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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Hi Folks,

Carol and I have made our move from Phoenix to sunny Seattle. While in Arizona, we attended the “All Arizona Luncheon” in Casa Grande.

The All Arizona is a success story for RUAEA chapters and one to be proud of. It is a great gathering to again see old friends and make new ones and that is what RUAEA is about. Also, to note some attendees, **Bud & Lynn Hubbard** (past Vice President of Conventions), **Ron Robertson** and his wife **Shirley** (Past RUAEA President), **Helen Cauwels** (Midwest Director), **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** (our Newsletter Managers).

The Roadrunners Chapter sponsored the event this year and for that, I thank them for helping to keep RUAEA alive by their activities. I did talk about our Convention and got a new member. In closing, please join in your Chapter activities and join one if you don’t belong. You can find your Chapter on the ruaea.org website, if not contact your regional Director. Have you signed up a member lately?

Hank Gosselin
RUAEA President

RE UNITE IN PITTSBURGH – Pittsburgh. Mighty. Beautiful.



Here we go RUAEA – “*the furnaces are long gone* but the city’s on fire.*” Welcome to Pittsburgh and America’s Most Livable City! Let’s Go RUAEA – Let’s go!

Join us in Pittsburgh at RUAEA’S Convention September 23 – 26, 2015. Welcome aboard, buckle up your seat belts on an airplane, in your car, or take a train, and, together we can all enjoy a vacation with our awesome RUAEA friends and old acquaintances! Imagine what you can do here with all of the unique places, great tours, and a lot of “new” restaurants to share together in Pittsburgh!

Duquesne Incline, our picture theme - Take a step back in time on a century-old cable car to experience a spectacular panoramic view of Pittsburgh and its three rivers.

Get the best views of downtown Pittsburgh while riding one of the remaining inclines in the country. Duquesne Incline travels to the top of Mount Washington where visitors can enjoy fine dining at restaurants and take photos to remember their trip on the observation deck!

Now where do we go? I don’t know how to fit it all in! There are a lot of activities and many places to see! There is not enough room in the newsletter.

Tours include –the Flight 93 Memorial, Pittsburgh Countryside, Adventure in the Laurel Highlands, Coal Miner’s Café, Quecreek Mine Rescue Site. The Flight 93 Memorial was designed with features for healing and understanding of the events. More than a dozen distinct elements are part of the visitor experience, beginning with the Ground where Flight 93 crashed and across a mile-wide Field of Honor and Visitor Center, memorial tree groves, and Tower of Voices.

Tours also include Fallingwater, a home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

You may also enjoy – Pittsburgh Highlights and Pittsburgh CLO “Cabaret Show & Lunch.” Spend an unforgettable afternoon at the Cabaret, complete with a delicious lunch. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon your group will never forget. The show will be announced closer to show time. Pittsburgh CLO is the leader in the “celebration of musical theater.” It is one of the country’s most prestigious non-profit theaters.

Hooray for Pittsburgh! The first Internet Emoticon, “The Smiley” ☺ was created by Carnegie Mellon University in 1982.

Betty & Paul Musko
Publicity Chairpersons

Pass rider enrollment is about to get easier



United has integrated the system that maintains employee pass travel eligibility information and the system through which employees enroll their eligible pass riders and submit supporting documentation for pass travel privileges.

The new user-friendly system, which was launched on March 23rd, will help employees and retirees enroll pass riders and manage their information more easily while reducing processing time and improving our ability to assist them.

Effective March 23rd, retirees will use their 6-digit user employee uID, to access the system to enroll a pass rider for pass travel. When you access the following links, you will be prompted to use your 6-digit uID and password:

Flying Together > Employee Services > My Info > Travel > Pass Riders

Flying Together > Travel > Update Pass Riders

Information on how to use the enhanced system to enroll eligible pass riders will be available on March 23rd on the Travel tab and employeeRES. Please direct any additional questions to the Employee Travel Center at ETC@united.com or 877-UAL-ESC9 (877-825-3729).

Hundreds of aspiring aviators join United at Women in Aviation Conference



Flight Ops recruiters held face-to-face conversations with approximately 1,200 applicants during the three-day, 26th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference recently in Dallas, offering first-hand perspectives of life in the airline industry and answering questions about career opportunities at United. Over the next 20 years, United will need to hire more than 10,000 pilots based on retirements and attrition alone. In that same period, major U.S. airlines will need almost 50,000 new pilots.

"The long days pale compared to the energy brought to us by each and every attendee," DEN Chief Pilot Bebe O'Neil said. *"It's humbling to see the sheer numbers of people interested in a career at United and the tremendous qualifications they bring to the table."*

United presented two \$5,000 scholarships to aviation students, and the company also sponsored a lunch, which was the highest-attended event at the conference. United values strong relationships with organizations like Women in Aviation, and this was United's 14th year of full sponsorship.

Representatives from Flight Operations, Human Resources/Talent Acquisition, Diversity & Inclusion, Technical Operations, Dispatch and Engineering also attended the event.

Throughout March, United was hosting a variety of events across the company to recognize and celebrate women's contributions in honor of Women's History Month. For information about events in your city, please visit the [Diversity & Inclusion Engagement Events](#) page.

Torgy's Travel Tips



This month's column takes you on an out-of- this-world journey both literally and figuratively: The Kennedy Space Center. If you have not yet visited this place, you really are missing something!

Located just an hour's drive east of Orlando (MCO), the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex is a working spaceflight facility operated for NASA by a private company which does not receive taxpayer or government funding. Hence, there is an admission and parking fee (seniors get a discount), but it is well worth the cost. Short of becoming an astronaut, there's no better way to get a look at the past, present and future of space travel. You will be amazed at the size and scope of the rockets, boosters, capsules and technology that has put Americans on the moon and is now preparing for the January 2, 2020 launch of the flight to Mars. Did you know that the Apollo missions were controlled with technology less sophisticated than that in your current smartphone?



Your admission ticket includes the Kennedy Space Center Bus Tour which takes you to a launch pad, then to the Apollo 8 launch site, the countdown clock and ample time at the Apollo/Saturn V Center. Here you can walk under and around the 363-foot-long Saturn V moon rocket which is suspended horizontally and segmented to show each stage of the rocket. There are fabulous exhibits and a sit-down theater where you can relive the Apollo 13 crisis while viewing the control room and hearing the actual transmissions.

Once you return from the bus tour, don't miss the Atlantis Shuttle Launch Experience where you can see the actual shuttle, crawl through a full-size mockup module, and later strap yourself into a seat and experience the force of blast-off.



Also, don't miss two excellent IMAX 3-D movies about the Hubble Telescope and the International Space Station. All are included in your admission price.

There are full-scale models in the Rocket Garden and more exhibits about space exploration, nature and technology and several cafes on the grounds. For those wishing a more in-depth experience, there are 3 "Up-Close" tours for an additional cost and last between 2.5 and 3 hours. It would be difficult to squeeze in more than 1 such tour without staying an additional day. In that case, it would be cheaper to buy an annual pass which includes free parking,

and then take your time.

Lastly, your ticket also includes free admission to the nearby US Astronaut Hall of Fame facility which houses a rare collection of astronaut artifacts, hands-on exhibits and an interactive experience that gives you a true taste of space. You must use this benefit within 7 days of your Visitor Complex visit.

There is more information on their website: www.TourKSC.com or call 866 737-5235 for specific questions.

Coming up next time: "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter": What you need to know if you go.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel



I recently talked to Bishop Ramzi. The chapel repair should be completed soon. He advised me that the cost has escalated and now is \$25,000. He is obtaining a lawyer to try and recover the amount. He expects this to be a long drawn out process, with insurance problems. Remember only one car had insurance. He advised me of other items, that I cannot mention at this time. Perhaps I can advise you at a later date.

To donate to The Chapel, make check payable to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and send to **Frank J. Eggles**, 3405 West Chester Pike

B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

How Well Do You Know United?

We thank **Sandy Lawyer** for sharing with us this quiz she wrote for the All Arizona Luncheon, March 19, 2015.

All AZ Luncheon Questions

1. What 4 airlines merged to become United Airlines?
2. When did United merge with Capital?
 - a. Sept. 15, 1962
 - b. July 1, 1960
 - c. June 1, 1961
3. Who was the first President of United Airlines?
4. When did United purchase Pan Am's Pacific routes?
 - a. September 1986
 - b. April 1985
 - c. June 1984



What year was “Fly the Friendly Skies” introduced?

- d. 1965
 - e. 1968
 - f. 1963
5. What airplane flew passengers by day and cargo at night?
6. When did United begin flying to Hawaii?
- a. April 1, 1949
 - b. May 1, 1947
 - c. February 1, 1946
7. Name the 5 founding carriers of the Star Alliance?
8. What was the name of United’s first inflight magazine?
9. Name the other 3 companies in addition to United that made up Allegis.

Answers on Page 5.

Ask The Pharmacist



Bisphosphonates: The Good and the Bad ~ Osteoporosis is a progressive degenerative condition caused by an imbalance between cells that break down old bone, osteoclasts, and cells that build new bone, osteoblasts. When osteoclasts are more active, it results in progressive bone loss.

Women are at a significantly higher risk for osteoporosis. The team of specialist pharmacists within the Express Scripts Therapeutic Resource Centers that are educated in women’s health issues counsel osteoporosis patients in the most effective management for their disease.

Medication Management ~ One key area the Express Scripts’ Pharmacists help patients with is medication management, including safety and adherence. Bisphosphonates are one of the most commonly used therapy classes for osteoporosis. This class of medications have proven effective overall in reducing vertebral and nonvertebral fractures and having a good overall safety profile.

For patients who are on bisphosphonates, here are a few things that are helpful to know:

- Bisphosphonates work by decreasing the action of osteoclast cells providing osteoblasts cells an opportunity to restore the balance in favor of bone development, thus reducing the progression of osteoporosis and future fracture risk.
- Bisphosphonates come in a wide range of dosages and in different forms including tablets, liquids and injectables.
- Weekly doses are the most common. The medications remain in the body and bones for extended periods and continue to be effective.
- Certain bisphosphonates can remain at the bone surface for up to 10 years. This is why monthly and yearly doses are not uncommon.

Understanding the Risks ~ As with all medications, there are risks. Our Pharmacists help patients understand these risks and manage them to ensure the best possible outcomes. Some topics we cover with patients who are on bisphosphonates include:

- ✓ Bisphosphonates generally have low absorption rates. They also carry a risk of esophageal and stomach irritation. Because of this, oral forms of the medication should be taken first thing in the morning with a full glass of water. Avoid taking food, drink or other medications for 30 minutes to 60 minutes depending on product used.
- ✓ The patient must also remain upright during that time.
- ✓ Although rare, bisphosphonates can cause osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ) or degradation of the jaw bone. Patients with compromised immune systems — such as those undergoing chemotherapy or HIV patients — are at the most risk. Poor oral hygiene and patients undergoing invasive dental procedures also can increase the risk for ONJ. Another rare but serious side effect is atypical fractures that occur in the middle of the femur. Such fractures are different from the classic osteoporotic fractures, which typically occur in the hip. Atypical fractures occur spontaneously or from low impact trauma in patients who have been on bisphosphonate therapy long term. Patients that notice any pain or discomfort in the thigh area should notify their physician for an evaluation.
- ✓ Physicians may halt bisphosphonate therapy after 5 to 7 years of continued treatment to minimize the risk for atypical fractures.

- ✓ The physician will monitor the progress of osteoporosis and after one year will assess whether therapy with a bisphosphonate needs to be restarted.
- ✓ Bisphosphonates are an important part of an effective osteoporosis treatment plan, but as with all medications, it is important to be aware of your risks. Understanding the risks and possible side effects enable patients to avoid or manage them, thus resulting in greater adherence to therapy and healthier outcomes.

For more information about osteoporosis, talk with your doctor or contact Express Scripts and ask to speak with Pharmacist about your medication and/or condition.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the “Letters” Column, obituary listings (***Note:** Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to 2ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratius at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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

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Answers to “How Well Do You Know United?”

1. Varney Air Lines, Pacific Air Transport, Boeing Air Transport and National Air Transport.
2. c. June 1, 1961
3. William “Pat” Patterson
4. b. April, 1985
5. a. 1965
6. 727QC
7. b. May 1, 1947
8. United (UA), Air Canada (AC), Lufthansa (LH), Scandinavian Airlines (SK), Thai (TG)
9. Mainliner
10. Hertz, Westin, and Hilton International

LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



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Record attendance for our group this month! Besides having our highest number attending ever on March 9, we had another fun meeting. Cubi Bar Café in the NAS National Aviation Museum never lets us down with their food, our great waitress, Christine, and especially the chocolate chip cookies! We had 30 attending this month! They were **Jessie Arnold, George & Desneige Atteberry, Mike & Elaine Austin, Mike & Carla Burke, Bill & Ann Delavan, John & Myrl Eisinger, Bill & Carol Hayden, Judy Hebl, Rick & Carol Herrick, Joe & Monica Leonard, Ray & Mai Owens, Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Harold Stofko, Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** and a special guest, **Jerry Murko**. **Jerry Murko** is a full time RVer and happened to be coming through Pensacola and read about our meeting in the RUAEA newsletter and stopped in. He worked at 8 different stations during his career and visits friends in those areas throughout the year. He could not stay for lunch as he had already made plans but he did visit with us and we all enjoyed talking with him. Hopefully, he will be in our area another time soon. We were thrilled when **Ray & Mai Owens** walked in. She had back surgery in January and has recovered nicely and looks wonderful! Another welcomed sight was when **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** and **Steve Wilkey** walked in. She had foot surgery in December and has had some problems with it but everything looks great now and we pray they can once again be at our meetings. They keep our meetings lively ☺.

Members unable to attend this month were **Doug & Edna Horne** due to **Edna's** health issues; **Park & Billie Learned** due to their health issues; **Honey Dimitriadis** was in Lafayette, LA; **Bob & Carol Dorsey** had a change of plans at the last minute; **Bob & Bev Heinrich** had a conflict; and **Conrad Hamilton**. We worried about him since he said he would attend but never came and we could not reach him. After the meeting we found out he was down with this flu that is going around. Get Well, **Conrad**!

