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## ***RUAEA Convention Pittsburgh May 18 - 24, 2008***

***Come Join Us At  
United At The Point!***

We are ready for all of our **RUAEA** friends! We look forward to meeting **RUAEA** acquaintances and sharing special memories in the historic landmark, the **OMNI WILLIAM PENN HOTEL!** Are you ready? Register to get on the tours as they are filling up quickly! Submit your registration form for the Convention in Pittsburgh as soon as you can! Can you imagine being in Pittsburgh? *Frommer's Top Destinations for 2008* listed Pittsburgh, for their 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and visitors will discover that Steel City USA, swapped out its blast furnaces for a modern cityscape with a thriving local and international arts scene. Universities, ethnic neighborhoods and bridges spanning the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio rivers crisscross the city!

Off we go to the **"Babushkas & Hard Hats Tour"**. Highlights of this bus trip include a lesson in *"Pittsburghese"* and the view from the West End Overlook! On the way to the "Steel Valley", you get a sample of Pittsburgh ethnic tastes at **"Cookie Table"** and **"A & B bakery"**. *"People love to hear the family stories,"* says Jan Dofner, who puts on an apron and tells some of her own as she leads the tour. **Let's Go - RUAEA** to the hard hat sites!

**JUST OPENED in the heart of downtown**, less than two blocks from the OMNI hotel, is the new **McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant**. It is located in the luxurious Piatt Place. The menu is printed *twice daily* and features more than 30 fresh fish and seafood entrées from both US and international waters. Its fares also include pasta, poultry and beef. And, if you **make your reservations at the OMNI William Penn Hotel's concierge desk**, you will receive a **DISCOUNT COUPON to go towards your dinner!** We can also meet in the lively and famous bar with \$1.99 to \$3.99 menu during their Happy Hours (3:30 pm – 6:30 pm, Mon. thru Fri.). Imagine what **RUAEA** can do in PIT!

Another great tour – **Let's Go! The Trolley Museum & Wheeling Island Downs Casino** features 45 preserved trolleys in the Museum. It is a unique experience to actually ride one of the Museum's beautifully restored streetcars, for a scenic four-mile ride into the past. Hear the "clang of the bells" and the clatter of the heavy steel wheels over the rails! Then off to **Wheeling Island Downs Race Track & Casino**, in Wheeling, WV! There are slot machines, tables, and restaurants to enjoy! You might even be a lucky winner!

**The Frick Art & Historical Center** is a unique site of museums and historical buildings located on over five acres of lawns and gardens. The Center exhibits interpretation of the life and times of industrialist and art collector Henry Clay Frick. Exhibitions of fine and decorative art are displayed at the Center.

**RUAEA - Let's Go!** One of our special guests at the Saturday Evening Banquet will be actress/producer/director **Tamara Tunie** who portrays the top Medical Examiner on *Law & Order - Special Victims Unit*. Tamara has also had other memorable roles on television, such as the recurring character of Alberta Green in season one of the hit series 24. She has starred in films such as *"The Devil's Advocate"* and *"City Hall"* with Al Pacino. She was one of the producers of Broadway's smash hit, *"Spring Awakening"*, as well as August Wilson's *"Radio Golf"*. She has just completed producing and directing her first feature film entitled *"See You In September."* Imagine what you will see in Pittsburgh!

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**Frick Art & Historical Center**



**Tamara Tunie**

# **GENERAL NEWS**

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## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

It is either late April or early May as you read this and our annual convention in Pittsburgh is just over the horizon. At the convention, several of our Association Office Staff, Directors and Officers (including me) will complete their terms of office. During the most recent two year term, we, Staff, Directors and Officers, have committed ourselves to meet the obligations our Association specifies in its By-Laws. The Newsletter has had its production and presentation enhanced and improved and its costs reduced. Our website has been expanded and information provided to our membership on a more timely basis. The Sacramento convention and our forthcoming Pittsburgh convention have and will provide the opportunity for those attending to reinforce associations with fellow retirees, take advantage of tour opportunities and participate in the annual meeting describing what the Association has been and will be doing. Those involved in convention planning have been working hard to keep the costs of our convention contracts on a par with the revenues from those of our membership who attend. More importantly, your Association has maintained its liaison with United, to assure that its policies and procedures consider equity for our retiree community and that issues raised by individual retirees are dealt with fairly.

