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**HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD!** It is just amazing how time flies by... already May, & the RUAEA Convention 2005 is just a short time away – **May 22 – May 29**. By now you have made your plans to attend the convention, and we are looking forward to welcoming you to this tremendous event. Here are a few things about your convention to share with you.

We have planned some great professional Hollywood style entertainment for you on **both banquet nights, May 27 & May 28**. The two groups we have procured for these nights will provide you with many memories, and take you down Hollywood's "memory lane". Coupled with the catering skills of Wolfgang Puck, plus your many friends, old and new, presented in the very area of the Academy Awards dinner, these evenings will truly be memorable.

There is transportation available from Union Station if you are coming in by train. You can either take Super Shuttle or Prime Time Shuttle. The Metro Rail system operates from Union Station as well; there is a rail station right at Hollywood and Highland for your convenience. Also, the information regarding Prime Time Shuttle is now in the website along with the discount coupons.

There is a great deal of information regarding the convention on the website: [WWW.RUAEA.ORG](http://WWW.RUAEA.ORG). You will find the links when you click onto the Convention News area on the left side of the website.

When you arrive, the folks at the Registration Desk will have considerable information available for you throughout your stay. Do not hesitate to ask them if you have questions of any kind. They will be very pleased to assist you.

We are truly anxious to see you all at Hollywood & Highland. We know you will enjoy your stay in the "Film Capital of the World".

Just a reminder, please bring all necessary documents with you, your personal items, including any medications, camera, and also if you can, the various pages from the Registration Packet with the tour information & schedule of events.

**TH-TH-THAT'S ALL, FOLKS!**

Jim Ferrance

Publicity, RUAEA Convention 2005

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## GENERAL NEWS

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Annual Convention is RUAEA's main event. This provides United Airlines retirees the opportunity to continue to renew our relationships and associations. The Re-LAXers have developed an outstanding program for us as you have been reading in the newsletter over the past few months. On Sat. morning two important activities are scheduled:

One, the benefit panel & discussion. Many of us have questions, concerns & interests in our pensions, health insurance and travel. These will all be addressed by principals from WHQ in the panel discussions, questions & answers, followed in the afternoon by individual counseling.

Two, our annual business meeting. This is intended to bring us all up-to-date on the business activities plus current status of RUAEA. A key item of business to transact is revising our Bylaws to bring them up-to-date. These revisions were detailed in last month's newsletter.

If you have not yet registered and made your reservations, please do ASAP. I am looking forward to seeing you in Hollywood.

In following the activities and developments in United Airlines, you have not seen or heard much in the media. Negotiations on the labor contracts with the IAM & AMFA continue. United filed a motion with the bankruptcy court to extend the interim wage reductions for IAM represented employees until the end of May. These were scheduled to run through April 11. The extension places these in sync with the timing of the interim reductions approved for the AMFA.

Negotiations continue with all the unions regarding the pension plans.

United continues to reduce its domestic flying and expand international schedules. Currently about 25% of United's flying is to the Far East. You will see this trend continue.

To keep up-to-date regularly access United's web site - Skynet - also call 1-800-EYE-ON-UA for the daily NewsReal & Glenn Tilton's message to employees & retirees. The NewsReal changes daily; Glenn's message to employees & retirees is updated about once a week.

Marlin Lade  
President - RUAEA

### FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Marlin & I have been receiving a number of questions relating to the total of deductible/co-pay costs that participants in the UAL Medical PPO Plan can expect to pay on an annual basis for covered medical expenses. The **bottom line** is that the total annual out-of-pocket cost maximum whether for pre-Medicare or post-Medicare retirees (including the annual deductible of \$250 per individual/\$500 per family) is \$1,500 per individual/\$3,000 per family. Costs incurred beyond those limits are reimbursed at 100%. Participants are effectively self-insuring for the deductibles/co-pays up to the annual out-of-pocket cost maximum.

How did this come about? Well, the previous plans have always included a deductible & an annual out-of-pocket maximum. For pre-Medicare retirees, the deductible was \$200 per individual/\$300 per family; the annual out-of-pocket maximum was \$1,300 per individual/\$2,600 per family. For post-Medicare retirees, the rules were a little more complicated. If you were covered by the Supplemental/Traditional Plan, the deductible was \$150 per each individual, there was no annual out-of-pocket maximum but there was a lifetime maximum of \$150,000. If you were covered by the Comprehensive Plan, the deductible was \$200 per individual/\$300 per family, the annual out-of-pocket maximum was \$1,300 per individual/\$2,600 per family with no lifetime maximum.

Why then hadn't you been paying more for co-pays under the previous plan? The answer to that comes from the change from the prior Coordination of Benefits (COB) provision in the Comprehensive

Plan Option to the current Maintenance of Benefits (MOB) provision applying to all in the Medical PPO Plan. Under COB, if you or your family were covered by more than one group health care plan, you could have received up to 100% reimbursement for covered expenses after application of the annual deductible. Under MOB, reimbursement from the United's Medical PPO Plan is adjusted to ensure that you receive the benefits of whichever plan is better if United's plan is considered secondary. For post-Medicare retirees, United's plan is always secondary. If medical treatment is covered by your primary plan at, for example, 80%, then United will pay an additional amount only if its plan covers the treatment at more than 80%.

Again, once your annual out-of-pocket maximum is reached, the United Plan pays up to 100% of covered expenses not paid by the primary plan with no lifetime maximum. You are self-insuring for the deductibles/co-pays up to the annual out-of-pocket maximum.

The information reflected above is a summary of what has been provided in Virginia Grady's July 16, 2004 letter to all Retirees, the July, 2004 release of the updated sections of the Summary Plan Description for retiree medical benefits & the medical benefit program summary material which is on the RUAEA Web site.

Mort Wax  
Executive Vice President

### **DIRECTOR - SOUTHEAST REGION**

Due to family health reasons, Harry Walton has found it necessary to resign as Director - Southeast Region. The South region serves the local chapters in FL. Harry has served in this role for the past three years. Thank you, Harry; we appreciate the work & support you have given RUAEA. All of us wish you & your family the every best.

Loretta Marvett has been appointed to complete Harry's unexpired term of another year. Loretta & her husband Michael live in Largo, FL - near Tampa; they are very active in the Tampa Bay chapter. Loretta served as Director - Southeast Region several years ago. We welcome Loretta & look forward to her working with the chapters in the Southeast.

### **UNITED NRSA NOW FULLY ELECTRONIC**

United retirees, companions & travel eligibles traveling for pleasure -- now enjoy paper free travel.

Retirees should give their file numbers to their eligibles or companions traveling so that pass travelers can use EasyCheck-in at the airport.

### **UNITED'S SUMMER SERVICE**

Beginning June 7, United will offer customers new service & additional summer frequencies from its hubs to warm weather destinations throughout Mexico, the Caribbean & Hawaiian Islands.

#### **Hawaii**

United offers more daily flights from the Mainland to HI than any other carrier. This summer, we will be increasing from 4 to 5 daily flights in the LAX-HNL & SFO-HNL markets. United is continuing its nonstop service from CHI to Maui with continuing service to Kona; the flight returns nonstop to CHI. We offer the only nonstop flight from Kona to CHI. In addition, United's SFO-Maui service will increase from 3 to 4 daily flights.

#### **Caribbean**

Customers destined for the Caribbean now have additional summer nonstop options from the Midwest & East Coast. United is offering daily DEN-Cancun & daily Washington Dulles-Cancun flights. From CHI, UAL will serve both Cozumel & Aruba 3 times a week. Flights between Washington Dulles & Aruba will be twice a week.

#### **Mexico**

United is adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> daily flight between Mexico City & LAX. The new LAX arrival is timed to enable customers to connect easily to Asia. Ted will provide service from DEN & SFO to the Mexican

beach destinations of San Jose del Cabo & Puerto Vallarta, with 4 flights per week to each destination.

### **SOURCE: REVENUE ACCOUNTING EMPLOYEE FARE DATABASE**

Questions or Concerns:

If you have a question or concern regarding deductions for Employee Pass Travel, the best method to communicate is via:

E-mail: [employee-pass@ual.com](mailto:employee-pass@ual.com)

Fax: 1-847-700-1452

Mail: WHQAK, Employee Travel, P.O. Box 66282, Chicago, IL 60666

Please be sure to include your Name, File Number, Flight Number, Date, Origin, Destination & your specific question about your deduction or invoice. Copies of boarding passes will assist us in researching the issue. Also, if you include an e-mail address, it will allow us to respond to you faster if any further questions or documentation is needed to resolve your issue.

### **FLIGHT ATTENDANT RECALL**

United will recall 500 flight attendants early from voluntary furlough, in response to increased flying for the remainder of the year.

300 will be recalled June 1, 2005, & 200 will return July 1, 2005.

### **BEV STRAND RESIGNS**

Bev Strand joined RUAEA's office staff as a Membership Secretary Aug. 2003. She has done an excellent job for us in this capacity. Bev is resigning to follow other interests. She has been a "bright spot" in the office. We are going to miss her very much.

Thank you, Bev, for all your past help.

RUAEA Office Staff

### **PENSION INFORMATION SEMINAR**

AMFA Lodge 9 in South San Francisco is conducting an informational session for all interested employees and retirees on the AMFA Pension Plan. They are inviting pension experts from the government and private sector to discuss these issues followed by questions and answers. Any retiree interested in attending should call AMFA Lodge # 9 at 650-416-2006. The sessions are:

Saturday, May 7 0900 to 1200; and 1400-1700

South San Francisco Conference Center

255 South Airport Blvd.

South San Francisco

(Next to the Holiday Inn just north of the Maintenance Center.)

### **SHARE YOUR ALLIANT CREDIT UNION BENEFITS ... AND RECEIVES \$10 ABSOLUTELY FREE!**

Alliant Credit Union is looking forward to seeing RUAEA members at the upcoming convention in Hollywood, CA. Once again, we will be onsite with credit union information, two retirement seminars, & a family referral promotion that really pays off.

As a long-time United employee, you have likely been a credit union member, & have enjoyed the high savings dividends, everyday great loan rates, personal service & individual attention. Now we want you to share your experience and sign your family members up for membership in our "Recruit-a-Member" promotion. For each member you refer, we'll give you both an automatic, complimentary

\$10 deposit to your/their savings account – that's \$10 for you & \$10 for your family member! Watch your mail for more details plus the "Recruit-a-Member" membership application.

While you're at the convention, make plans to stop by the Alliant table & drop off the completed membership application to sign up your family members for credit union membership. It makes a great gift for any occasion such father's day, graduation or just to let someone know you care. Also, be sure to pick-up your copy of the new Alliant Member Cookbook, available for only \$10. (All proceeds from cookbook sales will be donated to America's Second Harvest, a nationwide food bank based in Chicago.)

### **Alliant Credit Union – Your Trusted Financial Partner**

- Safety and Security
- Serving members for 70 years with a high satisfaction rating of 95.9%
- Unbeatable savings dividends
- Full line of products & services including checking, mortgages, Home Equity products and VISA credit cards
- Account access through ATMs, free online banking with bill pay, national toll-free call center plus automated telephone service
- Exclusive member-only discounts
- Financial planning, estate planning & investment advisory services
- Much more

### **UAHF MAKES SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE TO KIDS INTERESTED IN AVIATION**

The United Airlines Historical Foundation is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for its Capt. William S. Arnott Scholarship program for 2005.

The program honors the memory of a pilot who greatly contributed to aviation & United Airlines, also demonstrated a lifelong commitment to encouraging interest in and knowledge of aviation. The scholarship promotes his vision "to preserve the past & inspire the future."

Four \$1,000 scholarships are awarded each year to 2 female students & 2 male students who demonstrate leadership potential in the field of aviation. This year's awards will be applied toward the recipients' 2005 fall semester. In the past 2 years, 4 United employees' children have received scholarship awards under this program.

To apply, the student must be a child or grandchild of an active or deceased United employee or retiree. He or she must be currently enrolled in an aviation program - such as flight operations, aircraft maintenance or airline management - at an accredited college or university in North America. The student must have at least junior year status in a four-year program or be in the final year of a two-year program. He or she must have an academic average of 3.0 or better, on a 4.0 scale.

Applicant must submit the following materials by June 15, 2005:

- Official transcript;
- Brief essay describing accomplishments, including academic, extra-curricular, work & public service, also a brief discussion of plans & goals;
- Brief statement of aviation-related experiences;
- Three letters of recommendation.

Materials should be mailed to:

Dale A. Dopkins, Director  
United Airlines Historical Foundation  
13N390 French Road  
Hampshire, Illinois 60140-8637

Alternatively, applicants may submit their essays online to [www.uahf.org/scholarship\\_program.htm](http://www.uahf.org/scholarship_program.htm), though the transcript & letters of recommendation must be mailed. Questions about the program or the application process should be directed to Don Jiskra, via e-mail at [don.jiskra.sr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:don.jiskra.sr@sbcglobal.net).

## **REMEMBERING ED PIPER**

Ed Piper, Past President of RUAEA from 1994 – 1996, passed away March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Ed was 17, just out of High School when he started with United in June 1943. His first job was at EXO in the Office Manager's office. He was told to go for this & go for that... until he joined the military.