Drawing of our raffle tickets started our meeting. **Bill Hayden** and **Barbara Serra** sold the tickets. **Carol Hayden** drew the winning ticket for **Ed Southworth**. He is our Lucky Guy! We had seven chocolate chip cookies extra and winners were **Mike Burke, Monica Leonard, John Eisinger, Carol Hayden, Myrl Eisinger, Jessie Arnold, and Bill Hayden**. We do love those cookies!

Bob Schwartz, our President, welcomed **Carol Hayden, Bill's** wife. This is her first meeting since our first meeting in August, 2010. We were thrilled to welcome her back and hope she will be able to attend regularly now.

No corrections were needed to the Treasurer's Report nor the Minutes that were emailed out.

Yvonne Schwartz, our secretary, passed a list around again last month asking everyone to write down how many years they worked for an Airline. She totaled up the years represented and we have a total of 836 years of Airline employment. **Desneige "Denny" Atteberry** won with the most years of employment. She worked 44 years as Flight Attendant! We admire your courage and stamina.

April birthdays were **Park Leonard** (1st), **Honey Dimitriadis** (29th), **Carla Burke** (30th), and **Rick Herrick** (30th).

May birthdays are: **Mike Burke** (21st), **John Leroy** (23rd), and **Sande Zander** (23rd). We wish them all a very Happy Birthday!

Bob & Yvonne Schwartz made a shocking announcement to everyone. They will be moving to Tuscaloosa, AL to manage a Bed & Breakfast antebellum home for their daughter & son in law. They will be moving sometime after Bob completes doing taxes for H&R Block this season. They know they will be here for the April & May meetings. An election will be held next month to fill their positions.

Discussion was held regarding April's meeting. Because of **Bob's** job doing taxes, he knows he cannot attend the April 13th meeting, so it was decided to change our meeting to Monday, April 20th.

We welcome visitors to our meetings anytime you are in our area. Our members live between Ft. Walton Beach, FL and almost to Mississippi so if you are coming to the Gulf Coast, please give us a call or send us an

email and plan to join us at one of our great meetings. Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 11:30 AM in the Cubi Bar Café in Naval Aviation Museum, NAS Pensacola, FL.

Calendar:

May 11 - 11:30AM Meeting at Cubi Bar Café in National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL

June 8 – Same as above

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Our Birmingham chapter met on March 9th at the Irondale Cafe in historic Irondale, AL. Attending were **Ken & Beverly Yeager, Jim & Donna Gooch, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Travis, Zoe Glass** and daughter **Terissa Mendum, Joe Duncan, Keith & Charlotte Gibson** and **Joe Jones**.

Keith & Charlotte Gibson celebrated an anniversary on March 12th. Birthdays for March were **Zoe Glass** on the 13th, and **Gay Fowler** on the 24th.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Joe Jones**, the winning ticket drawn from his lucky Auburn baseball cap.

We meet at an area restaurant every second Monday at 11:30Am and invite all retired United Airlines friends and families to join us. For more information, call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

ARIZONA



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Happy Spring! The cactuses are in bloom, the oleanders are budding and blooming, the weather is warm and sunny and, the patio parties are starting up before the heat of the summer takes over. It's a beautiful time in the valleys of Arizona.

The Azures' final get-together for the 2015 season was held on the covered patio (semi-outside) at Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy, 16092 North Arrowhead Fountains Center Drive, Peoria, AZ on April 11. We will report next month on the attendance, and the margaritas!

The **Bries, Don & Carole**, have probably returned from their cruise to the Orient. We talked to them at our Turf Paradise event and they were excited to see the sites and partake of the Asian cuisine. We hope to hear the details when we see them at Abuelo's.

Marge & Gene Hinnners started their journey back to Illinois from Sun City, AZ on Sunday, March 29. They will make a few family stops and then spend Easter with their daughter and her family in the Kansas City area before heading to Huntley, Illinois.

Some ORD retired mechanics and their wives spent a nice afternoon on the patio at the home of **Don & Ann Bergstrom** on March 27. Those in attendance were **Ed & Marie Bobrik, Gene & Marge Hinnners, Lowell & Pat Neal, Frank & Caroline DeSanto** (they came up from Tucson area), **Al Ruetten, Sheila Mahoney, Vic & Carol Liltz** (and their friends visiting from Elmwood Park, IL) and, of course, Don & Ann.

On March 30, **Carol & Vic Liltz** (me and Vic) travelled to Illinois (seats 36EF) to spend Easter week in Illinois to see their families and have Easter dinner at their house with Carol's sister, and daughter and her family in Huntley, Illinois. The weather was great the whole week, about 60-70 degrees every day. Only one rainy overnight and then cleared by morning. We were soooooo lucky! Rain is planned for when we leave to go back to AZ.

Congratulations on **Vivian Klick's** "second" retirement, this time from Liberty Utilities. She, also, had a "second anniversary". Congratulations on that.

Our apologies for missing the All-Arizona luncheon in March hosted by **Pat DiLallo** and the Roadrunners from Tucson. Vic had pain in the heel of his foot which turned out to be gout and we thought it would be better not to drive down I-10 to Casa Grande this year. We were sorry to have missed seeing **Sally Welter** and **John & Joanne Griffith** and the many friends from RUAEA's other chapters. Next year!

Happy Birthday to our May celebrants. Again, my Birthday/Anniversary list is in Arizona and I'm writing from Illinois. I will announce the names next month.

Calendar:

May 5 & 19 - Breakfasts at Coco's, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ – 0830

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It's the month of May already, with Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend coming up soon. A lot of our "Snowbirds" have left, but we still continue to meet every month for breakfast throughout the year. We hope many will continue to come to the Black Bear Diner at 1809 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert on the fourth Friday of each month, starting at 9:15 a.m. If you have a guest, bring them along. Also, if there are any United or Continental Airline people, who worked at some time for the company and are 55 years old or older, we would love to have you join us whenever you can. Please contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, to let her know that you will be coming to any of our breakfasts. She can be reached at (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. She needs to know a head count by the Wednesday before the breakfast, so she can inform the restaurant as to how many to expect from our group. The breakfast this month is May 22. Hope many will be able to attend.

The All-Arizona Luncheon, which was held on March 19 at the Property Conference Center in Casa Grande and hosted by the Tucson Roadrunners, turned out great. The food was delicious, with the gift card door prizes and the 50/50 raffle and the quiz about United's history being a success. About 8 of our members took home a prize. Our RUAEA President, **Hank Gosselin**, spoke for a few minutes and informed us that **Jim & Bonnie Fauber**, would be leaving us and moving to Washington, where they have family. It was nice seeing **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** again at the All-Arizona Luncheon.

One of our members, **Linda Cooper-Koltz**, had shoulder surgery on March 17 and is in rehab now. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back with us real soon. Our other member, **Donna Pedone**, who also had shoulder surgery recently, is back attending our meetings. We just heard that **Bud Hubbard** had a medical emergency on March 20th due to some rectal bleeding and ended up in the hospital for three days, and is now in a rehab facility in Cottonwood, where he is getting therapy. If you wish to send a card, their home address is P. O. Box 183 in Sedona, AZ 86339. Our thoughts and prayers are with both Bud & Lynn at this time.

At our monthly breakfast on March 27, we had 30 people present. One was **Debbie O'Rourke**, guest of **Ted Higley**. We talked about the All-Arizona Luncheon in Casa Grande, and that we will be the hosts for next year's luncheon. We're planning on making it a "Think Green" theme, as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day that month. Don't forget to get items needed for the children involved in our Fantasy Flight when you're out and about this summer. We will need small bottles of shampoo and lotions usually found at various hotels; but the hotels are getting away from that now; but, most of the drug stores have traveling items available in their shampoo and toothpaste section. We also need socks, gloves, mittens, hats for children 5-7 years old and stadium-size fleece blankets, besides stuffed animals, trucks, and Barbie dolls.

Our annual picnic on April 9th at the Crescent Run in Mesa, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**, will be reported on next month.

Our good members, **Bonnie & Jim Fauber**, will be moving to an Assisted Living apartment in Federal Way, Washington this month due to health concerns. We will miss them both very much as they have been active with our chapter and RUAEA for many years. They are a lovely couple and we will keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they make this big change in their lives.

Don't forget to make plans to attend the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from September 23rd to September 26th at the DoubleTree by Hilton. Information will be available in the June issue of the

RUAEA Newsletter, so please make an effort to attend. You will be glad you did. There's a lot to see and do in Pittsburgh.

Our new Membership Directories are available now. Many were passed out at our breakfast in March and more will be available to those attending the annual picnic. If you haven't gotten yours, please contact **Rita Zarek** at (480) 288-6685, or by e-mail at rzarek1@q.com.

We have the following birthdays in May: **Victor Kostecki** (5/5), **Bill Betz** (5/9), **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 everyone! Those couples having Wedding Anniversaries this month are: **Linda & Steve Cooper-Koltz** (5/4/85), **Carol & Brian Hinkle** (5/11/97), **Jeannette & Victor Kostecki** (5/18/68), and **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** (5/23/70). Congratulations to each couple.

Calendar:

May 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, at phomfeldt@cox.net, with your reservation by Wednesday, May 20, or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

June 26 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

July 24 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner



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Here we are in April/May. The sun is out and the allergy season is only two months old. Tucson had no snow, no ice, no flooding (because there was very little rain). The allergists are building palaces because 2015 should go down as the worst allergy season in years. But those of us in southern Arizona live the good life from October until April/May.

In March, the good times rolled with the annual All Arizona luncheon held on March 19th in Casa Grande. There were 86 in attendance with a good mix from the Phoenix Re-United's, the Azures, Roadrunners, and possibly the Tall Pines (who came in under the radar). We also had an appearance from **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** from the Sacramento area. Appearing for the first time was **Fred Frey** and wife.

The Roadrunners hosted the festivities. President **Sandy Lawryer** was master of ceremonies and director of operations. Center pieces were a saguaro with a snowman. The saguaro stood tall with a Cerveza insert. Design crew for the center pieces was **Dora Starr, Stephanie Rayburn, Maureen Hicks, Nancy Heffner**, and **Merit Nerland**. Thank you! Winners were selected by a dot on the bottom of a single chair at each table.

Winning a prize was accomplished in two ways: A test of the knowledge about the history of United and via the raffle tickets sold by **Shirley Robertson** and **Doris Clark**. Out of a possible 26 correct answers to the history test, one person scored 17 correct. All recipients of prizes won a bottle of wine with a \$25.00 gift card to local businesses. The buffet was well received with the steak medallions requiring second portions by some. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Doris Clark**. I would like to give a personal thank you to the correspondents of the other Arizona chapters for giving space in their columns to the All Arizona luncheon. I know many individuals were going to attend but a little extra push helps to make a commitment. Remember, this group is probably the last who will be able to connect with "The Good Old Days". With our mini convention called the All Arizona luncheon, we can remember the good old days twice a year.

Milestones: Anniversaries ~ **Lloyd & Lorraine Tomac, Ray & Phyllis Potsic, Dave & JoAnn Folkers**, and **Barbara & Armand Johnson**. Birthdays ~ **Bonnie Royle, Pete Lopez, Ed Degan, Jinny Cable, Clyde Cable, Merritt McGlothlin, Ken Bergsma, Marian Dietrich** and **Shirley Robertson**.

Calendar:

May 21 - Lunch hosted by **Doris & Larry Clark**, Caytons at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club, 6501 W Boulder Bridge Pass, (520) 572-3530. RSVP to Doris or Larry at (520) 818-0804 or Desertdoris@q.com no later than May 18th.

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There was no meeting in March. I did hear from **Mike Zoldak** that he and **Bridget** made a trip to Australia. Before they left, Mike said that he had visited **Bob Wagner** who had been in the hospital, but now was home. I hope to get Bob's input on how he did at our next meeting.

As for me, my hip surgery went well and I now am walking without a walker or cane. The last visit I had with the doctor, I was told I could almost do everything I did before, only moderately and painless. This was after only a month after surgery, however, no golf for 3 months. I can live with that.

Our next meeting will be on April 15th. A place and time has yet been determined.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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The Desert Sunbirds' March Luncheon was held at Bobby Mao's at Westfield Mall in Rancho Mirage. Too many choices to list here, but suffice it to say, all forty one members and guests thoroughly enjoyed their lunch.

Sad news ~ **Doreen Roberts**, our hostess, did all the preliminary planning, had to cancel at the last minute, as her mother passed away, and she had to make funeral arrangements. Our prayers are with you, Doreen. **Patti Sica** took over the hostess duties.

Guest list this month: **Maureen Kirkwood** was again the guest of **Patti Sica**; **Brad Zittel** brought his sister, Jeanine; Doreen's brother-in-law **Chuck Halstead**, and **Tom Wheaton** were there also. Also, **Bob Woodger**, a UAL Retiree (NYCRR, JFKSW, EWRSW, LAXRR, HNLRR) was in attendance. I don't know if Bob lives in our desert, or just visiting, but if he does live here, I sense a new name added to our roster.

The **Waisses**, who missed the February Luncheon (South Pacific Cruise), reported that in order to "make" the cruise, they paid full fare to get to Australia, but were able to use their passes to come home.

Congratulations to our Anniversary Celebrants: **Tony & Lynda Davis** (41 years on March 10th); **Ben & Shirley Schiewe** (33 years on April 3rd); **Glen & Jan Voirol** (47 years on April 27th).

Our Birthday Lunch was won by **Bill Schultz**; the 50/50 Drawing (2 @ \$50.00 each) was won by ... **Carole Paquin** (yes, she won both). Now, how did you arrange that, Carole? Does it have anything to do with your driving around in a new Lexus?

Additional prizes added to the drawing: 2 bottles of wine (donated by Doreen), won by **Maureen Kirkwood** and **Marge Lenz**.

Lastly, our visitor, **Bob Woodger**, donated an Indian "Good Luck" Eagle Feather to the Raffle, won by **Shirley Spittler**, who promptly gave it to **Jeanine Zittel**.