Your Board has accomplished other goals during its present term. Our membership data base has been restructured and has given us updated and accurate information on who our members are and where they reside. The total count has stabilized. New chapters have been formed and all of our chapters are working on increasing their membership to include, if at all possible, all UA retirees living in their geographic area. I expect that, in the new term, you will be hearing more about efforts to increase membership totals in both the National and chapter organizations. You will be soon hearing or seeing about the addition of a new Travel Desk site at Chicago, complementing the existing desks in Portland and Seattle. Relationships between RUAEA and UAHF, RUPA and Clipped Wings have been expanded and we are working together to assure that all UA retirees can find a voice to express their interest in maintaining an affiliation with United.

At our annual meeting, I will pass on the stewardship of our Association to the new Officers, Directors and Staff. They will need your help to continue our efforts to have RUAEA be an active and vital organization. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that, in my new role as Past President, I will be looking for members to step forward to participate in the management of the Association. Please contact me if you are interested.

Finally, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve our Association, for the conversations I have had with many of you about our retiree community, and for the many friendships I have joined in over the past two years.

**Mort Wax**  
**President - RUAEA**

## **OTHER CONVENTION NEWS**

For those of you who have not yet registered for the convention – the Omni William Penn reservations' number is 1-800-843-6664, or [www.omnihotels.com](http://www.omnihotels.com). Use group code number **170000604812** - RUAEA convention – May 18-24, 2008. You can enroll in the Select Guest Program for enhanced level of service, amenities and privileges reserved exclusively for Select Guests. Time is going fast – tours are available, but book quickly.

**Tours - News Flash!** Addition reservations are now available for the following tours:

( Tour #10 - Pittsburgh City of Lights Dinner: Wed., May 21 - 5:30 - 9:00 pm - \$65.

( Tour #3A - Rubber Ducky Pittsburgh Tour: Wed., May 21 - 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm - \$25.

**Arrival at the Pittsburgh International Airport** – RUAEA greeters will be waiting with Blue Golf Shirts marked RUAEA and will have posters identifying our group! Pittsburgh has two terminals: *Airside* and *Landside*. You will arrive in Pittsburgh at the *Airside* – Take the tram to the *Landside* where RUAEA greeters will be located. Once on the *Landside*, take the escalator down, greeters will be at the bottom of the escalator near the Rental car counters and baggage claim. Express Shuttle departures are on the same level, also cab and

limo services. Also, if you would like to take an Airport flyer bus, it will be close by. Our greeters will assist you. **Paul & Betty's** cell (412-260-9191) or **Paul** (412 337-1127).

If you are arriving by another form of transportation, such as Amtrak to Downtown Pittsburgh, please email us in advance with the time and day of arrival. With this information, we can send RUAEA greeters to pick you up and supply you with transportation information.

When you arrive at the hotel, and after check in, please go to the Registration Desk located on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor and register. Also visit our Hospitality Desk where you can pick up maps, brochures, and a lot of helpful information that will make it easier to decide what you want to do and where you want to go.

RUAEA Ladies, if there is anyone you know who would like to share a room and expenses, send an email to **Betty** or **Paul Musko** at [lesuex4@comcast.net](mailto:lesuex4@comcast.net). We already have a few requests.

One of the highlights of the Convention is the Arts and Crafts display and raffle. The items will be displayed in the Monongahela/Hospitality Room. A special thank you for your donations! We are overwhelmed with the beauty of the gifts; they are indicative of RUAEA members' superb talent and are greatly appreciated. If you have questions or comments, please contact **Gwen & Dave Detwiler** – Chair, Arts and Crafts (724-626-9558). Please forward all Arts & Crafts: 284 Kelley Road, Connellsville, PA 15425, email – [davydee2@gmail.com](mailto:davydee2@gmail.com).

50/50 Raffle - We will be having a 50/50 raffle on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday till 4:00 pm. The drawing will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday. (Raffle Chairman, **Bill Redfern**). It is always nice to look forward to the winning ticket! Also many prizes!

Imagine what is happening at the Pittsburgh 2008 Convention. Everyone is looking forward to seeing RUAEA friends for meetings, gatherings, and enjoying many special times! More to come!

Paul & Betty Musko  
Publicity Chairs

### **TRYING TO LOCATE EMPLOYEES/RETIREES**

United is trying to locate employees/retirees who have moved as well as the next of kin for deceased employees/retirees as part of United's Employee Equity and Notes program. We have posted the names on RUAEA's website at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). If you are or know any of these employees/retirees or the relatives of the deceased employees/retirees, the contact is United's Payroll Care Center at 866-825-7297. Please ask for the Employee Equity/Notes desk.

