr**, our former president is diagnosed with cancer and we wish him the best; **Bob Godette** is not doing well. We sent cards to the above named members; **Don Jeacock** is back and looking great.

Our Treasurer was not present but his report showed that we now have \$425.75 after our donation to the Wounded Warriors.

The 50/50 drawing of \$16.00 was won by **Sue Ferrell** and returned to our treasury. Thanks Sue!

Our discussion was mainly about trying to grow our group. Pollie has done a fine job of going thru our membership list and we really would like to hear from any UAL employees in the TN area. We meet every other month and have a social breakfast the off months.

The social breakfast in April is the 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and we are going to try a new restaurant in Knoxville called the Egg and I, (across from the new Costco).

If anyone in RUAEA knows of any United Retirees in our area, please give us a call and we will contact them about our chapter.

### Calendar:

**April 24** - Social breakfast at the Egg and I

**May 15** - Lunch at the Beef and Barrel, Crossville, TN, 12:30pm CDT, Cumberland County Playhouse "Annie Get Your Gun", 2:30pm CDT

## WASHINGTON

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**Notice:** The wrong dates for future luncheons were listed in the last two issues of this newsletter – apologies from your correspondent. Our regular meetings always are the second Tuesday of the months during which we meet. The May luncheon will be held Tuesday, May 13 and will be the last regular meeting until

September. Our group meets for a social hour at 11:30 with lunch at 12:00 on the second Tuesdays in the months of January through May and September through November.

Anyone who has not paid his or her \$10 Emerald City Slickers dues for 2014 will be removed from the mailing list of *Contrails*, the chapter newsletter, which is a separate publication from the RUAEA Newsletter you are reading now.

At the March meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Tukwila with 49 members and guests present, president **David & Linda Jones** reported on recent travels to Pennsylvania and his trip to Japan – with experiences flying SA. As of this writing, we look forward to seeing his slide presentation at our March luncheon.

**Ken & Judy Storey** noted that they had seen 3 winning baseball games out of 4 during their trip to Phoenix and spring training in Glendale.

It's that time of year! **Bob Howard** announced plans for the 12<sup>th</sup> UA Retiree Golf Tournament to be held this year at Foster Golf Course in Tukwila, Washington on Wednesday, June 25. Each foursome will be captained by a United retiree or employee with a 4-person scramble method for play. Last year 54 people participated. If you are interested in playing, please contact **Bob** at [bobnhoward@gmail.com](mailto:bobnhoward@gmail.com). Deadline for registration is June 11.

In conjunction with the golf outing, president **Dave Jones** is in the middle of preliminary planning for a 2 or 3-day regional get together (here in Seattle) of United Retirees in the Pacific Northwest. The intent is to include retirees from the Boise, Grants Pass, Portland, Seattle and Spokane chapters in a semi-local mini-convention. **Dave** has contacted presidents of those retiree chapters for assistance in notifying their members.

Should the idea bear fruit, a tentative schedule would include a Tuesday, June 24 visit to the Museum of Flight with tours, a luncheon and perhaps a speaker on local UA history. An evening dinner at a TBD location would provide time for socializing and kicking off the golf tournament.

The Retiree Golf Tournament will be Wednesday (see above) with other activities planned for non-golfers. Destinations might include the Seattle waterfront, Pike Place Market, and Seattle Center with its new Chihuly Glass Garden, Pacific Science Center, and the Space Needle.

If there is enough interest in a third day and airplane buffs are still hungry, a day at Paine Field could be arranged to tour the Paul Allen Airplane collection and the Museum of Flight's Restoration Center. By the time you read this, we will have discussed the possibilities at our Emerald City Slickers (Seattle) chapter luncheon April 8 and will be able to provide additional information. Please stay tuned.

A warm Washington Welcome to **Cora Harper**, who has moved north from the Portland area to be near her family. You can read about **Cora's** contributions to and involvement in the Oregon Dew-ers column in the April issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. We look forward to meeting her.

Seattle chapter member **Dennis Hanscom** has moved from Kent, Washington to Surprise, Arizona. We hope he becomes active with local retirees there. **John Haferbecker** was still avoiding crowds and germs, continuing to recuperate from his kidney transplant. We look forward to his return to chapter meetings.

