



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER

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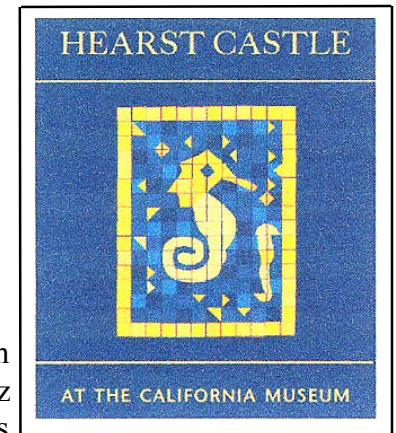
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## ***RUAEA Convention Sacramento, CA May 27 – June 2, 2007***

### ***Jazzing It Up In Sacramento***



The Sacramento Jazz Jubilee is scheduled in Sacramento this year from May 25 – 28. The Jubilee is the world's largest and greatest traditional jazz festival, attracting more than 80,000 people to hear its invited musicians perform during the Memorial Day Weekend in Sacramento.

The Sacramento Jazz Jubilee was established in 1974 and in the beginning featured only 20 or so bands in half a dozen venues in Old Sacramento. The festival has grown to feature over 100 bands in over 30 venues. Venues are clustered in Old Sacramento and the downtown Convention Center area, with a few in West Sacramento at Raley Field, including RV parking.

To add to the music entertainment, one might consider a trip through Vacaville & Fairfield, the twin cities of Solano County, which are surrounded by rolling hills, fruit orchards and fertile farmland. Be sure to check out the Jelly Belly factory and sample their rainbow of flavors. Another impressive fact is that Fairfield is home to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery; tours are available.

Another way of enjoying this area is boarding an Amtrak Capitol Corridor train to San Francisco and return to Sacramento via a cruise on the Sacramento River; or on Sundays, one would board a boat in Sacramento and take the train back to Sacramento.

If antique farm equipment is within your interests, one would not want to miss a trip to the Heidrick Agriculture History Center in Woodland. This center is home to the world's largest collection of antique agricultural equipment.

From the collection of the world's greatest jazz musicians to the world's finest collection of antique farm equipment and historical trains, you will not run out of things to see and enjoy in the Sacramento area. We look forward to seeing you in Sacramento in May.

As indicated last month, there is a change to **Tour 21**. Since the Julia Morgan House will now be closed for renovation, the tour will be going to the **California Museum for History, Women and the Arts**. This is a fantastic museum; starting in mid-April, there will be the **Treasures From Hearst Castle**. The Hearst Castle was one of Julia Morgan's greatest achievements. Also included in the museum is the **California Hall of Fame** featuring **Clint Eastwood, Amelia Earhart, John Muir** and many others. The High Tea at **Afternoon to Remember** in Newcastle is still an important part of the tour as well. It so happens that **United is the Official and Exclusive Airline of The California Museum History, Women and the Arts & the California Hall of Fame**. This is a tour you will not want to miss!

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# GENERAL NEWS

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT & THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

To All RUAEA Members:

Most of you have probably already seen or heard RUAEA's announcement that Jo Madden has withdrawn from her position as Newsletter Editor. We honor Jo for her commitment to the Newsletter and to RUAEA during her tenure. We probably will never again, see any of our members give 22 years of their time and effort to RUAEA. Jo now joins a distinguished list of members, who have given of themselves, to make RUAEA the Association it is today.

We have designated Jo as Newsletter Editor, Emerita. Jo's name will be listed in the same column where the Past Presidents are listed. She is also invited to attend Board meetings.

We assure you that the RUAEA Newsletter will continue to be available to you, both on the website and by hard copy. It will still reflect the format and content which Jo has established over the years. While Jo will not be present in body, the Newsletter, with the continued input from our invaluable Chapter Correspondents and under the leadership of our Newsletter Manager, will always reflect the spirit which Jo has instilled over her 22 years of dedicated service.

Mort Wax - President

Gordon Starr - Executive Vice President

## OTHER CONVENTION NEWS

First there are a few corrections to the Convention Registration Package. The Hertz discount ID code should be 03YW0001, the code in the RUAEA website link is correct. The Avis discount code has also been changed, the correct code is J995450, the RUAEA website link is correct.

Another reminder is the Art & Crafts display and raffle. We are gladly accepting donations of art & crafts works to be displayed & raffled during the convention. Anyone wishing to donate an item or items, please contact Francis or Veronica Do-

maratius at [vandfgracious@surewest.net](mailto:vandfgracious@surewest.net) or (916) 789-0422 or by mail to 1972 Somerdale Circle, Roseville, CA 95761. As was the case at the Washington convention we will be having a special Hospitality time in the Hospitality Suite on Tues., Wed. & Thurs. evening.

Don't forget to look into the travel options on getting to Sacramento. United offers employees/retirees a discount of 20% on most fares. When booking the flights be sure to tell the agent you are a retiree; the special code is **S\*PMO/EMP20**. Another option is to use a senior fare on Southwest. These fares are at least 50% of the standard fare, are changeable & cancelable with no penalty. You can check them out at [southwest.com](http://southwest.com). You do have to be 65 or older. Then there is Amtrak, we have heard from several that they are planning to arrive by train. The Amtrak station is about a dozen blocks from the hotel. Finally, here is a recap of the **space available options**. United has a good schedule with 27 daily flights. Also there are many other carriers that offer us a 90% or 95% discount - Alaska/Horizon, Aloha, American, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, Mexicana, Northwest and US Airways/America West. American offers ZED (Zonal Employee Discount) fares that are based on mileage. An example is DFW to SMF is \$31 each way. To obtain ID90, ID95 or ZED fare tickets contact the Interline Ticketing Desk at 1-888-874-1581. Their hours are 0700-2100 CT Mon. - Fri. and 0700-1900 CT Sat. & Sun. Last but not least, Jet-Blue & Southwest offer retirees standby fares at \$25.00 OW, \$50.00 RT plus taxes. For both of these carriers you will need a letter of introduction that may be obtained by calling United's Benefit Dept. at 1-888-825-0188.

**News flash ... Express Jet is scheduled to begin service in & out of Sacramento in April with non-stop flights between Sacramento & the following cities; San Antonio, Spokane, Tucson, Colorado Springs, Oklahoma City, Tulsa & Albuquerque. Express Jet has operated as a feeder for Continental Airlines.**

For anyone venturing out on their own near the hotel, along the Downtown Mall or Old Sacramento there are City Guides dressed in yellow & black uniforms. They are there to assist with directions & other information. You will find them on foot or riding bicycles.

Lastly the Hyatt is now open for booking con-

vention reservations. This can be done in several different ways. You can call their 800 number at 800-233-1234, call the hotel directly at (916) 443-1234 or go to the RUAEA web-site at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org); there is a link to a Hyatt reservation page with the correct price of \$99 per night, double occupancy plus taxes.

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### **TRAVEL CARDS FOR RETIREES**

A retiree travel card is automatically issued upon retirement & mailed to the home address as shown on the company database. If a retiree does not receive his/her travel card, the retiree should contact the United Retiree Service Center immediately at 1-888-825-0188.

A replacement travel card will be issued at no charge to the retiree provided the company is contacted within 6 months of the retirement date. (This time period is sufficient for US and international mailings.)

After the six month time period a charge of USD 15.00 fee will be accessed. Acceptable form of payments are: a personal check, certified check or money order made payable to United Airlines (DO NOT SEND CASH). Please remember to include the Employee ID (File Number) on the request. Send request & payment to: WHQHR Travel Dept., P.O. Box 66100, Chicago, IL 60666.

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**United Airlines Historical Foundation**

"Preserve the Past, Inspire the Future"

**NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT (cont.)**



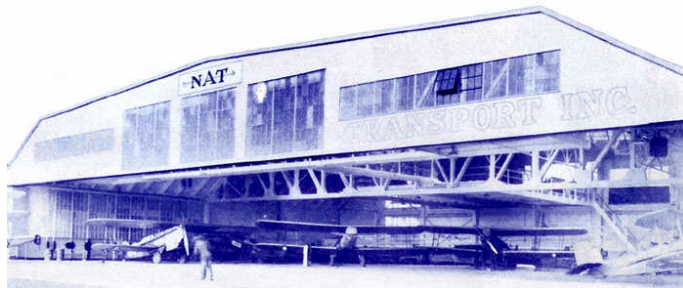
PICTURES OF PILOTS

**PILOTS** of the National Air Transport, Inc., who on May 12 completed their first year of flying on Contract Air Mail Route No. 3 (Chicago-Texas)

During the year these pilots flew 776,351 miles without injury to anyone and without the loss of a single piece of mail.

**NATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT, INC.**  
506 So. Wabash Ave. Chicago, Ill.

A "NAT Bulletin" cover. NAT began flying C.A.M. Route No. 3 on May 12, 1926. UAHF collection.



NAT's 3 hangars at Chicago Municipal Airport, including the "largest clear-span hangar in the U.S."

### **N. A. T. to Publish New Air Mail-Express Schedule**



**THE** National Air Transport, Inc., is preparing an Air Mail and Air Express Time Table showing the arrival and departure time at every station stopped of each Air Mail route in the U. S. Included in the folder is an up-to-date U. S. map showing all the routes.

This time table will be mailed to all **BULLETIN BOARD** readers as soon as it is completed, and for that reason, the map usually shown on this page is omitted this issue.



Above hangar photos and Air Mail schedule from the April 1929 "NAT Bulletin" - UAHF collection.

Please mail your tax-deductible contributions & donations of United memorabilia & artifacts to: UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207 - Our [UAHF.org](http://UAHF.org) website is being redesigned. The site should be back online in early May.

### **FROM THE DENVER OFFICE**

In an effort to reduce some of the confusion concerning the infamous "Red Stamp", we have changed the wordings on the affected address labels.

The red stamp & the wording on the labels are intended to advise of 2 different scenarios:

1. *Current Membership Expiration Month*
2. *Month Following Expiration.* This is the month past normal renewal month & the Newsletter will stop if Membership is not renewed. Also, please disregard the message if dues were sent in.

The new wording on the address label for these 2 scenarios will change to:

1. For *Current Membership Expiration Month* - The wording on the labels will be:  
**It's Time to renew your Membership.**  
**Disregard this message if your dues are already paid.**
2. For *Month Following Expiration* - The wording on the labels will be:  
**Your membership will expire unless your dues are received.**  
**Please submit your dues payment at this time.**  
**Disregard this notice if your dues are already paid.**

Hopefully, this change will clear up any confusion regarding the "Red Stamp".

#### **Note:**

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Newsletter Manager  
Virgil Gooselaw

### **UNITED SIGNED POSTAL CONTRACT, BEGINS U.S. DOMESTIC MAIL SERVICE THIS MONTH**

United announced Mon. it has signed a long-term contract with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) for the carriage of domestic mail. United is scheduled to begin carrying domestic mail April 28, 2007. The agreement extends through Sept. 30, 2011, and is potentially worth up to 400 million dollars in revenue to United over the life of the contract. The new contract is in addition to United's current position as the number-one carrier of international mail for the USPS among passenger airlines.

United has carried mail for the U.S. Postal Service since the airline's founding more than 80 years ago. United continued carrying international mail for the USPS after the carrier's previous domestic mail contract ended in June 2006.

*"The reason this contract is so important is that the mail represents the ideal cargo product for our domestic narrow body fleet,"* says Scott Dolan, Sr. VP of Airport Operations & Cargo. *"This will boost our overall revenue-per-departure. Through many discussions, we were able to convince the USPS that we've improved our operational capabilities, and with our newly integrated organization, we were able to show how we're different now and can step up to the challenge,"* Dolan continues.

*"It's now up to everyone in the company involved with this product to deliver on our commitment to the Postal Service, in order to keep this business going,"* Dolan says. *"This means scanning every piece of mail, loading it onto the right flight & delivering it timely at the destination. Our key performance goal with this business is to achieve 93 percent on-time delivery."*

With the new contract, there is potential to create new United jobs to handle this business. The number of jobs, however, will depend on United's performance, as the volume of mail we receive directly correlates to our performance with what we handle.

### **UNITED SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED NON-STOP SERVICE TO ROME, GIVING CUSTOMERS A TASTE OF LA DOLCE VITA**

United's nonstop daily capital-to-capital service

between Washington, D.C. & Rome launched successfully April 1 with a 95 percent load factor.

United Flight 966 took off on time at 6:16 p.m. from Washington Dulles for Rome Fiumicino Airport.

Italian Ambassador Giovanni Castellaneta, United Exec. VP & COO Pete McDonald, B777 Captain Stan Gryde & Purser Cheryl Meehleis together snipped the celebratory ribbon as customers looked on.

As Rome is one of the world's key economic & cultural centers, the service is expected to attract a mix of business & leisure customers.

United's Rome service comes on the heels of last week's launch of the first-ever nonstop service between Washington, D.C. & Beijing. In Oct. 2006, United launched service from Dulles to Tokyo Narita International Airport and from Dulles to Kuwait City, becoming the first U.S. airline to offer commercial service to Kuwait. All four routes help strengthen Dulles as United's East Coast international gateway.

United's next international launch will be June 7, 2007, with daily nonstop service between San Francisco & Taipei on a B777.

### **TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB**

For quite sometime we have had to leave our bags unlocked for internal manual inspection. It is still that way, however, there is a change. You may, if you wish, purchase a TSA approved combination lock with the ability for TSA to override with a key. There are two types of locks; the prices are nearly the same at approximately \$6 - \$7 each and can be purchased at J.C. Penny, Target, Fred Meyer, most luggage or department stores. The locks are identified by the TSA Logo & the words "TSA approved."

If you use another type of lock, it is subject to be cut off if your bag is selected for inspection. If you use the bags' own lock system (keyed or combination), it is likely to be broken for manual inspection by TSA.

The TSA approved locks will securely protect your belongings so they are less likely to be pilfered. I suggest you purchase these TSA approved locks.

*Companion Travel Passes:* A couple of incidents have come to light with Companion Travel.

Your good wishes & intentions in looking at SkyNet 2 weeks in advance to check the loads & offering a Companion Pass to a neighbor/friend may NOT be the good favor for them or for you as in the following scenario.

A young woman arrived for a flight to a desired destination. She did not get on. *"But I need to get on that flight. I have an important job interview & I must be there."* ... Two things are wrong here:

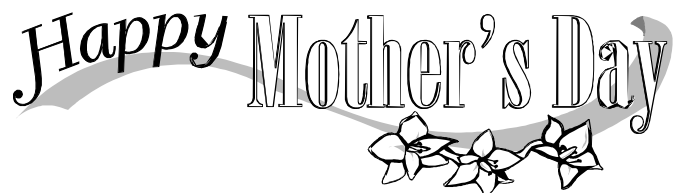
1. First, a look at SkyNet 2 weeks in advance does not assure that you will get on; not even 24 hours in advance or even 6 hours. I would recommend going the day before (1<sup>st</sup> flight of the day) -OR- purchase a ticket. She is still at a risk - **STANDBY IS STILL STANDBY**. Make sure your companion traveler is fully aware of the rules.
2. Secondly, your friend/neighbor is traveling on BUSINESS - a NO-NO. Pleasure - OK. I recommend that you do not jeopardize your Pass Travel Benefits by skirting this rule.