### **UA CONNECTIONS DEBUTS ON SKYNET**

UA Connections is a new section on SkyNet that provides United employees/retirees with a one-stop source for the news and information about the company and their colleagues.

You can access UA Connections with one click from the SkyNet homepage. In the new section you'll find:

- ( Daily and breaking United news - Feature stories about employees and community events
- ( Links to press releases as well as media coverage about United and the airline industry
- ( Publications like UA Today and NewsReal
- ( Information about employee/retiree travel and discounts
- ( The new Share Your Stories tool where you can submit story ideas

Be sure to check UA Connections often for the most recent employee news.

### **UNITED'S MECHANICS CHANGE UNION REPRESENTATION**

The National Mediation Board announced today that United's mechanics and related employees have voted to change their union representation to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT).

There were 8,631 eligible voters who cast 6,789 valid ballots; with 4,113 voting for IBT and 2,631 for the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association. Forty-five voted for others.

*"United is always committed to working productively with the elected representatives of our employees, and we look forward to working with the Teamsters to ensure United's position as a strong, profitable and competitive airline,"* said Doug McKeen, SVP-Labor Relations.

United's current collective bargaining agreement for mechanics and related employees - including wages, work rules and benefits - remains in place through December 2009.

## **UNITED LAUNCHES SERVICE BETWEEN DENVER AND LONDON HEATHROW**

Sunday, March 30, United launched nonstop passenger and cargo service between Denver (DEN) and London Heathrow (LHR). This new service further strengthens our international route network, allowing our customers to fly nonstop to LHR from any of our five U.S. hubs.

*“This year’s Open Skies agreement that United strongly supported allows us to offer service between London and Denver, which will clearly benefit consumers on both sides of the Atlantic,”* says John Tague, Executive Vice President and Chief Revenue Officer.

The daily flight is operated by a Boeing 777 aircraft with 12 United First Suite Seats, 49 business class seats and 197 economy seats, including 83 Economy Plus seats.

To generate media coverage for the new route, United held a “suitcase party” at a British pub in Denver. The winner, sporting the best Denver-themed decorated suitcase, immediately was whisked away on the inaugural flight. The event was a success, with more than a dozen contestants and local media coverage.

Denver’s Aviation Manager Kim Day, Councilman Charlie Brown, United’s General Manager Mike Scanlan and Doug Small from the Convention and Visitors Bureau served as judges for the contest.

## **ASK THE DOCTOR**

This column was debuted in the April RUAEA Newsletter and will be a bi-monthly featured article. Dr. Daner Reider has already prepared an article for the June Newsletter. In the meantime, if you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to [askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net](mailto:askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net).

## **TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB**

Travel this summer may be a little challenging. My suggestion is to simply list on the earliest flight you feel comfortable with, then go out and standby. My “Tip” for this month is what to do if you do not get on the last flight of the day and it’s apparent you are going to have to spend the night either at the airport or a costly hotel room.

Locate the Customer Service Desk or an Agent and ask for the “Distressed Passenger Hotel List”, this is a ‘pink slip’ with an 800 number to call for local airport accommodations at a special discount rate. The price for one night is usually in the \$30 - \$70 range, and probably will be available after 6 PM or after the last flight. This is offered because United negotiated an agreement with nearby Hotels to make empty rooms available at a discounted rate to stranded passengers. Note: *These rooms normally become available only after the hotels cutoff time, which is usually after 6 PM.*

The 800 Operator will offer you, if available, three hotels at three different price levels for your selection. The operator will confirm the rate, the Hotel, and give you a confirmation number. They will also advise you how to go to the hotel, either by hotel van, public or private transportation.

You can use this service anytime. An example: You live some hours distance from the airport, have a very early morning flight and don’t want to drive to the airport in the wee hours of the morning. You may be able to locate a hotel close to the airport by using the “Distressed Passenger Hotel List”. Remember, you must get the pink slip from United and call the special 800 number. You **CANNOT** call the hotel direct for this very special rate.

**Reminder:** *UAX Boarding Priority Change Began April 1*

Boarding priority for United Express (UAX) NRSA pleasure traveler’s changes April 1 to more closely align with mainline and Ted boarding processes.

Under the new boarding priority, UAX employees retain the right to board their company’s own aircraft first, before United employees. Next, United employees, retirees and travel eligible’s board based on company hire date or years and months of service (BP8A), according to company travel policy. Then, UAX employees not traveling on their own UAX aircraft may board. Boarding priority on all UAX flights was formerly based on same-day time of check-in (BP8C).