April brought May flowers with birthday greetings to **Richard Devereux, Bud Dice, Tom Lucas, John Luke, Mildred McGuire, Kathy McKinzie, Arlene Patterson, and Dennis Saxon**. **Doug & Carol Christensen** (27 years), **Armand & Barbara Johnson** (37 years), **Fred & Arlene Patterson** (53 years), and **John & Edna Paulson** (53 years) are celebrating May wedding anniversaries. Congratulations!

Door prize winners at the March luncheon included **Phil Andersen, Vivian Anderson, Dick Clement, Richard Devereux, Bud Dice, Gay Liesse, Dan Miles, Betty Paul, Edna Paulson, John Paulson, Sharon Penwell, Ginger Phelan, Syd Reynolds, Carol Soffel, Doris Spence, Ken Storey, Louise Story, Chuck Westpfahl, and Dona Westpfahl**. **Ginger Phelan** also walked off with the coveted 50/50 prize.

Condolences to **John Reed**, whose wife **Sidney** died of lung complications at the end of March, and to their son and daughter who also were with her. **Sidney's** association with United employees and retirees goes back more than 50 years, and she suffered through United's changes along with the rest of us. She will be remembered fondly by Seattle friends and acquaintances as one of the regulars taking telephone reservations for chapter luncheon meetings. She seldom missed a meeting. **John & Sidney** had moved to Bend, Oregon, last July. **John** reported that they enjoyed it there and that it was a pleasant ending to **Sidney's** good life.

**Lila Franko** (SEARR) passed away March 18 after suffering a stroke in February and a heart attack March 15. Her spirits were high until the end. **Lila's** daughter **Robin Franko** reported that her mother had enjoyed her friends from her days at United Airlines.

News was received of the cancer death of **David Spencer Henderson**, December 1931-March 2014. He was a longtime resident of The Villages in Florida. He was born in Oakland, California and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-55. He and his first wife, **Beverly**, moved to Seattle in 1961 and raised their four children.

He married **Nancy** in 1983 and became a second father to her three children. **Dave & Nan** moved to Florida in 1993. Services were held at Florida National Cemetery April 2 with a celebration of life to be held in the Seattle area at a later date.

If you're in the vicinity, consider our May luncheon and/or the June golf tournament and regional mini-convention.

Calendar:

**May 13** – Old Spaghetti Factory, Tukwila – 11:30

No meetings June through August

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

The Dulles Loungers met on March 12 for the monthly meeting, a crowd of about 60 members and guests attended.

It was been an unusually cold winter in the Washington area, in fact there were more extremely cold days at Dulles Airport during the month of March 2014 than had ever been recorded! Some days it was as cold as 2 degrees below zero.

We have been lucky indeed with regard to our meeting days, as we have enjoyed some fine dry days and no snow!

Dulles Loungers member **Phyllis Wlotzko** (IADCS) enjoyed a 7 day cruise from New Orleans in February. Phyllis rounded up 27 friends and family and they sailed aboard the Carnival Cruise Lines "Sunshine". Ports of call were Montego Bay, Grand Cayman, and Cozumel. They enjoyed fine weather and a good time was had by all!

Dulles Loungers member **Donna Simpson** (IADRR/IADTQ/DCAOZ/DCATO) had a lucky day on March 12 March. Not only did Donna win the big door prize, she also won the 50/50 and went home \$35.00 richer! Well done Donna!

Calendar:

**May 14** – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

**June 11** - Annual Picnic, Ashburn, VA. Details to follow

No meetings in July and August

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The Nominations Committee has completed a slate of officers for the National Executive Board of Clipped Wings that will be presented at the National Convention. Nominations from the floor, by the delegates attending the convention, will also be accepted for each office.

The review and compilation of the **FOCUS** (Future of Clipped Wings – US) questionnaires has been completed by the Focus committee and presented during the National Executive Board Meeting at the wonderful home of President, **Christel Ilg**. We are hoping the summaries that will be presented at the National

Convention will assist with our mission to determine ways to keep the active members involved and to recruit and keep new members.