I highly recommend that you go to **SkyNet>Travel>Companion Travel Information** & thoroughly read the 2007 Companion Travel Guide, then print out the 2007 Companion Brochure to give to your neighbor/friend. Ask them to read the short brochure & follow the rules. Let's make our companion friends happy travelers.

See you in Sacramento,  
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Seattle Travel Desk

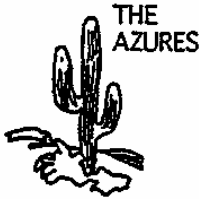
### **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

Chapter reports for June are due in DEN by Fri. May 4, July report by 6/6, Aug. report by 7/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net) (**Note: This is a new email address**) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U. S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.



# LOCAL NEWS

## ARIZONA



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If you are attending the bi-weekly breakfast meetings, please contact Mary Toeppen before 4 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regular's list (you know who you are) need to call when you won't be there. Any questions contact Mary at (623) 214-1504.

We have had excellent turnouts at Coco's this month. It is sad to say good bye to our snow-birds. The Hiners & the Neals will be missed as they also attend most of our breakfast meetings. Safe travels to all, till you return to us again.

We had a fine time at the All AZ luncheon at Casa Grande. The fellowship, food, & entertainment were great. Thanks to the Roadrunners from TUS who arranged the day. Susie, Sally & Sherry stopped at the Indian casino on the way home & lost what ever money they had left from the 50/50's. On St. Patrick's day we had our annual day at the races at Turf Paradise, with 41 members & guests in attendance.

Tim & Nita Everhart have returned from a grand tour of China. I am sure they will have lots to tell us about their adventures. Sherry & Susie left April 10 for a 15 day cruise to & through the Hawaiian Islands. Mary & Don Toeppen spent Easter in IL. Shirlee Fraser just returned from a 22-day cruise that started in Buenos Aires, sailing around the tip of South America, ended at Santiago, Chile. Sounds to me like we are all getting cabin fever from our long winter! Well, happy trails to all traveling; keep safe & healthy.

### Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98<sup>th</sup> & Bell road

**May 8** – Coco's

**May 22** - Coco's

Fall/Winter Luncheons 2007

**April 24** – Luke AFB – Cook out - This is our last luncheon till Oct.

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March 14<sup>th</sup> was a bright sunny day to have the All Arizona meeting in Casa Grande this year by the Tucson Roadrunners. A fine time was had by the 34 ReUniteds that attended & watched the entertainment as well as enjoyed the chicken dinner.

Our next event will be the annual Picnic which will be held indoors for the first time. Shirley Claggett & Ron Paluch got the use of their subdivision's recreation hall so we can be air conditioned & have facilities nearby rather than at an outdoor park like in the past.

We heard from Ed & Jo Eson who moved back to Greeley, CO to be near the grandkids. Jo is getting around with her walker & Ed is recovering from prostate cancer operation. We wish them good luck & long life from AZ.

There will be an election of officers at the picnic & we should come away with a regular Secy. for 2007. Who ever doesn't show up will be elected.

### Calendar:

**April 24** - 11:00 AM – Coco's

**May 22** - 11:00 AM - Coco's



### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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AZ retirees who attended the All Arizona luncheon at the Property in Casa Grande enjoyed a Las Vegas theme with marvelous, imaginative decorations created by the Roadrunners' stewardesses & flight attendants. There were superb raffle prizes & 50/50 pots. The Desert Star★ Sweethearts provided a number of entertaining dances. A

great day for all up to that point, then many of the people driving back to Tucson on I-10 were delayed by a wreck involving a car and tractor & trailer. The Interstate was closed for 8 hours. Alice Belzer tells us she & Hank spent two hours waiting & sweating in the sun until they were able to get off onto a frontage road. Ann & I feel we were lucky. We were in stop & go traffic for about 30 minutes. When we came to a dead stop, we were at an exit to a frontage road. When we got back onto the Interstate at the next entrance we had I-10 all to ourselves. We are waiting to hear from other Road-runners about how they fared in the traffic congestion.

Alice's sick report: In general, a healthy month with no new additions.

- ➔ Pat DiLallo's back surgery has gone so well that she was able to attend the luncheon in Casa Grande.
- ➔ Hank Belzer had surgery on March 20, now is recovering very nicely.

*Alice's trivia of the month: Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace. (The other half don't.)*

#### Calendar:

**April 19** - Henny & Clyde Satterfield will be our hosts at a luncheon at Michelangelo's at 4020 W. McGee, just west of Oracle. The restaurant opens at 11:00 a.m., lunch will be at noon.

### CALIFORNIA

#### CENTRAL COASTERS

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We did not have a meeting in March so this will be a short report. I don't know how many of you have been flying lately, but my brother & his friend acquired "Frequent Flyer" miles on an airline which they thought was a good deal, however, when it came to flying; nothing went right. Besides losing their baggage (I'm sure we have all experienced this regardless of the airline), late departure, little or no refreshments, missed connections, etc.

This did not happen just once, so they are now flying UAL. Their biggest disappointment was the flight attendant's attitude. This might be because of being in bankruptcy. So they are now confirmed UAL passengers since their last flight was so much better. I couldn't help saying "I told you so!"

Pres. John Stilwell wanted me to include this bit of news. Our correspondent for the Central Coasters (the name slips my mind) had his 80<sup>th</sup> and his spouse's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party attended by 72 family, friends & relatives. Attendee Pres. John Stilwell stated that the 90<sup>th</sup> should be in HNL. Let's hope we can do it!

We are looking forward to our next meeting April 18<sup>th</sup> hosted by Bill & Dana Noyes. It seems we will be meeting at the Elephant Bar at the Santa Barbara Airport. They have given us wonderful service in the past, I'm sure this will not be any different.

Last month's trivia question: What word is the longest typed with the left hand & the longest typed with the right hand? The answer is: Stewardesses is the longest using the left hand & Lollipop is the longest using the right hand.

While we are on the typing subject, what is the longest word using only one row of the keyboard?

#### Calendar:

**April 18** - Hosted by Bill & Dana Noyes  
**June 20** - Hosted by Bob & Marcia Stanger  
**Aug. 15** - Hosted by Al & Marilyn Rybar  
**Oct. 17** - Hosted by Kathy Shurtleff  
**Dec. 12** - Hosted by John & Barbara Stilwell

#### BRAZEN RAISINS

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Don & Donna Nessling hosted the Brazen Raisins' March meeting with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Pres. Jack Hartman & wife Pam were in Mexico, so Don Nesling presided. Dick Shryock read a note from former BR member Audrey Miller reporting that her husband Franklin had passed away. Bob Frost told of problems he encountered about a W-2 Form he had received from United showing that he had been paid a salary which he never received -

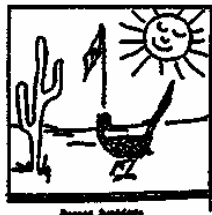
bummer! A long discussion of this problem ensued.

Bob Frost told one of his cowboy poems & Dich Shryock contributed a joke. This was a very small meeting with only 10 members in attendance.

Dick & Hazel Hayes hosted the Brazen Raisins' April meeting with Easter decorations. Dick Shryock read a letter from a disgruntled UAL retiree wanting to sell a book. Sunshine Lady Donna Nessling reported that she had visited Curt Follansbee who was finally home after a long bout in hospital with pneumonia. It was reported that Connie Parks, a former Brazen Raisins member who had moved to AZ, had passed away. Pam & Jack Hartman told of their trip to Mexico - not a trip to remember; Elida & Reuben Rivas told of their trip to Hong Kong, Singapore & China - a trip to remember!

### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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Spring seems to have passed us by this year as summer began before mid March with 2 days of 100 degree temps. Overnight we turned off the heat & switched to air conditioning. We're hoping this year will not be a repeat of last summer's record breaking heat. Desert Sunbirds traveled to Pappy & Harriet's in historic Pioneer Town for our March meeting hosted by Lynda & Tony Davis. Pioneer Town is located in the high desert about 5 miles from Yucca Valley in an area of huge rock formations, Joshua Trees & sagebrush. The town was originally built by the movie industry as a setting for the many westerns which were filmed there. Pappy & Harriet's, the original saloon, remains a popular place for good food & country western music. Recent wild fires raged through the area, but fire fighters were able to save the little town. It was an eerie sight to see the blackened Joshua Trees dotting the landscape.

We welcomed Leonard & Laverne Haubl from the Sacramento Gold Diggers. They made the trip up on Wed. only to find the restaurant closed and that our regular Wed. meeting had been changed to

Thurs. They made the trip AGAIN on Thurs. to join us, Leonard reviewed plans for the convention in Sacramento and passed on tips regarding transportation, parking, etc. We also welcomed 4 new Desert Sunbirds: Gay Trabor, Patti Sica, Dee Whately & Lorraine Mackay. We're hoping all will be regular attendees. Gay Trabor even volunteered already to host our Oct. meeting. Two additional new members, Sean & Marilyn Foley were unable to join us so we're looking forward to meeting them at our next meeting. If you are visiting in our area, we would love to have you join us at one of our meetings. Call the hosts below for information.

### **Calendar:**

**May 9** - Chuck Lamas, (760) 776-0812 or [cjlamas@msn.com](mailto:cjlamas@msn.com)

**June 13** - Liz or Jim Clapper, (760) 771-2310 or [lizbaby127@mviewcc.com](mailto:lizbaby127@mviewcc.com)

**July 11** - Sandy Sereno, (760) 325-5805 or [aunt-fritzi@aol.com](mailto:aunt-fritzi@aol.com)

**Aug. 8** - Bill or Donna Eads, (760) 568-1450 or [billeads@aol.com](mailto:billeads@aol.com)

### **SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**



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Pres. Jean Turley-Sinclair opened the March 28<sup>th</sup> Gold Diggers Luncheon at the Stonehouse Restaurant in Nevada City with 92 plus 3 guests attending. Billy & Dixie Prather, guests of Ted & Jean Gardner: Patricia Hull, guest of Horst Holsten. Our newest members, Art & Kit Massey, were introduced. Art retired from SFOEC June 2002, they now live at 1251 Hillhaven Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648.

Jean thanked Bob & Margie Fulkerson for hosting the luncheon. Alice McPeak & Jim Raber told a few humorous jokes; Bob Cuff gave us an informative talk regarding several subjects including "a hard night at United & the Stratacruiser." Also for those who might be interested in knowing more about prostate cancer, Bob recommended sending a request for the book: "Prostate Cancer, A Guide for



Men and Their Families”; it may save someone’s life as time goes on. It is free for the asking although you may donate to the foundation.

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Bob also talked about our Gold Diggers 2007 Convention. He stated that we need to help Ron & Barbara in any way possible. LaVerne Haubl is the coordinator for volunteers, please contact her at (916) 434-5324 or email [lhaubl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lhaubl@sbcglobal.net). Since LaVerne was unable to attend the meeting, Bob & Jo Cuff filled in for her.

VP Bob Fulkerson reported that all the host positions have been filled for the remaining meetings through the rest of 2007. Jan. 2008 is available, if interested in hosting please contact Bob.

Treasurer Judie King & Roster Chairman Jack Raynor reminded everyone that in order to be listed in the 2007 Gold Diggers Membership Roster you must be a paid member. If your name is not in the roster then you are not current with your dues and need to send a check payable to the Gold Diggers; mail to Judie King, 11886 Heather Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95949. Dues are \$10 a family.

Corresponding Secy. Colleen Esola reported anniversaries for March which include Rugh, Rush-ton, Miller, Becker, Blizzard & Tibbets. Bob Eggert was asked to lead the members with the Happy Anniversary song.

Recording Secy. Barbara Bertacini’s main duty is to take notes, then type the minutes for each meeting. She then sends a copy to Colleen to distribute, along with the monthly meeting notice, to our chapter members. Barbara also sends another copy by email to the RUAEA office to be included in the next RUAEA Newsletter.

Sunshine Francis Domaratius reported that UA retiree Bobbie McPheeters Prosser’s husband, A. J., passed away peacefully March 13 at home. He had been ill for some time & was under hospice care the last couple of months. Per his wishes, there were no services. Cards may be sent to Bobbie at 967 Gold Nugget Circle, Lincoln, CA 95648. It was nice to see Andrea Stuchell attending the meeting after her recent surgery, she is now going through chemo.

RUAEA Director for Northern California &

Nevada and 2007 Convention Chairman, Ron Bertacini, was asked to give his report.

Industry news ... Delta plans to come out of bankruptcy on April 30. Richard Branson of Virgin Atlantic is trying to bring about Virgin America, another low cost start up airline. They are changing their structure in hopes of gaining US government approval. Airbus had PR flights of its A380 into JFK & LAX recently. The project is two years behind schedule, due in service Oct. 2007. One of our convention committee members was in LA when the A380 arrived, he said that to see the real thing is awesome as it dwarfs the B747s that it passed! Boeing claims they are on track with the new B787 Dreamliner to be delivered in May 2008. They are currently sold out until 2013 & have 490 orders at about \$150 million each. Open skies between the US & Europe will go into effect next year. Airlines will be able to fly into any city in both Europe & the US providing landing slots are available.

RUAEA news ... A change in the email address for RUAEA to: [RUAEA@qwestoffice.net](mailto:RUAEA@qwestoffice.net).

Convention news ... Ron said as Bob Cuff stated, “... *this is your convention as members of the Gold Diggers! We just happen to represent you folks*”. The dates are May 27 to June 2, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency at Capitol Park in Sacramento. The Hyatt reported that reservations have been made for about 60% of our block of rooms. Help will be needed in various areas: Arts & Crafts display and raffle co-chair Francis & Veronica Domaratius plus Ken Norton 50/50 raffle chairman will need help selling raffle tickets for the drawings. Members are also needed to help with the silent auctions & the special raffle. Hospitality chairman Dorothy Stroud has some fun plans for Tues. – mystery night, Wed. – Hawaiian theme complete with Hula Dancers includes Gold Digger member Louise Kuret entertaining from 6:00 to 7:30 pm and Thurs. evening - a fun country western band lead by our own Harry Caldwell will be playing from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. There will be lots of door prizes for those who attend.

Transportation/Greeters Harold & Colleen Esola will need help at the airport as greeters to RUAEA retirees arriving from various parts of the country. There will be two 4-hour shifts daily from Mon. through Thurs. Parking cost will be covered.

Ron continued by thanking the remaining

chairpersons for their hard work: Tours - Stephanie Norton, Decorations - Sonda Sandstedt, Concierge - Bob & Jo Cuff, Secretary - Colleen Esola, Operations - Darryll Stroud, Registration - Shirley Drumheller and Asst. - Marge Raynor, Publicity - Nancy DeVore, Computer - Jack Raynor, Asst. 50/50 Raffles - Ronnie King and Convention Treasurer - Judie King.

We will be entertained by Cissy Conner at the Fri. evening Friendship Dinner. Cissy has received numerous awards in the LA area for her one woman show filled with comedy, music & an airline connection.