Look for more details and updates to travel news in upcoming NewsReals and in SkyNet’s Travel section. And, of course, changes of significance will be included in future Travel Tips by Bob.

**Discount-20 booking goes SkyNet:**

United employees and retirees can now purchase revenue tickets on SkyNet using the 20% (EMP20) discount. This new option is offered in addition to the existing 1-800-UAL-LIST booking process.

To access the new online feature, visit SkyNet's Travel tab and click Employer Discount 20 Program under Travel Programs. The Employer Discount 20 Program page provides specific details about the discount as well as a button for online ticketing.

Note that to book online, you must check a box indicating that you accept the terms and conditions to book your Employee 20 discount.

Any general questions should be directed to the United Benefits Service Center at 1-888-825-0188.

You will soon receive a letter at home detailing these changes, and we will provide more details in upcoming NewsReals and in SkyNet's Travel section.

**As a reminder**, our Travel Desks are funded by RUAEA, RUPA and contributions from members. If you would like to make a contribution, call the travel desks for information on where to send your contributions.

Happy Traveling,

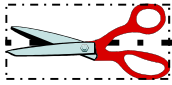
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### **FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL FUND CHAPEL**

To date, the Independents of Philadelphia have collected \$1500.00 for the Memorial Chapel in Shanksville, PA. At the RUAEA Pittsburgh Convention this May, we plan to present a check in the amount of \$1000.00 toward the permanent Memorial Chapel Fund from the Philadelphia Independents.

There will be a Flight 93 Memorial table at the convention (near the 50/50 drawing table). You may make donations to the fund at the table. These funds will be from United Airlines Retirees across the country. Please look for our display.

If you would like to help, please send the following form and your donation to **Frank Eggles**.



### **DONATION FORM FOR FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL FUND CHAPEL**

Please make your donation check payable to **"CHAPEL 93 MEMORIAL"**:

Name

Address

File number

Amount of your donation

Mail to:

**Frank Eggles**  
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*Most employees/retirees often refer to United as a family rather than just a place of employment. The United family has always been there to give assistance to its members at a time of need. The following is an article in SkyNet describing such a program.*

## **UNITED AIRLINES EMPLOYEES' RELIEF FUND**

The United Airlines Employees' Relief Fund is a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization created by employees to offer short-term crisis relief to those in the United family needing basic assistance unavailable through other resources. The fund is intended for those who suffer losses from natural disasters and personal tragedies and not intended to provide ongoing assistance.

- ( The UAERF is supported solely by employee donations, which are accepted throughout the year. Pledges are encouraged during the United Employee Giving Program annual fundraising campaign held in the fall, but contributions are also welcome throughout the year via co-mail to HDQPR - Corporate Social Investment/UAERF. United pledged that 100 percent of all monies contributed by employees will be used to assist other employees.
- ( The UAERF began operations in 2000 and since that time has provided more than 1 million dollars to assist employees who are experiencing a financial hardship and have exhausted all other resources.
- ( Many of the employees who apply to the fund have been injured or are suffering from serious disease or illness.
- ( To learn more about UAERF, visit the Corporate Social Investment site on SkyNet and click "United Airlines Employee Relief Fund Site."

**Note:** The United Airlines Employees' Relief Fund also provides short-term crisis relief to retirees. RUAEA has a liaison on the UAERF Review Board to ensure retirees' needs are represented. We are fortunate to have such a program as UAERF since some retirees received aid during Hurricane Katrina crisis.

You can contact UAERF via SkyNet, 1-877-48-UAERF (82373), Fax (203) 326-5670 or email [uaerf@optonline.net](mailto:uaerf@optonline.net).

## **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

All correspondence for the Newsletter is due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column", obituary listings, and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. There is one exception to the above deadline: *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day**, if the report is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Reports may be sent by e-mail to [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net) or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. Please list the 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 the deadline!

If you have not received a copy of the new guidelines (dated 6/1/2007) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA Convention in Sacramento, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

**Virgil Gooselaw**  
**Newsletter Manager**



# LOCAL NEWS

## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

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Spring is finally here ... well, at least in Arizona. The cactus and flowering plants are in bloom and the 80's have finally arrived.

Birth Announcement: **Dave & Rose Barry** are the proud grandparents of a baby girl named Ella Violet Barry. Lookout, Rose, baby girl clothes are irresistible.