Calendar:

May13 – Hosted by **Glen & Jan Voirol**

June 10 – Hosted by **John & Maureen Schultz**

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SACRAMENTO



The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on March 25 at China Buffet in Citrus Heights, CA. This was hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**. We had 45 Gold Diggers and one guest; guest of the **Harshbargers** was **Lorry Hukill**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Esolas** for hosting.

Officers Reports

President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** told us that we need more enthusiasm for hosting luncheons.

Vice President ~ **Len Haubl** was not with us today. **Frank Dellinger** is filling in for him for a couple of months. We are still looking for hosts for the following months: June, August, October and December. There will be no meeting in September because of convention and November because of Thanksgiving. Several of our members spoke up to host a luncheon.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for March for those couples with over 50 years: **Art & Pat Rugh** (66 years); **Marv & Jean Becker** (57 years); **Fernando & Ana Campos** (54 years); **Robert & Judith Miller** (52 years); **Ed & Shirley Vanderzyl** (50 years). **Harold** led the group in singing Happy Anniversary to all.

Treasurer ~ **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance. She also read a thank you note we received from Habitat for Humanity for the donation in memory of **Bob Fulkerson**.

Roster Chairman ~ **Jack Raynor** has the new rosters with him today.

Sunshine ~ **Angie Dellinger** sent a sympathy card to the family of **Bob Fulkerson**. She reported that about 20 members attended his service. Also she said that **Vic Drumheller** passed away and the service was held on March 27th.

Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton** had nothing to report.

RUAEA VP Of Conventions ~ **Ron Bertacini** said he attended the Board of Directors meeting the first week in March in Pittsburgh. He talked about membership. We are losing members. We need to push to keep members and hopefully gain members. The dues are \$27.00/year. He talked about convention. They hope to have good attendance. There are usually 350-400 members attend each year. Among the tours, they are planning two tours to the Flight #93 Memorial. The cost of the hotel is \$112/night plus tax, \$128 total and convention runs September 23rd to the 26th. There will be a business meeting on Saturday morning with a banquet on Saturday night. The hotel rates will be good 3 days before convention and 3 days after.

Don't forget to pay your dues, \$10.00 per family. Judie prefers checks but will take cash. Make checks payable to Gold Diggers and send to: **Judie King**, 11886 Heather Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95949.

Calendar:

April 29 – Lake of the Pines Club House, Auburn, CA – hosted by **Sonda Sandstedt**



HANGTOWN MINERS

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The “green” tradition that goes with March was in full “bloom” at the C T European Restaurant. **Thom Biro** brought Irish bowl hats and candies for the tables to mark St. Patrick's Day. What with 33 Miners attending, the room was definitely full! The waitresses worked hard to make sure everyone had full glasses and that their meals were what they wanted. Rudy brought our meeting to order after we enjoyed our delicious food. A hearty “Thank You” was extended to Thom. In answer to the birthday question, we had three members who were born in March: **J.R. Heier**, **Cindy Blazius** and **Linda Dinette**. A big “Happy Birthday” to you all but, no anniversaries were to be found. Thom's daughter, Dawn, joined us today.

President ~ Rudy shared with us news from the latest RUAEA newsletter.

I would like to just “throw” this out there; I think **Rudy Blazius** is one terrific president. He really has our chapter and members in mind when he chooses information to bring to us.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** did not have a report for us.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** mentioned that she was contacted by **Jerry Stevens** who was looking for more information about a co-worker who had moved to the West Coast – **Paul Ambrose**. I put out a request asking if anyone would/could get in touch with Jerry and answer his questions. **Jeannette D’Amico** was able to take time out from her Hawaiian vacation to contact him. Thank You, Jeannette.

Treasurer ~ Our efficient treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, was able to attend this meeting. After adding in the dues paid today and the sale of the raffle tickets, our banking account is looking good! He will be sending in the required tax forms this month.

Sunshine ~ Our sunshine person, **Suzanne Kenny**, was not available. She is back east helping her brother.

Historian ~ Great keeper of our history, **Lynda Lima**, was not at the luncheon.

Old Business ~ Okay, if you have not paid your annual dues yet, please do so. Our roster shows that only 4 of our members have not paid yet. Jane volunteered to call each of them to see if they forgot or are not continuing as a Hangtown Miner.

New Business ~ **Thom Biro** has been in contact with a lady who will embroider shirts with our snazzy logo for us. You can order either (or both if you want to) a polo style or a regular style shirt. There’s a wide variety of colors from which to choose. Thom had an order form that was passed around the room. Some folks signed up already and he will bring the form to the next meeting for those who were not here this month.

Miscellaneous from our members ~ **Bill Gibson** has been contacted by **Shirley Kiester** and **Joe Noto** – some of you may remember working with them. They would like to come to one of our meetings. Of course, they are most welcome.

Angie Dellinger let us know that **Bob Fulkerson** passed away. The funeral for him was on March 21st in Grass Valley.

Jack Fitzpatrick was cruising thru a local newspaper, the Mountain Democrat, and came across a picture of one of our members, **Thom Biro**. Thom, and other Miners, are members of the Gold Country Treasure Seekers. Jack noted the familiar use of knee pads for more than one “profession”.

Mary Lou Wagner mentioned that we should keep an eye on our airline miles. These hackers are getting into accounts and helping themselves to points others have earned.

Thom Biro brought up a concern ~ it seems our Hangtown Miner sign is beginning to show signs of age! He is going to take it to a place he knows and see what it would cost for repair/replacement. **Bill Dinette** knows of a place in Auburn that could do the work too.

Rudy closed the meeting and the Drawing Of Opportunity began. **Lindalee Akin** was the winner of the donators’ prize. Because our dining space was a bit crowded, it was suggested that Rudy just hold up an item and whoever had the winning ticket would receive that prize. A big Thank You to all who brought items for our raffle: **Akin** – 2 cartons of eggs (18 in each); **Blazius** – dish; **Gibson** - beer bread mix; **Dillinger** – succulent dish; **Quinnell** – cork trivet; **Kenney** – 4 beer glasses & bath items; **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Biro** – travel cups (49ers) and Irish hats; **Heier** – photo album; **Buschman** – wine; **Kozelka** – bird hook & towels; **Dinette** – wine holder with wine; **Ames** – auto vacuum; **Wagner** – coffee brewer.

Calendar:

April 13 – Meeting at Camp Verner in Georgetown, hosted by **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram**.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

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I am reporting to you on the first day of Spring 2015, and the weather is mild with a light wind; the sun has just retreated, in expectation for a few sprinkles tonight! Larry is just heading out to spray the last of the dormant spray on our fruit trees at our rental house in Windsor. I told him to hurry before the rain gets here;

isn't that the way we do, wait for the last moment to get something done before the weather changes! Anyway, back to the report of the minutes and events of our March 2015 luncheon!

The luncheon was held on March 12 at the LaGare Restaurant in Santa Rosa, hosted by **Jan Blackburn** and **Valerie Hulsey**. The theme of the luncheon was a celebration of St. Patrick's Day; they had the tables decorated with green and white tissue-wrapped wine bottles with green ribbon and St. Pat's logos, and each table vase held pretty spring flowers! The See's candy boxes for the raffle were also wrapped with nice St. Patrick's Day themed paper and bows, by **Joanne Huhn**.

President **Larry Wilson** welcomed all the members and guests, and thanked Val and Jan for hosting the nice luncheon. Larry also welcomed our newest member, **Herb Johnson**, who recently moved to the area from Denver. He had been a member of Denver's "Mile Highers" for over 20 years! Larry gave Herb a chance to say a little bit about himself and his career with United Airlines to help us get to know him a little; everyone appreciated his talk and welcomed him warmly to our chapter! Larry also mentioned that there will be some new bylaws drafted by **Brandon Maus**, to be discussed by the members at the next meeting in April; a copy of the bylaws will be available to all who want one.

Jerry Underhill, Vice President, said that there were 30 members present, and welcomed 3 guests, who were **Alice Eastus**, guest of **Ted Bell**, and **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, guests of **Nick & Maria van Kruining**. Jerry & Barbara also provided the nice wines for the raffle!

Oscar Chambers, Treasurer, gave his "glowing" report on the status of the RER General fund and the Charity fund: We have over \$600.00 combined total balance in both, and will be discussing some bylaw changes to the use of end of year balances at our next meeting!

Barney Hagen, after taking pictures of us during our social hour for the album, gave an update on the UAL Flying Together Websites, and how to navigate to the UAL Reservations website to book flights with an auto-recognition available to obtain our retiree discounts. He also says there is a new capability on the RUAEA website to make it easier to renew and update your membership to RUAEA.

Verda Burr, the Sunshine Lady is traveling to visit her family, so the birthday list was read by **Mary Wilson**, Secretary; the birthdays are **Herb Johnson**, **Pat Cadden**, **Richard Southen**, **Brandon Maus**, and **Barney Hagen**. **Barney Hagen** was the winner of the free luncheon. Sadly, no one stepped up to share jokes in Verda's place. A better effort will be made for the next meeting, and an invitation to all to bring in any jokes we come across to share with us all; that could really open up a can of worms for when Verda gets back in May!

The Raffle tickets were read out by **Jan Blackburn** and **Larry Wilson**, for the wines and the See's chocolate candies! All the winners went home happy!

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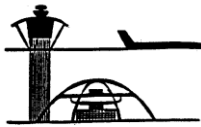
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We're into our flowering spring with lots of white and pink petals falling to the ground. **Hal Klobe**, as our local Director, missed the first meeting of the convention in Pittsburgh. Constant lists of canceled flights scared us away from trying to fly into heavy snow back East. However, we are looking forward to a visit to beautiful Pittsburgh in the fall.

Our dear friend, **Phyllis Easley** lives there and sent us a photo of a six-foot snow path leading to her front door and a 3 foot snow decoration on her roof. It's been a difficult winter and they are ready for spring.

Eleanor Jones and I had a "catch-up" call to Texas. The winter has been a little easier on them. She has family and some really nice neighbors that help when needed. Maybe, we'll see her this year. She said she still loves to drive. Also said to say "HI" to all her friends in LAX.

Olga Jean Barnes is recovering well from her hip surgery. Her fabulous smile is constant and she's scouting organizations for care-givers and assisted living aides. She's still at Vista Del Sol; but has been moved to private living quarters.

I called **John Daley** to see if he was "still vertical" which is his standard response to "How are You?". He's fine and going to visit with family in San Diego for the Easter Holiday. So, we'll miss him at the luncheon.

Ester & Louis Horompoly have just returned from a vacation in Hawaii, just in time for the April luncheon.

RESANS

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The Resans group met again at the Pt. Loma Café and we had a nice group of twenty four in attendance. **Al & Helen Soderberg** were with us again after Helen's hospital stay and recovery at home. It was good to have them back with us. **Betty Tomaino** was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. We had no Birthdays for April.

Our Spring Fling Lunch is being held this year at the Tequila Factory in Old Town on April 13th. It will be a Mexican buffet. We are looking forward with anticipation to all of the food selections and the great company of each other at this event.

We have been announcing at our breakfasts that our yearly dues of \$7.00 are due and there is a form at the bottom of the lunch invitation where you can mail in your check if you are unable to attend the luncheon. If the yearly dues are not paid, you will be dropped from our membership contact list and will no longer receive invitations or emails from us.

A reminder ~ The new United centralized number for employees/retirees to contact United is 1 877-825-3729. After calling on this number, select option #2 which is for retirees.

Our breakfast next month will be after the newsletter is due but I will have a report on our Spring Fling luncheon for you.

If you are going to be in the area please drop in and join us for our monthly breakfast held on the first Thursday of the month.

Calendar:

May 7 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. (619) 226-0255.



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There were four birthdays in March but no anniversaries. We had many visitors and members attending our March meeting where a Chinese luncheon was served. Cards were received from **Bill & Lois Munson**, we learned that Bill was in the hospital. We also heard from **Monte & Mary Ann Monson** and **Norma Dickson**. It was reported that **Mary Hughes** had knee replacement surgery.

It was sadly reported that we lost **Phyllis Maloney** who passed away two days after her 99th birthday. **Bob Donovan** is a contact for information on a service.

Charity coordinator **Harriet Kunze** said there were two sets of tickets for our drawing. One set was for a SF Giant game ticket on April 3 that was donated by **Jim & Helen Goodwine**.

Lots of overnight and day trips planned. Contact Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** for info – (650) 224-1865.

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 (11am – 2pm) at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

Calendar:

11:00 am Social time, 11:30 Short business meeting followed by lunch/ Entertainment to follow only on "Bring Your Own Lunch" days

April 27 – Bring Your Own Lunch

May 18 - Bring Your Own Lunch

June 22 – Polish Franks and Fixins'

July 27 - Bring Your Own Lunch

August 24 - Bring Your Own Lunch

September 28 – Picnic

October 26 – Pizza and Salad and more

November 23 – Potluck (singles bring enough for 4, couples bring enough for 8)

December – no meeting

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In the month of May many will be watching “The Run for the Roses” – the Kentucky Derby. Some of us living in the San Jose area will enjoy Sangria and Margaritas while celebrating the Mexican-American holiday, Cinco de Mayo, but May has had other notable events. For example, Baseball Fans! ~ The *first* baseball stadium, Union Grounds, opened in Brooklyn in 1862. Also, Admiral Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett were the first men to fly over the North Pole in 1926, and in 1927 Lindbergh made the first solo transatlantic flight, landing in Paris.

Closer to home, and a little more recent, **Bill Copley** shared a May, 1976 newspaper article from the Ojai Valley News reporting a Villanova Alumni Barbecue event where Bill was pictured in 1957 standing behind Elizabeth Taylor. What an interesting encounter.

Wilma Sandy reported attending a Speakeasy Event at the Park Place Restaurant in Cupertino. The event was planned by Wilma’s grandson, Chef Mychel Brewster. The dinner featured four beer-inspired courses served with some of the Bay Area’s most popular beers. Those who attended also learned about the craft of brewing from a Speakeasy Brewer.

Larry Jorgensen, too, had some grandparent news. His granddaughter, who is a San Jose State graduate with a degree in Aviation, is now a United Air Lines employee. She just graduated from UAL Flight Attendant Training in Houston, and is assigned to SFO. Congratulations!