Ed served 2 years in the Military, then returned to United at EXO, became Assistant Office Manager. In 1948 Ed married Rose, a definite enhancement to his career. His time at EXO created the opportunity to run the Suggestion Program. Ed was Pres. of the National Suggestion Association of America. This started his career moving, literally. Ed provided Rose with the "opportunity" to pack up the family household & move to his next assignment LAXPE. Later, when a position in SFOPE became available, Ed gave Rose another "opportunity" to help pack up the family & move. The Pipers moved 4 times for United but 12 times as their family grew. Ed retired from SFOPE as Western Division Director of Human Resources.

After his retirement in June 1988 he & his beloved wife Rose, moved to Tucson. He was involved in starting the Roadrunners Chapter, which has grown to over 100 members around the Tucson area. In addition he was very active in his church, serving on almost every committee that was established.

In the 45 years of his career, Ed made many friends at United. He had a wonderful sense of humor, enjoyed people very much. There are many active & retired employees whose careers with United Airlines benefited because of Ed's influence and support. We are all grateful.

He is survived by his wife Rose, 7 children, 24 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren.

Rose's address for those who might wish to let her know how much Ed will be missed is:

Rose Piper  
5248 W. 129<sup>th</sup> Pl  
Crestwood, IL 60445

Gordon Starr  
Director Arizona Region

## **MEMORIAL DAY**

On The Beaches of Normandy Remembering Those Who Gave Their Lives.

During World War II, the Allies carried out amphibious assault landings on June 6, 1944. In the ensuing battle, thousands of young men & women lost their lives. Not far from the landing site, there is now a very large well-groomed cemetery with a beautiful chapel at one end. In the chapel one finds an altar of black & gold Pyrenees marble engraved with the inscription: I Give Unto Them Eternal Life And They Shall Never Perish.

In graves in front of the chapel, lie the bodies of 9,387 service men & women. Each headstone identifies the person buried there, with the exception of 307 whose bodies were unidentified. Nearby there is a stone tablet telling of 1,557 men and women who died in battle but whose bodies were never found.

Walking through the cemetery is a heart-rendering experience. Tears come easily. Here are generals buried beside privates, blacks beside whites, Jews beside Christians, Americans from 49 states plus the District of Columbia & Guam. Each paid the ultimate sacrifice. All died for freedom. All died for our behalf.

As we prepare for Memorial Day we might well ask ourselves: Am I worth their sacrifice? Am I grateful to them? What might I be willing to give to bring peace and freedom to the world? Taken from the Scottish Rite Newsletter.

This Memorial Day let us remember those who gave their lives and the men and women who serve in our armed forces today.

Jim Fauber  
Immediate Past President

## **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

Chapter reports for June are due in DEN Fri. 5/6, July reports by 6/6, Aug. reports by 7/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail [ruaea@aol.com](mailto:ruaea@aol.com) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by US Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay.

## **REMINDER**

During the RUAEA Convention in Los Angeles - Hollywood, Chapter Correspondents meeting will be held Fri. May 27, 7:00AM - 10:00AM in the Franklin Hills Room. Continental breakfast will be served. All Correspondents are invited to attend. If regular Correspondent cannot attend, please appoint an alternate. It is necessary for you to RSVP to me prior to the Convention as we MUST give an accurate count of attendees. Please drop me a note, postcard, FAX or e-mail no later than May 20. We will have a check-in sheet at the door. If we do not receive a definite RSVP from you we will NOT be able to serve you breakfast. Thank you for your cooperation.

See you in Hollywood.

Jo Madden  
Newsletter Editor

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ARIZONA**

#### **PHOENIX AZURES**

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Breakfast at Coco's 17 folks at each meeting. It appears that the breakfast meetings at Mimi's are being cancelled due to lack of interest. It is so good to see all of you who are getting out & enjoying this lovely spring weather.

For those of you who are NOT on the regulars list & plan to attend the breakfast meetings at Coco's you must call in advance. Please call Pat Butkiewicz before 5:00pm of the Mon. prior to the breakfast, her number is 623 935-9235.

Our March 19 luncheon at the Union Hills Country Club was great. We had 46 folks in attendance. A few missed it because of illness, we hope they are doing well. It was so good to see Jennifer Bechtold (granddaughter) of Jim & Marlene visiting us again. We welcomed 2 new members Sam and Marilyn Roberts. Sam retired from ORDFF. Captain Bill Norwood retiree from ORDFO was visiting from Carbondale IL. We hope he continues to visit from time to time.

The following is a list of the new Azure officers and volunteers for the next 2 years:

Jim Bechtold – Pres.  
Jean Kerman – V.P.  
Ginny Weiler-Meyer – Treas.  
Sherry Muoio – Correspondent  
Pat Paulson – Sunshine person

Bob Lutzinger had a double-knee replacement; is recovering at home. Bob keep up those exercises they are crucial to your healing. We want to send our best wishes to Joan Aaronson who had hip replacement as well as a broken leg bone reset. George Klick is still on the mend, we hope to see him at the next luncheon.

Our new officers had a pre-luncheon meeting & started working out a calendar of events for next year. Just a reminder, Chapter dues will be collected beginning in Oct. for the session Oct. through April. I'm sure that you could give your next year's dues to Ginny Weiler-Meyer, our Treas., anytime from now on. If dues are not paid by the end of the year, your name will be dropped from the Azure rolls & thus our mailing list. Ginny's address is 17810 No. Mountain Laurel Trail, Surprise AZ, 85374.

#### Calendar

Coco's Breakfast meetings:

**May 10** - Azures - Coco's

**May 24** - Azures - Mimi's

We want to wish a fond farewell to our "Snowbirds" hope to see you in the Spring!!!

#### **TALL PINES**

Ann Tomasic  
604 Mockingbird Court  
Prescott, AZ 86301-5735  
(928) 717-1550

Our Tall Pines Chapter held their March 22 meeting at the newly renovated "Lone Spur" Restaurant formerly the Plaza Café. We had 19 retirees, including newly retired Ben & Judy Belillo from SJCMM - a big welcome to both of you.

Our condolences are extended to Bob Rowe on the recent loss of his lovely wife - Alice. A donation in memory of Alice was made to the American Stroke and Heart Association by our group.

#### Calendar

**May 24** - Lone Spur Restaurant - 11:00 am

**June 28** - Annual Potluck - 11:00 am

**July 26** - Picnic in one of our area parks

**Aug. 23** - BBQ - Tomasics'

**Sept.** - All Arizona Chapter Picnic - Goldwater Lake - date to be announced later; flyers will be mailed.

#### **TUCSON ROADRUNNERS**

Ray & Ann Wood  
2936 Player Av  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650  
(520) 378-4699  
[rwood8@cox.net](mailto:rwood8@cox.net)

20 Roadrunners attended the Colorado Rockies Spring training baseball game under perfect baseball weather.

Gordon Starr scheduled our adopted road trash pickup for April 12, followed by social hour at Brueger's Bagels.

We recently lost a very good friend. Ed Piper passed away after having several hospitalizations for pneumonia. If you wish to send a card to Rose, her address is: Rose Piper, 5428 West 129<sup>th</sup> Place, Crestwood, IL 60445.

Finally, Ken Kuehn is home. He is still getting therapy, but is doing well & getting a little stronger each day. They are still celebrating at the Skilled Nursing facility.



## **CALIFORNIA**

### **CENTRAL COASTERS**

Pismo Beach, CA  
Wilma Sandy  
223 Perry St.  
Milpitas, CA 95035-5711  
(408) 262-1548

The June luncheon meeting of the Central Coasters will take place on June 15. Bob & Marcia Stanger (805) 929-2901, will be the hosts. Details in flyer.

For chapter info, contact Pres. Bob Stanger (805) 929-2901

### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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The Desert Sunbirds met on March 9 at Casino Morongo - between Banning & Palm Springs. This was hosted by Tom & Karen Tischler. I believe everyone enjoyed the place. Food was great, so were the various gambling machines; Joyce Bossio said she only donated \$20. I donate nothing because I don't enjoy the machines. George & Loraine Lantz were unable to go due to poor health, but I was able to bring a portable dessert home to them ... John Osgood was a bit under the weather so he got a portable dessert. Elaine Aggson won the free birthday lunch because, as usual, the other celebrants (Bud Gimple & Sheryl Delaney) weren't there. Vic Swanson hasn't been well but now doing some traveling. Elmer & Billie White were down this way in April for an RV rally. Janis Ward & Sandy Sereno were playing in a golf tournament. Lynn Morrow was in PHX, Dave Podnar was volunteering at Wellness Center, Louie Horvath was in Guatemala.

Guests were Flora and Eloy Chavez; 2 new members - Beverly Seaton & Kathy Thorne.

With all the rain we've had the wild flowers are wonderful this year - both in the semi-desert & low desert.

### **THE SACRAMENTO**

#### **GOLD DIGGERS**

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Luncheon was held at The Thunder Valley Casino with 146 in attendance. A bit noisy so the meeting was short.

Harold Esola called the meeting to order & thanked Sonda & Dick Sandstedt for hosting the luncheon.

We welcomed many guests & hope they join us again soon.

V.P. Jeanette D'Amico announced the next meeting will be held at Luau Gardens, 1931 Zinfandel Dr., Rancho Cordova. All of the luncheons for the year have been handled.

Treas. Judie King advised there is \$1992 in our account also we took in \$182 in raffle tickets.

Secy. Bob Sample will be working on bringing the anniversary roster up-to-date.

Sunshine Francis Domaratius announced that Ed Lamphere passed away March 22.

Harold stated that Jack Raynor has some new 2005 rosters. Also there are some VCR's of "Soaring Through History" \$6 each.

RUAEA Regional Director Bob Cuff reminded everyone about the Convention in May in Hollywood.

Directions to next month luncheon: Highway 50 to the SUNRISE BLVD exit toward FAIR OAKS. Turn left onto SUNRISE BLVD/CR-E2 N. Turn left on ZINFANDEL DRIVE. Luau Gardens will be on your left. Hope to see everyone there.

## **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

### **RETIREES**

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The March meeting of Redwood Empire Retirees was held at La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa. Pres. Les Carey called the meeting to order & immediately called a break for the delicious lunch we always receive here. Pres. Carey reconvened the meeting, said that he & Joyce were the hosts for this meeting, ably assisted by Don & Norma Davis.

V.P. Norm Burnett introduced new members Dick & Lilli Smith. Dick said a few words about his work with United Air Lines & noted he was a native of Sonoma County. Norm introduced our many guests; welcome & we hope to see you again. We also had visitors Jack & Irene Fechter, who are members of the Sacramento & Concord chapters.

Pres. Carey presented a proclamation, a gift certificate & flowers to Naomi Tolf, who is moving to CO to be nearer to family. Naomi's new address is:

2039B Princeton Way

Montrose, CO 81401

Naomi has been very active in RER for the past 12 or more years, we will miss her.

Treas. Oscar Chambers reported the general accounts & charity are solvent.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr announced the Birthdays & Anniversaries for March. Bernie Hagan was the winner of the birthday lunch. Verda reported her experience with the calling of the Portland & Seattle phone numbers for flight listing assistance. She said the "Real Voice" were extremely helpful & recommends using these numbers. Those phone numbers are (206) 433-4218 for Seattle & (503) 249-4142, (503) 249-4143 for Portland plus Toll-free # 888-278-7038, M/W/F 10:00AM - 2:00PM Pacific Time. She has sent cards to Helen Furber who has had some breathing problems, now home & doing fine. Also to Charlie Anderson who has had hip surgery, now walking, feels good with therapy coming up. His sense of humor is still intact.

Thought for the month:

YOU DON'T NEED INTELLIGENCE TO HAVE LUCK, BUT YOU NEED LUCK TO HAVE INTELLIGENCE.

### **Calendar:**

**June 9** – Quail Inn, Oakmont - Clair & Barney Hagan

**July 14** - Chalet Basque, Santa Vanetia - Joan & Oscar Chambers

## **Re-LAX-ers**

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Rubin Knight called to advise he's catching up with dues & that he will be going for knee surgery on 5/17/05. He hopes to be in great shape to join us at our next luncheon. His absence for the last few years is that he was a stand-in on "NYPD Blue", even appeared with a speaking part on the last episode. He'd like to do commercials in the future instead of a show as it is better for scheduling your private life!

Retiree Cazinski (sorry, I've lost track of your first name) called for assistance with a convention address, in our conversation he mentioned that his daughter (or did he say niece, oh, CRS hit again!) knows Wolfgang Puck! They are very excited about having the dinners catered by him & think the entrée choice is just fine!

Donna heard from Peg Ballagh. We have missed them very much for quite some time, but ill health has taken over so they have not been able to get to the luncheons. Peg advises they do plan to attend the banquet at the convention. Their son will accompany them so they should get around just fine; enjoy renewing friendships. We'll be happy to see you - we've missed you at meetings.

I received an email from Jack Moore asking us to keep them on our list, but that they'll be absent from the next few affairs. Jack had to have some pretty serious abdominal surgery which will keep him around home for 3 months or more. Our best thoughts are with you, Jack - we miss you.

The loss of some of our friends from all our years at our jobs is always hard to report. With the wider & wider use of internet communications, many of you keep up with the latest, but we try to being the "unwired" up-to-date whenever possible. This month we were very saddened at the death of Nancy Toothman in March. I'm sure all her old friends will want to express their sympathy to the family. Write to the Toothman Family, 2056 Loma Vista St., Pasadena, CA 91104.