The Casa Grande All-Arizona luncheon was a great time! We especially enjoyed seeing good friends like **Ed & Rose Rheam; Joe & Rita Krist, Herman & Pat Stephen; Bob & Pat Treasure; Charlie & Erika Williams;** and many, many more. Thanks, Joe, for getting that plan together. Glad to see **Ken & Muriel Bergsma** join the luncheon crowd since they now have a place near Tucson. Also, it was good seeing our ole' co-workers again. The Azures rented a bus so we had 46 members attend and the total number of attendees at the luncheon was 149.

We're going to Luke AFB on Saturday, April 12 for our outside "grill-your- own steak or chicken" luncheon. Of course, Luke dishes up the extras and dessert. The staff at Luke is very accommodating and we always enjoy the meals. Luke AFB is our last Azures luncheon until October. We will meet again in October for the picnic at Beardsley Park in Sun City West.

The Board has been planning the luncheons and activities for the 2008/2009 season. We're always looking for suggestions on some new venues. Our luncheons are held on Saturdays and usually have 50-60 members attend, so we need a banquet facility ... not a restaurant.

Our breakfasts seem to always have about 19 or 20 in attendance. Don't forget to contact **Mary Toeppen** at (623) 214-1504 before 4pm on the Monday before the breakfasts. Regulars should contact Mary if you are not attending.

Have a great summer, Azures; see you at the picnic at Beardsley Park in October ... date to follow!

### Calendar:

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

**May 13** - Breakfast meeting

**May 27** - Breakfast meeting

### PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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Our monthly luncheons are stopped now for the summer, except for the breakfasts, which are held on the fourth Friday of each month at Crackers. We hope those in the area will continue to go to the breakfasts to meet, socialize and keep current on what's happening with our Re-Uniteds members. We will miss seeing those "Snowbirds", but will look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

On March 22, about 20 of our Re-Uniteds members attended an excellent Spring training game between the Chicago Cubs & the Chicago White Sox. It was a perfect day and everyone had fun. Thanks to **Ron Paluch** for getting the tickets ahead of time for those who wanted to see this "big" game between two rivals, since it was a sell-out.

Our Re-Uniteds Spring Picnic on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Crescent Run Adult Community in Mesa, was well attended. We had a total of 63 people, two of those were guests. What a nice group! Everyone enjoyed

themselves and also the lunch. Thanks to **Fred Rockenhauser** for taking the reservations and to **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** for making the arrangements. Another perfect day in Arizona!

We hope many of our members will be going to the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh May 18-24. It sounds wonderful, with a lot of good tours available. We'll look forward to reporting on this next month.

Have you read "Ask The Doctor" column in the April newsletter? It's something new that will be done on a bi-monthly basis. It is written by a retired UAL MD who will address questions in a general sense that are of interest to our members.

**Mary McLain** had cataract surgery recently which was successful, and she reports that she can see so much better. Always happy to hear good news about our members.

For those members leaving for the summer, come back soon and we'll see you in the fall! Have a wonderful summer!

#### Calendar:

Our breakfasts will continue throughout the summer - 9:00 AM at Crackers on the fourth Friday of each month. Crackers is located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Hank Falk** at (480) 893-1226 - [hhfalk@juno.com](mailto:hhfalk@juno.com) or **Jim Zarek** at (480) 288-6685 - [jzarek1@msn.com](mailto:jzarek1@msn.com), by the Wednesday before the breakfast, if you plan on attending.



#### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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The Arizona RUAEA chapters had a great get together at the All-Arizona luncheon in Casa Grande on March 8. The Phoenix Azures did a terrific job putting this one together. There were wonderful door prizes and a delightful cowboy singer, Jeff Harrison. Well done, Azures! **Sybil Collins'** son, Bill Collins from Olympia, WA, joined us as a guest, as did a Mr. **Andrews**, a 90-year old retiree from Connecticut who has been visiting his son in Vail, AZ.

Sick list: **Pat DiLallo's** hand is still very swollen and painful. **Ann Wood** reports that the visible remnants of **Ray's** shingles are mostly gone. He doesn't have the severe pain often associated with shingles, but his nose often itches like blazes, and that's where the rub comes in. He has completed his 32 radiation treatments for Bowen's disease (a form of skin cancer) on the back of his left hand and it looks great, smooth as the proverbial baby's bottom. Back to you, Ray. Thanks, Ann. Maybe we're on the threshold of a patch of good health, the good Lord willin' and the creeks don't rise.

#### ***Where are they now? They are Roadrunners!***

(From **Mary Howard's** local Roadrunners' newsletter: ("Let's get to know our members a little better."))