Jean Jenkins, Cheri Scales, and Maureen Snyder can be depended on to add some décor to our breakfast meetings. In February they brought Valentine Treats, and in March, **Jean** made sure our tables were adorned with green cupcakes in honor of St. Patrick’s Day. Even though I was not in attendance for the meeting before Easter, I would wager that these thoughtful ladies made the event special. Their thoughtfulness is always appreciated.

We are looking forward to our April Luncheon, but this will not have occurred as of the Newsletter deadline, so an update will be included in next month’s newsletter. The upcoming annual picnic at Vasona on June 16th is also on everyone’s agendas.

Maria Boone gets to celebrate twice this month since she has a birthday, and she and **Ted** have a Wedding Anniversary. We also wish **Jean & Lou Marcolina** a Happy Anniversary.

Our group will be singing a lot this month since we have many people with birthdays in May. Happy Birthday to **Keith Olthof, Maria Boone, George Sousa, Cheri Scales, Lloyd Eber, Georgia Nielsen, Ken Demblewski, Jerry Underhill, Jeanie Fahl, and Lois White**. Even though **Margie & Alex Klaus** deserted us for the desert and moved to Las Vegas, we still want to send Margie Birthday Wishes!

Our featured member this month is **Boyd Sweet**. (In the spirit of *Full Disclosure*, I am married to Boyd.) Boyd was born in Hartshorne in southeastern Oklahoma. This area is in the shadows of the Jack Fork Mountains, known for scenic, but rugged hills. With this kind of outdoor backdrop, it is very fitting that favorite family events were camping, hunting and fishing. Boyd had an older brother and four older sisters. His family owned a grocery store and later a meat packing plant. Boyd was driving a delivery truck two years before he got his driver’s license at age 16. His hometown’s “claim to fame”, as written on the side of the city’s water tower, is *Home of Warren Spahn*. Baseball fans will remember the Hall of Fame left-handed pitcher, Warren Spahn, who spent the majority of his career with the Braves in Boston, and then in Milwaukee. The Spahn ranch was just down the road from Boyd’s family.

After high school Boyd spent two years at Oklahoma’s Central State College, then took a break from college, and moved to the panhandle of Texas to work in the boom of the oil fields for Phillips Petroleum. One

of Boyd's sisters was concerned that he had not returned to college, so she convinced him to move to Chicago where she lived.

In late 1959, Boyd began working for United Air Lines (UAL) at Midway (MDW) as a Ground Equipment Clerk where he soon participated in moving all ground equipment from MDW to O'Hare Field (ORD). Next, Boyd worked two years for HEIL Chicago, a company specializing in aircraft refueling truck maintenance. Entering O'Hare at the Higgen's Road North Guard Gate, he would hang a checked flag out the back window of his red, '57 Chevy, and drive to any location at ORD, such as gates, hangers and, tank farms, to make deliveries. Those days are certainly over!

Even though Boyd moved about 1000 miles from Texas to Chicago, apparently it was not far enough because I still found him, and we got married! We moved to DeKalb, Illinois where Boyd finished college at Northern Illinois University. Upon graduation in 1964, we returned to the Chicago area where Boyd began working for UAL again, at EXORA in Elk Grove Township. Back in the day before computer technology one of Boyd's jobs was reviewing paper copies of credit card Sales Slips which had been manually "*swiped*" incorrectly, i.e.; upside down, backward, partially, etc., and tried to identify the credit card company and customer so they could be sent for collection. This proved to be a challenge!

After a particularly brutal winter, The Sweet Family succumbed to the allure of the west coast where in winter one could *drive TO the snow on WEEKENDS!* So Boyd transferred to the expanding San Francisco Maintenance Base. His first job was Buyer "B" in SFOPP, buying interchangeable engine parts and thrust reverser parts. He remained in SFOPP as a Buyer "A" and then Supervisor until the early 1970's when SFOPP split into Purchasing (PP) and Inventory Planning (IP). Boyd chose SFOIP. In his 30 plus years in IP, Boyd had many highlights including supervising initial spares provisioning for the 737, 747, 757, 767, Airbus, and 777 fleets. Also, along with **Mike Fitzsimons** (IP), he provisioned the 777 spares for American Airlines (AA), Delta Air Lines (DL), and Asiana per United Service Contracts.

Working with Cathay Pacific, Boyd identified fifty million dollars in 747 and L1011 spare parts from the Pan American Airlines (PAA) routes and aircraft purchase. He supervised provisioning and control of spare parts support for two USAF programs - T43A (737) at Sacramento's Mather Air Force Base (MHR), and San Antonio's Randolph Air Force Base (RND) and C32A (757) at Washington Dulles (IAD).

With various assignments, Boyd had a lot of travel throughout the UAL system. Besides many trips to Boeing in Seattle, travel included the east coast, Canada, London, Amsterdam, and Vienna. Boyd also made trips to Hawaii (of course), Seoul (SEL), Narita (NRT), Hong Kong (HKG), and Singapore(SIN). Since business obligations left little time for "touristy stuff" we returned at later dates for more leisure trips to several of these locations. One "cross-over" trip between work and pleasure was the opportunity Boyd had to fly on the Inaugural Flight of the *first* 777 from Boeing in Seattle to SFO, along with 291 other UAL employees.

After forty years working for UAL, Boyd retired in 2003. He states he particularly enjoyed interviewing, hiring, and training new Buyers and Planners as well as the opportunity to work with professional colleagues in Engineering, Maintenance and Stores.

Boyd and Merle have a daughter who is a teacher in Los Angeles, and a son who lives in San Leandro, and is Director of Procurement (Purchasing) at University of California Hastings Law School in San Francisco. They have four grandsons. They enjoy taking trips around California traveling to Hawaii, playing golf, and Boyd has volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank for the past 12 years.

Calendar:

June 16 – Picnic at Vasona Park, Los Gatos

September 23-26 – Re Unite in Pittsburgh



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We met on Thursday, March 12 at Dickey's Bar B Q Pit in Jackson for lunch. President **Bobby Wood** welcomed us and thanked **Don & JoAnn Nesja**, who were our hosts.

Don Nesja and **Bobby Wood** entertained us with jokes and laughter, with lots of good natured teasing of Don as his left arm was in a sling (had shoulder replacement).but it didn't affect his ability to do stand-up until the group had all arrived.

President Wood offered a prayer prior to us digging in to a Bar B Q lunch.

Nancy Buddington noted that she had not received the newsletter (containing the minutes) via the internet, and it was decided to send it to her both by internet and US Mail. Otherwise, the minutes were included and submitted in the newsletter and no changes were noted.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** presented his report (with a few copies circulated) indicating we are starting the year off in the black, with all bills paid and our balance slowly growing.

President Wood introduced guest **Bonnie Schwirian**, spouse of our new member, **Joe Schwirian**.

Joy Blair, our Sunshine Lady, told us that, along with **Don Nesja's** shoulder, **Carol Ann Valdez** was hospitalized but is home now (she has been suffering with pneumonia), and that **Nancy Hoffman's** Alzheimer's did not allow her to join us. Prayers and positive thoughts were requested for all. President Wood noted that attempts to reach **Hans Weber** by phone did result in knowing that he is well and traveling, although his home phone has been disconnected. Joy also requested that members contact her with any information of needs of members.

Birthday and anniversaries were announced by President Wood.

Following our numerous door prizes, the meeting was adjourned.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2nd Thursday of each month but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Bobby Wood**, (209) 541-1910 or bobby7004@msn.com, for meeting information and reservations.

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Our March meeting was celebrated with tacos, burritos and for a few, margaritas. We had a small group with only 19 in attendance.

Judy Smith is back from her back surgery and looking great. Good to see **Russ Miller** back. **Ken Price** will be out for a few meetings due to a slight hiking mishap on Mt. Diablo. The **Bouskas** are in LAS and **Jerry & Barbara Underhill** had an appointment which couldn't be changed. Hopefully, next month we will have everyone back. **Carol Payne** brought candy again, bless her heart.

Our meeting schedule is as follows:

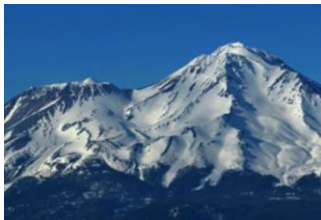
April 13 – Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord (Todos Santos Park location)

May 11 – El Tapatio, 40 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill

June 8 – our Annual Picnic at Diane and Manny's home.

July – no meeting

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas 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. We welcome all UA and CO retirees who live in the East Bay.



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Spring has come early in March to the North State. The Dogwoods trees are all in bloom and it is beautiful, however, as all Californians do, we hope for rain!

Merritt Odor greeted everyone and thanked **Sharon Simonton** for making the reservation at the Mill Creek Café, in Los Molinos. This is a new restaurant for the group and it was a hit. The food and service were wonderful and a great change of pace. We had 22 retirees and spouses in attendance. We even had a new face at the meeting, **Bob Brand**, and Merritt welcomed everyone.

Merritt talked about some information that was forward from **John Zoboli**, our Regional Director, concerning Aetna Insurance and travel outside the United States. John also forwarded information on buddy passes for employees only. There has been some fraud identified and though it does not include enrolled friends, there was a great deal of interest concerning the pass usage. Merritt also led a discussion concerning the RUAEA organization, noting participation in the retiree program has diminished. He talked about the cost being \$27.00 a year and the benefits we receive. Merritt encouraged retirees to join if they have not done so.

Merritt also shared some information about a battery charger he found on line. It is called Jump and Go. It is small enough to fit in a pocket and can jump start a car, boat batteries or any piece of electronic equipment. He shared where you can get the information for purchase. A great amount of interest was shown in that product by our group.

Billie & Kent Jorgensen invited all Northstaters to their cabin at Lake Almanor for our July get-together. We would have a wonderful day with lake activities and a BBQ. Sharon will provide information where people can stay at the lake or around the town of Chester if they wanted to do so. Lake Almanor is only about 1 hour 45 minutes from Chico so it could be a nice day trip. More details will come out about this activity and Merritt thanked the Jorgensens for their generous offer. The date for the July activity will be announced later.

Merritt Odor volunteered to write a short article about his hobby, Corvettes ~ Many people have asked how Merritt got so involved with Corvettes. As he remembers, the story goes something like this. He grew up in Stockton, California as an only child. Nobody in his family had an interest in cars to speak of. But as a child, he loved his toy cars and the fire began growing from there. During the 50's, his Dad would take him to the major dealerships to see the preview of the new model cars. This was at the time the dealerships would paint out windows until the special day. They often took auto trips throughout the Midwest and Merritt would entertain himself by keeping tally of the various new model of cars on the road. A real thrill was the time his Dad took him to the General Motors Motorama in Oakland. By now, he was really hooked on cars. Needless to say, he got his learner's permit the exact day he turned 15 and a half, and his driver's license on his 16th birthday.

Merritt attended high school in the early 60's. He saved his money to buy a 54 Ford, but could only afford a 54 Plymouth. It wasn't long before three of his buddies were driving Corvettes, two of them had 58's and the other had a 59. That old Plymouth didn't look so hot anymore. He worked in a service station and had the opportunity to work on the 58's often. One buddy liked to go to the pool hall on Friday nights, so he would swap cars with Merritt so Merritt could take his girlfriend out in style. They went on to college together. His friend would line up drag races at school and arrange for Merritt to drive between classes. Oh yeah, Merritt claims, he was quite the street racer in those days, but that's another story. Anyway, he received his first drag racing exhibition of speed citation in his friend's Corvette on Pacific Avenue in Stockton.

This same friend celebrated Merritt's 18th birthday by handing Merritt the keys to this Corvette, along with a pint of Four Roses Whiskey, (which is another story as well!)

Merritt had another friend receive a brand new 62 fuel injected Corvette as a graduation gift. Merritt says he got a Benrus watch. In 1963, another one of Merritt's friends bought a brand new Stingray. Merritt says he knows envy is a bad thing, but tell that to a nineteen year old. Merritt then went into the Air Force and that began the next chapter of his life. Several years passed, but he never stopped lusting for a Vette. Finally, Merritt reached a point in his life that he was able to fulfill that dream, and the rest is history. He never lost the love of acceleration, speed and racing. However, now days it is USUALLY at a legal sanctioned event. Of course there are a few other stories as well. Merritt claims, "At least, that's the way I remember it!"

Charlotte Puryear won the 50/50 raffle and **Vreny Grundherr** won the \$15.00 lunch certificate.

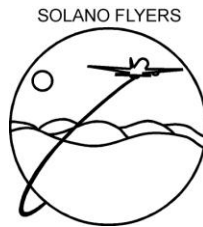
The next meeting will be held again at the Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos on Thursday, May 28th at 11:30 A.M.

Calendar:

May 28 - 11:30 A.M. Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. Hope to see you there!

SOLANO FLYERS

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Submitted by Harold Mitchell

We had 21 members attend this month's meeting at Mary's Pizza Shack in Vacaville. In attendance were **Bob & Michiko Allen, Harold & Barbara Mitchell, Louis Pell, Rudolph Arsaga, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, John Francis, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Ben Reed, Robert & Ellie Ewald, Robert Zirzow, Ed Meadows, Constantino Poolos, Charles & Martha Szkretar, Jamie Schwafel, and Charles Johnson.**

The meeting was kicked off by Vice President **Harold Mitchell** who celebrated his birthday this month. We only had one couple, **Joannie & Bill Blizzard**, celebrate their anniversary this month. We discussed meeting at some different places and agreed that we would like to return to Mary's Pizza Shack again.

The May luncheon by the Gold Diggers is scheduled for May 27th, just a few miles from us in Winters, CA. We're going to combine the two groups for that reunion. We did this last year and everyone enjoyed meeting friends they hadn't seen in years. Several of the Solano Flyers also belong to the Gold Diggers and travel each month to both luncheons.

Our 50/50 drawing winner for this month was **Constantino Poolos**. The meeting was rather short so there's not a lot to report. Kind of rhymes doesn't it?