Sat. morning, June 2, the Business Meetings start with the Benefits Panel, followed by the RUAEA Board. Many more door prizes will be given to those attending if their ticket number is called.

Sat. evening, Patricia Patterson Dudley, daughter of William A. Patterson will share her memories of 'growing up' while United grew in the 40s, 50s & 60s. United Executive VP/Chief Customer Officer Graham Atkinson will be the Banquet speaker, closing with a Q&A's session.

We hope that all of you will come & share in the fun. If you haven't registered yet, please do so soon. I am working on the table assignments; Jack Raynor is busy preparing the convention badge for each registered person in the computer program which shows where they retired from, their tour numbers, their meal request & table seating. Be sure to let Barbara know ([Bertacini@surewest.net](mailto:Bertacini@surewest.net)) if you have special seating requests. Hope you will be with us at the Hyatt Regency at Capitol Park in Sacramento during May 27 to June 2!

#### Calendar:

**April 25** - Hosted by Jean & Forester Sinclair and Jean & Marv Becker at Trolley Junction in Nevada City.

**May** - No Meeting ~ RUAEA Convention in Sacramento.

**June 27** - Hosted by Ed & Lindalee Akin, Harry & Jean Caldwell and Jerry & Suzie Quinnell at Ed's ranch with barbecue & featuring Ed's antique tractors.

**July 25** - Meeting hosted by Sonda & Dick Sandstedt.



## **REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES**

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The March meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held at LaGare in Santa Rosa on March 8. It was a lovely, sunny day and as usual, the food was wonderful. There were 38 members & guests in attendance.

After the delicious lunch, Pres. Patrick Cadden called the meeting to order & welcomed everybody. He thanked our hosts, Barney & Clare Hagen and the co-hosts, Ron & Joanne Huhn for organizing the luncheon. Our special thanks to all the members who stepped up to help us. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as recorded.

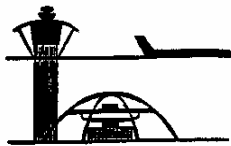
VP Judy DeFord welcomed our guests. They were Lee Trevelyan & Clem Shanahan, guests of Barney & Clare Hagen; Karen Van Dyke, guest of Ron & Joanne Huhn; Ed Von Borstel, guest of Naomi Tolf; Clarene Peterson, guest of Pat Leahy; and Carrol Turek, guest of Doug Saunders. Joanne Huhn spoke to us about the ease to have a luncheon at Oakmont. There is a special package with menus & prices. The dates are arranged. All the host has to do is choose one of the menus. Call Tina Williams at Oakmont to inform her of your choices, send out the information & call in the head count. There are 10 birthdays in March; Barney Hagen was the winner of the luncheon. We have only one anniversary in March - Patricia & Clovis Shem at 45 years. Congratulations!

Treas. Oscar Chambers reports that we are solvent & the Charity fund is growing. The accounts are in order. There are 107 members in our group.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr is away on vacation & we do miss her stories. Patrick Cadden told us of a trip he made to Ireland years ago & found some of his Irish relatives. It was a great tale.

Patrick's Thought for the Day - courtesy of George W. Bush. "*Home is important – it's important to have a home*".





### **Re-LAX-ers**

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**Byron Nelson**, retired from LAXTR 12/02 passed away on 4/6. He has been on chemo & radiation treatments for multiple myeloma cancer. In addition, his kidneys had failed so he had to be on dialysis. His body finally gave up the struggle & he passed away on April 6. His wife, Linda, would be grateful for cards or notes from his friends at LAXTR. Mail them to 6289 Killdee St., Long Beach, CA 90808. I am sure all his friends extend their deepest sympathy.

**Hank Pietrzyk** had an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party with many family & friends in attendance. You know they say nowadays that today's 80 is yesterday's 60 - so happy birthday, kid, and many more!

**John Daley** emailed us that Anne fell at home March 30<sup>th</sup> and broke her hip! She was in the hospital, very uncomfortable, for a number of days before surgery could be done as she's been on the blood thinner meds. She had the hip replacement done on Mon. 4/2, was able to walk a few short steps on Thurs., felt kind of so-so on Fri., but John says she's "one tough lady" and is coming along as well, maybe a bit better, than is to be expected. I know she'd love cards - 27117 Whitestone Rd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, (310) 377-5089.

Local retiree, **Joe Neumeyer** is quite ill, his wife is very concerned. Prayers & best wishes, Joe. Cards to 11419 Martha Ann Dr., Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

As of 4/2, friends of **Natalie Frayne** report that she was taken to Cedars Sinai emergency on 3/23. Betty Rodgers visited her then & said she was quite frail, would talk a little, drift asleep, talk a bit, & so on. By March 26, a feeding tube had been inserted into her stomach & has completely changed. At this point she has energy, stays awake a lot, watches TV & carries on a normal conversation. By the time this newsletter is published, she may have been moved, so phoning is not too easy. If you wish to contact her or send cards, let me know - I'll have the latest info.

I have sent emails to many members regarding

this next story, but if I missed you, and if you get your Newsletter by computer, this info may still be timely & of interest: There is a presentation titled "UAL Flying the Friendly Skys" given by Alan Wayne on Thurs., Apr. 12 at 10:00am and lasts about 60 to 90 minutes. It is at the old West Imperial Terminal at the Flight Path Learning Center. I don't have the street number, but it's west of Sepulveda on the north side of Imperial Highway - ya can't miss it. Of course, our ReLAXers luncheon begins the same day at 11am. But the F.P.L.C. is only a couple of miles from the luncheon spot at the Proud Bird, so you could probably attend at least the first half before heading for the early gathering of the luncheon meeting crowd. Admission & parking are free.

**We have tour news!** I have booked a 3-day/2-nite sightseeing & gambling tour for Sep 17-19. It will be by bus, & will be going to Laughlin, NV (stay at the Aquarius - formerly Flamingo) on Mon., to Grand Canyon on Tue. At the Canyon we will visit the newly opened horseshoe shaped glass Skywalk which extends 65 feet beyond the edge of the canyon. My impression of this structure is "ohmagawd, I can't believe it!", but, what the heck, it's there, so let's go see what it's like! It will be a full day with the Skywalk visit & a visit at the Hualapai Indian reservation with lunch included. Back to Laughlin for another gambling evening & home on Wed. For prices & pick-up points, contact Barbara (me) at above address/fone/email.

### **Calendar:**

**May 27-June 2** - See you in SAC

**June 14** - Luncheon

**Aug. 9** - Big-time steak fry in the park

**Sept. 17-19** - Laughlin/Grand Canyon Tour

### **Re-Sans**

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The next meeting of our ReSans Chapter will be held on May 2 at 11:30 am at Carver's in Rancho Bernardo. Fliers announcing this Spring Fling & Election of Officers are in the mail.

Pres. Marian Owens has been out of state attending to a sister who has been ill. Please put on your thinking caps & come up with a candidate to fill the post of Pres. Marian has very graciously worked hard & would now like to have a very well-earned break.

We have no further word on the condition of Herb Cohan, but hope his recovery is progressing well.

#### Calendar:

**May 2** – Spring Fling & Election of Officers, 11:30 am – Carver's in Rancho Bernardo. Fliers are in the mail giving detailed driving instructions.



*Golden  
Gaters -  
SFO Area*

#### **GOLDEN GATERS** **SFO AREA**

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Again we greet you with sunshine in our hearts & in our skies. Because we invited you to visit & due to convention dates, our next monthly General business meeting will be held on a 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon., May 21. So get ready to hear a rambunctious 6-man "San Francisco Banjo Band" entertain us afterwards.

Attendance at our March General meeting definitely improved, 120 happy souls & 11 guests. Then our after-lunch lady barbershop singers, the "Jewel Tones" came in wearing spectacular 1920's era red satin "hourglass" dresses. Such fun, watching the faces of our audience & hearing the audible oooh's of appreciation. Per usual, faithful morning Door Greeter Mike Mewkalo was careful to hug all the ladies & shake hands with all the men. Man loves his job!

From time to time we receive requests from our chapter members & other UAL retirees to promote their personal business interests at our meetings. Please understand, this we cannot do. Our By-Laws do not permit any such advertising.

For those of you in possession of the new 2007 SFO chapter membership roster, please correct the telephone number of International Tour Coordinator Ginger Dahlberg: (650) 224-1865.

Our newest Executive Board member, Barbara

Underhill is the absolute jewel in our crown! In one month, she sent out 8 "invitation to join" cards to new local retirees gleaned from the latest RUAEA listing, made 64 telephone calls to past members late with their dues, sent out 30 renewal postcards, & called members listed in our 2005 membership roster, snagging 2 new members. She received a grand total of 50 membership renewals. Hubby Jerome was enlisted in the campaign as well. This Underhill couple is definitely "On Top Of The Hill."

Our appreciation goes to chapter Historian James & wife Helen Goodwine for their generous donation to our March charity raffle of 2 tickets to a recent Giants vs. Seattle baseball game.

Like to see a Tasmanian Devil or an Orca whale? If you can pronounce the following, hurray for you: Tauranga, Christchurch/Lyttelton, Dunedin/Chalmers, Fjordland, Hobart (that's Tasmania, folks), Melbourne & Sydney. International Tour Coordinator Ginger Dahlberg brings this Australia & New Zealand Jan.21-Feb. 2, 2008 appetizer to the table early to avoid later disappointments. Popularity & fast sell-out time should encourage you to book now. OK, so how do you like these more pronounceable names: Seattle, Friday Harbor, Canadian Gulf Islands, Jervis Inlet, Princess Louisa Inlet, Chatterbox Falls, Nanaimo & Port Townsend? Visiting dates are July 5-11, 2007 by small ship, kayak and/or pontoon boat. For Nov. 5-13, 2007 Dahlberg has a northern Italy trip available, an upcoming springtime 2008 French barge trip, & an autumn South African safari. Tickle your curiosity? Call (650) 224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

Interested in something to the north? Try Canada's beautiful Snow Train Express, Dec. 6-12, with Domestic Tour Coordinator Betty Garner. You'll see Alberta's Banff, Calgary, Edmonton, Icefields Parkway, Jasper, & Lake Louise. Garner assures us that the hotels are the best. That day trip on the Roaring Camp steam train through the redwoods still has room, June 20. For July 16, try a Cache Creek Casino fun run. Email [garner-bee@yahoo.com](mailto:garner-bee@yahoo.com) or call (650) 355-4195.

Betty Bliss has Oct. 18, 2007 tickets for what could be our last "Day At The Races" trip to San Mateo's Bay Meadows Racetrack. You still have time to write to Betty at 1191 Compass Lane, Foster City, CA 94404 or email me.

### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: May 21<sup>st</sup>. All other months, 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. business meeting 11:30 am at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. (Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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With our new meeting start time, we are seeing many people that have not attended in awhile.

Several visitors this month. Jennifer & Susan Schaller, daughters of Geneva & Otto Schaller, & granddaughter Lorene Felleman were here on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

We are sorry to report that Otto passed away on March 28. He will be missed by everyone; we extend to his very fine family our deepest condolences.

Jean & Gary Fahl were here on March 2. Gary is recovering from a mild stroke. Another visitor in March was Jose Camacho, visiting from his home in Costa Rica.

Bill Copely was in hospital with pneumonia, is now recovered. Marian Swanson fell, broke her wrist; is doing well, is already free of her cast.

Dee Kolman had her surgery, is now at home recuperating. Patty Smith is in chemo. We will keep them in our prayers.

Larry Jorgensen's wife, Violet, is ill. Larry will not be able to come to our meetings anymore.

We have started a new practice where each week a member can share their story of any hobby or activity:

- ✈ On the 16<sup>th</sup>, Deloris Burda spoke about Project Linus, & brought some lovely blankets that she had made for distribution to needy children.
- ✈ The following week Don Burda entertained us by doing part of his professional clown act, in which he "read" Tony Urso's mind.
- ✈ On the 30<sup>th</sup>, Ella Sosa brought in photos & a sample of her handmade bears & stuffed

animals. Ella is truly a professional. Some of her exquisite, one-of-a-kind bears have been sold in boutiques for high prices.

- ✈ We have also begun sharing our United career stories. First was Gene Eggert who spoke about his 34 years at United, first as a meteorologist & later as a facilities planner. I am sure many in national RUAEA remember working with Gene.

### Calendar:

Meeting every Fri. morning at Holders Country Inn, Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast now starts at 8:00 with meeting at 9:00. All UA retirees are welcome. Call Pres. Stan Kolman (408) 736-1775 for details.

**June 14** - Annual picnic at Vasona Park. Call Tony Urso at (408) 264-8580 for more information.



### SAN JOAQUINERS

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Our March meeting was held at the Peppery in Sonoma with 32 in attendance & hosted by Larry & Pat Magee.

First of all, we received the news that Carol Wesela had passed away after a long illness. She was a good trooper, attending most of our luncheons. She will be missed. Ken was there & said how much the friendship of the San Joaquiners meant to him.

It was voted on & approved that we increase our yearly chapter dues to \$10 P/P. It was also voted on & approved that we charge a flat rate of \$15 P/P for the luncheons. If it cost more, the chapter will subsidize the difference. If it is less, the difference will go into the treasury to be used, in part, for our annual Christmas donations. It was suggested that we have a 50/50 raffle in place of prizes, however, if the hosts want to bring a door prize or two, they may.

It was good to see Charlene Wood after a long absence & in good health.

Doug & Dorothy Daniels were in attendance. Dorothy is growing a new head of hair after her chemo treatments.



Word from Guy Hoffman that his wife, Nancy, is home recuperating from complicated back surgery.

Larry Magee gave us some information about UAL's plans that eliminate "over flying" countries that charge us to do so. It is quite a large savings for UAL. This is GOOD NEWS!

Charlie & Pat Passarell are moving to Manteca into the Del Webb Park. Pat has dental insurance information; if you have any questions, call them.

Larry & Lavina Brinsfield just returned recently from a 3 month visit with their daughter in TN. They told of some life in the Military.

### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Our last meeting was held on March 12 with 34 people in attendance. We had 2 guests - Jeff Olson from the Orlando Real McCoys - Jeff retired from SFOCS (International Division). We also welcomed Rich Bouska's Aunt, Sylvia Rachle - she was a Budget Analyst at the SFO MOC & was active in the SMF Gold Diggers; she will now be a regular at our meetings. Good to see Andy & Ann Chorbi, Dan & Judy Deford, Tracey Blanchard & Poldi VonMuhlfield - been a while & welcome back.

Nancy & Bill Boyle will not be here for a while. Nancy had knee surgery (which went very well). Bill is doing caregiver/househusband duties!

Inflation has hit us ... our new charge will be \$16, including tax & tip. Still a bargain as the food & service are great. Our Cashier requests you bring a few one dollar bills (thanks!).

Howard Payne advised that the 1-800 UAL LIST has been improved & is very user-friendly. Check it out when you are "in a pickle" at the airport (you have to be a certain age to understand that phrase).