Some of the LAX & LAS ticketing & airport folks will remember Don Burkhart who has been living in LAS for several years. Don was on a much anticipated trip visiting friends & relatives in the Southeast when he was stricken by a very severe stroke while in GA. He never regained consciousness & passed away within hours. Don had been undergoing dialysis for several years & had to battle heart problems as well. I was so happy to have the memory of a very nice long lunch with Don & another LAXTO fellow worker, Lu Friel a short time ago on my visit in LAS. In case the Newsletter hits the "-net" before April 30 - the memorial for Don will be at 11am at Rose Hills Cemetery, 3888 S. Workman Mill Rd., Whittier 90601, Hillside Chapel, Gate 17. He was very close to his sister, Barbara, so send condolences to her: Barbara Perez, 1422 Echo Falls, Las Vegas, NV 89123 (702) 616-1754.

Another dear person to many of us, Edna Englert, Kay Englert's (retiree from LAXRR) cute, lively mom kept with us past age 102. She passed away peacefully at home where she'd been under nursing care for some time. Send a note/card to Kay Englert, 2710 E. Washington St. #26, IA 52245 (319-354-5544).

With all of us so wound up in the convention it's hard to concentrate on another "event", but pause for a moment; mark your Sept. calendar for the LAXRR reunion on Sept. 24 at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo.

## **CONVENTION COMMENTS:**

May 22-30 - HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD - BIG TIME! The more we visit the location of our 2005 convention the more we like & discover about it. It is so easy to get to places - public transportation is recommended as it is convenient & frequent to many places just beyond walking distances. It is

easy to get around comfortably because the "Dress Code" is no code at all. You'll see everything wearable there. Travel light, rinse out stuff - wrinkled togs are very much "in". SO BE SURE TO COME, WE'RE "GONNA" HAVE A GREAT TIME.

(PS, it'll probably be quite warm, but with cool evenings.) The 2<sup>nd</sup> bus for PSP opened up space, so late additions are welcome ...

In June, on the 9<sup>th</sup>, back to our regular ReLAXers meeting schedule. Then the great picnic on Aug. 11.

### **UNITED AIRLINES** **RETIREES - SFO AREA**

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Joan Brochu & Bernice Trullinger were our greeters on a beautiful sunny day at our March meeting. After all the rain we had the sunshine was much appreciated, as well as the cheerful welcome from Joan & Bernice. Pres. Ralph Trullinger called the meeting to order, Secy. Helen Cain read the minutes. Treas. Gene Walker reported that 548 members (not 589 that I reported last month) have paid their dues for 2005. Today we welcomed 4 new members. They were: Rick & Joann Eastman, Al & Elizabeth Sunde, Ann Lung & Sung Pun Byun.

We had a very successful Chinese Luncheon with 160 tickets sold. We thank our Food Coordinators, Vera & Walter Kina, for making all the arrangements. Vera was named "Volunteer of the Fall Quarter" in the Foster City "Islander" newspaper. Not only does she give of her time to the UAL Retirees but last year she was VP of the "55-Plus Club" & volunteered at the Senior Wing Front Desk & as a trips & tour escort for the Senior Program. It's nice to have a celebrity in our midst. We also thank Jim & Helen Goodwine for their donation of baseball tickets to our raffle for the last 2 months. The money goes to our charity fund.

After our wonderful lunch we had another outstanding program. Co-2<sup>nd</sup> VP Tony & Kathy Hutt introduced the "Swingnotes", a ladies trio who sang songs mostly from the '30s & '40s. This was an exceptionally good group with wonderful harmony that you could listen to forever. Next month we look forward to having the "Bay Bell Ringers" as our entertainment.

Travel info: There are some good trips being planned. Ginger Dahlberg still has room on the Sept. 2-12 Baltic Cruise with 54 participants booked so far. If you are interested give Ginger a call at 650-224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) for info on that trip & others she may be planning. Betty Garner has planned a "Mexican Riviera" cruise out of SFO from Oct. 1-11 & a "New Year's aboard the Mississippi Queen" Dec. 26, 05 - Jan 2, 06. Call Betty for more information at 650-355-4195. These trips fill up fast.

### **Calendar:**

**Singles Club:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. each month, Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce – (650) 593-7328.

**Retirees General Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. each month, business meeting 11:30 AM at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

### **SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

## **SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY**

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Our Spring Luncheon, held on March 9 this year, was a success. We had a big turnout; the weather could not have been more perfect - a gorgeous spring day; the food & atmosphere at Michael's Shoreline was, as always, lovely. It was wonderful to see Elaine Kristen & Dwayne Howze in attendance. A big thanks to Marian Swanson and LaDonna & Gene Eggert for hosting this event.

Another major event this month was the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of longtime members Lew & Nancy Bacheller. The anniversary also coincided with a major birthday of Nancy's. The family celebrated with a cruise to Mexico, hosted by their son Joe, a retired UA captain & his wife Gay. Joe & Gay were guests at our March 18 meeting, at which time the group presented Nancy & Lew with a plaque commemorating their anniversary. It is the officers' plan in the future to honor all 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebrants in this special way. Thanks to Lee & Barbara Ferrell for helping select the plaque.

Another milestone anniversary in March was for new members Ben & Cheri Scales, who celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to them also!

Also visiting in March was Jerome Koert, guest of Marion Gaevert.

Some of our members who have been ill are coming along. Elaine Kristen is continuing to try to solve the problem with her leg; Barbara Ferrell continues to recover from her surgeries. It was nice to see her at our meeting, she looks really great! Don Burla is continuing to recover from his rotator cuff surgery. Bill Reichert shattered his heel - will be in a cast for 12 weeks. We wish him well. Bill Arredondo had eye surgery. Jean Parkin had toe surgery; Fred Parkin is in a care center & continues to be in our thoughts & prayers.

Several trips this month, besides the Bacheller's anniversary cruise: Lois Rodriguez took another trip - this time a tour of Italy. David Saso & his family went to Cabo San Lucas. (Another happy event for the Saso's - their son had twin girls!). Charlie & Barbara Brown returned from New York. Jim & Marina Gallivan are back from Greece; they are fixing up a house there. Jack & Jeanette Fredricksen returned from HWI.

We are looking forward to our next event, the June 14 (flag day) picnic at Vasona Park. Tony Urso has 40 people signed up to date. Call Tony at 408-264-8580 for more information.

Also a reminder that Alice Frisch is collecting old eyeglasses for tsunami victims. Any donation will be appreciated.

### **Calendar:**

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. mornings at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts at 7:00 am, meeting convenes at 8:30 am. We welcome all fellow retirees to join us. Please contact our Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548, for more information.

## **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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The East Bay Diablos held their March meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> with 31 members & guests. A discussion was held regarding the name change of our group; in order to include all the East Bay retirees, we agreed on this name.

We welcomed Dan & Judy Deford back also our new member, Judy Tiu - SFOTO.

A lively discussion was held regarding pension issues, but as there are changes continually, we will rely on the good information we receive from the Newsletter.

The toll free PDX Retiree Desk was praised as being very helpful & efficient. Thanks so much to all of you volunteers "up North".

Our picnic in June will be catered; we will be discussing the menu at our future meetings - all opinions are welcome. We will not be holding a meeting in July due to so many of our members will be gone.

Calendar:

**May 9, June 13 (no meeting in July), Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10** – We meet at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Concord the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month. Social time from 11:15 to 12:00 – Lunch & business matters from 12:00 on. No need for reservations.

**COLORADO**

**DENVER MILE HIGHERS**

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The March 6 breakfast at Park Hill Golf Course was attended by 40 retirees. Marilyn Hankins brought her step-daughter, Romara Bohte - Romara brought her daughter Michelle.

Virgil Gooselaw returned his 50/50 winnings to RUAEA's stamp fund. Thanks, Virgil.

Members have asked how much Mile-Highers make saving pop cans? Tom Goodyear stated that in 2004 - over \$500. That is the reason our Chapter does not have dues.

Harold "Lobby" Lobsinger celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday 3/29/05. He says "Hi" to all his DEN friends. Congratulations & Happy Birthday, "Lobby".

Nancy & Tom Goodyear invited a friend for dinner (special guest, special menu - filet mignon). Tom was cooking the steaks on the outside grill - guest wanted his steak rare, so Tom left the one steak on a serving shelf. Time to put the steak on the grill, however, NO steak! Their dog, "Abby", was really happy - she had downed the entire steak. Luckily, Nancy had an extra one in the freezer. With the help of the microwave to thaw the steak - all turned out well.

Nancy & Tom Goodyear's granddaughter, Austyn Bruchs, was inducted into the Lewis-Palmer High School National Honor Society, Monument, CO, on 3/29/05. The entire family is mighty proud of Austyn. The Goodyear's daughter and son-in-law both work for UAL in Colorado Springs, CO.

Teena Davis, member of the Mile Highers advised that she used the PDX Travel Desk for the first time; said the volunteers were wonderful to her & it really worked "slick". Wanted to thank the PDX Volunteers and RUAEA for sponsoring the toll-free number; a great benefit for our retirees. (PDX Travel Desk phone # 1-888-278-7038 open M/W/F 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Pacific Time).

Good to see Lonnie Kemp at the March 26 mailing session - after a long absence. Join us again soon, Lonnie.

It is with great sorrow we report that on 3/14/05 Cy Seim passed away suddenly from a massive heart attack. Cy always treasured his family & friends; he will be sorely missed by all.

Elaine Fluegel thanks everyone for all the cards, notes & letters she received while she was "under the weather". Happy to report Elaine is now at home recuperating - hopes to be "back" real soon.

Don Black has been ill; sure could use some "cheering up" cards/notes. Address: 8295 Johnson Ct., Arvada, CO 80005.

The Mile-Highers' picnic will be held July 13 at Heather Gardens Blossoms, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Social hour 11:00 AM, lunch (picnic) 12 Noon - \$12.00 P/P. Send check payable to RUAEA-Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211, phone 303-477-2918. Cut off date 7/8/05.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Park Hill Golf Course, 35<sup>th</sup> & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001.

**July 13** – Picnic - Details in column

**FLORIDA**

**CITRUS GROUPERS**

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The Citrus Groupers met on March 24, at the Golden Corral, in Inverness, with 22 members present. After a good meal, we decided not to hold the business part of the meeting because there was too much noise & other distractions. This part will be postponed to the April meeting. We missed Frank & Maxine Wood, also Ralph & Ella Nardone. Both couples were absent because of medical appointments.

Calendar:

**May 26** – Tierra del Sol restaurant, 806 San Marino Dr. in the Villages, 11:30 AM.

**SAND“DABS”**

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Well, after a long absence from all activities, John & I finally got back to a Sand“DABS” meeting. I'm happy to report John is well on the way to recovery, dealing with an eye problem right now, which I continue to believe is the result of his chemo treatments. We're hoping that the eye will respond to medications & will heal in time. He thanked everyone for the calls, cards, & e-mails. Anyway, it was good to be back & be greeted by so many people happy to see us; 22 joined together for lunch at the Red Lobster.

Our Pres. Dick opened the meeting. It was good to hear John give the blessing after our flag pledge. Steve & Lillian Moddle were off to Ft. Pierce whooping it up at a reunion with some long-time friends from “up north”. Andy & Jane Kress told me about a new great-grandson whom they adore. A funny story was told on Dick Russell. It seems on his recent 70<sup>th</sup> birthday after he, his wife & some friends returned home from having dinner out, low & behold there were 70 bright pink flamingos on his front lawn. Tacky, Tacky, what a hoot! Birthday celebrants present were Jane Kress, Bobbie Rieck & Jim Myer. Rick & Marion Johnson will be celebrating their 4<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month – without a cruise.

Pres. Dick's joke time was all about hurricane “preparedness”. Somehow duct tape got left out of the mix. It seems the best place to be in a hurricane is NE, but we hardy folks still prefer to stay in “paradise”.

After lunch Pres. Dick resumed the meeting with information on company status, an up-to-date on the medical situation, insurance, etc. All information will be forwarded to our members by e-mail. Everything else got put into the “who cares” file. It was a good meeting, many stayed to chat with each other.



THOUGHT FOR TODAY: The person who snores gets to sleep first.

On one of Florida's gorgeous days in this Sunshine State, 20 of us Sand"DABS" gathered at the Red Lobster. John & I are glad to be back in civilization again. He is doing really well, feeling more like himself again. We were all so glad to see one another, it became quite a talkative session; our Prez Dick Coughlin had to call order by tapping a glass to get our attention to start the meeting. (We should get him a gavel.)

Andy Kress is celebrating 59 years seniority with United. We sure did clap for that. We're happy for him, but hope we don't meet him at the airport gate anytime soon, or we'd never get out SA. Some of us were on the move; Penny & Omar Logan were in TX. We learned that our resident photographer Bill Oliver won another award at the S.E. Volusia Camera Club. His winning picture was titled "Three Beauties".

Treas. Frieda Coughlin noted we are increasing our coffers slowly but surely, keeping us in the black. She also reported that our Sand"DABS" name was published in the Moffet Cancer Center magazine for our contribution in Dec. VP Steve Moddle reported an e-mail he received urging us who support our troops, to wear something red on Fridays. Dick's joke time was very funny.

Our Prez gave us some up-dated information about the company. All will be forwarded to our members via e-mail. Some news was good, some not so good. But, we were encouraged by a nice story from Dick Perry on his way to a family funeral traveling stand-by. It seems he was unable to get on board as the flight was full. A kind man he was talking with BOUGHT him a ticket on the next flight to be sure he got a seat & got to the family funeral on time. Yes, there are still some good Samaritans in this world.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Why do you run after trouble, when you know you can get there by walking?