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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We met on Saturday April 4 at DENTK cafeteria for our monthly breakfast. It looked like more members are getting a good breakfast at the cafeteria since the "chef" is back on duty. With the pilot activity at the training center, the chefs are "on duty" on the weekends. Thank you. We had 44 members attend on a great Spring day; one new member, **Gary Trujillo**, DENMM. We have a couple of illness reported. **Virgil Gooselaw**, DENMM, has been dealing with shingles. **Linda Frederick**, retired, had sent a message that **Steve Hayes**, DENCs, is terminally ill.

Lou Lilly, husband of **Jean Lilly**, DENRR, passed away March 13. Cards may be sent to Jean at 9289 Utica Ct., Westminster, CO 80031. **Ron Sheeley's** wife passed away at the end of March. Cards may be sent to 5263 County Road 63, Keenesburg, CO 80643. **Steve Tankersley**, the Aramark cashier, passed away after suffering a heart attack, March 22. He was 59.

Virgil Gooselaw, RUAEA Executive Vice President, said that the National organization is trying to organize a way to "eblast" members. The board wants to inform members of issues that may be of any concern to the retiree. Since more members are using the internet, it is felt that may be a good way to communicate.

Tom Goodyear, said that Jeff Smisek had been at DENTK for a luncheon. It was a way to welcome the new pilot class that was training. There still has not been a decision for the relocation of DENTK.

We had our 50/50 raffle and the following donated their winnings. **Vic Andreatta**, DENMM, **R. Bottomley**, DENGQ, **Walt Hansen**, DENMM, **C. Hassler**, DENMM, **R. Shoults**, DENMM, **Gary Trujillo**, DENMM. Thank you very much for your donations. We also have aluminum recycling to support our chapter treasury.

We will have had our Spring Luncheon at Cinzetti's Italian Market on April 15th. Hope to report a great turnout and great fellowship!

Glenn Cannon, DENCg, reported that the Denver Mainliner store still gives UA retirees the discounts and lifetime membership. They also have an online newsletter that describes some of their activities and group rates. Check it out at www.DenverMainlinerClub.com.

The DENMM group had their bimonthly meeting at Gala Gardens March 21st. There were 36 in attendance. Of course, they all had a great time reliving the "good old days".

Don Burbank, DENMM, reminded us to plan for the National RUAEA convention in Pittsburgh, September 23 - 26. They have been working on great rates at the hotel, great tours (including Shanksville), and great dinners.

If there are any other local groups in the Denver area that are made up of our fellow airline retirees, please let me know. I would be happy to promote the activities and share the news.

Calendar:

May 2 - Breakfast at DENTK 9:00am

May 16 - DENMM breakfast at Gala Gardens

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS

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Our monthly meeting and luncheon was held Thursday, March 26th at Nancy Lopez Country Club in the Villages. We had an intimate group of eleven. There is a lot going on at this time of year ~ visitors over Spring break, getting things ready to travel back up North for the summer months and other commitments.

As always, we had a wonderful lunch and good conversation. We had two new members join us. **Karl Besteder** who will be traveling North for the summer before our next meeting, so we will look forward to seeing him next Fall. **Cathy Jaspers** who lives in the Villages year round, and like us, knows it's a twenty four seven vacation and loves it. She also travels a lot and shared some of her adventures with us.

After lunch, we started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Then **Ralph Brick** said he would be working on a roster of members. We haven't had one for awhile and it needs to be updated. Then we got into plans for summer trips and vacation passes. Some use their passes and benefits a lot and some haven't used their passes in years. Many just buy a ticket when they have to be somewhere at a certain time. It's always interesting hearing their war stories.

Ralph gave us a hand out on pass rider enrollment. Hopefully, this will help.

The 50/50 drawing was won again by **Ralph Brick**. What a lucky guy, we told him he should be on his way to Las Vegas or at least buy a power ball ticket.

A tasty lunch and good time was had by all. We will meet again in April either the fourth or fifth Thursday to do it all over again. Ralph will advise which Thursday.

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact President **Ralph Brick** at brickralph@cox.net.



SAND"DABS"

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We had a great meeting this month with 15 attendees. We began with the pledge and a prayer composed by **Bobbie Rieck**. We were glad to see **Rick Johnson** and **Bill & Gail Rankin** along with many of the regulars. We were able to wish **Rick Johnson** a happy birthday in person. He had help blowing out the candle from the air conditioning!

Dick Coughlin entertained us with a few jokes that included topics about worms, religion, parrots, and finally an appropriate pilot vs. priest at the Pearly Gates story. He also gave a brief report of UAL activities.

Treasurer **Penny Logan** gave her report and mentioned that we have received thank you notes from some of the charities we gave donations to. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Gloria Marcantoni** and a special Easter plant was won by **Rick Johnson**.

Calendar:

May 7 – 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

June 4 – Same as above

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What a gorgeous day for a picnic in the park! Cypress Grove Park, that is, on Holden Avenue and what a great turnout! The burgers and hotdogs were cooked to perfection by **Stan Halterman**, ah, supervised by **Ernie Vosges**, and **Ken Michels** brought coolers of perfectly iced tall ones ... water bottles! And soft drinks too. **Bob McNeill** brought his ever popular jumbo shrimp cocktail and we had a wonderful selection of creative salads, baked beans, fresh fruit, and yummy desserts! And the hungry group that ate it all? **Jim & Pat Hernandez**, **Bob McNeill**, **Mack Chandler** and guest, **Eland Armstrong**, **Ken & Shelby Michels**, **Jim Elzy**, **Dan & Marlene Raciak**, **Jim & Janet Mummah**, **Diane Lewis**, **Loretta Finn**, **Linda Agnello** and **Bob Olsen**, **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges**, **Cliff Hill & Jerry Crosby**, **Tom & Holly Deckrow**, **Ken Weisz**, **Al & Lois Fields**, **Tom & Peg Cannata**, **Stan & Barb Halterman**, **Gene Hall & Eleanor**, **Dee Francis**, **Joanne & Al Mollet**, **Patti Clark**, **Laurie & Darrel Bork**, **Elaine & Joe Mannella**, **Gay & John Crawford**, **Betty Davidson**, **Bobbie Gay**, **Marilyn Ulmer**, **Angel & Julia Montalvo**, **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand** and **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn**.

We have a special warm welcome for newcomers **Gerry** (retired ORDCS) & **Endel Vann**, who joined the Real McCoys today and came over from Winter Haven, FL. And then, surprise of surprises - up the walkway, all the way from Monroe, NC, sauntered **Don & Nancy Ray**! OMGosh, we all just started smiling (well, I did anyway!). Nancy transferred to CLTOZ 'cause she was too young to retire way back when! She & Don are both lookin' great! So great catching up and renewing our friendship. Come again, OK?

Loretta Finn gets all the Birthday Balloons this month! Way to go, Retta!

Continued well wishes for all our United family and friends in need of our prayers. Drop a cheery note in the mail to **Don Ulman** at 950 Mellonville Ave, Sanford, FL 32771

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm

May 5 - Lunch at the Golden Corral

June 2 - Lunch at the Golden Corral

SW FLORIDA

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The meeting was held on April 3 at Fletcher's Grille & Spirits in Cape Coral with 23 in attendance. It was the last restaurant luncheon until October. May 1st will be our annual Grand Finale Steak Fry!

The popular 50/50 raffle was held with the top prize going to **Jerry Pryde**. Other prizes included five bottles of wine, candy, and nuts. For some reason, after the cash, the wine is the first to go.

We were pleased to have long time member **Sally Sciple** with us again.

Mary Moran announced that she is moving to Portland, Oregon. We'll miss her smiling face, but wish her well.

Ray Winterhalter couldn't make the meeting, but the good news is, he's home from the hospital and rehab. Hope to see him next month.

Diane Roberts just stopped in to say “Hi” before heading out to work, so many of us have volunteer jobs that are as important as “real” jobs. We have to show up on our scheduled days.

Our meeting consisted of discussion about the Steak Fry, such as what side dishes will be made, and directions to Picnic Point at The Landings. It’s a beautiful pavilion on the Caloosatchee River. **Ed & Judy Clarke** will handle the steaks purchase. **Sandy Pryde** agreed to keep track of the potluck.

Bill & Margie Burg are going on a repositioning cruise from Tampa to Barcelona but hope to be back in time to enjoy the steaks. **Ed & Judy Clarke** have a couple of cruises planned for summer and fall. Others have trips planned or company coming. It sounds as though the time will fly between May and October.

Those of us who aren’t “snowbirds” decided that we might have impromptu lunches during the summer.

Calendar:

Luncheon meeting 1st Friday of the month October through April. Picnic in May.

SAND DOLLARS

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Our March luncheon at Seasons 52, University Town Center Mall, Sarasota, was very well attended with 38 members sharing a delicious lunch and lots of laughs and stories.

Our Attendance Drawing was won by **Roy King** (\$10).

The 50/50 drawing winners were: **Liz Mavis** (\$25), **Kathy Deibel** (\$15), and **Suzan Goodson** (10).

At our previous meeting, **Ted Mavis** brought bags of lemons from his neighbor’s tree and **Kathy Deibel** thrilled all of us with 2 delicious pans of lemon meringue pie which she made from the lemons; what a treat for all of us!

With heavy hearts we heard of the death of **Bob Parker**; **Bob & Alice Parker** were among the early members of the Sand Dollars. He will be truly missed; our deepest sympathy to Alice.



TAMPA BAY

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We had our spring picnic and the food was delicious as usual. We’ve been very lucky to have had marvelous weather at all our outings. Lots of times to chit chat with our fellow UALers.

Our membership dues are coming up in July. Since we don’t meet in June or July, **Mary Martin**, our membership chairman, is sending reminders to our members. The cost is \$10 and anyone not able to attend our May meeting might want to send a check to Mary at 115 Versailles Lane, Port Richey, FL 34668. The check should be made out to RUAEA/TAMPA BAY CHAPTER.

Several people have started to travel again. **Dave & Carolyn Lodge** went on a cruise and they had such a great time that they have booked another one. They’re also going on a western national park tour which is really something everyone should do. Our national parks are fantastic.

Helena Kocavar has her calendar very full with all the traveling she’s planning. She is taking a trip to Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans. And then she and a friend are venturing to Iceland, quite a busy summer!

Bev Alderdice will be helping out with the Pittsburgh convention so she will be away pretty much until the convention is over. She is encouraging everyone to attend.

Calendar:

May 4 – 10:30 am at the IHOP.

TREASURE COAST

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Having our meeting on April Fool's day was not a problem and we had 19 members in attendance, which is a good showing for our group since a lot of them travel an hour or more to get to Wahoo's. What a group and if you are in the area and would like to join us, please do, you won't regret it trust me.

I arrived a little late and boy, was I getting phone calls on my cell; they even called my home, even though I wasn't there. It sure is nice to have people looking out for me.

Al & Janice Popek decorated the tables with a wonderful Easter theme with little baskets filled with jelly beans and chocolate covered candy, refrigerator magnets in the shape of baskets of flowers, cupcakes and other goodies, all kinds of large confetti type decorations and mind you, this is out their own pocket. What a treat and the tables looked very festive for Easter. Our wishes for a Happy Easter and Passover to all.

As usual, President **Al Popek** brought down his big meat tenderizer and the meeting came to order with at least three pounces on the board! You have got to see and hear it to believe! What a guy!

Our annual picnic will take place on Wednesday, May 13, commence at high noon, that is 12 noon. So bring your appetites, bathing suits and relax and have fun eating and playing different games. There will be of course prizes for the best players. A sheet was passed around the room so you could choose the item you would like to bring. The selection was baked beans, fruit salad, mustard, mayo, ketchup, sauerkraut, cookies, and of course, a special line was left for Dino who brings a white cake made by Publix and decorated with large pieces of fresh fruit and whipped cream; trust me it is to die for, so very, very, wonderful. The board will supply all the hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls and all paper goods along with soda, coffee, sugar and milk or creamer. Members are free but guests are \$10.00 per person. We are within a very short walk to the beach, changing facilities, bathrooms and showers are also in very close proximity to our pavilion.

We have the picnic every year at Dubois Park in Jupiter at the same covered pavilion and they supply picnic tables and seating. Our decorating team who are also members who volunteered, will decorate with balloons and streamers around the overhang of the roof and it really becomes very festive. Invitations and directions will be sent out to all members.

Dino Xifaras won the 50/50 and **Paul Liebisch** won the progressive which had become a hefty sum. He mentioned that this was the first time he had won, good for him.

Birthdays for the month are **Vicky Snyder** (5/1), **Fran Student** (5/11), **Barbara Blauschild** (5/14), **Joan Palumbo**, **Jerry La Rocca** and **Jerry Zadar** (5/23), **David Lindgren** (5/25), and **Jack Boisseau** (5/26). A Very Happy Birthday to all, no anniversaries this month.

Mary Kay Wetherington treated everyone a round of drinks in Merrill's honor, thank you so much Mary Kay, our thoughts are with you during this sad time. **Al Popek** placed Merrill's framed picture with a vase of flowers on a small table in our room and we held a minute of silence in his memory.

Remember the clock is ticking so Live, Laugh and Love, today is the present, yesterday is history and tomorrow is unknown. Do today all the things you want to do and don't wait, it may not happen.

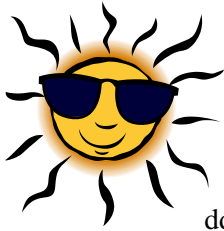
Calendar:

May 6 – No meeting

May 13 – Annual Picnic at dubois Park, Jupiter, FL - 12 Noon.

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

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



FIRST COAST SUNSHINERS

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Unfortunately due to minimal participation, I have suspended this chapter until further notice. Thanks to all who helped me get this group started. It was greatly appreciated and I still hope someday there will be a strong, active chapter in this area. If anyone would be interested in restarting a group in the Jacksonville, Florida area, I'd be happy to help. Please contact me at the information above.

In the meantime, the **Daytona Beach Sand"Dabs"** chapter would love to welcome you to their group. See their newsletter article for more information. It's an easy drive down 95 especially if you carpool with someone.

GEORGIA

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All 20 Dixie Flyers plus 3 guests met on April 1st ~ Melba, guest of Fred Cron, Janice Carter, daughter of Ron Heider and Tony Carringer's daughter, a UAL Flight attendant who will be flying a South American flight shortly. Don Shelley gave the Blessing of our meal; Fred Cron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Andy Ryabik's wife flew to Chicago to see her granddaughter, plenty of space returning as a B737 was substituted for our 70 seat express [flight](#). It would be nice if Atlanta could have some mainline service on a daily basis.