Ed Bingle gave a very interesting presentation (& photos) about a visit to the Aerospace Bldg in St. Louis. He even remembers watching Charles Lindbergh practice landings and takeoffs!

Diane Griego gave a recap on her "cruise that

went nowhere" ... long story ... but great customer service from the cruise line.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00 to 12:00, lunch & business from 12:00 on. No reservations are required.

### **Calendar:**

**May 14** - Meeting

**June 11** - Our annual picnic

**July** - No meeting

**Aug. 13** - Meeting

### **COLORADO**

#### **DENVER MILE HIGHERS**



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#### *Submitted by Tom Goodyear*

On March 24, the April Newsletter was prepared for mailing at United Airlines Flight Training Center. There were 48 folks that attended & the job was completed by 10 AM. This was the first Newsletter mailing since Dec. 2006 that wasn't during a snowstorm. No matter what the weather has been, the Mile Highers have come through and done a "GOOD JOB!" Everyone had a good visit & enjoyed the "goodies" that Irma Atanasio brought. It was good to see Al Malleck out to help us, Al has been out of service due to illness. Virgil Gooselaw mentioned to the group that his resignation date was approaching & if someone desired to fill the Newsletter Manager position to see him or call Gordon Starr. Virgil said we may have to "farm out" the mailing if no one assumes the Newsletter Manager's job. He also said this may happen anyway because of ongoing changes in postal regulations that may require processes that we cannot economically comply with. The cost of farming it out is about the same as we now pay, but we would lose a great time to socialize, and we don't want to see that happen.

53 folks attended the DEN Mile Highers breakfast on April 4 at United's Flight Training Center. First timers were Walter Klein & Claudio Nanino, both men retired from Maintenance. Gents, come

back and see us. It was good to see Verdell "Skip" Roundy after a long absence.

Tom Goodyear reported that Marilyn Hankins had knee surgery on April 4. If you want to send her a get well card, her address is 1050 Emporia, Aurora, CO 80010. Also, Dick Penner has been under the weather but is starting to feel better. His wife, Betty has also been sick, but is doing better now. They could stand some cheering up, their address is: 8082 Routt St., Arvada, CO 80005. Phone (303) 422-3186.

Tena Davis reported Lola Wallace had an auto accident & hurt her leg. If you want to send her get well card, her address is 9625 E. Center Apt. 3A, Denver, CO 80247.

Dick Penner & his wife Betty have been under the weather but are feeling better. They could use some cheering up: 8082 Routt St., Arvada, CO 80005; (303) 422-3186.

Tom asked how many are planning to attend the convention. There are at least 12 planning to attend. W. A. Patterson's daughter, Patricia Patterson Dudley, is planning to attend the banquet on Sat night.

Virgil Gooselaw requested help on the early shift for the Newsletter mailing, with a start time of 5:30 - 6:30 AM.

The next breakfast will be May 2 at the United Flight Training Center. Bring a fellow retiree & don't forget those aluminum cans - we made over \$100 dollars last month.

The Mile Highers' picnic will be held July 18 at Blossoms Restaurant - Heather Gardens, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO. Social hour 11:30 AM, lunch (picnic) 12 Noon - \$12 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 is 7/12.

#### Calendar:

Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

**May 2** - Breakfast Meeting

**June 6** - Breakfast Meeting

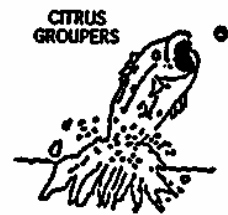
**July 18** - Picnic - Details in column.



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The Citrus Groupers met on March 22 at Ruby Tuesday with 25 members & guest in attendance. We welcomed Jo Beck back from her trip to Hawaii. Mage Frazier is leaving on a cruise from Fort Lauderdale through the Panama Canal to San Diego. Sad news, Earl Clore lost a brother & Grace Clore lost her mother. Our thoughts are with them.

Paul Wieczorkowski was at the meeting. It was the first time he attended since his knee surgery. Now he is able to hobble around on a cane.

At the meeting we decided not to have any meetings during the months of June & July since many of our members are going to be away.

#### Calendar:

**April 26** - Meeting at 11.30 am at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Country Club on Legacy lane in the Villages.

**May 24** - Meeting at 11.30 at the International Buffet, 2259 N. Citrus Ave. (Hwy 27 ) next to Walmart in Leesburg.



### SAND"DABS"

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There were 27 Sand"DABS" & guests gathered at our last meeting at Red Lobster. It was good to see Marion Oliver & hubby Bill after a long absence. Steve & Lillian Moddle had their 2 grandchildren with them, Nick & Madison DeCobo. Pres. Dick Coughlin opened the meeting & was be-moaning over his computer crash. He's working hard to get everything back again - big job!

Birthday celebrants present were Rick Johnson & Irene Warner who got serenaded by all of us.

Penny Logan gave us a Treas. report that we're still in the black. At the second drawing of the 50/50, Marion Johnson won a darling cloth Easter basket filled with goodies.

Bud Gammill arrived without a walker or a cane. He did a walk-around to show off his great recovery from surgery removing some bone from his hip. We are all sure his great recovery came from the special care he got from dear wife Karen. We all clapped for Bud & Karen.

Marion Jonnson gave a brief account of their recent Caribbean cruise & the places they stopped. Dick Coughlin gave a brief account of him & Frieda's last cruise on a foreign ship. Lots of different languages spoken aboard among fellow ship-mates. All directions were given in 4 languages, which got tiring. They did enjoy the entertainment though aboard the cruise. Jane Kress gave an explanation of her work at Hospice where she volunteers. She took 21 hours of classroom training for this & now works wherever needed at the Hospice facility to help the staff.

At joke time Dick had a reading of proverbs which were sentences completed by First Graders. Some were really funny. Dick Russell gave a pitch for the concert of the Barbershop Chorus he sings with which will be held May 12, at the News Journal Building. The music will be a tribute to Irving Berlin. Tickets can be purchased through Dick. Our Prez gave a report on some company & industry news & views.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** *Don't meet trouble half-way, as it is quite capable of making the entire journey on its own.*

Calendar:

**May 3** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**June 7** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

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There were 34 members & 1 guest at our annual April Picnic held at the East Lake Fish Camp on the 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. Burgers, brats & dogs

were grilled by our very own Pres. Paul Brown; everyone agreed that he should have the job next year too!

Recently ailing members JoAnn Hall & Chuck Grant came to the picnic & were a welcome sight! So glad they are feeling better! Retirement ain't for sissies!

Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral on Semoran Blvd (just south of CurryFord Road). Please note New Time of 12:00 noon.

**Oct. 12 – 24** - Sail the Black Sea Discovery on the Avalon Waterways Poetry. For details on this cruise, contact: Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773.

**June 2008** – Alaska Cruise

**Sept. 2008** – San Francisco & Wine Country Tour. For details on these trips contact – Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773.



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26 members & guests attended our March meeting. We welcomed Joe Coco who retired from EXOAD & joined us from Punta Gorda; Steve Bilodeau & Dick Vecchione, both from BOS. Alvine Valencourt joined us for the first time this season.

Pat Bell had knee replacement surgery on March 2 & will not be able to join us again this season. All our best wishes for a speedy recovery!

Everyone shared some interesting & entertaining stories about their "life with UAL", (with comments from spouses). The final consensus was that we loved it while we worked there, we sure are glad we are retired & don't have to put up with the present conditions!

When the subject got to seniority dates, we found that Barbara Dee was the most senior from in-flight, having started in Dec. 1954. The one who beat out every one was our Chapter founder Herm Kline, with a start date of July 30, 1945. Congratulations, Herm!

Calendar:

**May 10** - Picnic at the South Lido Beach Park, Sarasota. If you plan to join us, please give me a call.

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The April meeting was a spring picnic held at Anderson Park with 50 attendees. Included were a new member, Donna Kline King, & a guest, Al Guecie. Everyone enjoyed the food & the friendship.

The meeting started off normal until I got up to read the minutes of the last meeting & discovered I had brought the minutes of the Nov. meeting which was rather embarrassing, however, our faithful Pres. had brought his copy & saved the day.

Anniversary - April 19 Jim & Pat Hottel

Birthdays –

- ➔ Apr 1 - Art Reveillac 89 yrs
- ➔ Apr 2 - Pearl Quinn
- ➔ Apr 6 - Connie Kuehn
- ➔ Apr 12 - Diane Taggart
- ➔ Apr 13 - Carol Starr
- ➔ Apr 28 - Mike Marvett

Travel - Jim Hottel went r/t to Myrtle Beach all in one day. Dave & Carolyn Lodge spent 2 weeks touring Costa Rica, had a very nice time.

Sunshine Committee - Two members passed away in March. Ken Kilpatrick & Edna Canfield (wife of Hank Canfield). Hank is a Past Pres. of the Tampa Bay Chapter. Edna was 92. A moment of silence was observed for Ken & Edna's passing.

Also a get well card was sent to Pat Hottel who had foot surgery. She is getting used to the crutches.

Mike Marvett reported that 82 were in attendance at the West Coast Luncheon including 6 guests. There were 9 persons from the Sarasota area.

Pres. Lindstrom did not have any animal jokes for April but did inform everyone that Meigs Field in Chicago is being transformed into a space port.

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Our March meeting, though small in attendance, had discussions about our upcoming cruises in April & our picnic in June. It seems as though everyone is enjoying our new meeting location at RJ Gator's. Who wouldn't with 2 for 1 drinks, lunch specials & free lunch miles for future free meals (just like an airline) plus, it so happens, that we meet on Tues. – double mile day. Chris Taylor brought in United memorabilia, some of it dating back to the 40's. Newspaper clippings, menus & schedules which brought back many fond memories, when United was in the 'good old days'. Mari Hirjack is recuperating from long overdue knee surgery. We all know that is very painful & we wish her a speedy recovery.

This is what happens when we partake in the two for ones: One of our members goes into the bar. He's sitting on the stool, enjoying his drinks when he hears, "You look great!" He looks around - there's nobody near him. He hears the voice again, "No really, you look terrific". He looks around again. Nobody. He hears, "Is that a new shirt or something? Because you are absolutely glowing." He then realizes that the voice is coming from a dish of nuts on the bar. "Hey," he calls to the bartender, "What's with the nuts?" "Oh," the bartender answers, "They're complimentary!"

Calendar:

**May 8** – Luncheon & meeting at RJ Gators – 11:30 AM

**June 12** – Picnic – more info to follow

**July** – Summer recess

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**New Chapter**

FLL Flyers had our first official meeting on April 9 with 13 people in attendance. We had a guest speaker talk to us about Long Term Health Care Insurance. Members are encouraged to go to [meetup.com](http://meetup.com), type in 33301, then RUAEA & sign up for free at the local site in case we want to have events in between our meetings. This is a site that the Pres. personally pays for & updates. Reminders are automatically sent out to all members via email at least 2 times automatically before each chapter meeting.

We still need a Secy. for our group. We might have some evening meetings some months to accommodate the retirees who are still working.

### **Calendar:**

**May 7** - 11:30 AM, Panera Bakery, 1762 N. Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 – (954)-567-5925.

## **GEORGIA**

### **DIXIE FLYERS**

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**DIXIE FLYERS**

26 flyers were in attendance for the March 7 lunch at The Grand Buffet in Fayetteville, GA., hosted by Gene & Jeanne Barber. We had our usual private room & the food was up to its known good quality. The restaurant is still one of our favorite meeting places. Carlton Higgins, son of Wayne Higgins was at the restaurant & visited with the members. Carlton expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Dixie Flyers & would certainly be welcome. We have been missing Bill Carlson who was always faithfully coming to the

lunches.

Pres. Sandy Lis held the business meeting, she reminded us of the upcoming annual RUAEA convention in Sacramento, CA this year; the details can be obtained on the RUAEA website at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) or by phone (303) 780-5022 (not always manned).

Bill Elk brought to our attention changes in the Medco Prescriptions Benefits Plan, particularly concerning the choice of medications related to cost. Medco sent notification that there were enhancements to your benefit plan services. You should have received it by mail, but information is also available on line at their website at [www.medcohealth.com](http://www.medcohealth.com). We have hosts for all the monthly meetings for the rest of the year, thanks to all who volunteered. Sandy reminded all that Bruce Brodersen is a candidate for the Southeast Director for 2007. Ballots must be received by May 1, 2007. Ballots can be printed from the website by RUAEA members, & sent in by mail.

### *2<sup>nd</sup> Report:*

27 Flyers & two guests, fifteen month old Ezra Thompson, Richard & Diayne Thompson's grandson, & five year old Jay Marshall, Bill & Judy Elk's grandson, came to the lunch at O'Charley's in Newnan, GA on April 4.

Both children are taken care of while the parents work. This is becoming more common in these times, but it is fortunate that family is able to do it instead of strangers in day care. Of course they were the center of attention & enjoyed it. The meeting room was spacious enough, but not completely closed off from the main part of the restaurant & made it difficult to hear our softer spoken Pres. Sandy Lis when we conducted our business meeting.

Sandy talked of how some retirees are just getting the corrected W2's from United, & some may have to file amended tax returns. Bruce Brodersen, our Southeast Director was not able to attend, because he was busy finishing up his volunteer work filing tax returns for AARP seniors through a local group. We hope to see him next meeting. Barbara Russey, our Secy. reminded all that those who had not paid their dues would be dropped from the roster. It was very good to see Bill Carlson out & about once again after what seems like a long winter's absence. Bill says that he had been enjoying



not being so busy & sort of taking it easy lately. It has been learned that Harriet Jones is undergoing treatment again for a long ongoing illness. All the Flyers hearts & prayers go out to Harriet & Bobby for her speedy recovery.

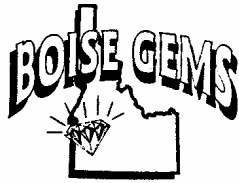
#### Calendar:

**May 2** - Meeting. The I-Hop Restaurant Fayetteville, GA - 12 Noon, hosted by Richard & Diayne Thompson.

### IDAHO

#### BOISE GEMS

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Longtime friend **James A. Kennedy** (retired director of public relations) suffered a heart attack on Jan.27 at his home in Sun Valley. He recovered, but later had more warning signs. His doctor urged that he be Life-flighted to Boise. This was a wise decision, for on the way to St. Luke's Regional Medical Center via helicopter, Jim suffered another attack. While in CCU (intensive care), his medication was increased, but that didn't help. More attacks followed, requiring CPR, a stronger medication, & Lidocaine for the pain. Each time he rallied. On Feb. 10, he was moved out of CCU to a hospital room. On Feb. 28, his wife, Linda, took him home. He was very weak from all he had been through. In early March, they returned to Boise to see the doctor who reduced his medicine, & admitted him to the Idaho Elk Rehabilitation Hospital for R&R (rest & rehab) to help him get back on his feet. After 10 days, he was released & is now home, recovering a little each day.

**Betty Archibald**, after a minor stroke & a brief stay in a local hospital, has moved from BOI to be close to her daughter in Pocatello. Betty is presently in nearby Chubbuck, ID. Address: Ridgewind Assisted Living, 4080 Hawthorne Rd. #100, Chubbuck, ID 83209. Her beautiful home in Boise is up for sale. Betty said she would love to hear from old friends, especially those living in the BOI, PDX & MFR areas.