Calendar:

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

### **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA** **PELICAN DROP-INS**

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38 Pelican Drop-Ins & our two speakers enjoyed the last lunch of the season at beautiful Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club on April 1. Since Carrie Belluso, our Pres., was absent, Terry Gilkison, VP, took over & introduced our 3 guests who also became new members. We welcome them. They are Jack McClure & Wanda Schmoyer both from Fort Myers & Rex Davenport from Estero, FL. Wanda Schmoyer was a guest of Nancy Kopp. Terry introduced Bob & Joni Gainer, brother of Dick Gainer. They were guests of Bill & Eileen Burg. Each guest was asked to give a little information about themselves & what they did at United.

Next Terry introduced our speakers, Millie Lewis & Jack Krogulski, representative from the National Cremation Society. They talked to us about "What you always wanted to know about cremation but were afraid to ask". They had a short film presentation, then discussed the cost & what is provided with their service.

We were happy to see Carmen Kersky back at our luncheons. She had been sick for 5 weeks, is doing well now. Ray Winterhalter was on crutches suffering from Gout.



Arlene Walton is on very aggressive chemotherapy for her cancer. She is asking to be put on prayer lists ... God does work miracles. Please keep her in your prayers. Arleen is the wife of Harry Walton, Southeast Regional Director of RUEA. Please keep Arleen in your prayers.

Tom McNabb wasn't at the meeting this month. He & his son, Rick, decided to spend 2 days in China shopping. All Tom wanted to do was to go First Class non-stop from CHI to Beijing. He got his wish, went First Class both ways! He even got First Class coming out of Fort Myers.

Terry Gilkison bought a new sail boat so you know where he will be spending his spare time. I don't think that Joan is quite as excited as he is about it.

Our next meeting will be a tour of the new Southwest Regional International Airport (RSW) on May 15, therefore, there will be no luncheon meeting. Instead we will meet at the United ticket counter at the new terminal at 1:30PM. Any United Retirees, family members, or employees are welcome to join us for the "Open House Tour". There will be access to all areas of the terminal without any security. The parking will be free for the tour.

#### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Fri. of Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct. - May) - Guests are welcome ... but reservations must be made.

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers (June - Sept.)

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#### **THE SAND DOLLARS**

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On March 10, our chapter went to the Golden Apple Theater in Sarasota to see a performance of CATS, the Broadway Musical. Our group of 35 was seated right in front of the stage, we had a great view of the actors. First, we enjoyed a buffet dinner & drinks, then we all sat back & relaxed, (just like we do on our wonderful United flights).

Pres. Tim O'Donnell & his wife Bette did an outstanding job of coordinating this event; everyone had a great time.

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Spring is here. We had a great turn out for our April meeting, 18 folks were in attendance at Johnny's restaurant along with a new member, Jack Schramm. He retired out of ORD in 1993. We are very glad to have him & his wife, Patti, join our outstanding group. In a survey, it was nice to hear that United was the only major carrier to improve services. Hopefully, this will help improve the situation. 6 members from the Treasure Coast Chapter will attend the convention in May. Diane Brodis will be taking my place as correspondent. Several of us are going to a dinner/comedy show this Thurs. We have seen one of the comedians before & know we will enjoy the show. The next meeting will be our annual picnic. It was decided that we'd pitch in \$3.00 P/P & buy food already prepared. What is not covered will come out of the treasury. Hope everyone likes peanut butter &

jelly sandwiches - just kidding. Birthdays for April include Jorge Dias on the 1st, Paul Liebisch on the 25th. Elizabeth Armstrong & Barbara Dodenhoff share birth dates on the 28th. John & Helen (me) Koerber have an anniversary on the 7th. Ron Brodis, husband of Diane, has pneumonia, but is improving. Get well Ron. Jorge Dias won the 50/50 drawing - \$27.00. Diane Brodis won a free 50/50 ticket by answering the trivia question in what year did the 'Mileage Plus' frequent flyer program start? She gave the correct answer of 1981. From 1947-1957 United's first inflight magazine was called the "Mainline Traveler". The UA & Capital merger was on June 1, 1961. Now to this month's trivia question. In 1954 a record-breaking flight of 16 hours 51 minutes was from where to where & introduced what airplane to United's fleet? If you know the answer, come to our meeting & get a free 50/50 ticket. Next month's meeting is our annual picnic; will take place at Sandsprit Park in Port Salerno. Do you want to come? Contact me at [cataholic73@msn.com](mailto:cataholic73@msn.com).

## **HAWAII**

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St. Patrick's Day at the Firehouse Restaurant in Hilo was a bon voyage lunch for Dennis & CeCe McMahon, Pres. & Secy., as they passed the gavel to Art Chang, new Pres., & Ann Medve, new Secy.-Treas. The McMahons are moving back to the Mainland to be with family. It won't be an easy task trying to match their enthusiasm & "can do". They went the extra mile. Mahalo & aloha nui loa.

Calendar:

**May 19** – Firehouse Restaurant, Hilo

## **IDAHO**

### **BOISE GEMS**

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Ned Yundt opened our meeting on April 4 by welcoming all attendees (24) & 1 guest, Bev Olsen of Boise -- a retiree from what she calls "the Old Frontier Airlines." She said it was great to see so many of her UAL friends again.

Of all the important events going on & coming up this spring & summer, we wish Roni & Chic Adams a very happy Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 9.

Winning First Prize in a contest for the best & most original Easter Bonnet was our own Shirley Law. Not to be outdone, Wilma Anderson modeled a 1950s blue sun dress, by taking a barefoot twirl on the lawn of the old train station in Nampa, now a historical museum. The occasion was an elegant Victorian tea & fashion show, with proceeds going to the Canyon County Historical Society for preserving clothes, quilts, books & related items, donated by Canyon County families. Wilma is one of several models, known as "Calendar Girls," because they are featured on the organization's 2005 calendar. The story & Wilma's photo were featured on a quarter of one newspaper page in *The Idaho Statesman* on Mar. 26.

Bob Smith reported that his granddaughter has graduated from Law school, & is now working with Sen. Ted Kennedy's Judiciary Committee. Bob visited her last week in Washington, DC.

Marian Odom updated us on the GEMS' gift of a B-737 model to the City of Boise, for display at the airport. It is now in place & shortly will be accompanied by a plaque identifying the model aircraft as having been donated by the Boise GEMS.

Coming up on July 23 is our Annual Memorial picnic at Flora Tanguay's home in Meridian. June 14, 6 p.m. dinner at Jaker's on Park Center Blvd. Sept. 3, Labor Day picnic. Dec. 13, Christmas party & dinner at the Shriner's Club, El Kora, in downtown Boise. Details later. To complete the theater trip to Garden Valley, we still need to know which show you want to see. Dave will take us there in one of his busses, with dinner beforehand in Horseshoe Bend.

Bill Smith continued his monthly briefings on how to protect yourself from crime. This time the subject was identity theft, which is rapidly becoming a leading cause of crime in this country. The thieves are getting very sophisticated, but there are ways to limit your exposure. He gave us some excellent tips. Next month, home security.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Frank L. Schell, 78. He will be missed by all. We extend our sincere condolences to his wife, Wilma, who is still recovering from pneumonia. Services have yet to be announced. Frank died Mar. 10 at a Boise hospital. Also, Mary Marchetti, 84, died on Feb. 17.

Charlie Law is at the Veterans Home in Boise. Shirley assures us that he is receiving the best of care. Still sidelined are Betty Archibald, & Al Cox. Al is presently on oxygen. Walt Anderson described his gall-bladder operation (lapriscopy) as a "piece of cake."

Calendar:

**May 2 & June 6** - 9 a.m. breakfast at J.B's in Meridian.

**ILLINOIS**

**CHICAGO SKYLINERS**

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Over 150 people attended the Spring Skyliners Luncheon; everyone had a good time mingling.

The Skyliners Summer Planning Committee has been set for our Summer Luncheon on July 19 with a theme "Hawaiian Lunch" at the Villa Olivia in Bartlett. More information will be listed in the next Newsletter.

The Northsiders breakfast the morning after was well attended; over 20 lovely ladies received plastic hand rakes for their early Spring gardening.

The Southsiders Group reported that 21 people attended their breakfast but there was not much chatter. Many spoke of the upcoming Convention in Hollywood.

Bob & Carol Faust recently returned from a trip to Antarctica on a Russian research vessel, the Akademik Shokalskiy and reported that they had a wonderful trip. If you would like more information & details, please contact Carol. She will give you an exciting & interesting report on this wonderful trip.

Calendar:

**May 11** – Breakfast with the Northsiders Group 9:00 a.m. Artemis Restaurant at Golf & Busse Rd. in Mt. Prospect, IL.

**May 16** – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House for the Southsiders Group, 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

**May 23 - 28** – **RUEA Convention**, Hollywood, CA

**July 19** – Hawaiian Luncheon in Bartlett, IL

### **LOOP GROUP**

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VROOOM what terrific & unexpected surprise to see & be greeted by such a large & lively luncheon group. A wonderful surprise especially since the previous luncheon was so very small consisting of Mary Szabo, Norm Pearson, Ron Madsen, Beverly Connor, my brother Tony & me. It was great saying "hello" to Lillian & Roe Mallstrom back from their annual escape to Mexico, looking wonderful, saying hello to energized Tony & Helen Stefanos. A very thoughtful item was the gift of Marshall Field chocolates by Beverly Connor & Rich Surma. I am sorry to report that I misplaced the card with the names of 2 new guests I hope they enjoyed themselves & plan to attend again. It was good seeing Stefanis Simpson after an absence, to greet Mary Gray smiling again, of course, Mary Szabo & Norm Pearson were very attentive, Ron Madson with his enthusiastic energy. Rich Surma was very caring & helpful. All in all it was great luncheon.

Looking forward to next LOOP LUNCHEON in May, hoping to see you all.

Calendar:

**May 18** – Loop Group Luncheon – Palmer House, French Quarter, 11:20 AM

## **INDIANA**

### **INDY RACERS**

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Spring is finally here...the grass has turned green, the trees are giving birth to their new foliage; yellow day lilies have blossomed everywhere. This has got to be one of the best months in the year. The only problem with these beautiful days is the drop in meeting attendance. Our March meeting, which was a cold miserable day, was one of our largest with 40 people present. Our April 9 meeting was a beautiful sunny day with 18 people attending. For those who were not present, you missed a delicious birthday cake provided by our Pres. Wanda Bryce. Each month, we have been sending birthday cards & we close each meeting with birthday cake for those who have matured another year.

Updating illnesses and/or surgeries as well as vacations, I am happy to report that Charles Theiss has informed us of his wife's successful hip replacement surgery. Lelia is doing quite well, improving daily. Mike Quilter remains in The Hearth at Windemere in Fishers, IN. If you would like the addresses for these individuals, please call or email me, I'll be happy to provide them to you. Jim Gibson & Christiane Steele are vacationing in Spain & France.

Mark your calendars for June 11, the Argosy Casino one-day trip & for our July 9 picnic at Swinford Park in Plainfield. For further information, please call or email me. Due to the amount of "spam" I

receive, please enter UAL in the subject line so I do not "spam" you. Hope to see you at our next scheduled meetings on May 14 and June 11.

Calendar:

**May 14** – Meeting at the Paragon Restaurant, 118 S. Girls School Rd., Indianapolis from 2:00 – 4:00.

**June 11** – One-day trip to the Argosy Casino.

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**NOR'EASTER**

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The Nor'Easters March meeting will occur after this newsletter is published. Little to report, as we also didn't hold a Jan. or Feb. meeting. Kudos to any Nor'Easter who made plans to escape this winter. Extremely cold & more snow than normal. Worse, it isn't over yet. Woody Withrow & Christine are back in FL, looking for a place to buy, to become Snow Birds.

March 15 was Ed LeClair's birthday, 2 days earlier, his anniversary.

Received some facts from a currently employed fellow CSR I'd like to share. Current CSR's just had to accept an 11.5% pay cut on top of an earlier 14% pay cut, however, management received a 4% pay increase. I'm sure most of you know by now, last month, rank & file got a 5% pay bonus, while management got 40% bonus. Imagine, 5% of your pay, compared to 40% of managements pay. Quite a disparity I would suggest. Now, United has bowed out of the pension program, which will affect some retirees. RUAEA, are you listening?

The Nor'Easters welcomes 3 new members, Lynn O'Hare-Monroe, DCASW; Lawrence J. Cunningham, ORDFI; & Jacqueline Allen, spouse of a PHL retiree.

The Nor'Easters March meeting, first of the year proved to be a good time. We met at I-Max theater surround movie, excellent! Then 52 members met for luncheon at the Lord Wakefield Inn in Rading, MA. First time here, very good food & accommodations. Our thanks to Marie Dwyer, for her work with the Inn, ever procuring donated chits for free luncheons & dinner, which we raffled.

This was our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting, a sheet cake was provided by our executive administrator George Mavreles. We had pictures from our Christmas party, our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & current new logos. We also had A Mainliner schedule from 1946. Quite a difference from today!

Bill Shailor won our newly instituted chapter free luncheon. Bill Shailor, Bob Austin & Ray Forster won the free meals provided by the Inn. Our 2 prize winners Bill Shailor & Peter Fusco also shared birthdays this month at 83 years young, each. Erwin Leder, who hasn't been able to attend meetings lately, asked to be remembered to his friends & fellow retirees.