Our 50/50 raffle conducted by Fred Cron and Frank Russy had two winners this time, Janice Carter won \$19.50 and gave it to the Ladies in Distress, Janice also donated a dozen eggs laid fresh from her chicken coop won by Stan Cebula.

The Atlanta ramp jobs are being farmed out and Customer Relations employees could take a shorter work week to 37.5 hours. Atlanta is not the only station this is happening to. WA "Pat" Patterson is probably turning over in his grave by now during the past two years in his once proud airline.

Janice Carter who types the meeting report gave a nice question and answer session. She talked about why "us" seniors should try to also apply for Medicaid, you could save some assets if in a long term care facility, and your children's inheritance would not be gobbled up! Janice also took pictures of chapter officers for possible RUAEA placement in a monthly newsletter: Bill Elk - president, Sybil E.Voss - Sunshine Lady and Ron Heider - Newsletter editor.

By now the ATL/TPA reunion at **Don Shelley's** ponderosa in Locust Grove, GA will be over. Hopefully there was a good turnout and long distance people such as **Don Piatt** from MSY, **Jessie Hicks** from Camden TN, **Clare Smith**, and hopefully a few more from Florida attended. **Sandy Lis** returned to the luncheon after being caregiver for family members for the past 6 months.

Calendar:

May 6 - Luncheon at Broadway Diner, 535 S. Glynn St., Fayetteville, GA, (770) 716-2628.

HAWAII



HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to HNLRUA@gmail.com and we will email you the details.

We look forward to seeing you in United's 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 and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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Our news is a bit slim, so I decided to pass on some interesting info about Boise. Our population, stated in the 2014 AAA Tour Book was 205,671 and elevation 2739 feet. The woods lining the Boise River were a welcome sight for French-Canadian trappers who were grateful to reach a forest again after trudging across the territory's semiarid plains. As a result, they named the area Boise, meaning "wooded". The city, however, was not founded until 1863, a year after the gold rush reached the Boise Basin. Boise is the southwest terminus of SR 21, the Ponderosa Pine Scenic Route. The route passes through part of Sawtooth National Forest before ending in Stanley. Depending on weather conditions, portions of SR 21 may be closed in winter. Protected from unduly harsh weather by the Owyhee Mountains, the capital enjoys year-round opportunities for leisure and recreation. And, yes, I'm very glad that Boise was my birthplace, also my mother's.

We Gems are enjoying our new meeting place for our monthly lunches. My hubby **David** wasn't with us, as he is now able to drive again for a charter bus company. His total knee replacement has healed excellently. Attending were **Louise Duvall, Marilyn Taylor, Shirley & Rick Dempsey, Marlene Croghan, Bud & Pat Peters, Denny Snyder, Charlie Perkins, and Carol Adams.**

News: While **Marilyn's** daughter Sharon from Portland visited, they drove to Jackpot, on the Idaho-Nevada border, for some gambling. The **Dempseys** celebrated their grandson's first birthday in California. Shirley reports: Dwight enjoyed his first taste of a chocolate cupcake! Can't believe he is a year old already, where did the time go? That makes me think of our four granddaughters, already ranging from 15 to 21. Denny's news: *"Punching Holes in the Sky!"*

Calendar:

May 13 - 11:30 - Black Bear Café, 1731 S. Entertainment Ave.

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The Merry Month of May, April Showers bring May Flowers, May Day, and the Lusty, Mae West. One of her more humorous quotes was, *"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough"*. Or, *"Good girls go to heaven, bad girls go everywhere"*. What or where is heaven to you? I've had answers that go from, *"I'll see my parents and grandparents"*, to *"I'll be on a cloud, eating my pizza, cream puffs, and drinking my Pepsi"*, to *"There is no such place"*, and the ever popular, *"I never thought about it"*. What? You never thought about it? That's all we were taught in Catholic School, if we were good, we'd go to heaven. When I get there, I'll let you know.

At the Northside Breakfast, we welcomed back the **Guerras** and the **Richmans**. They were busy last month, or forgot. **John Pasakarnis** shared some notepads for our grocery lists or phone numbers. Now to remember where we put them. Thank you, John.

Keith Padzior, ORDMM, has cancer and could use your prayers. Two other retirees, who wish to remain nameless, are recovering from cancer treatments, and a nasty fall along with the flu. We all know friends who are ill and could use a little help, physically and spiritually. Let's try to help them out.

At the Southside Breakfast, **Mary Brandt** returned, it was good to see her. **Al Broderson** got a new car, he wasn't there. Maybe he was learning how all the buttons worked. Some of these new cars are as confusing as a 747 cockpit control panel. **Gwen & Bill Brookins** returned from Laughlin, NV, just that morning at 4:00 A.M. But they wouldn't miss the breakfast. Now, those two are loyal Breakfast-eers. **Jan Gawenda** brought candy for the group to help celebrate her birthday. It was at least the 30th anniversary of her 39th birthday. There were 14 people present trying to win the raffle. Well, not too many people were lucky enough to split the pot. **Mary Brandt** won, and **Perry Pahl** won three times! The funny part was that he picked his own numbers, since the winner picks the next draw. Looks like we need a congressional committee to investigate. He was going to see if he could double his luck at Harrah's in Joliet.

Our Spring Luncheon was well represented with about 130 retirees and guests. **Marsha Seabrook-Weber** brought her husband, **Paul**, for the first time. Another first timer was **Jeannine Conrad**, from EXO purchasing. The group that entertained us was, "All the King's Men". They were very entertaining, singing the songs that helped us remember the good old days. They sang Happy Birthday to **Barb Wesemann**, and serenaded **Ann Pepper**, with a romantic song and a kiss on the hand. He didn't want to let go, either, Ann blushed. **Marty DelBoccio**, **Shirley Brown**, and **Kay Horsely** sang along with the Barbershop Quartet to "My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean". The group also did a four-star rendition of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight". The man with the falsetto voice did an astounding job of hitting the high notes in that song. I hope he didn't hurt himself and was able to sit down again. He sounded like one of the choir boys in the Vienna Boys Choir. The crowd howled with laughter. **Diane Webb** did a presentation about the Pittsburgh Convention in September. She had 10 people stand with large cards showing 10 reasons to attend, including, it's driving distance to PIT, and tours of various museums. There will also be a special tour to Shanksville to see the Flight 93 Memorial. That has to be the highlight of the tours. She also distributed cookies, compliments of the Doubletree Inn, where we will be staying for \$112, a night. The cookies were delicious. I heard the chocolate chips were grown in PIT.

Now for the sad part, from ORDMM, three people passed away, **Dave McCaughey**, **George Sainer**, and **Tony Olandese**. **Dolores Williams**, from CHIRR, was hit by a car, at Wolf and Touhy Roads, on her way to work on the midnight shift. **Bruce Harris**, was the creator of the STAR Alliance, retired to Lantana, TX, **Al Maday**, husband of **Carol**, from EXOWS. Also gone from our world are Cynthia Lennon, first wife of John

Lennon, Robert Schuller, evangelist, Gary Dahl, inventor of the infamous Pet Rock, Gene Saks, film director, and Rudolph Perz, who created and designed the Pillsbury Dough Boy. From Chicago, Willie Barrow, 90, civil rights activist and minister. Willie walked in the 1963 March on Washington, and was involved with many significant events. She was also the godmother of Barack Obama.

Every time you make somebody laugh, you give them a mini-vacation.

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Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**May 13**). Second Wednesday of the month.

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

June 22 - Summer Luncheon, Chandler's Restaurant, (Schaumburg Country Club) Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL

August 21 - Summer Baseball Outing, Friday, Cubs vs. Atlanta Braves, 3 p.m. **Helen Cauwels**, (847) 358-8634.

September 23-26 - 2015 RUAEA Convention in PIT

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Our March meeting was well attended I am told. I was absent myself because I was in the hospital very sick with a kidney stone and a failed kidney. I am well on the mend now and looking forward to our April meeting.

Our recent correspondent, **Shary Johnston** has had a very rough few months. She was hospitalized for a while, went to rehab and finally is home. We certainly look forward to Shary and Chris's return to our regular meetings! Get well quickly, Shary, our thoughts and prayers are with you!

Birthdays ~ **Mike Matlak** (8th); **Ralph Barnett** (21st).

Calendar:

April 14 – Meeting at Emmy's Pancake House in Avon, IN, 12:30 PM for Lunch and 1:30 PM for the Business Meeting.

MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor'Easters first meeting of the year at Jimmy's Steer House brought out 27 members and 3 guests. **Joyce Heiseler's** guests were her brother Louis and his daughter Donna. Louis' persona was as though he's been a member all his life; great! **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** brought a guest, their 1 year old granddaughter, Emma, whose new achievement is walking. Our newly elected VP, **Mercedes Hersom** sold raffle tickets, using her Italian Mafia influence to boost sales, (I got a sale you can't refuse). **John Dellelo** told her he only wanted to purchase a winning ticket! **Bob Austin** said he would be willing to accept any extra cash, no COD's please.

Well, our top 50/50 went to our all time most wining'est member, **Elaine Vanderwal**. The 2nd 50/50 was won by **Janet DeSteffano**. Free lunches were won by **Donald Lewis** and **Mercedes Hersom**. **Lew Shakley** won the \$25 gift certificate donated by Jimmy's Steer House. Scratch tickets were won by **Joyce Heisler**, **Helmut Umbley**, **Janet DeStefano** and **Sarah Pitt-Wooll**. Joyce won \$10 on her ticket. Wish they all could have won something!

Jayne & John Regan planned on attending, but John needed to get to a dentist and have a tooth removed. Sorry John!

Bob DePippo, who took that slippery fall in early January tearing a leg muscle, is now walking, without the aid of walker or cane. Says he's a happy man again and for others not to take walking for granted!

With the loss of **Bill Shailor** in January, **Peter Fusco** at 90 is now our most senior member. Peter attends luncheons regularly, thank to **Andy & Carol Montalto** who share a ride.

Our own **Bill Betters**, past Nor'Easter President has been under the weather of the Friendly Skies lately, in and out of hospitals. Bill & Norma are regular meeting attendees, except for as of late. Get better Bill, we miss you!

We here in New England are really glad for the arrival of spring after this past exceptional winter. However, the months of March and April are anything can happen month. So far, we're still looking for spring. We hope for the best but are prepared for the worst. April, please be good!

Our most senior Nor'Easter, **William (Bill) Shailor**, passed away on March 9, 2015. I'm sure he's at a better place, the Friendly Skies.

During WWII, Bill served with the US Coast Guard from Greenland to Guam, Okinawa and China. He married and after the war moved his growing family to the NYC area to join UAL. On a move to transfer to DEN, an auto accident took Bill's wife and three children, leaving only Bill and son, Thomas. Returning to NY, Bill eventually remarried and fathered four more children. Bill became UAL's Chief of Operation at Logan airport. Bill spent 35 of his 92 years with UAL and retired in 1981. Bill never quit, he got active in local politics and service organizations. He was elected, as a town of Wenham, MA selectman and twice Chair; Executive Board of Essex County Selectmen's Assoc; both secretary and VP of the MA Selectman' Assoc; Board member of the Governor's Advisory Council; member of the Wenham & Hamilton Rotary club and cherished member of the Nor'Easters, where he never missed a meeting! Bill was proud of his children, and usually had family news for our newsletter. Bill left four sons and a daughter, Kimberly, (whom we knew as she attended our lunches with her dad), ten grand children, six great grand children and one great, great grandchild.

Years ago, working at Logan, Bill was always available, had a positive attitude and was an excellent leader. This organization will miss him!

May's birthdays ~ **John Dellelo**, **Peggy Dellelo**, **Ron Heiseler**, **Audrey Joyce**, **Joan Meister**, **Patti Flanagan Mix**, **Andrew Montalto**, **Jayne Regan**, **Eileen Seibold**, **Lewis Shakley** and **Kenneth Washburn**.

May's anniversaries ~ **Robert & Susan DePippo** (32 years), **Eric & Kathleen Fairweather** (31), **Mary Beth & Staley McDermet** (44), **Thomas & Lillian Snyder** (30) and **William & Elaine Vanderwal** (44).

Calendar:

May - Jeveli's, East Boston MA

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GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Our April meeting was delayed due to The Easter Holiday this month.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call

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The weather this year in March compared to the frozen-solid March of 2014 was breathtaking. MN weather always keeps us on our toes, but the difference is amazing. Oddly enough, we only had 2 more attendees this year than last. Northern Lites are *tough*!

We welcomed **Mike Cunningham**, former MSP ramp serviceman, who joined UAL in 1967 after playing a little semi-pro football and finding out he could starve to death doing that. He wound up in MSP after about 30 years of working in different places and after retirement, sold cars for a bit and drove a hotel shuttle, too.

Cindy White finally screwed up the courage to make the trip all the way across the metro area from her home in the western suburbs of Minneapolis to Woodbury, an eastern suburb of St. Paul. I think she packed a snack to tide herself over, but we were happy she made the effort. We had an opportunity to have a nice visit and hopes she does it again soon.

Andy Holen joined us for lunch en route to his son's place in southern MN. He related his experiences wintering at So. Padre Island (chilly & wet) plus the joys of driving through the Dallas, TX traffic with **Norma** driving and he doing the white-knuckle thing of the truly terrified. He said it was a miracle they didn't kill each other.

We're really happy that a past coworker during the MSP Reservations Office period, **Arlene "Matty" McCroy**, reached out to your correspondent for info of and contacts for some of the folks here with whom she used to work. There aren't many of us left in the area, but I'm sure those who remember her & husband, **Jim**, do so with fondness. Anyone wishing to email can reach them at appolloguys@aol.com.

President **Lee Storlie** passed along a recent bit of news ~ the traffic at MSP has increased by 3.7% (Cheer!) but the number of flights has decreased (Booo!). Somehow, no one was surprised.

When the raffle was run, guess who won? Umm, hmmm and took a bow, too.