**Carol Birt** is leaving ID to be close to her

son's family in GA. Her new address is 406 Brookes Walk, Woodstock, GA 30188. Phone: (770) 516-7172. She'll let us know her new email address when she gets it, & we'll pass it on to our readers.

**Marge Redford** has moved to Northgate Senior Center, 5001 Ellen's Ferry Way, Boise, ID 83703. Phone & email address remain the same. She says she likes her apartment, the people are friendly, & there are always a number of activities. We'll miss Betty & Carol from our family of GEMS, & hope Marge will continue to attend our local functions.

Our get-together at Louie's Italian Restaurant on March 4, which was on-&-off again because of lunch restrictions set by Louie's, turned out to be a gala affair, with 24 GEMS attending.

**Charles Perkins**, ever optimistic, has already planted his vegetable garden, ignoring the local warning that it's not really safe until the snow is gone from the Boise Front. If he has veggies in June, he'll have the last laugh.

**Ossie & Louise Haugen** tried SWA for a trip to Houston, saying they enjoyed the friendly courteous service & would certainly do it again. (We hope they asked for SWA's generous Senior Fares, which includes the privilege of making reservations.) While visiting family, they were pleased to celebrate a great grandson's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. They were happy too to get to know their new granddaughter-in-law. The only part they didn't like was the continuous rain. "Whether it was the rain or what, we both suffered from pneumonia, following our return. You don't suppose it could be that we caught the bug at one airport or another, do you?" (Answer: It has been known to happen.)

We have a new membership list, including email addresses for almost everyone, thanks to chapter Co-Prez Shirley Dempsey.

**Don Behrendt** announced that we need team members to help out, with our Warhawk Air Museum projects. Please contact Don or Co-Prez Rick Dempsey, if interested.

There's a rumor going around that BOI may soon have additional service in the afternoon to both SFO & CHI, in 737 aircraft. Can anyone confirm that good news?

**Dave Adams** said that Baker City (small but bustling town in eastern OR) is sold out for Jul. 21 & 22, but we're OK for Jul. 28 & 29. We'll stay

overnight in Baker, taking in the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, & going to Sumpter Valley for a ride on the Sumpter Valley Express, a scenic narrow-gauge railroad line through old-time gold rush country. Look carefully & you will see deer & other wildlife. Interested? Call Dave at 344-6897. He is the arranger & driver of the tour bus.

#### Calendar:

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> first Mon. of each month, at JB's in Meridian at 9 a.m.

**May 7** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

**June 4** - 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

### ILLINOIS

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It's Convention time with the Gold Diggers in California who are the hosts of this year's RUAEA Convention. They have really put a lot into their convention preparation; it will be all on display when the retirees & guests arrive. There should be a lot of fun & mingling with friends from other chapters. The tours all appear very exciting; wish I could go on all of them to photograph all the smiling faces. I'm looking forward to visiting with many of our friends & possibly meeting new ones during convention time.

Our dining area at Artemis was decorated in bright green colors in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Joining the Skyliners & breakfast group were two new smiling faces. Jil Dederling who retired in March 1999 from Refund Investigation at HDQAK & Barb Andersen who was a secretary in Flight Ops, then went on to the Credit Union as branch Manager. She retired from United October 2003 but still working in the Credit Union.

At our first luncheon of the year, being the Spring Luncheon, there were over 200 happy faces that came & enjoyed the afternoon; visiting & mingling with friends with a delicious lunch. During the month, the Skyliners Committee contacted many of the members who had not paid their annual dues for a last opportunity to keep their mem-

bership active this year.

Members corresponding to the Denver Office of RUAEA will note a change in their new e-mail address. Now in effect, the new address is: [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net). The postal mailing address will remain the same as in the past. Please make note of this change & begin using this new e-mail address in your correspondence.

The food depository has once again changed the volunteer day from the 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. of the month to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of each month, one day later. This change is because the CFD has a minimum of staff on duty on Sun. & Mon. & cannot take volunteers at that time. In March, there were 20 volunteers that attend in helping to pack cereal into small bags from large containers. Our next bus trip to CFD would leave from World Headquarters Training Center on May 2<sup>nd</sup> before 9 AM.

Our new Southside reporter, Ester Broderson, reported that 20 people attended & that everyone was delighted to welcome back Carmen Chavez after her 7 months of recuperation. She & her husband, Javier, treated everyone to luscious chocolates along with the Easter bunny chocolates from Rudy Maki. Roy Schmitt was recognized for his faithful dedication & thanked as the Southside Chapter 'news gatherer'; he now goes into his 2<sup>nd</sup> retirement. Due to a third bout of pneumonia, a business trip to IA & MN, the Southsiders missed their "Monthly Raffle Man", Caryle Brandt who handles the monthly raffles. Due to an exchange snafu of the tickets, everyone had to pay for breakfast out of pocket. A handy new phone directory for the group will be available at an upcoming brunch. There was not much enthusiasm about attending the convention in Sacramento. It seems that the great distance and using connecting flights or other means of transportation were determining factors along with costly parking fees where previous conventions allowed parking at no charge.

#### Calendar:

**May 2** – Come volunteer at the Chicago Food Depository – First TUES. of the Month

**May 9** – Join in at breakfast with the Northsiders Group – 9:00 a.m. Artemis Restaurant - Golf & Busse Roads in Mt. Prospect, IL.

**May 13** – Y-ME Race Grant Park

**May 27** – RUAEA Convention week in Sacramento, CA

**May 31** – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

### **LOOP GROUP**

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Well, well, well, the day was rainy, cloudy & perfect to stay home. What a surprise when I finally arrived, I confess, late of course, to be greeted by a chorus of voices "WELCOME". Getting over my shock, seeing so many faces; I said hello to Mary Szabo, Norm Pearson, Lillian & Roe Mallstrom – back from their annual escape to Mexico, Cal Lindsay, Kay McClure & Beverly Connor.

All in all, it was a pleasant luncheon, food was excellent & the dining area reminded you of an English garden. The sky light was decorated with some greenery & a spectacular view of the city beckoning to us.

Looking forward to greeting you all at next month's luncheon.

### **Calendar:**

May 16 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Hotel (That Great Place) – 11:30 AM

### **INDIANA**



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Have any of you reading this month's newsletter noticed how last month's newsletter was a bit different? Yes, it was! In fact, it was so cleverly written & I added my special touch of magic to it. I made the entire newsletter disappear. Pretty good. Too bad you couldn't read it. It was really a good one. In all seriousness, I forgot to write the letter & I apologize to all. The month of March was hectic, exciting, exhilarating & yet, strangely peaceful. Do I have your attention yet? Good! Six of us from

the Indy Racers were on a cruise, eating, soaking up the sunshine, eating, admiring one another's tans, and eating some more. My thoughts were far, far away & not on writing a newsletter. A very loyal & overly responsible person, such as I, did remember my forgotten task & promptly went to the computer room. You know, as much as I wanted to write, I just couldn't bring myself to pay \$7.95 per minute. Sorry! This won't happen again ... well, not until my next cruise.

Ron & I, Warren & Gail Allen, Dave & Dimple Rihel all cruised to the Eastern Caribbean - loved every bit of it. We had a great time, I just didn't want to come home. Seven nights were just not enough, sooooo, our next cruise will be from Ft. Lauderdale through the Panama Canal & up the Pacific side to LA or San Diego. We can't tell you exactly when, but come along with us. The more the merrier! If you've never checked out cruise prices, go to [perx.com](http://perx.com). The site is for discount airline & military persons; you can really get some great prices, especially if you can go on short notice.

The Indy Racers have a picnic coming up June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville. We have got our picnic committee together, comprising of just me, Elly Barnett & Dimple Rihel. Help... Help...Help! We could use some more ideas & helping hands.

I can't think of anything else to write about other than Bob Duty won the 50/50 at our last meeting - I didn't! Maybe next time. As always, we welcome all new members & those just passing through. The Indy Racers meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at the Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd. in Plainfield. Meetings begin at 3:00 but access to our own room is open at 2:00 so you can enjoy lunch before the meeting.

### **Calendar:**

**May 14** – meeting

**June 9** – picnic

**June 11** - meeting

*Happy Mother's Day*

## MASSACHUSETTS

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Back to New England on April 1 & a snow storm on the 4<sup>th</sup>. I thought my 3 months in FL would save me from using my snow blower. Not so! Currently, we have a real winter-like spring, with a snow storm that brought down numerous branches & a few trees. Which put me out there with my chainsaw, gathering next winters firewood. In contrast, at Steve & Paddy's home in FL, while sunning by their pool, there was an alligator sunning daily by the canal, a turtle that dug a hole in the yard & buried her eggs. Steve daily feeds a great white egret by hand. There were herons, moorhens, hawks, countless numbers of wild bird species & a lynx. A real treat! Well, now I've got summer to look forward to.

John & Jean Butler just returned from their snow bird hiatus in FL. Lew & Sylvia Shakley celebrated an anniversary in March. Don Simard had to return for radiation treatments, but advises he is doing well.

### Calendar:

**May 22** - Foxwoods Casino trip

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Winter's return did not keep 16 Escapees plus 1 guest from gathering at the Empire Dynasty in Farmington Hills on April 7, hosted by sister Joan. Joan molded chocolate bunnies sitting on a jelly bean nest for everyone to get us in the Easter mood, despite the cold & strong winds engulfing us. We

are trying to think Spring but the weather is not helping. We discussed the importance of voting in the RUAEA election to let our officers know that we do appreciate all they do for us retirees. In the past it has been very disappointing; considering the number of RUAEA members that actually take the time to vote.

I heard some very sad news from Marlene Presnell as her oldest son, Jerry, who lives in OR had passed away. He was just 44 years old. Love & prayers to Marlene & family at 8016 Pardee Road, Taylor, MI 48180.

### Calendar:

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

## MINNESOTA

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29 Northern Lites & 2 guests enjoyed lunch & conversation on a windy day which later brought us Feb. temperatures, just when we started thinking spring. Welcome to spring in Minnesota! Little did we know that the main event was yet to come & that cold temps would spread across the nation east of the Rockies.

We enjoyed hearing about the career of Marlys Johnson, a retiree of Continental & alumna of Eastern. She worked in a joint ticket office for many years that Eastern & United shared in St. Paul, becoming acquainted with some of our local group.

Lee & Diane Storlie's granddaughter, Brooklyn, related how her family went to the animal shelter & found the perfect dog to replace their old friend which had recently loped off to heaven.

Jim Simon's gone back to work, but not in a maintenance facility. He's selling annuities. That slick talker should be able to sell a bunch of insurance.

Don & Dorothy Wood were celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary that day. Congratulations!

Tim Privette had to go back for more chemo treatments; Wes Briest had to have more surgery on

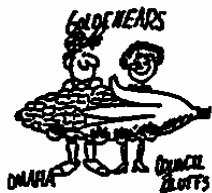
that knee. Doggone it, both those guys are having a heckuva time.

The snowbirds should be straggling back by now. However, the late cold snap may have deterred some of the diehards. They were feeling the cold in AZ/TX/FL ~ WHEREVER they went for the winter ~ and they just know that it's still a frozen tundra up here! Hey! I had 72 degrees up here in the north just a coupla days before the cold front came through. Trust me, spring is coming!

#### Calendar:

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

### NEBRASKA



#### GOLDEN'EARS

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A nice turnout at House of Hunan with 38 attending. It was good to see Cary & Toddy Manson and Larry & Peggy Weare. Joyce Torchia dropped in to pick up her United sweatshirt from Dick & announced she was going to be a grandma for the first time in Sept. Congratulations, Joyce.

We had a nice surprise with Marilyn Weak announcing she had set up a tour of Rotella's Bakery after our luncheon for those who wanted to go. There were 28 of us who took the tour. It was very interesting to see how bread was made. They send their bread all over the US. The machinery was state of the art, the production is done 24 hours a day, 6-7 days a week. Marilyn's brother, Jim Rotella, & her cousin, Dominic Costanzo, were our tour guides.

After the tour, I stopped at Methodist Hospital to check on Nick Nekonchuk. The blood clot in his leg is gone; however, he still cannot stand on it. It will just take time to build the leg back up. He will be taking rehab at the hospital.

In response to my request for members over 90, I have received the following:

- Georgia Egr - Age 92 on April 12
- Harold Rowe - Age 91 on March 24

- Cy Buell - Age 91 on June 28
- Sydney Greenstreet - Age 90 on Jan. 4

The great thing is that all four are doing very well. Congratulations!

Marge Stankoski is taking chemo for a tumor located close to her liver. Our sincere hope is that the tumor will shrink & she will be on her way to a full recovery.

Dick Weak said 45 have purchased the sweat-shirts. This will be your last notice if you want to purchase one. They are very, very nice and are \$21, they come in M, L & XL so if you want one – contact Dick at (402) 488-9006 or e-mail him at [rweak@neb.rr.com](mailto:rweak@neb.rr.com).

#### Calendar:

**May 1** – Lo Sole Mio Villa, Hosted by Evan & Eileen Holly

**June 5** - Picnic at Chalco Hills

**July 10** - Le Peep, Hosted by Peggy & Casey Casebeer

### NEVADA

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There were 27 attendees at our March meeting at the Black Bear Diner, including 1 guest - Helaine Jones, a former flight attendant at UAL. We hope to see her again.

Mary reported that the bank balance for the chapter is over \$700. Please remember to send your 2007 dues to either Mary Withers or myself. They are \$5 P/P.

RUAEA - the slate for regional directors is out. We brought ballots to the meeting for those wanting to cast their ballots. Even though the officers are for other regions, it is important that all members vote. You can access Convention information at the RUAEA website [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org).

A nice tribute to United's history & its many firsts as an aviation pioneer, were posted on YouTube.

Patricia Steenrod continues to recuperate at



home. We are saddened to report the death of Ernest Batchellor on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. He was a lead sheet metal mechanic for 35 years at MOC.

Ethan Gillooly won the 50/50.

March birthday was celebrated by Maurine Williams.

## NEW JERSEY

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56 attended the Garden Staters meeting on March 28 at Snuffy's Restaurant. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting with the Flag Salute. Jerry Confer's wife, Ellen is in the hospital; everyone wishes her well & hope for a speedy recovery. Last month it was reported that a moment of silence was held for Isaiah Cooper, sorry Isaiah, that was a mistake, it was a Cooper from Kennedy Airport. I apologize.

Terry Schultz brought in a collage of the Airbus 380 that landed at Kennedy Airport. We had an Easter Egg contest with the person receiving the egg with a surprise in it as the winner. Phil Steinbacher, the winner of a dinner.

A thank you note was received from the Clipped Wings for the \$100 donation.

A memo was received from Ruth Washington (pen name) indicating she wrote a book about her 16+ years of employment at United Airlines. Copies can be obtained from the Website. A note was also received from Retiree Andrew Dennis who had worked at Newark Liberty International Airport as an Automotive Mechanic.