From our questionnaires mailed last month: We will be mailing a list of member names, adds, phones & e-mails to all. Still looking for those who can share a ride. Received a 50% response for a nighttime activity, which we'll look into. We still encourage each member to investigate a new meeting location.

John Norton, retired BOSFF passed away recently. Although not a Nor'Easter member, he was well known by most.

Calendar:

**May** – Convention - LAX

**June 12** – North Shore Music Hall – Fame

**July 27** – Cape Cod Canal Cruise

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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We were much saddened to hear that Sally Stevens, flight attendant, left this world to continue her life eternally. Sally had just joined the Escapees last year. She only attended one meeting before she became ill, but she called every month after that, to advise me that she wasn't feeling up to par also to assure me she was not a "one timer person"! Unfortunately for us, God had different plans & wanted her home. There will be a memorial service planned for May 14. If you would like more information on this, please contact a friend of Sally's, Marilyn Petrich, [seawitch808@aol.com](mailto:seawitch808@aol.com). Our Love & Prayers to husband, Larry, at 1805 Shankin Dr., Walled Lake, MI 48390.

We were also sorry to hear fellow Loonie; Gene Lydon has left us. We will surely miss his stories that were so entertaining after our dinners at our semi-annual affairs. Our love and prayers to Marilyn at 1403 Whitespire Ct., Naperville, IL 60565.

Sorry to have to report only sad news this time ... so *Please* everyone – **BE WELL.**

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or email.

## NEBRASKA

### GOLDEN'EARS

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A good group at House of Hunan with 46 attending. Ralph & Jean Jensen from Western Nebraska (that really is a town). Ralph has been a member for quite a long time & worked in Lincoln. Also attending were Marva & Emery Dickinson, Don Behrendt (from ID), Penny Sophir, Hank Marquardt & wife, Larry & Peggy Weare, & Joyce Torchia. Joyce retired as of March 1, we are happy to welcome her to our chapter.

Harry Southard passed away March 2 from complications of having a valve replaced in his heart.

Jacki & Andy Vassios celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 25 with a dinner with their children. Jacki & Andy met while they were both employed by United in DEN. Congratulations!

Paul Steuri is still in rehabilitation after falling & breaking his hip. He should be released from Plattsmouth Manor in the near future.

Our June meeting is a picnic at the Bradens. This will definitely be the last as they are selling their farm. Jim is contacting a number of retirees from far & away who may want to come. He asks that if you know of anyone who might be interested in attending let him know & he will contact them.

Lorraine Stanfield spent 2 weeks in Denver, while there called on Vince Manhart. She said he is finished with his chemo; however, his feet & ankles are quite swollen, so it is hard for him to get around.

Calendar:

**May 3** - Greek Island - Hosted by Elaine Boner

**June 7** – Picnic at the Bradens

**NEVADA**

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The Treasury balance as of March 17 is \$541.56. Please send renewal dues to Mary Withers or me. There were 27 members in attendance at our St. Patrick's Day meeting.

Bob Cuff, RUAEA Western Region Representative, attended our meeting & spoke about some of the current development at UAL, including pensions.

Lynda Klemm was the winner of the special prize drawing for those wearing green for St. Patrick's Day. March birthdays were celebrated by: Maurine Williams & Martha Knutson, a sympathy card was circulated for Nancy (not Jean) Hilz, the widow of recently deceased Kurt Hilz. There were no new members this month. Kayla Kelly, niece of Kathy & Joe Robinson, attended as a guest.

Patricia Steenrod contacted several area restaurants for consideration due to the disastrous service we received in Feb. In order to change our venue & retain the service of separate checks, we would need to meet on a Mon., Tues., or Wed., or we could meet in the morning. The group voted to stay at the Red Lobster since the service was 100% improved in March. For the time being, we will continue to meet at Red Lobster. A big thank you to Patricia for taking on the negotiations for us.

Another big thank you to Roberta Wagner for handling badges for us. If you need to order one or need to pick one up, please see Roberta.

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**NEW JERSEY**

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The monthly meeting of the Gardenstater was held Feb. 23, at Snuffy's Restaurant, Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Pres. Richard Confer opened meeting, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Keister celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Joe Fiocca, son of Mike Fiocca passed away. One of our members, Norm Hills, passed away Feb. 24.

Again a reminder, that volunteers are needed for the Career Day at Newark Liberty International Airport to be held on May 18 & 19. The children from the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades from Elizabeth & the Newark area are being invited. The volunteers will be ambassadors on the buses that

will transport the children in the airport area. This year's theme will be "Aviation Makes the World Smaller".

Updates on the Bankruptcy, Pensions & Salaries were mentioned. The Maintenance Base in SFO will possibly be closed at the end of this year.

Door prize was won by Carnell Marable. Several of the Chocolate Easter Bunnies were given as door prizes. Treasurer's report was given by John Murphy, showing a balance of \$577.26. He also indicated that there are two shows at the Hunterdon Playhouse to be voted on, one is a musical, the other is Charlie Prose play. Musical won out. Cost is \$45.00. Available dates are July 13, 20, 27 & Aug. 17 & 24. Pres. Confer reminded everyone that the RUAEA convention is being held in Hollywood, CA, May 22 - 29. There are several tours, if you intend going, make your reservations for the tours early.

## **NEW YORK**

### **BUFFALO CHIPS**

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16 Chips showed up for the March 7 get together at the Burgundy Room, one of the smallest groups ever. What was lacking in quantity was made up for in quality; everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner & gabfest. Many in our group are playing the part of "Snow Birds" in FL or other warm parts of the world, a few had the flu & then came the weather. Weather for the past week has been the worst we have had all winter.

Kay Galbraith filled us in on the wonders of her new hot tub.

Ralph Loffert just had to tell us his newest story.

The Christmas meeting has been scheduled for Salvatore's Italian Restaurant on Dec. 7.

Meeting for June has yet to be determined.

### **GUYS AND DOLLS**

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April 5 was such a beautiful day for our luncheon. It was a good feeling to leave the coats & umbrellas at home for a change. It was also a special day for Marge Segal celebrating her birthday. There were 30 people present including first-time attendee, Steve Fontakis, who retired in Feb. from JFK Onboard Services. Guests were Cindy Simmons LAXSW; Evelyn Tuaeak, JFKSW; Rosemary Bechtler – all recent retirees.

It was good to see all the Snow Birds – Lucy Hirst, Liz Armstrong & Marsha Sullivan returned from FL. Anne & Don Dean had a great trip to the Mayan Peninsula in Mexico aboard the "Wind Surf" cruise line. This was their 3<sup>rd</sup> experience with this company – they highly recommend it.

Alice O'Hagen was the lucky 50/50 winner.



Calendar:

**June 7** – 12 Noon Luncheon, San Martin Restaurant, 143 E. 49<sup>th</sup> St. RSVP to Jeanne Leo or Marge Segal (212) 355-1788

**NEW YORK METROS**

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68 members attended our monthly meeting at the new Hyde Park Inn. The New York Metros are all happy to have the winter behind us. It's good seeing Rocky Mongelli, Dot Smith, Pat & Bob Gilson. Also, Mal Malesardi & Dick Holdsworth. Welcome back! You too Mike Pazienza!

Jack Dowling is back in Carolin Nursing home: 830 Park Ave., Huntington, NY 11743. I'm sure he'd love a card or little note.

Ann Meartz is in South Nassau Hospital, Room 219, 516-632-3900/516-632-3657. Speedy recovery!

9 members have birthdays in April. On the top of the list is Madaline Sudulich & Rocky Mongelli both will be 83 ... Madaline on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Rocky on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday.

Happy 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Yetta & Milton Sank, many happy returns.

The Metros Treas., Paul Cohen is collecting the chapter 2005 dues, \$5.00 per member.

Joe Totaro had a few hand-outs for the members:

1. Information on pension & retiree service.
2. 2005 Companion Travel Guide for listing & Easy Check-in
3. Forms for Living Wills & Health Proxies.
4. Directions to Antun's in Hicksville. 516-681-3300
- 5.

Charlie Kaczinski gave his latest report on United Airlines also a few of his new jokes ... Next month Charlie will be attending his U.S. Marine Corps reunion at Myrtle Beach, SC. "GUNG HO".

Calendar:

**May 4** – Meeting – 12 Noon at Antun's in Hicksville.

**NORTHWOODS**

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**LOONIES**

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The next meeting of the Northwoods Loonies is fast approaching. As noted in the April issue it will be held at the Northpointe Inn, Macknaw City, MI. on May 11/12/13, a block of rooms has been reserved & more should be available so everyone is welcome, including all the new members listed in the April issue.

The hotel is located on the shores of Lake Huron with a view of the Big Mac bridge also the island Grand Hotel.

Several activities are planned so that the group can pick & choose. Call the hotel at (231) 436-9812 or (800) 576-2842 for res. For travelers from a distance, Pellston Regional Airport is about 30 miles from the hotel & shuttle service is available from the airport.

## OHIO

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Our Pres. Carol Hacker wanted to remind the members that on June 1, we will be meeting at The Schoolhouse Restaurant in Litchfield, OH. Information will be sent out shortly.

Are you feeling adventurous? Come join us on FRI. Oct. 7. Come rain or shine for an ALL DAY trip to Athens County to see the Paul Bunyan Show plus many more exciting side trips. More info. to follow. We will be using a new bus company called Brecksville Road Transit, Inc. The cost of the trip is \$65 P/P. Feel free to invite your friends & family for a fun filled day of excitement.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts & prayers during the coming month: Carol Flickinger, Helen Horvath, Elma Jess, Nick Brodella & Mark & Sharon Gatesman.

John received an email from Tom Berkner, (non-member) saying that he is home from the hospital & in remission from Acute ALM Leukemia. He is doing much better, but asks that we continue to keep he & his wife in our prayers. He wanted to thank everyone who has said prayers as they have pulled us through these bad times.

Bernie & I recently visited with Lou Best, a retired Mechanic from Cleveland. He is going through a rough period health wise & asked me to have our members keep him in our prayers. We will keep you updated on his condition.

FYI Annual dues need to be paid & sent to our Treas. Dolly Taucher, 8301 Lorraine Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1031

### Calendar:

**June 1** - Old Schoolhouse Restaurant - pre-paid

**July 13** - Albion Woods Reserved Picnic Area, 12 noon

**Aug. 10** – Twelfth Annual Northfield Night, 6:00 p.m. Pre-paid.

## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ERS

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I will not be reporting on the April meeting until next month as the deadline for the column as been changed back to the first week of the month.

Marilyn Woods had surgery on her knee again in March; hopes this will be the last time. Merle Pitman was in the hospital for a week with a blood imbalance & stomach problems; however, Lois says he is improving.

I am sorry to report that Ed Loewen died on March 19. He retired from PDX after 27 years of service. One of the things noted in his obituary was his love of gambling, especially the slots. Isn't it amazing what you learn about a person after their passing. Our condolences to his family.

There will be a speaker at the May meeting, Phil Janney an attorney, who will discuss estate planning. Don't forget to mark your July calendar for the annual picnic that will be held again this year at North Clackamas Park

Please everyone, I need your cooperation when it comes to significant anniversary's & birthday's. Please let me know when someone is going to celebrate their 50, 60 or "more" anniversary's & 80, 85, 90 or above birthdays. I would like to acknowledge you in my column. Thanks!

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00AM to 2:00PM Pacific Time, Mon/Wed/Fri Tel # (503) 249-4142 & 249-4143 to assist you with listing & load information. Please remember that those outside the PDX area can call the new 1-888-278-7038 for assistance.

#### Calendar:

Meeting at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR unless noted otherwise

**May 11** - Speaker on Estate Planning

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

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We welcomed 36 great retirees to our March 14 luncheon at the Ramada Inn. Each luncheon always brings a new retiree or one we have not seen for years. That makes our get-togethers so important.

Our new officers: Joe Bradley-Pres., Bernie McNamee-VP, Tom Lyons-Treas. moved right into action.

Tom Lyons read & underscored some of the vital points in Marlin Lade's report in the March issue of RUAEA Newsletter. Those concerns are near & dear to all of us, active or retired. Many issues are still pending or deadlines have been extended. It is reassuring to know we have a represented voice in company discussions affecting retirees. Your RUAEA & local newsletters also websites are excellent sources of retiree updates. We encourage you to stay in touch.

Our luncheon program was delightfully musical this time. Brian Meneely, Associate Director of Music Activities at Villanova University & talented tenor, entertained us with selections that kept the crowd energized. Brian has performed with major orchestras in Europe & the US including The Philadelphia Orchestra. He has conducted choruses & instrumental ensembles at all levels of education, elementary through college, as well as professional. Since it was almost St. Patrick's Day, Brian sang a medley of, you guessed it, Irish tunes. The audience joined him in song with "The Irish Lullaby" & "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Brian sang "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "Dream The Impossible Dream" among other favorites.

The Irish sing-along prompted a mini Open Mic session where guests were invited to the mic. We had 3 takers, Bernie McNamee, Al Edwards, & Lew Meyers. They told a few brief but funny stories. When the luncheon was over, everyone left either laughing or singing. That is an excellent recipe for each day of your life.

Let us know of speakers that would be of interest to you.

Don't forget to join the \$1 a week club. See Frank Eggles for membership.

Calendar:

**May 9** - General Meeting -1:00PM - Ramada Inn

## **PITTSBURGH**

### **PIT-STOPPERS**

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Finally Spring is here! Time for baseball, cookouts & rainouts!