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 7433 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) west to Bielenberg Dr., left to Currell Blvd, left to OCB.

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OMAHA GOLDENEARS

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Thirty people attended our luncheon at Golden Corral. It was good to see **Antonella Gosselin**. She was unable to attend after she retired as she was taking some college courses; those are finished so we can see more of her now. Those who won the 25/25/50 were **Sharon Farrell** and **Stan Longmeyer** each receiving \$13.00.

We received word from **Sherryl Welton**, niece of **Roberta McLaughlin**, that **Roberta**, age 91, passed away February 9th. She had been suffering from Alzheimer's and was in a nursing home in Hastings, NE. **Roberta** retired from the UAL/Omaha Flight Kitchen. **Keith** said he remembers **Roberta** very well as back in 1962 he was assigned to work "Cookies" and ran the food truck from the kitchen to the aircraft and back.

I talked with **Roger Jensen** and he said he had been in the hospital 5 days. They did a procedure with some type of microwave to remove the lesion they found on his adrenal gland which is located at or on the kidneys. He and **Carol** were at our luncheon and their news is that the oncologist, who did this procedure, is going to be attending an International Seminar on cancer and he has written a paper about what was done in handling **Roger's** type of cancer.

April birthdays ~ **Arnie Mahoney** (1); **Bill Anderson** (1); **Keith Cornish** (2); **Ralph Bredow** (4); **Evan Holly** (9); **Allen Purkapile** (10); **Clair Soseman** (10); **Bob Glover** (13); **Denny Pierson** (14); **Glen Saffer** (14); **Hilde Schwan** (14); **Angela Hansen** (15); **Penny Sophir** (16); **Virginia Nollette** (18); and **Tony Sortino** (22).

I see in the RUAEA Newsletter that **Kathy Faust** is now Secretary of the Citrus Groupers located at The Village in FL. **Bob & Kathy** moved there a few years ago. They have been members of our group before and after they moved.

Keith Cornish had surgery on March 23 for a new Heart Valve at Methodist Hospital. **Keith**, you and **Jan** have our prayers and you will hit the heck out of the golf ball after your six weeks recuperation period.

I had a call from **Dorothy Glover** and she said **Bob** would be 93 in April. She said he has been in the Veteran's Home for 10 years as of March 22. She said she had knee surgery in July and their son had open heart surgery but everyone is doing okay now.

Tom Langan had surgery the first part of February to remove a Carcinoid Tumor on his lung which was non cancerous. They removed the bottom lobe of the lung and he spent 6 days in the hospital. I talked to **Tom** and he said he is getting his strength back every day, driving and going to meet his friends for coffee.

I talked with **Charlie Cromling** as he celebrated his 90th birthday March 5. He said that on February 20, he woke up and couldn't see out of his right eye. His eye doctor said he had a blockage which was due from having a stroke in that eye. **Charlie** has had heart problems for many years and now has Parkinson's. He also told me that **Harry Brown** came to **Charlie** in 1978 and said they were going to have their first meeting of the newly formed Retiree Club. **Charlie** offered him the Conference Room in the Flight Kitchen and he served them coffee and rolls – that was 37 years ago.

Calendar:

May 5 – Elmwood Tower, Hosted by **Mel Harrison & Judy Nekonchuk**

June 9 - Cooper Farm, Hosted by **Cary & Toddy Manson**

NEVADA



LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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Happy Spring, and hope everyone had a happy Easter holiday. Las Vegas is enduring our normal windy season, although temperatures have been very nice. The hot summer will be here before we know it. We've heard that **Steve Hayes**, retiree from DENCS and formerly LASCS is very ill. His wife, **Kathryn**, and family appreciate your prayers. Our condolences to **Paul Harbaugh**, retiree from LASCS, who recently lost his wife.

Mentioned recently was our "Marathon Man", **Jim Heinz**. LASCS retiree. Following is an article on his running, in his own words.



"I started running in high school (Las Vegas High) in gym class in 1957. I continued running a little bit while I was serving in the US Navy 1958-1964. After discharge from the Navy, I returned home to Las Vegas and went to work for United Airlines in 1964. I met Barbara Freidman who also worked at United and she in turn introduced me to her husband Bill (who was a member of the Las Vegas track team club). He gave me a few running tips and bingo, I was off to train for my first race which led to my first 26.2 mile marathon 2/4/79. It only took one marathon to become addicted to running more. I finally set my goal to run a marathon in every state. I have completed 49 states and I only have one more to go, Louisville, KY. As you can see it has taken quite a few years to accomplish this goal. (2/4/79 thru 4/25/15).

When I traveled to these marathons sometimes I took my family, sometimes I went by myself, I always tried to put as many marathons together as I could to cut down on expenses. The most I ever put together was seven marathons in seven weeks. I towed my travel trailer, slept in motels and slept in the back of my truck.

I don't think I could have done this without the help of my wife Diana especially when it came to booking trips, her support, etc. The Boston marathon incident was terrible but I don't think it will stop runners from running, it is a passion. My own opinion is this guy should not have a trial with all these attorneys and should get the death penalty."

Silverliners continue to meet every other month; second Tuesday, at Arizona Charlies' on N. Decatur Blvd. Contact one of our Board Members if you can attend some time.

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There were 18 members at our March meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

Reservations for the Plaza Pavilion at Bartley Ranch County Park have been made for our August summer picnic; the reservation date is Thursday, August 20th. If you have not been out there, you may want to stop by and check it out. As we get closer to the date, we can check members' interest in having a docent available for a tour of the various buildings and exhibitions at Bartley Ranch. As a side note, Hot August Nights will be August 4 – 9 so there should be no impact for our picnic. The cost is \$130.00/day with a refundable cleaning deposit of \$100.00.

March birthdays were celebrated by **Maurine Williams** and **Jim Wagner**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Kathy Robinson**.

NEW JERSEY



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Well for once the skies were blue and the weather was a bit warmer, so our monthly meeting of the Garden Staters took place on March 25. The meeting was opened with a flag salute led by our President **Frank Worzocha**. We had a moment of silence for **Marita Williamson**, an EWR flight attendant, and **Charlie Rice** from EWR ramp service.

We had a great lunch with about 25 people attending. It was good to see **Kenny Miller**, and **Gene Kilcumings** back again, and that goes for **Lena & Dick Confer**. **Rich Creighton**, from local 914 was also there, it looks like he has become a permanent fixture. It's always good to have him since we get first-hand news that's happening at EWR. **Gene Enfield**, our new treasurer, said we are doing okay, as our money is slowly building up.

Rich Creighton won our 50/50, and our next meeting will be on April 29 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

**Do not bother tracing your family tree, just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.*

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

Twenty Buffalo Chips met at Erie County Community College, Erie - Statler Dining Room for the March meeting. Luncheon was prepared by the Culinary Class of ECC and was themed Oktoberfest. (The students are not in session and the dining room is not open in October so the program, much to our delight, is delayed until March.)

The students provided excellent service and presented an outstanding meal, starting with Lentil Soup, Salad and then a combination plate of Oktoberfest food, piled about 4 inches high. This consisted of Pork Schnitzel, Rolled Beef, Breaded Pork Chops, Sausage, Fried German Potatoes, and Sweet Red Cabbage. Dessert consisted of both Apple Strudel and German Chocolate Cake with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. Everyone departed with at least half their food in a white box.

Conversation centered on the recent death of **Dottie Butcher** and how much she will be missed. Our prayers and sympathies are with **Clyde**.

We recently learned of the death of **Paul Ambrose**, a former BUFMM Foreman, near Sacramento.

A third death was noted, **David Williams**, brother of deceased Skycap **Walter Williams**, BUFCS. David was a long time skycap for US Air but more important to many of us, a videographer of skill. David recorded many of our family celebrations both company and personal, including the wedding of my youngest daughter.

They will be in our prayers and thoughts; and all will be sorely missed.

Apparently, I am the only one on the sick list and on March 31st, will have my worn out partial right knee replacement removed (14 years) and a full knee installed. You've heard of bone on bone, this one is metal on metal and squeaks when moved in certain ways.

Because of the crowded and noisy dining room, the business portion of the meeting was held over for June. Several people are working on a location and date for the June Meeting which will be posted at a future date.



NEW YORK METROS

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Giddy with spring fever, 36 Metros showed up for our April Fool's luncheon on a beautiful sunny day. It is my theory that the cold and snow preserve us as no one looks older than fifty. Though they were very late in serving our meals, everyone went table hopping, chatting away, and catching up on the latest.

John & Sungsoon Modugno were in a terrible auto accident March 26th. John is home now, still suffering the effect of it, but his wife is still hospitalized in intensive care. They need our prayers and good wishes.

We received words that **Bruce Harris**, LGACS, passed away. I don't know if he belonged to a RUAEA chapter anywhere, so I have no further news of his passing.

Bobby Lee's wife **May** is undergoing chemo for lung cancer. For these latest and previously reported, let us keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Welcome back, **Mike & Evelyn Schroeder**, gone since their trip through the Panama Canal, December 1st to the 10th, and then 3 months in Hawaii. We'll have to tie them down. Snowbird **Frank Ferrara**, nursing his aching wings, made it home OK. **John & Mary Levine** spent three weeks in Tanzania, under the auspices of Johns Hopkins University. Mary has been selected one of the 100 best doctors in the Metropolitan area, what an honor! **Nick & Roberta Manfredo** are going on a trip to Italy in May, the planned itinerary sounds great.

Iggy Blanda informed me that he, **Vic Carnevale** and **Roy Portelli** are the last of twelve founders of the LGA coffee club. Let's drink to that. We welcome **George Riggi** (JFKCS), a guest today but a member soon. Only birthday girl **Mary Ann Lilly** was present at lunch. Others are **Donald Smith**, **Madeline Sudulich**, **Dominick Rizzo** and **Chen Lee**. Happy Birthday!

50/50 winners are: 1st – **Paul Cohen**, 2nd – **John Green** and 3rd – **Pat Hannon**. Birds have stopped tweeting and are now singing. That's a fact, really. Snow finally melted and there were the crocuses blooming, daffodils growing, great smell of tar in the air as the potholes get filled. Ah, welcome spring.

Calendar:

May 6 – Milleridge Inn.

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Our delicious Irish theme March luncheon had only 68 in attendance, and no guests or new members, but was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately we had a lot of death notices to share: PDX ramp serviceman, **Tony Lopez** passed away on 3/8/15, after suffering a stroke; no funeral information was yet available. **Dale "Skip" Stockton**, PDXPV, passed away peacefully at home on 3/3/15; no additional information at this time. **Malcolm McCann's** 26 year old daughter passed away of cancer. **Cora Harper's** daughter passed away suddenly.

Sick List ~ **Jane Futrell** recently suffered 2 spontaneous fractures in her spine and has been diagnosed with a form of Myeloma. She is resting comfortably at home and healing from a procedure to stabilize the fractures with injected "cement".

Jack Hooper announced that the planned tour of the Museum of Flight will be on June 17th. Folks would be responsible for their own transportation but are encouraged to car pool. It is still to be determined whether it will be a 1 or 2 day event. If enough are interested, the second day would include a tour of the restoration facility, a tour of the Boeing assembly line for the 787, and a tour of Paul Allen's museum. Please contact Jack directly for more information or to sign up.

February anniversaries ~ **Cliff & Sarah Blare** (55 years), **Tom & Terry Hotchkin** (45 years), Paul & **Kathy Russell** (50 years – they supplied a wonderful dessert and table decorations).

February birthdays ~ **Sue Rommel** (76), **Lorie King** (73), **Marge Curtis** (92), **Mike Thomas** (67), **Russell Stinnett** (62).

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door prize ~ **George Thomas**, Men's Birthday ~ **Russell Stinnett**, Women's Birthday ~ **Sue Rommel**, 50/50 ~ **John Carter**.

Members who signed up to provide table decorations were reminded to keep them simple and inexpensive, and have fun.

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon

May 13 - Social

June 10 - Social

OUR CLUB

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A grand total of eight gathered at La Burita today and enjoyed good food and much conversation. It was so nice to see our friend Jackie who moved away last year. She is just so sweet and always wears a beautiful hat.

I had a nice conversation with **Bob Lindbergh** about his lovely wife **Mariam** who is having problems with nerve damage. We all wish you the best Mariam and hope you enjoyed that food Bob brought home to you. Have a wonderful time on that trip to Gold Country Bob was telling me about with your car club.

Linda Althouse is putting new counter tops in by herself, a hard project but a rewarding one when you can do it yourself. **Russ & Alberta Randell** were coming to the luncheon but from what I could hear, Russ took a roll down a hill trying to pull one vehicle out of the mud. When he opened his truck door, he fell and down the hill he went. Good ol' **Bob Rogers** to the rescue and helped him up and even pulled both vehicles out of the mud.

Barbara Horne, after much confusion with the "United Help Line", finally got a pass to fly back east to her Auntie's 100th birthday bash. I give her credit for having so much patience as it seemed like the Help Line needed help.

You may not be hearing from us for a couple months so don't think we have disbanded. It will be a spring break. Look for OUR Club news in June. Until then, Happy Spring and take some time to enjoys all the beautiful spring flowers and colors God gives us this time of year.

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Hooray, hooray, the sun has reappeared. The Easter Bunny brought some much needed sunshine to the Burgh. The Pit-Stoppers met on March 18th at JW Halls. We are still missing some of our fellow members: **Carl & Dee Chiocchi**, **Bill & Verna Alex**, **Mitch & Doris Abbas**, **Ed & Kay Yauch**, **Bronko & Lil Lapsevich** and **Paul & Betty Musko**, just to mention a few. Now that the weather is cooperating, we hope to see a bigger turnout for our June 10th luncheon. We had 28 members at the spring fling and a good time was had by all. Door prize winners were **Lorraine Keith**, **Georgia Garcia** and **Rosemary Lavelle**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Bob Wagner**.

Thanks to **Jim Weber** and **Diane** for escorting **Barbara Guida** to the luncheon. **Ken Wolfe** was ailing and did not attend, missed ya Ken.

Our treasurer **Olga Karmazyn** collected \$154 from our members and sent a check to the Flight 93 Shanksville memorial.