**Alice Belzer** – Previously long time secretary of our Roadrunners. Born in Chicago ... was HDQ Secretary at EXO. All her 21 years with United were in Chicago. Husband **Hank** was a banker in Chicago. They have one daughter and one son, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They moved to Tucson 21 years ago.

**Frank DiSanto** – Born in Chicago. He began his career with Capital Airlines at Midway in 1957 in Aircraft Maintenance; they merged with United in 1961 and he retired in 1996. Wife **Carolyn** worked for Bell telephone, then Market Day in Chicago. They moved to Tucson in 1996. They have two sons and four granddaughters.

**Jerry Byle** – Born in Wayne, New Jersey. After a stint in the Navy, he joined United in 1963 at SFO Maintenance Base as a mechanic. Transferred to Indianapolis base in 1995 and retired from there in September 2002. Wife **Claire** was also born in Wayne. She worked for the phone company, then as a court reporter. They have two children and three grand children. They moved to Tucson in May of 2006

**Pat DiLallo** – Our Roadrunner Vice President. Pat and husband **Rich** were both born in Chicago, went to the same high school. Now in second marriage 20 years. Pat started with Capital Airlines customer service in 1959. After the merger in 1961, she worked at O'Hare customer service 37 years. Rich worked at Castle Meadows steel service center 32 years. They have four children and seven grandchildren.



**Roger & Lyn Callihan** – Both of them spent over 33 years (?) with UAL. Roger spent a few early years getting messed up with Capital Airlines in Lansing, MI. He left for Seattle for the World's Fair in 1962 and spent the rest of his career there in Customer Service. Lyn began in Toledo, OH, in Telephone Sales, transferring to San Francisco's Post and Powell Streets in 1959. She transferred from SFORR to SEACS in 1968. They both retired from SEA in 1990 and searched out Tucson for retirement in 1994.

*NEWS FLASH! Oh frabjous day! Callooh! Callay! Effective with your next RUAEA Newsletter, **Roger Callihan** will be the Roadrunners' Correspondent. Let's hear it for Roger! Congratulations and best wishes!*

Ann & I have enjoyed our stint and we'd like to leave you with this thought: *Things are more like they are now than they ever were before.*

Calendar:

**April 17** - Luncheon at home of **Gail & Jim Rudolph**.

**May 15** - Hosts are **Lyn & Roger Callihan**. Details later.

**June 19** - **Claire & Jerry Byle**

**July 17** - **Carolyn & Merritt McGlothlin**

**August** – Pinetop - **Howard Hunter**

**Sept. 18** - **Mary & Bill Howard**

**Oct. 16** - **Shirley & Ron Robertson**

**Nov. 20** - **Pat & Rich DiLallo**

**Dec. 11** - Oro Valley Country Club - **Beverly Goodlow**

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This month has been a very quiet one for our chapter. We did not meet in March but will meet again on April 16<sup>th</sup> at **Bob & Marcia Stanger's** home. **Bob & Marcia, John Stilwell**, and **Al & Marilyn Rybar** met for dinner, but **Barbara Stilwell** had the bug and decided to stay home. We always have interesting conversations and recollections from our SFOMB days. I have not been back to SFOMB since I retired 21 years ago and John said I would not recognize the place. So many shops are deserted and the morale of those working there couldn't go any lower. I cannot imagine walking from shop to shop where so many employees kept the parts moving and see vacant work areas. I was fortunate to have worked with so many loyal employees and many times they were the ones I could depend on to get my job done.

Until next month, remember dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least 6 feet from the toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush. I keep my toothbrush in the living room now.

Calendar:

**April 16** – Chapter meeting hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger** at their home.

**BRAZEN RAISINS**

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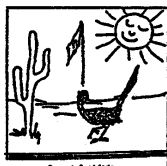


**Dick & Hazel Hayes** hosted the Brazen Raisins' March 2008 meeting and did a bang-up job of decorating the meeting room in a St. Patrick's Day theme. **Dick Shryock** reported receiving a note from **Helen Follansbee** (along with 2008 dues) who said that she and **Curt** hoped to return to the fold after a long absence. Sunshine Lady **Donna Nessling** told of falling down in a shopping center parking lot and breaking a bone in her left ankle

and her right knee cap - Sunshine Lady needs some sunshine! President **Don Nessling** recapped **Ron Bertacini**'s information at the February meeting. Don also stated that at his stamp club meeting in March, he was presenting a special UAL exhibit. Donna presented **Nile & Lincoln Jones** with a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary card. **Elida Rivas** described hers and **Reuben**'s recent trip to Honolulu. **Dick Hayes** conducted a quiz on Irish lore, (with Irish prizes: Irish spring soap, Lucky Charms cereal and a green teddy bear!). Then a plethora of jokes by **Dick Shryock, Dick Hayes, Bob Frost** and **Elida Rivas**!