Clipped Wings is moving forward! Please come join Us!

Dates to remember:

- ★ June 14<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> – Special Olympics – New Jersey – (hosted by Clipped Wings)
- ★ September 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – Clipped Wings National Convention – DCA

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

## 5) Address

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

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

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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:**

John Bateman, Joseph Butera, Donald Chang, John Cobbs, Robert Frye, Noria & Warren Gerig, Ishbel Garrett, Shelley Hofmann, Robert Horn, Diane Hrdlicka, P. Marie Kady, Carol Kuhn, Judith Landes, Tom Labrow, Don Leissner, Tarina Murray, Joan Poerstel, Lili Pearson, Albert Rybar, Kerrie Schneider, Jeri Truex, Barbara Weir, Sheila White.



**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.)*

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

As we gallop into the Chinese New Year of the Horse, my congratulations to the RUAEA production staff for keeping us informed.

It is always interesting and inspiring to read letters from retirees, who worked at the MOC.

My company seniority date was September 4, 1953 and my retirement date was August 1, 1989.

In 1990, I moved to New York City to help my sister Jadin Wong in providing talent for the musical Ms. Saigon.

Currently, I am working with Ms. Tisa Chang Artistic/Producing Director of the Pan Asian Repertory Theatre to produce the musical "Sayonara."

The Pan Asian Repertory Theatre is a non-profit organization, which provides opportunities for young and old Asian talent to self-actualize.

**Beverly Yeager, 100 County Road 1451, Cullman, AL 35058**

My husband and I both retired from United in 2003. Ken was a Customer Service Agent in Colorado Springs, CO. I was a Flight Attendant based in Denver. We both loved working for United Airlines.

We are members of the "Sweet Home Alabama" group in Birmingham. We meet the second Monday of each month. We have a fun time.

We want to thank all who put the Newsletter together. You all do a wonderful job and we appreciate it.

**Patricia Conrad, 21011 W. Torrey Pines Ct., Plainfield, IL 60544-5619**

Thank you, again, for the great newsletter. Your service is outstanding, keeping us informed on all aspects of UAL life.

I have been participating in some of the Skyliners activities such as Cubs games, plays and the upcoming flower show, enjoying every one of them.

**Robert Gallagher, 345 Cather Rd., Berryville, VA 22611-2362**

I would like to thank all the people involved, making the newsletter possible. It is the only way we know what is happening, since United has deserted all retirees who have built the airline and we never hear from them.

If it were not for RUAEA, we would not know how to use our passes; for all that they are worth.

**Herbert Ingram, 7373 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. N. #W415, Wichita, KS 67226**

I appreciate all that you folks do for us retirees. You put out a very professional "Magazine" and I enjoy reading it every month.

I am well and happy. I passed my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday a few weeks ago.

I send greetings to all of the old Ground Radio men. I have lost track of where they all at now.

**Bernard (Bernie) LeDoux, 13525 Briar Hollow Dr., Austin, TX 78729**

I want to say first of all how grateful I am for all the effort in getting the newsletter out to us. I look forward to reading it each month. I retired from the maintenance base in San Francisco in 1988. In October of this year, I will have been retired 26 years. On March 1, I celebrated my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

I have not done much traveling in the last few years. My wife Verna and I travel mostly to Oklahoma and Louisiana to visit our families, and occasionally we attend family reunions in different parts of the country. Mostly, I stay busy with small wood projects and with a summer garden. In 2006, I had an early diagnosis of dementia; and today I am still doing very well with my activities. I owe it to a healthy diet, my daily walks, and a wife who takes good care of me.

Thanks again for the good work!

**Pete Kapischke, 904 S. Hi-Lusi, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056**

I have been retired now for 15 years, and it seems like only yesterday. I'm sure many of my co-workers remember all the wood crafts that I made for them during the holidays of Christmas and Easter. They were very popular items, trees, houses, reindeer, and so many other items. I don't know how I found the time to make

them. Time goes so fast now. I'll bet a lot of fellow workers remember the bake items my late wife, Bernie always made at Christmas, rum balls, fruit cake, and a vast assortment of cookies by the ton.