A reminder that the annual Career Expo at Newark Airport for Students in the Newark & Elizabeth area is on May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. We still need volunteers; you will get a good breakfast. This year we will donate 50 cases of water rather than soda. The display of aircraft from Fed Ex, Continental, Channel 7 news, NY State Police Helicopter will be at Bldg #56, the Continental Hangar & the United Air Freight Bldg is being use to feed the students. Volunteers are the ambassadors on the

buses to keep the students in control. It is usually a half-day of volunteering.

Violet Etler read the minutes from the last meeting & John Murphy gave the Treasurer's report. Also we still need 20 people for the Hunterdon Playhouse. The play is "Catch me if you can", the dates is May 24.

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

The monthly luncheon for the New York Metros had 43 members attending the Asian Buffet in Hicksville. After the Pledge of Allegiance & a silent prayer for deceased members, it was announced that long time member Peter Dollis had passed away in early March. Peter, a warm likable man, who got along with everyone at work, retired from JFK as a B&M mechanic in 1981. Peter loved United Airlines enough to marry off his two daughters, Pat & Paulette, to United men. Pat to Frank Hering, retired B&M JFK & Paulette, to Charlie Gagolino DENFF MGR. I forgot to mention Paulette works for United as well. Peter & Edythe, his wife of 65 years have 5 grandkids & 3 great-grandkids. The Metro Chapter sends their prayers & condolences to the Dollis family.

Mary Zwielick is still in the hospital (631) 289-4405.

George Maertz is finally home (516) 794-5025.

Edythe Dollis, wife of Peter, is in a nursing home. She is having trouble walking (718)-366-3765.

Ingrid Shultz is in rehab up-state. She fell & hurt herself (914) 276-0251

Charlie Kaczinski advised the Metros that United Airlines is adding 6 more flights from Kennedy Airport. One is to Seattle, WA. Good possibility the non-stop to Beijing will originate from New York area once again.

Attending this months meeting were some faces we haven't seen in a while. We welcomed back John Butera & Frank Kittle. Frank finally tore himself away from Republic Airport to spend

time with his fellow retirees. Barbara Modafferi JFKCS made her way back to the luncheon also. Carol Maley-Davis & Ron Weick found the directions back too.

It was nice listening to Nell Napolitano & Diana Arena talk about the days when Artie Shepherd was Pres. How the ladies laughed talking about the antics their husbands played on one another at the meetings. The Metro Chapter is a great group of retirees.

Jim Richardson is making an honest effort to find another restaurant for the Metros monthly luncheons. We've tried a few restaurants already and want to look into a few more. Jim will continue to keep the membership updated either by E-Mail or phone.

In the meanwhile we have to continue to meet at the Asian Buffet. Sorry!

#### Calendar:

**May 2** - 12 noon Asian Buffet in Hicksville

**June 6** - 12 noon Asian Buffet in Hicksville

### NORTHWOODS



#### NORTHWOODS LOONIES

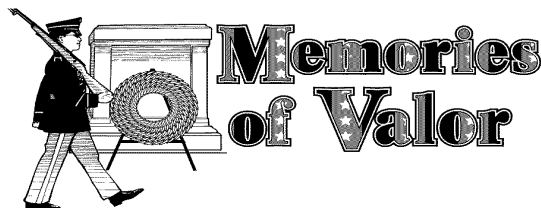
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Ooops! In last month's newsletter, the dates of the Spring Fling were mistakenly shown as May 15-19. Hey, for those of you who know me, I have a wide stripe of ditziness.

The actual dates are May 15-18! Three nights at the hotel, not four.

At any rate, if you're interested in attending & haven't received info about it, please call or e-mail me. It will be a fun time & everyone will enjoy Bayfield, WI, especially in the spring. Or summer. Or fall ... heck, it's even kinda neat in the winter!

Did you work for UAL? Then you can be a Loonie!



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The Buckeyes met on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of April because of Holy Week. John & Carrie Kercel hosted the April luncheon in the party room at Agostno's Ristorante & Catering with 78 people expected to attend. The luncheon buffet will include a variety of Beef, Chicken of the Day, Beer Battered Fish, & a variety of Pasta dishes. This will be the first time the Chapter has met there. John & Carrie surveyed the premises & tasted the cuisine before they decided to book our event there. Thank you both for your time in searching for a new place to hold our meeting.

Last Fall I received a phone call from Rosella E. Burke. She wanted to donate a picture to the Arts & Crafts display & raffle at the May RUAEA Convention in Sacramento. Treas. Dolly Taucher & I visited Mrs. Burke at Bradley Bay Health Ctr. in Bay Village, OH & received her generous donation. Dolly & I thoroughly enjoyed visiting with her. She showed us a few of her remaining paintings. They were absolutely beautiful. We would like to thank her for the generous gift. I'm sure it will be appreciated by whoever purchases it.

She worked as Secy. to the Operations Mgr., Don Wilt at Capital Air Lines. When the merger took place she worked for several Operations Mgrs. at UAL-CLE. Her husband was Chief Meteorologist for the US Weather Service at CLE. They both took early retirement when they were in their 50s. They began to see the world thanks to United's travel privileges. Her wonderful memories of those flights inspired her to paint clouds. In her professional art activities in FL she was referred to in the papers as "The Cloud Lady", so clouds are her specialty in her paintings. She is also known as R. Callan Burke.

Eleanor L. Neth wife of member Caleb (Cale) Neth entered into God's Kingdom on March 19, 2007. She fought a long & courageous battle with cancer. She & Cale were married 51 yrs. She will

always be remembered for her smiling face & sunny disposition. Memorial services were held March 22 with Inurnment at St. Peter Lutheran Church Scatter Garden.

I am happy to report that Pres. Carol Hacker is continuing to make progress. It has been a long & winding road for her & Ray. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. Ray celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday last week. He was totally surprised when his family hosted a Surprise Party. I am told a fun time was had by all. Congratulations Ray and many more.

FYI - It's that time again. There are 60+ members who haven't paid their dues. They must be paid by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Send your dues to Treas. Dolly Taucher. Address is: 8301 Lorraine Drive, Strongsville, OH 44149-1031.

If you have a few minutes to spare please log on to our "Website". John has dedicated long hours in setting up this site. The Home page lists Editor's corner, Membership page, Newsletter page, Meetings page, Illness/obits page, past meetings page, In Memory page, Fraud/Tips page, & Useful Sites page. I was thrilled that so much useful information was right at my fingertips. Thanks again Dolly & John for the phenomenal job that you have done. The pictures of the March Meeting are included on the Past meetings page. You are a great picture taker Dolly!

If you haven't visited that site, please do. This is the site address: [www.ualohiobuckeyes.org](http://www.ualohiobuckeyes.org). Remember this site has up-to-date information.

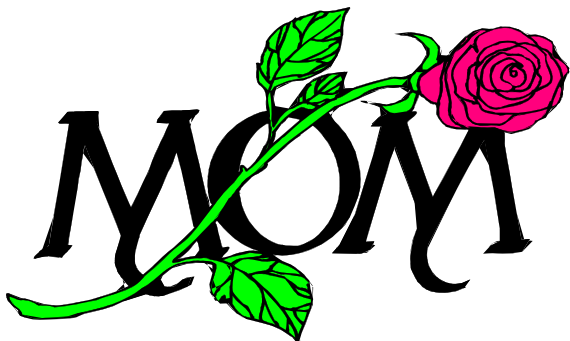
#### Calendar:

**May 9** - Bucci's Italian Restaurant, Berea, OH, doors open at 12 noon, pre-paid.

**June 6** - Nautica Queen, Luncheon cruise, board at 11:00 AM. & departs at 12 noon, pre-paid.

**July 11** - Annual Picnic, W.J. Green Lodge in METROPARKS, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month, 12 noon.

**Aug. 8** - Annual trip to Northfield Race Track, 6:00 PM.



## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ERS

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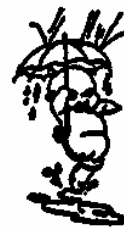
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Shamrocks & pots of gold candy were on the tables at the March meeting with lots of green attire worn by the 85 members who were present. Our chapter always has fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

I offer my apologies to Tim King for misspelling his name last month in this column when I wrote about the death of his wife Gail.

It looks like March was a comparatively good month for staying healthy. There were probably lots of colds (I had a nasty one) but nothing significant except for Dona Witt who had hip replacement surgery & John Kalde who is suffering from shingles. Stay well everyone!

Our speaker in May will be Rod Hill, Meteorologist with KATU Channel 2 in Portland. I hope there will be an enthusiastic crowd to hear his talk on the ever changing weather scene in the Northwest. The June meeting will probably be a social, plans are underway for the picnic in July.

Jack & Nancy Hooper would like to know if you plan on attending the Sacramento convention in May. Please call them at (360) 835-7767 if you haven't signed up at one of the meetings.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 & (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls from outside our (503) area code please use 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing and load information.

#### Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Portland OR, 11AM - Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

**May 9** - Rod Hill, Meteorologist, KATU Channel 2

**June 13** - Social

**July 11** - Picnic





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Since the OUR Club monthly meeting will be held after the newsletter deadline, we're going to be short but sweet this month & save our news for the next edition.

While spring sprung in southern Oregon, a little bird flew over to tell about the "very significant" birthday recently celebrated by Lon Vigil. We would all like to belatedly recognize Lon's big day & hope the year ahead will be his best ever.

#### **Calendar:**

**May 4** – TBA - Joe & Carol Bango

**June 1** - TBA, Doe Pope

**July 6** - TBA, Herb & Mary Cree

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

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Pres. Joe Brad opened the meeting; after the blessing we enjoyed our Buffet lunch. We were fortunate to again have the Past Times Present players, John & Jan Hagis entertain us. They sang Irish songs, recited poetry & played antique instruments. They possess an impressive collection of instruments & are familiar with the history of each. For our meeting, they brought & played the Liber Jack & several Dulcimers. We sang along with some of the familiar Irish tunes & Dennis O'Neil furnished the forgotten words to "Danny Boy". Dennis, good to see you up & around on that new hip.

Kathy Edwards is having surgery; we have had no word on her progress. The committee is still considering options for our luncheon. The Ramada is going to require a minimum attendance guarantee & is raising the price of our luncheon. We will

keep you posted. Our present contract is good until our June meeting.

#### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Report:***

Twenty six attendees enjoyed our buffet lunch. It was good to see Jim Taylor out & on his feet again. Welcome back Jim. Al said Kathy Edwards is doing well after her surgery. John Houser is also improving.

Thank you Bob Fox for your very generous donation to our Christmas fund. Lew Meyer made an impassioned announcement about an upcoming event called Face of America. It will take place on April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. This year they are proud to include some severely injured military personnel, injured in Iraq and Afghanistan. They will be riding bicycles from Gettysburg, PA to Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. Since many are multiple amputees, some will ride tandem & some on specially designed bikes. Lew is involved in finding a route that does not involve too many steep grades. He will also ride along that weekend as support. The website for more information is: [www.worldteamsport.org](http://www.worldteamsport.org). Some of us plan to sponsor & some plan to go out along the route to cheer & wave.

Joe announced our intention to attend the Christmas show in Lancaster, PA this year. We are planning early to take advantage of the group rate & to secure good seats.

Frank & Marge Eggles provided the supplies for Bingo. We played 4 games. Gail Brad & Mrs. Neelan each won one. Al Edwards won 2 of them! Good job Al!

#### **Calendar:**

**May 14** - General meeting - 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn

**May 21** - Committee Meeting -12:30PM at the Edwards'



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Finally spring has sprung. The Pit-Stoppers luncheon held on Apr 20<sup>th</sup> & will be covered next month.

Our good wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery for Carol "Hon" Irwin. Carol was recently discharged from the hospital & is recuperating at home, where hubby Bill is taking good care of her. I know they are looking forward to her son's wedding this month.

Sorry to report our trooper Rich "Cake" Guida is back in Sewickley Hospital. Rich was in for therapy after his leg amputation & developed a problem with his good leg. Knowing Rich, I am sure he will be chasing the nurses around soon. Carl Chiocchi reports that his wife Dee underwent surgery on her leg. Hopefully they will be able to attend the Spring luncheon. We need Father Carl's invocation. Cards can be sent to Dee c/o 107 Louise St., Monaca, PA 15061 – (724) 774-2190.

Our good friend from the south Andy Bungo advised us of the passing of Marie Adamitis. Marie was the wife of Vince Adamitis. I am sure most of you remember Vince, he was surely one of a kind.

The Pit-Stoppers annual picnic will be held on July 19<sup>th</sup> at The Robinson Park. "All of you out of towners" be sure to get your reservations in early. Hope to see yunz there.

## **TENNESSEE**

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Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, Tennessee was the location of our March 15, 2007 luncheon and meeting. This is a small church related college of approximately 870 students. We had a private meeting room off the main cafeteria & our own buffet lunch setup. The food was all home made and was delicious!

It was reported that Barbara Chapin recently broke her foot. We also had an update on Les Swallom. Guests were Jerry Kozik, Ron & Mary Adair, our speaker Sally Ealy & her husband Dewayne and Jeannie Anderson whom we met in Jan.

We discussed the upcoming Convention, Golf Invitational & the Election of Regional Directors. Also discussed was the fact that Spirit Airlines is

now charging for checked baggage and \$1.00 for beverages. When will other airlines do the same? Pat Thompson donated his share of the 50/50 back to the chapter. Several of us also received great door prizes.

Our speaker Sally Ealy was a 1961 graduate of Wesleyan College. She taught American & Tennessee History before retiring. Sally shared 4 stories about the college written by Bill Akins. This manuscript will be published during the upcoming Sesquicentennial (150 year anniversary).

The 1<sup>st</sup> story was an Indian "Love Story" as the campus area was once part of the Indian hunting grounds. The 2<sup>nd</sup> story was about the Civil War. The Old College building was taken over by Union Soldiers during this war. At that time the college was called Grant Memorial University. The 3<sup>rd</sup> story involved 14 Wesleyan college students who sacrificed their lives during WWII. Len Lamayo, a member of the Class of 1941, is mentioned in Tom Brokaw's Book - *The Greatest Generation*. He received the Army Ranger Distinguished Service Cross & is credited along with many others for their participation and success of D-Day. The last story was about T. Claude Ryan whose mother attended Grant University. Ryan & his partner started the first regularly scheduled airline service. His company also built Lindbergh's plane - The Spirit of St. Louis. Sally also shared with us the information that the home they currently live in was built by Ida Ziegler, a Union Soldier who attended Grant University.

We thoroughly enjoyed the speaker & the fellowship of our fellow Rocky Top Members. Thanks to Sue & Jack Ferrell for arranging for our speaker & for our delicious luncheon.

### **Calendar:**

**April 19** - 9:30 EST. Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**May 17** - 12:30 EST. Hosts Jerry & Mary Lou Barr (865/458-0815) & Terry Taylor (865) 408-1453. Location to be announced.