By the time you read this the Golden Girls Spring Fling will be over – our host Lee Snuffer will recap the luncheon for us in the June newsletter.

The Pit-Stoppers luncheon held on April 15 with our guest speaker, Marlin Lade – RUAEA Pres. will also be covered next month.

Hopefully we'll see many of you in Hollywood at the National Convention. What a great feeling to read about all the new members joining RUAEA.

Our roving reporter Al Larimer reports that Jim & Lois Doolan were both under the weather. Jim & Lois were returning from their frequent HNL/LAS trip & both became ill. Our best wishes to the "traveling duo".

Carl Chiochi is recuperating nicely from his treatments. Patti Ellis thanks all of her friends for their prayers & cards.

My own personal thanks to all for the many cards, e-notes & calls re. my big 70. My lovely niece Jana hosted a huge family dinner in my honor. Well – it's only a number – right?

Calendar:

**May 22-29** – National RUAEA Convention

**July 15** - Picnic - Robinson Park

## **TENNESSEE**

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30 members & guests met on March 17 at the Edison Park Steakhouse in Farragut. Being located in a private section of the restaurant was conducive to conversation; the meeting which followed a well-received lunch. Our thanks to Les & Jo Ann Swallom for hosting our get-together in a delightful place that not many of us had previously visited.

Carol Faust, our Regional Director, & her husband, Bob, flew in for the day & were our special guests. It was also good to see Bill & Joyce Martin after a long absence. Although John Grindle had joined us at our Feb. breakfast, it was the first time he & wife Pat had attended a meeting. John filled the group in on his long & varied career which ended in Burlington, VT last year.

Another special first-timer was Mary Gilbert, who had been a dues-paying member for a couple of years before being able to attend one of our functions. Mary's air biz career started out with Eastern, but she finished up with UAL as a flight attendant & continued exploring the country in a travel trailer as a work camper. Although she lives in Corryton, Mary is planning to work this summer at Grant Village in Yellowstone National Park. If you visit there during the next few months, stop in to say hello.

Our sick list never seems to go away. Art & Marilyn Christensen are both fighting health problems. Also, Fred & Ruby Green are continuing to confront life's challenges.

Much of the meeting centered on UAL's status in bankruptcy court & beyond. Rising fuel costs, higher security charges, the inability to raise domestic revenue levels continues to put the squeeze on our opportunities for recovery ... no news there. Some are rightfully concerned about insurance coverage if/when the PBGC takes over a pension plan. Carol Faust shared information with us from Marlin Lade & Mort Wax. We appreciate all they're doing on our behalf.

After the meeting a number of attendees went to the nearby Admiral Farragut museum, which includes artifacts & memorabilia of his life & times. From his long distinguished naval career, most are apt to remember his famous slogan "Damn the torpedoes, full steam ahead!" at the Civil War battle of Mobile Bay.

#### Calendar:

**May 19** – 12:30 pm EDT, luncheon/meeting to be hosted by Herman & Bev Emmel in the Norris Lake area. Details to be announced.

**June 16** - 10 am EDT, breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**July 21** - 12:30 pm EDT, luncheon/meeting to be hosted by Mike & Barbara Chapin.

### UTAH

#### THE SALT LAKERS

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On March 16, 31 chapter members met at the Chuck-A-Rama restaurant in Bountiful, UT, where we welcomed a number of new and/or seldom-seen retirees: Pat Byrne; Bob Turgeon; Andy Gallegos; Mont McEwen. We also had a brand-new SLC member Jack Dean (retired SFOFF) join us; Keith/Nancy Tronier, Gray Lowry, Geo. Nihipali, & Meda Sharp (Bob's widow) visited with us today; Doug Schwartz brought a lady-friend, Rayma Atkinson - welcome to all!

A thank-you to Mary Blackhurst who, when paying her local dues, also included a nice sum for the local postage fund. Most of you are aware of the fact that it was Mary who conceived the idea of starting a SLC RUAEA chapter in the late 1970s; in Oct. 1984, it finally took off, full-fledged. Thanks, Mary!

We missed some regulars: Tony/Dorothy Brown & Art Scott. We hope all is well with them. Sandy Cantonwine reported that Aletha Cannon (Hugh's widow) is recuperating from a very recent knee operation & today's telephone call to her daughter Shirleen Kohnlein confirmed that her mother is doing very well, to be released from her convalescent home in a couple of days.

Doug Peterson, who stays in touch with former RR coworkers, mentioned that Billie Smart had moved from the SEA area to a quieter place in ID. Doug also mentioned that SLCRR retiree Jerry Hugentobler is still recuperating from his heart attack.

SLC retiree Maria Apperson (Bill's widow) moved to HOU called recently from TX to tell she is enjoying the warmer winter climate. She & former SLCHH coworker Nancy Tronier are good friends & staying in touch with one another.

Earlier this month, this correspondent visited Marge Ringer (Bob's widow); she is doing all right on oxygen. Occasional visits to Leoma Williams (Speed's widow) show her in good spirits, although she, too, is no longer able to visit the group, for health reasons.

Bill Berg confided that he was glad to be alive after a horrifying experience on Hwy 25, just north of DEN: Sometime last week, when returning to SLC during snowy/icy road conditions, his car fishtailed & landed in the ditch, *upside down*. Being a conscientious driver, he had buckled up & was rescued by the summoned fire dept. personnel, after 45 minutes of being stuck in the car. Today, we were glad to see him in good health with only minor muscle aches.

Bill Ottman, at this meeting without wife Shirley, showed our group a very professionally put together photo/essay softcover book published about the recent flooding of the Virgin & Santa Clara Rivers near St. George, UT. His family's two-story home was in good condition, while their neighbors' houses showed flood damage. At least one home was totally destroyed by the rivers' rage, as reported on TV.

Calendar:

**May 18** - Lunch 2pm, Jumbo Buffet, 6930 S. State, Murray

**June 15** - Potluck 1pm - Island View Pk., Centerville, UT.

**VIRGINIA**

**TIDEWATER SEAGULLS**

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On March 17 the Seagulls met at Locks Point restaurant with 16 in attendance. Discussion by Pres. Bob Riggs about bankruptcy & other UA matters. Summer cruise was talked about ; will be further discussed at a later meeting. Hank Gilbert & Chico Pissardo spoke about experience in Navy. Hosting the luncheon were Bob & Barbara Coclins. With table decorations were Easter baskets & St. Patrick dolls.

Latest report on sick persons was zero (that's good!). Manager Kurt greeted us & welcomed us to Easter Brunch. Capital Airlines Newsletter was passed around because it will be the last. Birthdays wishes were exchanged. 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary was celebrated by Mario & Sunny Quaglietta.

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY

#### SLICKERS

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April came into Seattle like spring-cleaning. Snow finally found its way back to the mountains to reopen several ski areas for Easter weekend. This has been the lowest snow pack in several decades. People are being warned to cut back on personal use of water as well as alternate days of watering lawns.

The March luncheon held at the Best Western South Center was attended by 51 retirees. John & Mary Luke hosted the event. Margaret Schmidt got all gussied up, even wearing a pretty spring Easter hat & was escorted by her nephew Harry Hamlin.

We welcomed 2 new members, Philip & Karen Beachene who had moved to Poulsbo, WA from SFO area 2 weeks prior to this luncheon.

Bob Howard, coordinator for the June Golf Tournament at Allenmore in Tacoma June 22, handed out flyers. Contact Bob at (425) 228-5290.

Hank Gosselin spoke about & encouraged people to attend the forthcoming Convention in Hollywood.

Sickbay:

Don Speckhals – Improving from heart problems. 4001 S. 173<sup>rd</sup> St., Seattle, WA 98188.

Charlotte Rouso – Surgery. Cards only, no phone calls, no visitors. 13029 N.E. 73<sup>rd</sup> St., Kirkland, WA 98033.

Guy Lamond – Pneumonia. St. Francis Hospital, 34515 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., South Federal Way, WA 98003.

Ernie Nelson – Recovering at home, 23904 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Kent, WA 98032.

Vi Loa Gray – Recovering at home, 6504 S. Norfolk St., Seattle, WA 98118.

Our Travel Desk will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May thanks to Rita Reynolds research & hard work. PDX opened their office later that year. We are open Mon./Tues./Wed. & Thurs. from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Pacific Time. #(206) 433-4218. A wealth of info. is available. You can walk in for help, have a cup of coffee, tea or cocoa or have some candy to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Calendar:

**May 10** – Luncheon at Yankee Grill & Roaster (Yankee Dinner)

**June 22** – Retirees Golf Tournament – Allenmore Golf Course -10:00AM. Contact Bob Howard (425) 228-5290.

**Aug. 9** – Picnic

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Our April dinner was held on April 9 at Prospectors restaurant on Highway 395 & Hastings on the North side. It was hosted by our newest members, Sandy & Jeanette Johnson.

I am not 100% up-to-date on the news in Spokane. Lance & I returned on Easter Sunday, are finally unpacked & ready for whatever lies ahead. It was a cooler & rainy 3 months in CA but we didn't have to shovel any of the white fluffy flakes. There were many more good days – had a great time.

Today Lance & his Dad are golfing. Chris & Lee Anders & their daughter Ali, retirees from Phoenix visited us in PSP. Weather wasn't the best, but very tolerable. It was a fun time.

Sorry I did not get a message in the April Newsletter. I did not have the use of my computer or fax. It was all packed & on its way home.

We will not be attending the Convention this year. We have been gone so much we hardly remember our home address!

## **WASHINGTON, D.C.**

### **THE DULLES LOUNGERS**

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On March 9 (a chilly day) a good size group appeared at the Golden Corral for a delicious lunch & friendly conversation with our fellow retirees & guests. There was no speaker that day. Ideas flowed freely! Some of the members are entertaining the idea of RUAEA Convention in LAX May 22-29. This correspondent has made plans to attend, even booking a full-fare ticket, since it is Memorial Day weekend!

We learned of a fabulous train trip that Dulles Loungers member Pati Nathan took in Nov. 2004, with her mother & daughter. These 3 generations departed from LAX aboard the American Orient Express, having joined with the group at the Ritz Hotel in Marina del Rey. The first stop was San Simeon (home of publishing mogul William Randolph Hearst) where they enjoyed a tour of this fabulous landmark property. The train continued on to PDX for more tours of the area. This tour by train took 7 days & concluded in SEA.

This correspondent spent 3 very cold days in New York at the beginning of March; had a great time looking at "The Gates" in Central Park (the orange draperies that cover 12,000 wooden gates located along all the pathways). In spite of very cold weather, we enjoyed 2 musicals, bought more hats & gloves from street vendors (very cheap!) even found time for a pastrami sandwich at the well-known deli "The Stage" ... Time Square is well lit & cleaner than I remembered it last time! There were lots of police on duty; we felt quite safe at all times.

### **Calendar:**

**May 11** – 12:30 pm, Golden Corral Restaurant, Manassas, VA

**June 11** – "Pig Pickin & Picnic", at the home of David Cox in Manassas, VA. Fee \$10. Telephone (703) 368-7696.



## NEW MEMBERS

**CORRECTION:** In the March Newsletter - list of new members (Pg. 42) an incorrect spelling of a name was listed. Correct spelling is:

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## OBITUARIES

**CORRECTION:** In the March Newsletter date of death for Lynn D. Webster was listed as *12/27/04* - correct date is **1/17/05**. Please accept our apology.

Spouse- **ASHBY, Mary**, on 3/13/05, wife of Malcolm W, EWR, 639 Glenwood Lane, West Chester, PA 19380

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Retiree- **BIAS, Harry J.**, SFO, on 1/28/05, husband of Sylvia E., 2621 Star Tree Ct., Martinez, CA 94553

Retiree- **BOWERS, Roberta E.**, PDT, on 3/11/97, wife of Lee D., P.O. Box 1639, Pendleton, CA 97801

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Retiree- **BURKHART, Clarence D.**, LAS, on 3/7/05

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Retiree- **RENNER, Rose**, on 3/28/05. Rose worked in PDXRR for many years & retired from DENPC. She also was a Membership Secretary in the RUAEA office 1987 & 1988.

Retiree- **WASLOHN, John F. Jr.**, SFO, on 3/12/05

## LETTERS

We have received Greetings & Thanks for the Newsletter from the following members:

Harlan E. Hughes, George T. Van, Claus Brinnitzer, Roberta Tidmore, Carolyn J. Smith, Jerome A. Watnemoe, Leonard Bluebaugh, Beverly Alderdice, Maren Hodson, Joseph Henn, Lynne Seymour, Earl Hunter-Reginelli, George J. Neumeyer, Peter J. Donohue, Nancy J. Johnson, James S. Knickerbocker, Joan Krolak, Frances Rauschkolb, Jim & Marilyn Harmon, A. H. McNicholl, Eleanor Jones, Barbara A. Seaholm, G. Osipoff, Eana Mann Aronson, Herb Johnson, Sylvia Hirking, Barrie Hooley, Janet Lutus, Dale & Dody Engel, Frances Joseph, Ruth E. Merriman, Ethel M. Johnson, Patricia A. Thorp, Dorothy L. Wood, Terry R. Davies, Jerry O'Donnell, Gerrie D. Pawley, William C. Speicher, Gary Hook, Mittie Duline McGough, Mary Betler, David K. Grant, Ken Kuehn, Robert & Marilyn Roebuck, Betty Garner, Kenneth Michels, Barbara Meiling, Ray Shaner.