I wish United still had Blue Cross/ Blue Shield instead of Aetna. At least when they sent a statement it was easy to understand. It was spelled out exactly what Medicare paid, what BC/BS paid and what was my responsibility. Now it's too confusing trying to understand the statements.

Keep up the good work with the newsletter. I look forward to reading it each month.

My address is Pete Kapischke, 904 S. Hi-Lusi, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Cards and letters always appreciated.

**Louis Kinkead, 634 Enrica Ln., Walnut Creek, CA 94596**

I was in the Army Air Corps and stationed in China with the Flying Tigers during WWII. After the war ended, I joined UAL as a mechanic in Omaha. Ramp Service, Air Freight and Maintenance worked out of the same hanger at Eppley Field. Everyone worked together and those were the "good old days!"

One night, a flight was coming into OMA. The cockpit was in communication with the tower. The plane lined up with the runway lights and landed. There was only one problem. The plane had landed at the Council Bluffs airport which is across the river from the OMA airport. Council Bluffs did not have paved runways and the aircraft sank into the mud up to the fuselage. No one was hurt. We spent many days getting the aircraft out of the mud and onto steel plates, so it could take-off and fly across the river to OMA.

After becoming a Maintenance Supervisor, I accepted a position with OPBLM. I moved my family to the Chicago suburbs and worked out of EXO. In 1971, OPBLM was moved to SFO to the Maintenance Base. The group was renamed as SFOLM and we were responsible for United's entire fleet. Our mission was to ensure that aircraft received proper maintenance. If an aircraft had a mechanical, we determined if it could be deferred or was it a "no go" item.

During my career, I saw the DC3, DC4, DC6, B727, DC8, B747, DC10, B737 and the Caravelles. At this time, overhauls of equipment were done in San Francisco and Oakland.

It was a great time to be part of the United family!

**James Lundy, 63 East Ave. Apt. 4, Cortland, NY 13045-3126**

Another year has gone by; it seems that they really fly. I enjoy the newsletter and read it from cover to cover.

Wilma and I celebrated our 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in December with a buffet for 35 people. It was put on by our nieces.

I also celebrated my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in February. I had 4 different birthday cakes and parties.

Our son, James Jr., drove up to Maryland to see our great grandson who was born on 11/20/2013.

Our son and grandson and families live in Maryland. We only travel by car these days.

**Jim Simon, 2842 Lindbergh Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648**

Just wanted to give everyone an update as to my move back to sunny CA from my 15 years of residence in Northern WI. First of all, I am certainly enjoying the warmer weather and despite the need for rain of which we have been getting some supplement, I certainly do not miss the cold and lengthy winters of WI, especially knowing that this year has been one of their worst. Everyone tells me I got out of there just in time. I left WI on October 25<sup>th</sup> last year and found my new home within a couple of months and moved in here in mid January.

I am now totally settled in and enjoying my new surroundings and being closer to relatives and my wonderful daughter, Jennifer. Although I miss the many friends I left behind in the Midwest, I still call most all of them on a weekly basis and stay in touch. I loved my home back there and made a choice to considerably downsize with my move here. It has been a good choice and a great decision. Once in a while we can actually do things right after all!

I am looking forward to becoming a member of one of our local RUAEA chapters here in the Sacramento area but am keeping my membership with the Northern Lites and Northwoods Loonies groups as they are all like family to me. I welcome hearing from any of my former United co-workers and wish all of you my very best and hope to hear or see some of you soon.

Also want to thank the wonderful staff and many friends I've made in RUAEA during my term as Midwest Director. I really enjoy getting my newsletter each month and taking the time to read it from cover to cover. It is not only a great publication but it is done with a very dedicated group of people that I certainly respect and am glad to call friends of mine.

My regards to all.