**June 21** - 9:30 EST. Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**July 19** - Still Need Hosts!



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On March 21, 20 chapter members met over lunch at the Bountiful Chuck-A-Rama restaurant. We welcomed recently widowed Kaye Nelson (Byron "Bud") – it was good to see her again. A few regulars were missing at the long table – but then; presently, a heavy flu is making the rounds.

Bud Farrington's wife Bev suffered a heart attack in the early part of March, as per Sandy Cantonwine who is the person who keeps us informed on "what's going on." Thanks, Sandy! Sandy's wife Darlene is not doing too well – water on the lungs. We hope that both ladies will experience relief from their suffering with helpful medication. – Mary Blackhurst's sister Helen Schoenfeld died recently; Helen's son Lynn also worked at SLCRR for a few years, as per Doug Peterson who is keeping in touch with the RR crowd. Doug also reported that Dick McKinley might undergo open heart surgery, due to a heart valve problem, while his talks with Jerry Hugentobler revealed that Jerry is still taking U. of U. physical therapy 3x/wk. – Dick Dahl was contacted by a UA Historical Foundation official in DEN who expressed great interest in having Dick donate his uniform pieces to the United Museum; he was kind enough to let the Murdocks look at the items. They returned them to Dick on 3/21/07, for his handling with UAHF.

In early March, an e-mail circulated about some smaller airlines' newly contemplated fare structure, which included fees for all checked bags, as part of a "new fee" approach in which they claim that, "*(I)t will liberate customers from being forced into paying for services they do not desire or use.*" Thus, there might be one free carryon bag, with the option of checking additional bags for a fee: The first two checked bags will be \$5/ea., if booked online; \$10/ea., if checked at the airport – with a third bag costing \$100. In-flight coffee, soda, juice will carry a charge of \$1/ea. - What's next? Paying for the Blue Room?

Thanks, Grant Beutler, for reserving the Cen-

terville Island View Park facility for our June 20 potluck lunch. We are also grateful to Pete Loyola for his effort to reserve a Sugar House Park terrace for the chapter's August 15 picnic.

Our longtime editor is on a week-long vacation, it is hoped he & Carol are enjoying their well-earned rest.

### Calendar:

**May 16** - Lunch - 2pm; Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC

**June 20** – Potluck Lunch - 1pm; Island View Park, Centerville

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



54 attendees enjoyed another delicious Fairwood Country Club Luncheon hosted by Lyle & Joanna Myers, back from their Mexican cruise. Out of town guests were Jack & Nancy Hooper from Vancouver, WA area who traveled up for our meeting.

Jack is the Northwest Regional Director of RUAEA. He reminded us how fortunate we are to have Bob Brumfield & Hank Gosselin who contribute so much to RUAEA locally & nationally. Jack took questions from our group & made an appeal for donations of United memorabilia & artifacts (except in-flight magazines) for United Airline Historical Foundation. They are tax deductible & can be mailed to UAHF, Tom Goodyear, 7401 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207. He also mentioned that any retiree not possessing a plastic United Retiree ID card should contact the Benefits Service Center at 1-888-825-0188 to obtain one. A \$15 charge may apply.

Bob Brumfield gave an explanation of 20% discount (EMP20) on full fare tickets we are entitled to as retirees & how it depends on the fare rule & availability. He pointed out that the London Heathrow departure tax to the U.S. is now \$177 P/P, while it's much less from Paris (\$45) & Frankfurt

(\$15) & even less from Brussels & Rome when we start service there. Bob suggested starting your trip in London & ending it elsewhere in Europe so you can fly home from a less expensive city.

Bob Howard talked of the Retiree Golf Tournament coming up June 20 at Allenmore golf course in Tacoma. He mentioned that 52 retirees & guests participated last year, several coming from out of town. The best way to secure a good tee time is to register early, & use the form in the Contrails or contact Bob at (425) 228-5290.

Ken Rudzinski passed away March 27. Ken retired from United Airlines, SEACG ramp services as a fueler. He also worked at ORDCG. He was very active in the SEA City Slickers RUAEA Chapter. He had been Pres. of the chapter & held other positions as well. He was an active volunteer at the SEA Travel Desk. I had the privilege of working with him many years there on Weds. He had a great sense of humor & caught people off guard with a clean question & joke. A very organized person who put together tours to Ashland, OR for Shakespeare festival; Whistler, MT for Oktoberfest; Waterton Hot Springs, numerous fishing trips to Canada, the Alaska cruise in 2004 after the convention here. He & wife Barb volunteered at the TCM museum, worked on habitat & volkswalked 95% of the states. His wife Barb was the apple of his eye, then his 4 kids & 4 grandkids. Ken was a member of the IAM & dedicated to the family of United Airlines employees. He will be sorely missed. Services have not been finalized. A memorial is tentative for later date. Remembrances to: Barbara Rudzinski, 4012 Blossom Drive N.E., Tacoma, WA 98422.

Don't forget our Travel Desk (local) number (206) 433-4218 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Mon/Tue/Wed/Thurs – or outside the SEA area 1-800-826-3375. We can assist you with listing & load information.

#### Calendar:

**May 8** – Fairwood Country Golf

**June 20** – Allenmore Golf Tournament in Tacoma

**Aug.** - Picnic - TBA



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It is good to be home. We had great weather on our travels. The only members we have heard from are Les & Vera Graham. They are looking forward to our upcoming events. I will not be attending the RUAEA Convention this year. Wish we had more news however everything is quiet on the Western front.

#### Calendar:

You will be advised of time and place by your host.

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Please forgive me for not writing last month's newsletter article. Feb. in DC was so cold that I just hibernated.

All of the Loungers were very disappointed when our Feb. meeting was cancelled due to weather. The 4 inches of snow that we received two days before the luncheon wasn't too much to deal with, but the additional inches of ice on top of that made it just too risky to be out on the roads. When the schools in Prince William County closed, we made the adult decision to cancel our meeting. It was a hard call to make, but safety must always come first.

Our March get-together showed good attendance, but considering the previous month's cancellation, we had expected a few more. We had approximately 60 members in attendance for this interesting meeting & fun luncheon.

Two weeks before the luncheon, Kerrie Schneider, Dutch Schneider, Linda Scriven, Camilla War-

ner, Frank Contento & I met for lunch to discuss the future path of the Loungers & what we could do to keep up the fun. We would like the meetings to be informative & productive. It is a social chapter, we want it to remain that, but we shared many ideas of how to "spice it up".

We implemented some of our ideas at the March luncheon, & some of them were successful. For instance, Frank Contento made name tags for our members & that was received as a very good idea. Everyone seemed pleased with them (especially since Frank made them really special in little plastic pin-on covers). Frank also wrote a really clever newsletter with all sorts of interesting facts & tidbits included, as well as an update on our local members. A questionnaire was printed out (also Frank's hard labor), asking for opinions from each member of what they would like added to our program, i.e. outside activities, such as theatre, sports, & travel, as a group. Again, this was well received, & many of the answers to the questionnaire, & extra comments, were fresh & interesting. We are going to use the responses to this questionnaire to help our chapter grow & prosper.

AND THEN WE DROPPED THE BOMB! When members arrived we gave them their name tags (as I said this pleased almost everyone) & gave them their questionnaires. (... still ok). We also handed them a colored card which was matched to the color of a table; telling them where to sit. This went over like a lead balloon! The purpose was for people to sit with other than their usual crowd. "Get to know a few of our other members", we told them. Well, we won't be trying that little experiment again - & if any of the other chapters were giving this some thought, let me warn you against it. <Grin!> I write this with tongue-in-cheek. Everyone was cooperative & gracious. However, they were not the happiest they've ever been. (Here we should draw a few Happy Faces.) When all was said & done, we were forgiven for this faux pas & moved on.

Our speaker for this event was Jonathan Wienecke from Lincoln Financial Advisors. He said a few words about the advantages of converting one's 401K into other investments. The major advantage of switching from Fidelity is the range of choices in investment. Mr. Wienecke handed out his business cards & offered us each a free financial counseling session. I, for one, plan to take him up

on that offer.

Our next luncheon is planned for April 11<sup>th</sup> (Always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month) & as usual will be held in Manassas at the Golden Corral. Our speaker will be Jacqueline Dailey. Jacqueline is a retired Flight Attendant who spent much of her United career in Washington, DC flying out of all three airports: National, Dulles and BWI. Jacqueline, still young & energetic when she retired from United (with over 30 years of service), began a new career as a realtor. She is going to share with us many facts she has learned as a realtor regarding important facets of buying & selling a house.

Since my last article, David Cox has been through quite an ordeal. He was caught in a catch-22 because he has both a bad heart & leukemia. Doctors were fearful that the remedies for one would be detrimental to the other. Finally, though, heart surgery was required, while it was a tough operation, David came through it very well. As a result of the surgery & the current health of the heart, David has been accepted into a treatment program at Lombardi for his leukemia. David & Tina were missed at our March meeting, but it was too soon for Dave, at only weeks after his hospitalization. We all pray for that steady road back to recovery for David. His family, Tina, son & grandson have all been strong and supportive.

As I told you in my last article, Dutch Schneider had a really bad burn from a gun powder explosion. Dutch has healed VERY well & is as handsome as ever. The burn on his face was even, & acted in many ways, like a chemical peel. Still, not a recommended use for gunpowder.

For now, this is all of the news from the Dulles Loungers. Until next time. Fly Safe!

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## NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO RUAEA! We hope you will enjoy the activities and camaraderie. The organization would appreciate hearing from you on your birthday.

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## OBITUARIES

*Note: Due to a logistical relocation of the World Headquarters Department that usually notified us of the Obituaries, we did not receive all of them. As soon as this contact is reestablished, we will resume the list.*

Retiree - **BAREN, Henry E.**, on 2/8/07  
 Retiree - **BERNER, Thomas**, MDT, on 10/25/06  
 Retiree - **BRAUN, Orville**, on 2/28/07  
 Spouse - **CANFIELD, Edna A.**, on 3/26/07, wife of Henry M., EWR, 10129 Hoop Ct., Port Richey, FL 34668  
 Retiree - **ELLEFSON, Marlen**, on 2/19/07  
 Retiree - **FLANAGAN, James F.**, DEN, on 3/24/07  
 Retiree - **FRYER, Lloyd**, on 2/1/07  
 Retiree - **GOGGIN, Juanita (Nita) D.**, EXO, on 03/17/07, wife of James, 1479 Chaffee Ct., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007  
 Retiree - **HABERSTICH, Max**, on 3/3/07  
 Spouse - **HARRINGTON, Mary Ann**, on 1/31/07  
 Retiree - **KIRCHNER, Herbert J.**, SFO, on 08/06/06, husband of Barbara W., 485 Woodside Rd. Apt. 1557, Redwood City, CA 94061  
 Retiree - **LANGER, Dale H.**, on 3/14/07

Retiree - **MARKS, Portia**, DENCS, on 3/4/07, mother of Thesa McCoy, c/o Michelle Scoggins, 3001 Bellaire St., Denver, CO 80207-2619

Retiree - **ROBINSON, Richard**, deceased date not reported

Retiree - **SAMPSON, Bob**, EXO/WHQ, on 2/12/07, husband of Jean, 22 S. Regency Dr. - W, Arlington Heights, IL 60004-6646

Retiree - **SEGMILLER, George J.**, MCOMM, on 12/30/06, husband of Arla, 532 Summerset Ct., Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

Retiree - **TANGE, Leonard**, on 1/7/06

Spouse - **TAPPAN, Anna M.**, on 9/28/06, wife of Robert (deceased), mother of Paula Zuppan (retired SFOSW), 3260 Highland Way, Gardnerville, NV 89410-7005

Retiree - **WELLS, Charles**, on 4/9/07

Retiree - **WELTER, George**, on 11/4/06

*The following list of retirees was retrieved from the current SkyNet list; therefore, no survivor's name & address are available:*

**ANDERSON, Ethel M.**, SFOGH 01/10/07  
**ARNOLD, Ronald W.** LAXFO 01/25/07  
**ARTIS JR., Harry C.**, EWRMK 01/06/07  
**BACHELLER JR., Ernest P.**, SFOOV 01/30/07  
**BAKER, Bonnie Eileen**, LAXSW 01/25/07  
**BARRON, Jean C.**, WHQPE 01/21/07  
**BERRY, Donald R.**, SFOWR 01/23/07  
**BISHOP, Ronald D.**, PITCG 01/14/07  
**BOLEN, Robert I.**, SFOPD 01/03/07  
**BYERWALTER, Joseph R.**, WHQHR 01/09/07  
**CANTUA, Phyllis A.**, WHQAQ 01/22/07  
**CATALANO, George J.**, DENKS 01/10/07  
**CHAPMAN, Thelma E.**, SFOJJ 01/30/07  
**COLES, Richard S.** DENCGR, 01/12/07  
**CONNOR, Donald W.**, SFOMM 01/20/07  
**COSBY, Myrna L.**, LAXSW 01/14/07  
**COVERT, Pauline E.**, SFOSW 01/27/07  
**CUMBERBATCH, Gervaise S.**, LGAJL 10/12/06  
**CURRY, Eugene E.** SFOFO 01/19/07  
**DE COSTER, Joseph W.**, WHQGO 01/30/07  
**DE LEEUW, Carl M.**, LAXFO 01/13/07  
**DUENSING, Maurice W.**, SFOMM 01/23/07  
**FRANCO P., Jose**, SFOOV 01/14/07  
**GOFMAN, Oleg W.**, IADCS 01/05/07  
**GRANTIER, Jess L.**, SFOPI 01/17/07  
**HARRISON, Joseph G.**, DENFF 01/29/07  
**HARTNETT, John M.**, WHQGO 01/25/07  
**HEFFLEY, Maybelle G.**, SFOEG 01/27/07