### Correction:

In April issue, Karl Galda's letter - Address should have been *c/o Ralph Fernandez, Park Hudson (503), 9060 Palisade Av., North Bergen, NJ 07047*. Please accept our apology.

### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

**Note:** In the "Letters" section of the April Newsletter, we printed a letter that was received via e-mail BUT NO NAME was included. The gentleman did come forward! It was: Colin A. Cooke.

### **Norma Ross, 901 Mystic Dr., Grants Pass, OR 97527**

Just received my first copy of the newsletter & am delighted to find some old acquaintances mentioned here & there. I understand why my name wasn't in the new membership list this time; I can't remember if I gave my maiden name also old title. Norma Haines Ross, SFOSW. I am sure we are going to enjoy the newsletter. Thank you for all of your efforts.

### **Jeanne Leo, 420 E 55<sup>th</sup> St. Apt. 2S, New York, NY 10022**

My April Fool birthday reminded me to pay my dues to RUAEA. I was in Palm Springs recently & won a little extra money at the casino, so I'm passing some of it along to you to pay for postage.

Thanks for the great job you do with the Newsletter.

### **Miachel J. Pasquerelli, 5145 Barcroft Dr., Barrington, IL 60010**

Like all RUAEA members, I am very thankful for the NEWSLETTER; thank you for the Happy Birthday greeting & reminder to send in my annual dues! All in RED INK! I LOVE IT!

More than ever, the monthly Association NEWSLETTER is a critical link to keep all of us retirees informed. It is very gratifying to know that every one of us have a common bond, no matter what organization we worked in. The bond is: we care for one another. Also, all the good people staffing the Newsletter are the best.

I want to say that the changes of the By-Laws are good. The best is ARTICLE II, the addition of being a PROACTIVE voice for UAL retirees!

A good example of how the Newsletter brings us together is the closeness I felt when reading the letter from Frank Wood of Ocala, FL in the April issue. My first day at United ORDMM was 9/28/59. With the winter schedule change at the end of Oct., I was assigned to the inaugural midnight shift for ORDMM. Frank was my first Foreman as a young Probie new hire. Among various assignments we worked together in various capacities. After a few years, Frank added me to his Aircraft Maintenance Instructor staff. This proved to be my real "calling" with United.

**Ken & Lily Woehlick, 516 Orange Dr. #25, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-5304**

Thanks to everyone for servicing retirees with this wonderful newsletter. All you guys & gals are very appreciated. It's the best buy around too. My husband & I fight to read it first. Just wish we could remember all the great stories & their names so if we meet them at the Convention we'll relate. Thanks all you great people!

**Sam Dominick, 907 Wilkinson Pkwy, Park Ridge, IL 60068-2432**

Thanks for all the time & effort put into the RUAEA Newsletter, enjoy reading it also appreciate all the updates on United.

With this birthday, I have enjoyed 15 years of retirement, it has been just great being my own boss & scheduling each day as I see fit. Thanks again.

**Colin A. Cooke, 12823 Anderson Hill Rd, Clermont, FL 34711**

Re. the letter on p. 38, April issue. Sorry I e-mailed you without identifying myself. Mistakenly I thought I had ... now I know what "thought" I did. Surprisingly, on p. 39 are letters from two I have known. First was "Bud" Simon with whom I once worked in SFORQ. I endorse & cheer every word he wrote. The other on p. 39 was Frank Wood; at one time, I think, was in ORDMM. Our connection is that in retirement we were both elected as "leading gofers" in the Ocala basha of the China-Burma-India vets. association. We were both in Burma, but not at the same time & in different services. A few pages on are the names of two more I once knew. Trevor Hewes I knew in SFOOV when he was in SFOIQ. The next name was Ralph Nardone, formerly of Beantown ... to continue my Dec. & Jan. saga in NYC ... 5 days after returning I began to feel queasy, collapsed on the tile bathroom floor, split my forehead. Fortunately I didn't feel the blow, my brain having already turned out the light. Spent the next 14 days in hospital with bacterial pneumonia & circulation infection ... I found the RN's were no longer giving injections & hooking up the medical drips, this now being done by young ladies called medical technicians. I shall not forget them. One delightful young lady in particular had the delicate forearms of a barn builder. She was very adept at creating large bruises. I asked the lung surgeon where one catches pneumonia. He said it's everywhere we go but the most likely places to catch it today are on planes & trains. Anyway the 14 days in dock cost \$38,360. Room & board was (I have to clear my throat) -- \$837 per day, aspirin was of course - \$1 ea. Blood Pressure pills were \$7 per ... Through my ignorance & absence I allowed my UA medical insurance to lapse but still have drug coverage. My share of the total bill was \$912. Since it was my first hospitalization in over 20 years I didn't think my share was too damaging. In case anyone wonders, I checked med. Insurance with AARP to replace what I had lost with UA ... FUGGEDABOUTIT. Sorry again about the anonymity. Cheers.

**Donald D. Draheim, 2401 Number Ten Ln., Chesapeake, VA 23323**

Hi there - Greetings to all - Old "Zeke" is back - or still here. Ready to try another year. I used to think anyone that was 80 years old was a fossil - So now I'm about to find out. But I'm still viewing the grass from the green side, so I guess that is good.

I'm looking forward to another M&M summer (mowing & mosquitoes) plus whatever else happens.

Count me in with all the rest that are grateful for the newsletter - Thanks to all of you that brings it to life. I don't have one of those dot-com machines that might give out United information. I am totally reliant on you all for the latest info. At times I feel like the old saying is best, "no news is good news", or "whatever will be - will be".

**Betty Archibald, 720 Santa Paula Pl., Boise, ID 83712**

Thanks for another year of getting the newsletter out to all of us.

Have just had a new knee & have been home from the hospital for a couple of days. Plan to be a little more active in the near future, I hope.

My daughter is here for me this week & some of my dear RUAEA friends have offered to give me a hand next week, bless them.

**Frank Reed, O'Connor Woods - Oak Creek, 3550 Wagner Heights Rd #35, Stockton, CA 95209**

I have been retired since Sept. 1982. Being a life member, I haven't had to correspond.

I like getting the newsletter, so I am forced to give you my change of address. While I am writing I'll enclose a small contribution to the postal fund.

My wife of 60 years now needs more care than I can give. The address above is a senior assisted living place, very nice.

**Tom Lee, 14 Reynolds Ln., Kingston, GA 30145**

Greeting to one & all system wide. In my 38 years career I have worked in quite a few cities PHL-LAX-LAS-SFO & back to LAXSK for the last 22 working years. I retired April Fools Day 1991.

Two hips & one knee replacement have left me pretty much handicapped but still very proud of our airline. "Where there is a handicap, there is a wheelchair".

**Noria Gerig, 14413 Eagle Villa Grove, Colorado Springs, CO 80921**

I want to express my thanks & appreciation to the volunteers of the PDX Travel Desk for the wonderful service they are providing for retirees.

**Joseph A. Butera, 1719 Fernwood Way, Belmont, CA 94002-3636**

Say "hello" to Barbara Fisk. She played softball with Ollie Carlson, now my wife. Ollie Butera - Ollie started with UAL in 1944, resigned in 1961 to raise a family.

You guys are doing a good job. We need somebody at the helm who knows what's going on.

**Herbert E. Roth, 8419 N. Calle Tioga, Oro Valley, AZ 85704-6505**

My birthday will be next month ... so ... thought I'd beat the "red stamp" reminder, for a change.

I pray everyone there, serving in the trenches, are doing well ... up and around & taking nourishment. ☺

Our prayers continue for "dear old United" ... and especially for all the current employees ... working under the stress of being the family wage earner, not sure for how long! Somehow, United will come out of bankruptcy, be a strong company for it. The most important thing to remember ... when confronted with problems or broken-ness, our human nature sometimes rationalizes the need to find someone to blame or criticize ... which is counter productive when the more immediate need is ... consider how to help find, or encourage, a solution.

Lest we forget ... "United" we stand, or divided we fall!!!

My best regards to Jo & others I may have had the great privilege of knowing at work.

**Bettie Boehme, 171 Oak Island Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409-6333**

Thank you so much for all the pension update & phone numbers to call for travel. At present not able to travel because of spine deterioration but I'll need info if I travel in the future.

I see fewer familiar names are appearing in RUAEA Newsletters. Hello to all left that we knew. We have so many wonderful memories of those days.

I'm still in my home with 24-hour care. The ladies taking care of me are wonderful; I can't complain of the services. I've always loved eating in bed! No housework! It's like being on vacation, but no side trips!

**Don Hayden, 5700 Hayden Drive, East Jordan, MI 49727**

The new address above is effective June 1, 2005.

After 17 years on the shores of beautiful lake Charlevoix, MI & for estate planning services, Hope & I are selling our lake front property & moving across the road to a five acre parcel that does not carry the tax load the lake frontage does. However, we are not downsizing but going bigger. Moving into a modular of 2300 square feet, but all on the first floor before our knees give out completely. Will have plenty of room for visitors. Trying to recruit the motor movers from our last move but they all refused for reasons too complex to understand. They told me they would help once, but future would be on my own.

Now in the early stages of macular disintegration in one eye only & planning an operation for late May to correct that problem. The operation will probably be on the day our modular arrives on site. Not good scheduling on my part but it will work out.

Kudos to the office staff for all their fine work. Almost went blind reading all the names of new members in the last two issues, but found several potential members of the Northwoods Loonies & inviting them to our biannual get-together in May.

**Christina S. Zielinski, P.O. Box 3545, Cathedral City, CA 92235**

I have had so many problems with mail delivery that I have rented a P.O. Box.

My new mailing address effective immediately is above.

I never had the Feb. issue of the newsletter only the last page with the address label, however, I can't make it to the Convention anyway.

**Dodie Dickerson, 1915 Valdez Ave., Belmont, CA 94002**

I enjoy the informative newsletter & appreciate all the work that has gone into it. I was so thankful to read in recent issues re. the Oregon Dew-ers - also Seattle retirees volunteering to handle calls re. listing. That has become increasingly difficult, esp. since everyone doesn't necessarily use a computer - which you need to find flight #'s for listing.

**Lew Dunning, 2561 Forest Meadow Lane, Billings, MT 59102**

I didn't receive any "red stamp" on my April "Electronic" Newsletter however a memo popped up on my computer telling me I am another year older and it is time to renew my RUAEA membership.

Into my 4<sup>th</sup> year of retirement, enjoying every minute. With all that is going on in the Airline industry, it is a good time to be retired.

Thanks to the RUAEA officers & newsletter staff for the fine work they are doing. It really helps to keep everyone connected.

**Uel Soward, 5071 Scherbel Road, Black Earth, WI 53515-9506**

I miss being with the members of Central Coast where I was their original correspondent. But, I am happy most of the time because I am busy all the time here. I have attended more parties & parades in less than 2 years than I did in the previous 50 years.

Enclosed is my check for postage for the next five years. I wish someone from RUAEA Newsletter could come to my birthday party that year (2010). I have arranged with a local band leader to be my MC. He said, "For you, there will be no charge!"

I will be 100 years old on April 29, 2010. My M.D. has promised to be there to watch me blow out that many candles! She has a great sense of humor.

When people ask me to explain my longevity, I tell them "No alcohol, no caffeine & no tobacco with plenty of TLC."

**Connie M. Lynch, 5500 E. Mansfield Ave., Denver, CO 80237**

Always enjoy receiving the RUAEA Newsletter. Having been away from United since 1976 there are fewer & fewer names I recognize.

Thanks for giving of your time & talents.

**James Svajdlenka, 3417 South 252 Place, Kent, WA 98032**

Thank you for all of your good work in producing this fine newsletter. If there was an award for the publication you would take first place in my opinion!

It is a pleasure to read your articles & I look forward every month to receiving it. Sort of like a child receiving a new toy.

Welcome aboard to all the new members.



**Valerie Jones, 209 Eagle Trace Drive, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019**

Sorry to be late with my dues - my only excuse is that I have just returned after being out of the country for nearly a month. Went to take care of my mother who will be 89 this year - hopefully she has passed on her good genes to me!

Thank you for the newsletter & all the good work you do; I appreciate the fact that Marlin & others are getting involved, representing us during difficult times for all of us.

**Suzi Harrison, 2130 Upper Pack River Rd., Sandpoint, ID 83864-5913**

Aloha Y'all,

This is another note of extreme appreciation, gratitude, Aloha for all of you who put out our Newsletter! I would be lost without it! I am still "electronically impaired" - no cell phone or computer - all by choice. Just returned from doing my "umpteenth" Great Aloha Run-Walk in HNL. Is there a better word to describe the weather than "PERFECT!" It was! Have enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow retirees: Celeste Reames, Phyllis Okawa & in Oct./Nov. Susie Sutton, Ann McKee & Healani Paaluki. My hanai Mama, Genoa Keawe, continues to charm her audience at the Waikiki Marriott Hotel Poolside Lounge Thurs. 6pm-9:30pm - she's 86 years young! Go enjoy her beautiful voice! Praying for UAL to recover! Bless us all! Mekealoha Pumehana (warmest love).

**Jim & Barbara Karibo, 8821 E. Rosemont St., Inverness, FL 34450-7314**

Well, I did it again. Almost a month & a half after the birthday the light bulb goes on - DUES TIME. Sorry I am late again. At least I am consistent. All is well in FL - even after 4 hurricanes. Still working for the Citrus County Sheriff's Office, having been sworn in as a Public Service Officer. It keeps me busy & out of bars. Keep up the good work with the newsletter, especially at this time with all that is going on with the company. Have a great year, maybe next year I will be on time!