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Oops! Somehow the newsletter was not done for February. So let's catch up.

In February, the Desert Sunbirds had a great Valentines party at the Elephant Bar with decoration, favors, and door prizes - thanks to **Mary Frank** and **Maureen Williams**. The guests which were a total of ten included the correspondent for the Guys & Dolls Chapter of NYC. The other guests were from Denver, Cleveland, Seattle, & Indian Wells. Hopefully, a few will add their names to the Desert Sunbirds. Six people celebrated their birthday in February with one, **George Lantz**, marking his 95<sup>th</sup>! He started with UAL at its beginning. The winner of the birthday lunch was **Al Pennington**. Too bad for George! **Gay Trabor** won the 50/50 money.

In March, we had a good turn out at Robbie T's Sports Bar and Grill in Indio. **Gay Traber** and **Patti Sica** had the place ready for St Pat's Day fun. We had two people not at the March meeting due to auto accident and cancer - **Marge Lantz** and **Jan Kellerhals**. Both members are doing their best to get well for next month. We were happy to see **Mike Baillardo** back from jury duty, for a domestic assault case due to spitting? Anyway, our guests this month featured **Susan Phillips** who is a retired HNL FA and she is in the desert to volunteer at the Pacific Life Tennis Tournament. **Sherylie Delaney** won the birthday lunch and **Ron Napier** took home the 50/50 money.

April's meeting will require a big appetite! We are going to the Casino Morongo in Cabazon. Come for the meeting and stay for the fun!

### **SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**



### THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Sizzler Restaurant in Auburn. This was hosted by **Rosemary & Daniel Figueroa**. We had 58 Gold Diggers and two guests. Sarah King is the granddaughter of **Forester & Jean Sinclair** and Serenity Collie, granddaughter of **Ron & Judie King**. Chapter President, **Bob Fulkerson**, welcomed those attending and thanked the Figueroa's for hosting.

#### Officer's Reports:

VP: **Francis Domaratius** – Francis said we have hosts for the remaining months of this year. We now have to look for hosts for 2009. He reminded us that we get hosts from February to February. He still needs to get a host for January 2009.

Secretary: **Colleen Esola** – The only anniversary for March with over 50 years is **Marv & Jean Becker**. **Bob Eggert** led us in singing the Anniversary Song.

Treasurer: **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance.

Sunshine: **Angie & Frank Dellinger** – Angie reported that she sent a sympathy card to the family of **Martin Buschman** as he passed away in February. She also sent a get well card to **Len Haubl** who had a heart attack while in Arizona.

RUAEA Director for Northern California, **Ron Bertacini** - Ron gave us some good information on a number of topics: **Industry:** Delta Flight Attendants are about to vote on union representation; merger talks all but died with Delta and NW; United mechanics now voting to change from AMFA to teamsters. **United:** United Express boarding priority changes April 1<sup>st</sup>; new bag policy starts May 5; new to Skynet is **UA Connections**; **Business Week** editor, Bob Reed, suggests that it is time for United board to replace Glen Tilton; **RUAEA:** Ron reminded us of the Pittsburgh convention which is May 18-24. Also the election is in progress.

**Bob Fulkerson** said that we have our new 2008 rosters here so don't forget to pick one up as you leave. He thanked **Jack Raynor** for updating our roster. We concluded with our raffle.

#### Calendar:

**April** – The Gray Goose, Grass Valley

**May** – No luncheon due to Convention

**June** – Empire Mine State Historic Park, (Empire Clubhouse), Grass Valley

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Our monthly luncheon/meeting was held April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Cold Springs Golf & Country Club, outside of Placerville. **Alice & Jon Somplack** were hosts to 41 Miners for a delicious lunch at a beautiful location. It helped that it was a nice, bright and warm Spring day. This was the second time the Somplacks have hosted the luncheon in our short six-month history. Thank you, Alice and Jon.

Vice President **Suzie Quinnell** (There actually is a "Suzie Q") called the meeting to order in the absence of President **Rosemary Heier** who is off traveling with **J.R.** in their motor home through the Southwest and South. Suzie called for old business and new business and there was none. Suzie brought up the raffle that we conduct each month and asked if anyone had any suggestions about it or other fund raising methods. As Vice President, she announced that the May 5<sup>th</sup> Luncheon/Meeting will be at the Elks Club in Shingle Springs hosted by **Bob & Dorean Ames** and **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**.