Our Tri chairs Treatie, Mary Jane and Dave discussed the progress of the upcoming convention. Things are moving right along. Hope y'all are making plans to attend.

April was a surprising month for a few of us. I celebrated my 80th Birthday on Easter Sunday. Hubby Bernie surprised me on Saturday, March 28th with a family gathering. Then on Easter Sunday, my actual birthday, my nephew and his 2 sons flew in from San Francisco to surprise me.

Speaking of surprise, **Phyllis Smith** was surprised by her son when he flew in unannounced on Easter Sunday.

I'm sorry to report the passing of **Lois Doolan** on March 30th. Lois was the wife of former PIT coordinator **Jim Doolan**. Both Jim & Lois were active members of the Pit-Stoppers, condolences to the Doolan family.

Our May Birthdays are: **Ed Ike** (3rd), **Carl Chiocchi** (7th), **Barbara Guida** (11th), **Dee Chiocchi** (16th), **Harry Shirley** (12th), and **Joe Scafoglio** (17th). Best wishes to all!

Remember RE UNITE IN PITTSBURGH!

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TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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There was a breakfast meeting at the Egg and I in February with only 6 in attendance. The reason for the low turnout is Tennessee had the biggest ice storm in history, the majority of us were at home with no electricity or heat.

Our March meeting was held at Puleo's in Knoxville hosted by **Betty Shipe**. The food as usual was delicious and there were 13 members in attendance.

I took notes and the treasurer report was read by Polly, our president. We now have \$394.51 in our treasury.

We had an update on **Jeanne Barkman**, she is doing better. **Jo Humbert** is going in for cataract surgery, we wish her well. Everyone else seems to be in good health.

Door prizes provided by Betty were won by **Gerry & Polly Kloski**, **Bev Emmel** and **Carol Anderson**. **Gerry Kloski** won the 50/50 and donated it back in the treasury. Thanks Gerry!

Calendar:

April 16 - Breakfast at the Egg and I

May 21 - Lunch at the Beef and Barrel in Crossville at 12:00pm CST, followed by Singing In the Rain at the Cumberland Count Playhouse at 2:30pm CST.

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The March 10 meeting of the Emerald City Slickers, Seattle chapter of RUAEA, was held at the Elks Club in Burien with a suitable offering of Irish entrees. Several of the 37 members attending recognized the upcoming St. Patrick's Day by the wearin' o' the green.

President **Dave Jones**, sporting a spiffy UAL Retirees jacket, welcomed members and guests. Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** was welcomed back after her injury absence.

Treasurer **Jackie Stenger** noted during her report that dues are still trickling in and 21 additional members had either joined or renewed their memberships, bringing our paid membership to 132.

Dave mentioned the sticker shock of learning the tax consequences of “friends” flights booked for travel privileges.

Dave was pleased to announce the upcoming joint get together with Seattle and Portland, Oregon RUAEA chapters. The following is a rundown of plans as submitted by Mr. **Jones**: “At the March Seattle City Slickers meeting, President **Dave Jones** announced that he and **Jack Hooper**, Northwest Regional Director, are planning a Portland/Seattle regional event in the Seattle area on Wednesday, June 17 and Thursday June 18. Wednesday activities will feature a tour at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, and an early evening social hour and dinner at a local hotel. Thursday will include tours of the Boeing plant, Paul Allen’s Heritage Foundation aircraft collection and the Museum of Flight Restoration Center, all at Paine Field in Everett. **Jack Hooper** is coordinating attendance of Portland United retirees and he indicates there is early interest from about 20 Portland members. A like number of Seattle members expressed interest in the event when polled at the March meeting. Arrangements are being made for a group of rooms at a local hotel near the South Center Mall for out of town attendees. If interested, contact **Dave Jones** at (425) 277-0430, jones807@gmail.com, or **Jack Hooper** at (360) 835-7767.

Maury Erben, formerly with the Credit Union, was a “new” face on the scene. Another former Credit Union favorite, though not in attendance, is **Oriana Pon**, who works in a local bank.

Phyllis Bowman conducted drawings for prizes and recognized March birthdays and anniversaries. Once again, **Don Hanson** walked off with the 50/50 drawing. He must have gotten away with enough to retire by this time.

We regret to announce the death of long-time member **Hubert Malco** (SEAHH), who had suffered a fall at his home March 19 and passed away March 22. **Hubert**, who turned 94 on March 10, was a pastry chef back when UAL Flight Kitchens each had a bake shop. He is survived by his wife, **Anita**, also an active member of our chapter.

The life of the late **Helen Stanger** was celebrated by her family and invited friends with a memorial party at the VFW Keewaydin Clubhouse in Mercer Island, Washington April 11. A memorial and burial with graveside service and military honors will be held in Hopkinton, Iowa in July.

Calendar:

May 12 - Luncheon – Elks Club, Burien

June thru August – Summer Hiatus

September 8 – Luncheon – TBD



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We are back and looking for new faces to join us. We meet once a month, please call or email **Sharon Holmes**.

There was no meeting in January as everyone was catching up from the fun hectic holidays. In February, **Nada Morse** hosted the meeting at a German restaurant. In attendance were **David & Theresa Reisennauer**, **Les & Vera Graham**, **Ken & Myrtle Stoop**, **Jerry & Edna Tefft**, **Willi & Frank Storey**, and **Gary & Sharon Holmes**.

In March, **Jerry & Edna Tefft** were hosts at a Mexican restaurant in Coeur D’Alene with six brave souls in attendance.

April 15 will find **David & Theresa** hosting in Spangle, WA. Report to follow. We are all looking forward to return of the “snow birds”. Everyone is doing fine.

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Submitted by Linda Scriven, Dulles Loungers President

We would like to welcome anyone in the Virginia, Maryland, and DC area to come join us at our luncheons. We have our luncheons the 2nd Wednesday of the month, except July and August. Meet with those who worked for United Airlines in all departments. Enjoy meeting new friends, so pass the word. It is good to stay in touch with all the changes that have occurred, plus all the wonderful people that have been in our lives for so many years. There are no strangers.

On May 12, we will have our normal luncheon at the Golden Corral in Manassas - Doors open at 11am. We get the senior rate and take up a good portion of the area on the right hand side. This is casual and getting time to talk to others. Then we have a short (or long) discussion at about 12:30. You are welcome to stay and talk to those around after the meeting.

June 10, we are planning a picnic/wine tasting at the Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane, VA. Starting time should be around 11am, we will advise the particulars in next month after total arrangements are made.

If you decide to join our group, there is a \$10.00 membership fee. Newsletters from the Dulles Loungers are sent to you via computer or if not computerized, by mail.

Updates on members ~ **Lucy Chatelain** is still recovering at the Jefferson Rehab Center in Arlington, VA. It will continue for quite a while- but she is in good spirits.

Lyn Craven (retired IADCS) has had a rough winter; she has an abscess on her leg and could not continue with her rehab. She is feeling bad because of the setback. Please keep the "Thinking of You" cards going her way. Lyn can really use them right now. Her address is 619 Crosswinds Dr., Charles Town, WV 25414. Phone is (304) 725-3182.

Bob Frye (retired IADCG) was just released from the hospital. He would truly appreciate a card or call from his United friends. You may write to him at 214 Bentley Avenue, Winchester, VA 22602. Phone is (540) 678-0534. Email is fryebo@aol.com.

Archibald "Arch" Kingsley (retired DCAFO) died March 17. He flew DC-3's for Capital Airlines and flew DC-10's for UAL, retiring in 1984. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Northern Neck Humane Society or the Animal Welfare League. Please see www.dullesloungers.com "Sunshine News" for updates on members.

Stay in touch - remember – *We are United.*

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Hello RUAEA:

Happy Spring to all! Finally, the sun is shining on the East Coast and we are getting a drizzle of rain in California. Not much relief for our drought, but it is all welcome.

All of our Chapters have been working very hard to secure new members. Most of them have been very successful as well. We are always looking for new members to join in on our fun. Our SFO Peninsula Chapter is up to 16 members now. Hooray!

Our LAX, OCC and SAN Chapters are diligently working on the upcoming International Special Olympics to be held in Los Angeles. It is a wonderful occasion for us to participate in and help where we can. Please consider helping out. If you can, contact **Carolyn Plumley**, carolynplumley@me.com.

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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:

Bob Cox, Julie Felix, Robert Fensch, Richard DeFreeuw, Tanya Haubein, Christine Ilg, Park Learned, Jeanne Leo, E. A. Jansen Mabry, Beatrice McCarthy, Lili Pearson, Rus Porterfield, Birgit Prior, Joseph Saladino, Kerrie Schneider, John Sheehan, Ruth Short.

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.)

Margaret Colangelo, 9 Mirador Ct., Toms River, NJ 08757-4110

At the time of my 88th birthday, I was experiencing procedures and was diagnosed with breast cancer. What followed was traumatic not only to me but my family. It is now March and I am still undergoing radiation therapy, which tires me out.

I am proud to have been an employee of UAL for 20 years at JFK. I am looking forward to many more happy years.

Charlie Cromling, 5870 Clearwater Dr., Ft. Calhoun, NE 42349

On the 5th of March, I will be 90 years old.

I enjoy the newsletter. I worked for UAL for 35 years. All of these years were spent in Omaha. **Ron Bertacini** and I worked in the flight kitchen. Ron was the Business Manager and I was the Manager. We were a good team.

Sandy Danielson, 301 Mystic Castle Dr., St Augustine, FL 32086

Thank you all for being such faithful and determined people to continue your hard volunteer work. All of us retired folks really appreciate your continuing efforts.

Dan Figueroa, 1060 Sylvan Glen Pl., Auburn, CA

The article of the 377 Stratocruiser brought back memories of my first assignment after finishing radio school in the USAF. I was assigned to military air transport (MATS) at Westover AFB, MA as a radio operator on the C-97 which was the military version of the Boeing 377. I was only 18 years old at the time so you can imagine what a thrill it was to be a crew member and fly on that plane. Our regular run was to Rhine Main Germany via the Azores Islands for refueling. We carried mostly cargo and sometimes a few passengers. The C-97 had bunks for the crew in the lower compartment. The cockpit was great to work in being very spacious and great views with all the windows. Great memories for me, but then, along came the Korean War.

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

Another year has passed.

I enjoy the newsletter.

My wife, Wilma fell on January 1 and damaged her spine. She was in the hospital for a while and is still taking medication. I am doing well.

We celebrated our 71st wedding anniversary last December. I am now 91 and she is 90 years old.

Gloria Van Houten, 20 Indian Path, Millstone Township, NJ 08535

With each issue of the RUAEA newsletter, I usually find a former NYCRR employee which gives me such joy to recall the many fun times we had! The Newsletter provides a wonderful way to keep in touch.

It has been 14 years since working for Ft. Monmouth, NJ and going to work for Monmouth County, NJ.

Mary Kay Wetherington, MIASW, 212 SE Camino St., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Thank you to everyone that sent cards and emails of support after the passing of my husband of 48 years, **Merrill Wetherington**, FLLFO on February 26th.

Merrill flew for United for 27 years. He dearly loved flying the Boeing 727 out of Miami. He started his flying career with the Air Force and flew for Riddle Airlines, Airlift International and National Airlines before joining United in 1964.

We retired to Port St. Lucie following Hurricane Andrew and left behind many dear friends. We were fortunate in finding old and new friends in the local chapter of RUAEA. Thank You to all of them for their compassion during this trying time.

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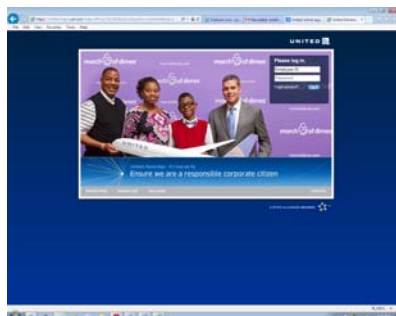
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As we all know, the cost-of-living is going up everywhere. In order for RUAEA to survive, we must raise our annual dues very, very slightly. As of **January 1st, 2015 the annual dues will be \$27 per year Domestic, \$47 Canada/Mexico, and \$52 Foreign.** Only a two dollars per year increase. The major expense for our organization is the Newsletter. Your Newsletter staff feels the increase is realistic and minimal. Quite awhile ago, we asked our correspondents for suggestions regarding our financial situation and the small dues increase was mentioned. The Board of Directors delayed the increase as long as possible. It is now a necessity. We hope you consider the two dollars increase a bargain.

Remember you can renew online with a credit card at www.ruaea.org.

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In 1957, cafeterias catered to the food needs of over 6,000 United employees. There were five "centers" located in cities with the largest number of personnel.

The cafeterias were open from breakfast through the afternoon coffee break with some operating around-the-clock to serve shift-workers. Seventy-two United employees staffed the four United-owned cafeterias.

Chicago had two cafeterias – one at EXO directed by **Helen Mellin** and one on the field side of Cicero, directed by **Frank Nardi**. The EXO staff also served the two Executive Dining Rooms.

The SFO cafeteria, headed by **Bob Marshall**, was the largest of all and served 2,600 people six times a day (3 meals & 3 coffee breaks). This cafeteria also maintained nine vending machines with complete lunches for Line Maintenance workers and three mobile canteens circulating in-and-around SFOMB at noon and during break periods.

The Operating Base (OPB) at Denver, managed by **Art Ballagh**, served daily meals to 650 employees and also prepared & served special meals for various groups

visiting the base.

At New York's Idlewild the cafeteria, located in United's hangar, was operated "under contract" by Brass Rail Restaurants and served about 700 United & American employees per day. **R.F. Gardiner** managed the operation for United.

Picture Caption:

Check-out at Denver ~ Cashier Barbara Kohn totals Stewardess Supervisor Alice Irwin's tray while manager Art Ballagh & Chef Conrad Kung confer behind the counter.

At EXO ~ Alice Luchini (top) and Clara Kamke prepare the day's salads as Manager Helen Mellin looks on.

By Marvin Berryman DENTK A/V Retired - From the March-April 1957 issue of "Shield".

Recently UAHF received a \$ contribution from **Janet Burkholder** and donated items from: **Lori Roosen, Diane Urban, Howard Payne and Joan Aaronson.**

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