**George B. Lackemann, 2885 Goat Creek Rd., PMB #2012, Kerrville, Texas 78028**

I do want to pass on my compliments as to the fine work you are doing on keeping us informed. As RV full timers since my retirement; we especially enjoy being able to get the Newsletter via the Internet. Each morning I look forward to receiving my daily update from Dale Harper.

**Bernard J. McNamee III, 471 Prospect Rd., Springfield, PA 19064-2909**

Just a short note of thanks to you Jo for the lovely note of accolades you sent to the Independents when I relinquished my Presidency; note, I said relinquished not resigned. After 14 years I felt we need new blood. Joe Bradly is our new Pres.; Tom Lyons our new Treas. Tom worked with us on the Philly Convention team. I also want to thank the M&M's for making that trip up from FL; Marilyn & Marlin Lade, in Dec. for our Christmas luncheon. Also Jeri Juth coming into Philly from PIT. I think she was checking out the Philadelphia Eagles. It was, and still is, a wonderful group we all work with. A big big thank you to all. Then after all this they made Frank & me VPs. I believe there is a song out there "you'll never get away" by Teresa Brewer.

Have a good time in Hollywood.

**Harlen G. Crane, 7618 Circle Pkwy., Sacramento, CA 95823**

Birthday month & thanks for the reminder, 81 this time. Thanks for the time & hard work you folks put in publishing the newsletter. It is my primary source of information concerning UA & retiree benefits.

**Orland C. Brown, 1675 E. Dorchester Court, Palm Harbor, FL 34684**

Pat & I are getting settled in our new home. A half mile away from our last home. We're still in Highland Lakes, a subdivision of Palm Harbor, FL. Pat has asthma so we had to get rid of the carpeting & mini blinds also to have laminated flooring & vertical blinds installed for dust control.

I hope United can find a way out of bankruptcy without taking any more of our retirement benefits. The new membership list has grown quite a bit. I want to thank everyone involved in the Newsletter for keeping us informed.

**Rosemary Bischof, 2315 Pitt Ave., Johnstown, PA 15905**

Many thanks to Marlin Lade & the RUAEA staff for their dedication & hard work to keep us retirees attuned to the latest happenings with United Airlines, the company we were so proud to be associated members.

The RUAEA organization keeps us still UNITED; for this we are very grateful.

**Keith L. Georgeson, HCR #1, Box 572, Trinity, CA 96091-9703**

I would like to thank you for inviting me to join your association. Since United went into bankruptcy it has become very difficult to obtain information as to what is going on within the Company. Your newsletter fills this need very nicely. The news from other Retirees around the county is also enjoyed.

**Lewis Brubaker, 9860 White Sands Pl. SE, Bonita Springs, FL. 34135-6879**

It's time to renew the newsletter. I don't know where the time goes but it sneaks up on me faster as the years roll by.

Carol & I are both in our 80's - outside of few aches & pains are doing very well.

Thanks to you & your staff for keeping us up on the latest news.

**John Sedell, Royal Oak #204, 2180 Poplar Dr., Medford, OR 97504**

My new address is above. This is a retirement home, but it sure required the usual downsizing to get in a much smaller place.

**W. J. Plank, 2280 Skyfarm Dr., Hillsborough, CA 94010**

Hi, to Jo Madden:

I haven't seen you for years - Finally glad to be a member of RUAEA.

Jo - A great publication.

**Lucille S. Nesbitt, 970 E. 700 S Apt. 39, Saint George, UT 84790-2012**

I am writing this for my sister, Lucille Nesbitt, who is ill.

She wants to express thanks & appreciation to all who do so much to make this newsletter informative and interesting. (Signed by Claire S. Shuholm).

**Mel Wehrle, Apt. B, 1192B S. Eagle Cir., Aurora, CO 80012-4754**

Thank you for all your hard work, esp. these days of many plights in the airline industry. The pension info is informative as well as other issues, it is greatly appreciated. Keeping up with finances, health & wellness plus helping a friend in his business keeps me busy, as well as commuting to & from my property in Colo. City.

Keep up the good work!

**Ed & Marge LeClaire, 84 Mailoux Terr., Dracut, MA 01826**

We appreciate the updates on UAL happenings. We especially enjoy reading the letters of the ageless retirees and their many continuing travels. We sympathize with & remember in our prayers those who cannot take trips & are more or less homebound.

Last March Ed had a setback, but is doing OK now.

We traveled a lot while Ed was working (Thank you, UAL). Now, we relive these many trips through slide, pictures & memories. We're looking forward to our next issue of RUAEA newsletter, as usual. Thanks to all the dedicated workers who see that the many retirees receive all the latest info.

**Jerry & Linda Kauhane, 47-730-5 Hui Kelu St., Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744**

It is so much fun to read the bios from other retirees. It is sad that the new generation of employees do not have the experiences of FAM trips with other airlines or the camaraderie we had with each other.

I was able to go to the Bahamas with Eastern Airlines when I first started in reservations in Buffalo, NY in 1967, by Jan. 1968 I was transferred to Honolulu Reservations where I worked in

reservations, then in 1973 I went to the Waikiki Ticket Office as Lobby Agent for 1 month, then back to reservations, where I headed the Group Desk for 16 years, then back to Reservations, then Mainliner Desk, finally retired from the Service Director's Desk in 2003. What a wonderful career with a wonderful Company! During those years I got to go on FAM trips with Pan Am to Hong Kong, Sydney Australia & Tahiti. I went with American to a Boston Clambake & weekend in New Orleans on Delta. We took a group of travel agents to SEA to experience the local culture & sightsee Fisherman's Wharf, the Locks', got caught in a blizzard at Mt. Rainier. The new employees just do not get to experience the same things. It was not just a job it was a career. We were very proud to work for an airline and attend the different host sponsored Interline Parties.

We also were invited by Air Cal to play in a Women's softball tournament which for many years resulted in traveling among the different States with different Hosts for tournaments. We hosted a big tournament at Kapiolani Park for many years.

I went through 4 Res. Managers during my career, Joe Chess, Russ Jones, Randy Ko & finally Jackie Shook. I worked with some wonderful Sales Reps who were such an integral part of making this Company the success it was, Bruce Bolten, Walter Soga, Jack Ercanbrack, Dave Nichols, Don Keim, Steve Allen, Chester Kahapea, Ethel Kam, George Archer & Bill Speicher. Does this bring back any good memories from the "Good Ole Days"? Also the Hawaiian Open & the Hula Bowl when United was one of the main sponsors. How about the Carol Kai Bed Races in Waikiki. I believe United won the first one in 1973.

Let's pray United finds her way back before they touch any of our Pensions.

**John & Pearl Robb, 21966 Dolores St. Apt. 154, Castro Valley, CA 94546**

I am sending my dues before the red reminder. \$10.00 for postage. We are doing OK for us. I am now on dialysis 3 times a week but I feel much better since starting. We have moved into an independent living complex & like it very much. Thanks for the newsletter. Hope United can still pay the retirement checks. At least the Medical Insurance.

**Betty Locke Koch, 6761 Jardines Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92647**

A note to say thank you for all you do to keep "the family" of United in touch. Your efforts are really appreciated.

Glad to see so many new folks coming onboard. Lots of names from the past that bring back such great memories.

**Virginia G. David, 15 Driftwood Trl., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019**

I do want to say that for the past couple of months my newsletter has not arrived in a timely manner. I agree with Bill Liberto's letter in the Jan. issue about late delivery. Here it is March 12 & my copy has yet to be delivered. Hope this is a temporary situation!

**Jim W. Jenkins, 1917 S. Xenon St., Lakewood, CO 80228-4351**

I have been retired 17 years as of April 1. I still paint landscapes & give them away. I can't thank the mailing team enough; I can keep up with friends & co-workers. Barbara & I moved back to CO. We do not travel very much as we enjoy our home so very much.

**Linda Fields, 13298 Royal, Oregon City, OR 97045 - clem1709@yahoo.com**

Let me add my thanks along with everyone else for our excellent informative newsletter.

I retired in 2000, my husband & I moved from IL to OR. Last year I attended my first RUAEA convention in SEA. I had a very good time & highly recommend it; the bus tours were great. I enjoyed seeing the photos in the newsletter. I saw a few people that I used to work with. Among others, Irene Miller, who worked with me in CHIRR in the 1970's.

**Bernie LeDoux, 13525 Briar Hollow Drive, Austin, TX 78729-1913**

The years have gone by so fast. I have been retired for almost 17 years. Each month, I look for names in the newsletter that I can identify, but now they dwindle to a very few.

Hopefully UAL will survive & come through with "flying colors." Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the diligent staff for their work in getting this newsletter to us every month.

My wife & I have done very little flying during the past year, but we are planning a trip to France & Italy this spring.

I manage to keep busy with volunteer work for 2 different organizations several times a week. I was recently slowed down, however, because of right shoulder surgery for a rotator cuff repair.

**Paul Bellinger, 254 NW Douglas St., Dallas, OR 97338-1019**

Greetings,

Well, you finally got me with the red stamp. First time that's happened; I'm fairly certain it won't be the last! Seems like procrastination has slowly become a part of my life in the past year. It's sort of like, why do today what I can put off until tomorrow, ... or later yet. I'd better get the check in the mail before I decide to put it off until tomorrow, or forget it completely.

Hope this finds you all well & finding time for some relaxation, at least once in awhile. As busy as you all must be, I can't imagine how you would find the time. The job you do & your dedication are truly amazing. You are all shining examples of PEOPLE & ATTITUDES that made United a great airline. My wish is that this "Bankruptcy Thing" is resolved successfully & the benefits we all earned & were promised remain intact.

A "Thank You" hardly seems adequate for all you do to keep us retirees informed but please accept my heartfelt Thanks.

**Richard Riedl, 604 Hillpoint Way, Brandon, FL 33510**

I can't believe it. I have been retired 10 years; it seems just yesterday I was pitching bags, looking for a supervisor to ask for a lunch or coffee break.

Things really haven't changed, the only difference is I ask Sue instead of my supervisor.

Keep up the good work.

**Paul & Humby Steuri, 17112 Chalet Drive, Bellevue NE 68123**

Thanks to all of you in DEN for sending out the wonderful newsletter each month.

Humby & I stay home at the beautiful Chris Lake, feeding & watching the birds.

2005 started pretty bad for us. On Feb 4, I fell & broke my right hip. I was hospitalized for 5 days. It was the first time I had to eat the "famous hospital food" on my birthday. I'd rather have had a good steak dinner with Humby, & a good glass of wine.

Now I am in Plattsmouth Manor Rehab Center; hope to be home with Humby soon. That's the way life goes, some good years, some bad ones.

Keep up the good work.

With good wishes & Happiness to all.

**Kathryn E. Mazzola, 570 Sequoia Dr., Los Altos, CA 94024-7148**

I'm sending my annual dues (plus some postage) along with my big thanks to you & all the dedicated people who work tirelessly to produce the great RUAEA newsletter. It's a wonderful source of communication & information.

I'm in my 23<sup>rd</sup> year of retirement, enjoying this easy, wonderful life.

**Charles Wilks Sr., 1397 Sweetgum Cir., Keller, TX 76248**

Greetings from the state of TX where spring has sprung. Flowers in bloom, trees & grass are green again. I have been retired for 14 years. I'm glad we didn't have all these problems when I was working. Air Traffic Control was the big deal back then. I feel sorry for all those people I worked with who are still active. I am remembering to send in my dues before I have to be reminded.

Thanks for keeping us up-to-date on all the news, otherwise we would hear very little except for American, Continental & Southwest in my area.

I appreciate all of the hard work each of you do in getting out the newsletter each month.  
Thanks a million!

**John M. Bateman, 95 Pioneer Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583-2058**

Thanks for your newsletter in keeping us informed of United changes - keep up the good effort.

I use to think that United would make it but I've lost my confidence in them ever making it. They continue to outsource all the basic maintenance that helps keep this airline functioning. They claim that they are saving 10-30% but when sometime in the future they look around they will find that the bottom line is failure.

At a time when benefits are decreasing they reward upper management with a bonus?

Sorry to be so down on United's future, but the truth hurts.

**Caroline Garibottis, 629 Indian Way, Barrington, IL 60010**

Wow, almost missed paying my dues - Since I get my newsletter via e-mail - I totally forgot.

Keep up the good work - Really appreciate all the up-to-date news.

**Theresa H. Groh, 103 Fleet Landing Blvd., Atlantic Beach, FL 32233-4585**

My husband, Stan, and I are still up & about.

Next week we're off to board ship & cruise along the coast of the European countries along the Mediterranean sea - Then back to FL to enjoy our home in Atlantic Beach.

At my "old" age I'm sure no one remembers me - But at United I was known as Tiz Taylor.

Hope you all are enjoying life as much as Stan & I do!!

**Nancy Ink, 3035 NE 18<sup>th</sup> Ct., Gresham, OR 97030**

Thank you for all you do to keep us posted on what's new at United - Always look forward to reading the latest edition of the Retirees Newsletter.

**Patricia A. Bantz, 1961 Carlton Place, Lancaster, PA 17601-3600**

I truly appreciate your keeping us retirees informed of company news, especially in these troubling times for United.

Your efforts & hard work are very much appreciated.

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