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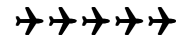
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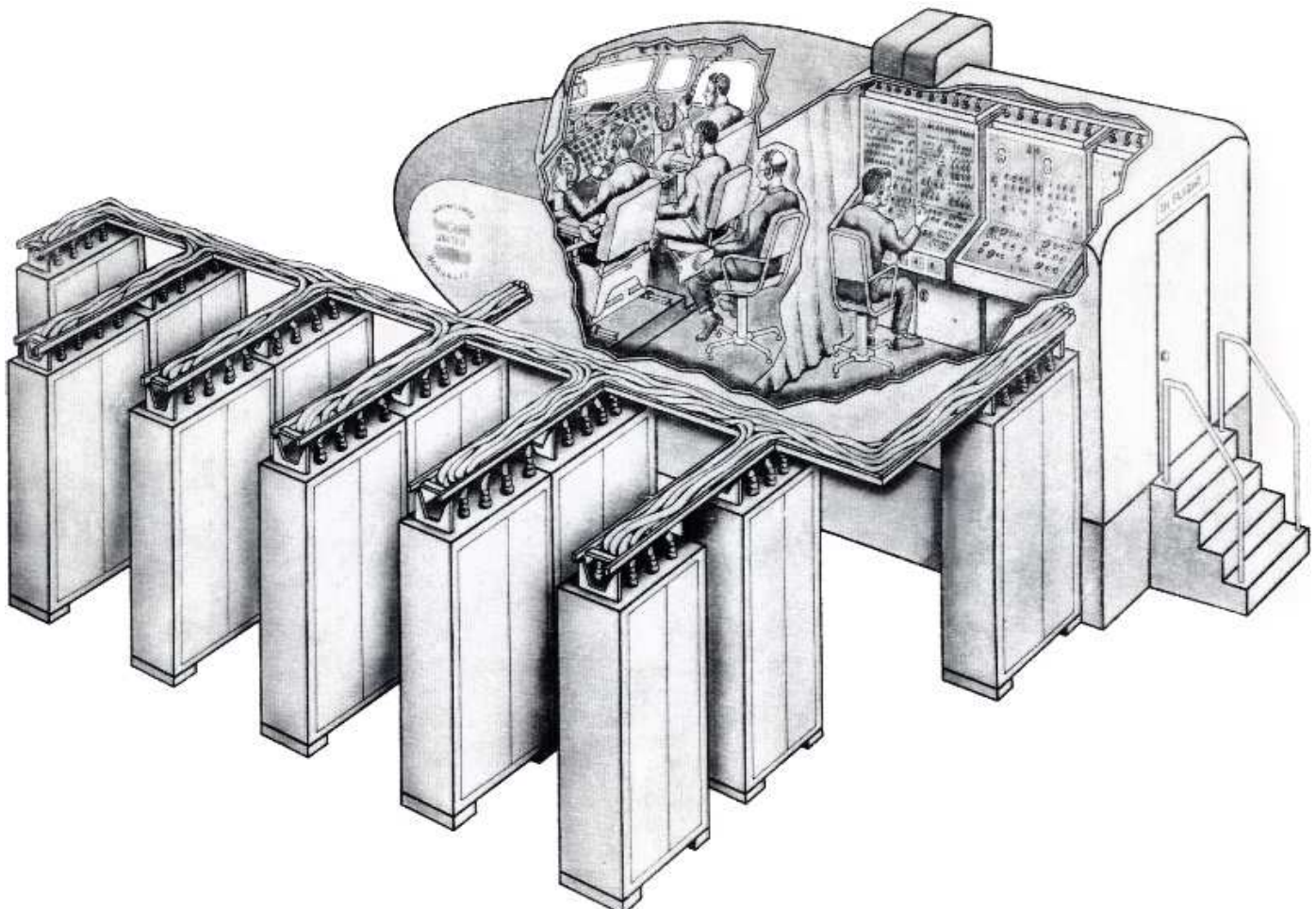
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is the beautiful Mission Trails Golf course from where you can view the hikers going up the mountain as you play your game of golf in the scenic surroundings. The park and golf course are also easily accessible from the Town and Country Resort.

Ready to pack your bags? The June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter will have all of the convention information for booking your rooms, tours, the banquet and other pertinent information. You can access the hotel at [www.towncountry.com](http://www.towncountry.com).

Looking forward to seeing you soon in beautiful San Diego!



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