**HICKS, Julian J.**, SFOTR 01/14/07  
**HUDSON, Ronald W.**, SMFOZ 01/27/07  
**IWRIN, William C.**, OPBCM 01/19/07  
**JACKSON, Yvonne M.**, LAXHH 01/16/07  
**JAKSIC, Thomas**, SFOOV 01/11/07  
**JANDA, Douglas L.**, IAHOZ 01/14/07  
**JONES, John H.**, ORDMM 01/15/07  
**KIYOTA, Tsutomu**, SFOEA 01/07/07  
**KOBLE, Arthur R.**, ORDJL 01/05/07  
**KOLAR, Patsy A.**, LAXRR 01/09/07  
**LARIOS, Cosme N.**, SFORQ 01/07/07  
**LOPEZ, Joseph A.**, SFOIJ 01/20/07  
**LOWRY, Albert G.**, SFOEG 01/05/07  
**MC LERAN, Bernard L.**, DENTR 01/08/07  
**MIESSE, Robert**, WHQPE 01/18/07  
**MILLER, Franklin D.**, LAXCM 01/25/07  
**MITCHELL, Sheila A.**, IADRR 01/09/07  
**MULLER, Walter L.**, LAXFO 01/12/07  
**O'BRIEN, Raymond P.**, SFOBL 01/27/07  
**PATEL, Burjor J.**, ORDCS 01/18/07  
**PEARCE, William H.**, ORDFO 01/29/07  
**PIPER, Judson M.**, SFOPK 01/18/07  
**POTTER, Wellington W.**, SFOCE 01/01/07  
**RAGUCCI, Rocco L.**, ORDJL 01/29/07  
**REHAYEM, Charles**, WHQKA 01/16/07  
**RINKERS, John P.**, PHLGQ 01/05/07  
**RUCKER JR., Thomas J.**, DCAFO 01/24/07  
**SCANLAN, Clarence J.**, SFOSH 12/29/06  
**SCHRANZ, Walter**, SEAJL 12/31/06  
**SEMIEN, Audrey M.**, SFOMK 01/26/07  
**SMITH, Leo L.**, ORDMQ 01/09/07  
**SOERGEL, Robert W.**, SFOFO 01/20/07  
**SOURS, Bonnie V.**, SEAHH 11/25/06  
**STRAND, Margaret E.**, WHQVF 01/05/07  
**SUEY, George Y.**, SFOWR 01/14/07  
**SWAIN, James R.**, SFOCS 01/30/07  
**TAYLOR, Harry N.**, SFOEG 01/03/07  
**TURNER, Ernest James**, LAXSW, 01/17/07  
**WATSON, William D.**, DTWCG 01/26/07  
**WELLS, Charles E.**, PHLOO 01/26/07  
**WESEMAN, George S.**, SEARR 01/17/07  
**WILLIAMS, John T.**, DENCg 01/11/07  
**WILSON, David F.**, OAKEG 01/26/07  
**WINTERS, Fred J.**, SFOSJ 01/02/07  
**YATES, Al D.**, EWRFO 01/01/07

**In Loving**  
*Memory*

## LETTERS

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

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 Mary Scharlan, Doris R. Shilliday, Joan Palumbo,  
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 Waldner, Ted Jarvie, Janet Rodriguez, Anne Haber-  
 stich, Ruth H. Bauer, Joe A. Butera, William  
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 Kerns, George Seagren, Robert G. Clark, Thomas  
 R. Dunn, Barbara A. Seaholm, Alex J. Raymond,  
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 Rippon, Diana M. Huffman, Christina S. Zielinski,  
 George R. Lanzaro, Stan Murphy, Marilyn C. Etch-  
 ingham, Judith Kirby, Patricia Conrad, Joan M.  
 Griffin, Kathy Wagner, Diane & Bill Heinrich, Cla-  
 rence Gburek, Bob & Pat Avers, Kathryn Flynn,  
 Paul Bellinger, Barbara & Jim Svajdlenka, Mary  
 Betler, Jean D. Feely, Shirley E. Tlucka, Orrie Pe-  
 ters, Rosemary Bischof, Grace A. Witt, Richard  
 Foerster, Virgil A. Kilgroe, John Kuehner, Nicho-  
 las & Jeannette Belovics, G. T. Sullivan, Jeri Juth,  
 Barbara Wullschleger, Frank T. Jones, Robert R.  
 Duty, Nancy J. Johnson, Ron Vicek, Henry & Joan  
 Jazwinski, Susan Thornton, Park R. Learned,  
 Sandy Pontarelli, Joseph & Carol Bango, Marilyn  
 Gaughan, Doug Wyatt Jr., Shelley Hofmann.

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

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

**Janet Lutus, 2136 Shelter Creek Lane, San Bruno, CA 94066**

Another year gone? I'm really enjoying my retirement in spite of a reduced pension.

You know the old saying, "Living well is the best revenge" - I'm doing my best.

Thanks for a very informative publication.



**J. O. Wright Thompson, 485 Woodside Rd. Apt. 2222, Redwood City, CA 94061-3866**

We appreciate seeing the reminder stamp on the monthly newsletter & enjoy seeing the monthly Newsletter. Thanks to all of your staff that keep it going so well.

I am not able to get out to participate very much but we try to get to our monthly chapter meetings here in Foster City.

I have been retired for 28 years. I began to work at the UAL Maintenance Base at Cheyenne, WY & was transferred to United's new Maintenance Base at SFO in 1947.

**Joseph S. McCaughey, 104 Central Ave., Grenloch, NJ 08032**

Where oh where did the time go? By the time you receive this note I'll be starting my 14<sup>th</sup> year of retirement from the best airline (still) in the friendly skies.

By all reports, UA is on the way to a profitable year; and the recent approval to begin flying non-stop to China from Dulles can only add more color to a rosy picture.

2006 was an up-and-down year for yours truly. Both my daughter & daughter-in-law announced additions to the clan. Great! but sadly my daughter miscarried 2 weeks ago - daughter-in-law doing fine - due in May.

Son Joe, just last week had his fifth operation since Thanksgiving. But as I write this note, he, hopefully, is receiving a good report from the surgeon & will be OK'd to return to work in a week or two.

Get to renew relationship with Bob Moir, after losing contact with him since April, 1994.

Read a note by Denny O'Neil in this very Newsletter several months ago. With the information supplied by Denny, I was able to get in contact with the facility Bob was in & decided to try to locate it. Needless to say, it was successful. Bob & I have visited 3 or 4 occasions to date. Went for a drive & stopped for refreshments on my last visit.

Bob & I have known each other for 49 years, since 1958. Our visits will continue as long as I'm able to drive the 80-roundtrip miles. If you ever need to know something about baseball, you can either go to Cooperstown, NY or better yet, ask Bob.

As always, everyone involved with the News-

letter are to be complimented for the super job they do & the great service to all of the Newsletter subscribers. You people are our only link to UA & in many ways, that's sad. But the people running UA today, obviously could care less.

**Jean A. Sampson, 22 S Regency Dr. W., Arlington Hts, IL 60004-6646**

My Bob is gone & now all his pain is gone. His last year was very bad for him but, he still had a great mind & always thought of United - he was so concerned.

We were married nearly 56 yrs. & I miss him so much. He overcame such odds. At the end he finally begged God to take him.

I also want to thank the many fellows from United (Ramp & Union guys) who came to Bob's Memorial.

**David J. Curtin, 338 Park Ln., Massapequa Pk, NY 11762-1426**

To the wonderful people who put the Newsletter together:

Pease excuse my late dues. On Feb 21, 2007 I mailed a check for \$25. Then, on March 18<sup>th</sup>, I received a letter from the Northwest Director reminding me to send my RUAEA dues. Knowing I had sent the dues I was a bit confused. On March 21<sup>st</sup>, a letter from the Denver Post Office arrived, in it was half of my letter to you along with half of my check. They apologized for the damage mail & even sent me a stamp to mail the new check. So here it is.

Thank you for the great job you do.

**Victor L. Swanson, 38560 Fawn Springs Dr., Palm Desert, CA 92260**

I'm still hanging in there, at 84 every day is a gift.

I hope to see some of the good friends at the convention. I was stationed at SFO, RNO, HNL & SAN.

Thank you all for the interesting Newsletter.

**Lynn Kretschmer, 913 Via Cielito, Ventura, CA 93003-1217**

Thank you very much for all the fine work you do to bring RUAEA alive. It takes lots of time & work! I really appreciate all you do.

We enjoyed the Convention in DC & were ex-



cited about Sacramento; however we will have to miss this year as family commitments have to take precedence that week. Hopefully, next year will workout for us to attend.

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

A big thanks to the crew of volunteers for producing an outstanding Newsletter – an important benefit to all retirees.

I'm in my 25<sup>th</sup> year of retirement; so far it's been a wonderful life.

I hope, Jo, everything is going well with you.

**Jeanne B. Leo, 420 E 55<sup>th</sup> St. Apt. 25, New York, NY 10022**

April Fools Day is almost here, so enclosed are my dues & some extra for your expense.

My husband, Phil & I are enjoying 3 months in Palm Desert, CA. We have joined 2 Airline groups for some wonderful country club luncheons. "The Dirty Wings of the Desert" includes all airlines & "The United Desert Lunch Bunch" is for UAL members, but guests are encouraged & welcomed. Amongst these friends, we were happy to see Rod Burke from CLE. Rod was an in-flight supervisor at JFKSW.

We are looking forward to many more winters in the beautiful Coachella Valley.

Thanks for the good work you do on the Newsletter.

**Fred S. Wise, 56 S Forest Ave., Palatine, IL 60074**

It's that time of the year for my renewal.

Keep up the good work. We need a voice to represent us & to pass along information regarding UAL.

**John Boyle, 717 S Lombard Ave., Oak Park, IL 60304**

Thanks to the RUAEA Staff for the great publication.

I retired from ORDFO 27 years & look forward to the Newsletter every month. My eyes are going bad, but my mind is pretty good, not excellent but passable!

My 90<sup>th</sup> birthday is coming up fast, on April Fools Day. Thanks to all.



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

So far I've avoided that dreaded red stamp. Guess I've made the deadline once again. Don't do much traveling any more, but did fly to Tennessee in Jan. to visit my granddaughter & 2 great grandkids. Used American full fare via Dallas. Don't dare try standby any more.

Thanks for doing such a good job with the Newsletter.

**Tom Sjolund, 13405 Saint Andrews Pl., Poway, CA 92064**

The years really go by when you're retired. Here it is time to re-new the membership again so enclosed is my check which I gladly send.

You all do such a fine work of communicating what we need/want to know. Your work goes a long way keeping that United Airlines bond that I think we all feel!

**Ethel Johnson, 2707 Autumnwood Ln, Minnetonka, MN 55305-3488**

Here are my dues for the coming year. In return I get the best put together newsletter money can buy. Sorry to miss RUAEA's Convention this year. We are going to Italy at that time.

**Harlen G. Crane, 7618 Circle Pkwy, Sacramento, CA 95823-3407**

Thanks for the reminder. The time between birthdays seems to get shorter every year.

Nearly 23 years of retirement & the Newsletter is about the only source of information I have concerning UAL.

Had some health problems during the past year but am doing OK now.

**William J. Rankin, 306 Cove Rd., Queenstown, MD 21658-1133**

It is a pleasure to read the positive letters of so many members in relation to some that seem to be locked into never ending complaints against the once great company that was our livelihood for many years. From our limited experiences using trip passes, we have found the majority of employees do a commendable job of making the system work, & we cannot say enough about the great job done by agents at the gates.

Our sympathies are extended to the folks who

have been slowed by the health problem that seem to sometimes multiply with increasing longevity, but their positive attitude is contagious.

Just remember, tomorrow is the first day of the rest of your life ... so take advantage of it.

**R. Smith, 1003 Small Dr., Elizabeth City, NC 27909-8433**

It has taken me a while to get around to sending my dues. I have included some extra to help with the postage. I've heard that postage may go up again, so this may help a little if it does.

My dad, C.W. Smith, passed away on Thanksgiving Day last year; it has taken me time to adjust to not having him to argue with every day. He worked with Capital & United in the instrument shop at the old DCA overhaul base.

Dianne, my wife & I have been living near Elizabeth City, NC, since retirement; we are always glad to hear from our old friends at United. All of my 37 years with United were in the flight dispatch organization from 1964 until the end of 2001. There just could not have been a better group of people to work with than all the good folks at United. We miss seeing everyone.

The RUAEA Newsletter is a joy to receive each month.

**Ron & Marge Heider, 935 City Park Dr., McDonough, GA 30252-1026**

I thought I'd beat the red stamp reminder, but failed again this year. I've enjoyed our Dixie Flyers luncheon every month. It's good to renew old friendships. Bruce Brodersen, Director Southeast Region, keeps our Chapter well informed of current happenings when he's in town.

**Marilyn Reed Harmon, 10542 Mira Vista Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92705**

Thanks so much for the wonderful Newsletter! It's greatly appreciated; such a wonderful way to keep up with all things "United"!

I retired from LAXSW in 2003, (37 years), do miss the wonderful flights, fun layovers & great flying partners. But I also love being retired - enjoying my husband, children & grandkids!

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

Hi – and a “Happy New Year” – to me anyhow

– as I leave year 81 & venture into 82. Old Zeke is still on the green side of the grass – must be having fun since the time sure is passing fast.

Many thanks to all of you who keep us in touch via the Newsletter.

**C. F. Cromling, 3422 Martin Ave., Omaha, NE 68112**

I am 82 & still able to care for myself. I do have heart problems & tremors in both hands. My right hand is worse. It is impossible for me to write, so I do my best at typing. I don't have a computer or cell phone. That means that I haven't advanced in this electronic age.

However the Newsletter is a big help in keeping in touch with old friends & the events concerning our company.

Thanks to all of you that are responsible for preparing & mailing the Newsletter.

**Patricia Ello, 810 Center St., McHenry, IL 60050-5515**

Another Birthday, 20<sup>th</sup> yr of starting with UAL. (3-2-87) & 9 years of retirement. How lucky I am to have the great experience of working for United.

Thank you for all the hard work you do. Sorry I haven't made any of the conventions – maybe some day!

My hopes & prayers are for all UAL employees – young & old – Let's keep flying the Friendly skies.

**Sally Welter, 418 Marawood Drive, Woodstock, IL 60098**

Wow, time really flies! I can't believe it has been over a year since I paid these dues. Sorry they are a little late.

A lot has happened this past year, my husband, George, ORDMM passed away Nov. 4, 2006, of colon cancer which had metastasized to the lung & liver. He was diagnosed Dec. 1, 2005 & started chemo at the time. We did everything possible to try to beat this thing but God decided it was time for George to rest. During his 38 year UA career George was a mechanic, inspector, trained & foreman. His favorite job was mechanic. His wake was attended by many of his former co-workers who praised his mechanic abilities, his honesty & kindness.

He was a wonderful husband, father & grandfa-

ther. There was nothing he couldn't do. He decided to build our dream home, drew the plans, then proceeded to build a 2800 square foot home nestled in 2½ acres of Oak trees in rural Woodstock. He rebuilt antique airplanes, 4 Corvettes, 1 Mercedes, then switched to woodworking. He never was idle.

We were married 26½ years and they were the best years of my life. He will be missed

**Joann Butler, 811 N 1<sup>st</sup> St., Knoxville, IA 50138**

Here are my dues which are due in April.

Thanks so much for all your work. Since we moved to Iowa to provide support for my 96 year old Dad, we enjoy the Newsletter even more. He is doing well & staying with us – at least during the winter months. When spring comes, he may or may not return to his home on the farm.

**Al Demery, 166 Deer Valley Drive, Branson, MO 65616**

I am so appreciative to receive the Newsletter. You folks do such a remarkable job. Time really flies, as most retired employees know. It seems like only yesterday that I retired from UAL (1988) – then staying with Apollo Travel Services until 1994, retiring again – this time for good!

My very warm regards to all my acquaintances I have had over the years. United was really the only job I had other than 3 years on leave for the military, so United was my other family.

**J Roberts, PO Box 60497, Ft. Myers, FL 33906**

Note my new address. I look forward to receiving this great Newsletter & appreciate all of your hard work getting this published & sent to all of us.

**Annette Teichner, 24520 Grand Central Pkwy. Apt. 6C, Bellerose, NY 11426**

We are so much the recipients of all the work you are doing – all the time. Many thanks. It's always fun to remind Jo Madden that my husband, Louis Teichner, came on board the same month & year as Jo, Nov. 1943.



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