**Jeanette D'Amico**, Secretary and Newsletter Editor, said that the chapter had received thank you letters from the two charities to which we had donated money in memory of **Harry D. Caldwell**. Jeanette read an article about Harry that appeared in the local Sierra Foothills **Around Here Magazine**. The article paid tribute to **Harry D. Caldwell**. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the 14<sup>th</sup> annual New Morning Jamboree in Placerville will be a memorial tribute to **Harry D. Caldwell**. It is an all-day musical affair with many different musical groups and talents and the money raised goes to charity. **Jerry Quinnell** said that Harry had been his first boss at UA back in Chicago and told of Harry's good nature and wonderful outlook on life.

Treasurer **Dick Czapkay** and his wife **Ann** handed out the new name badges. Everyone agreed that the badges are really "first class". Dick also reported that our bank balance is looking good.

Sunshine Guy **Irv Wolfram** said that he had not heard anything. No news is good news.

Historian **Sherrie Wolfram** had brought some albums she had put together. The albums are outstanding. She had pictures from our Christmas luncheon and is going to take pictures at each of the meetings. One of the albums pays tribute to our members who have passed away.

RUAEA Director **Ron Bertacini** gave his report on what is happening and not happening in the airline industry. He also told about United Express boarding priorities, second-bag check-in fees, **UA Connections** in SkyNet and check-in online to get the Departure Management Card. He reminded everyone about the RUAEA Convention coming up in May in Pittsburgh and the RUAEA election which is in progress now. Ron handed out ballots to those who wanted to vote and had not yet voted.

Anniversaries for the month of April are: **George & Connie Rivas** - 51 years; **Darryl & Dorothy Stroud** - 52 years. Congratulations!

We sang Happy Birthday to **Shirley Drumheller** and **Sherrie Wolfram**, **Suzie & Jerry Quinnell** conducted the raffle, and we called it a day.

#### Calendar:

**May 5** – Elks Club, Shingle Springs hosted by the **Ames'** & the **Blazius'**

June 2 - Ed Akin's Ranch, Placerville hosted by **Ed & Lindalee Akin**



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Celebrating St. Patrick's Day a few days early, Redwood Empire Retirees dined at everyone's favorite French restaurant, LaGare – how's that for being on theme! **Grover & Jan Blackburn** of Oakmont hosted and centered the tables with shamrock plants. Starting with a mushroom soup as only the French can make, then a composed salad which included celery root and shaved carrots, then either a poached salmon, vegetarian spanakopita, or a beef filet, we groaningly ended with a chocolate caramel with raspberries. President **Judy De Ford** welcomed 39 members and guests. After lunch, bottles of wine, boxes of chocolate, and table centerpieces were raffled off.

President De Ford and Vice President **Oscar Chambers** have been attempting to bring in new members to our group by mailing recruitment letters to over 200 UAL retirees in Marin and Sonoma counties. They've received a few inquiries but wonder why more retirees aren't interested in monthly get-togethers; the food is great and the camaraderie warm and friendly.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced the birthdays and the birthday lunch winner, **Barney Hagan**. The sad news is that **Vic Kristin** is resigning due to health problems. We depended on Vic for creating our mailing labels, but **Oscar Chambers** said he'll pick up the slack and will add that to his duties. We also were disturbed to hear that **Bernice Anderson** has some new health issues. Let's send them both cards and letters to speed their recovery.

We look forward to another beautiful day at Quail Inn on the golf course at Oakmont in April, which will be hosted by **Norm & Ann Burnett**. Hope they drive up in that 1930-something Packard. It's a jewel!

Before reciting the Thought of the Month, President De Ford related that she once was the editor of her high school newspaper and had the opportunity to interview Eleanor Roosevelt at the Fresno airport (where incidentally her future husband **Dan De Ford** happened to work). Here's Eleanor's quote: "*A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water.*"

Calendar:

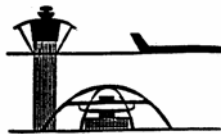
**May 8** - The Spinnaker, Sausalito, hosted by **Joan Sheahan/Ann Sullivan**

**June 12** - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**

**July 10** - Chalet Basque, San Rafael, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

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Not many news items this month because of NETMA (**N**obody **E**ver **T**ells **M**e **A**nthing) and because my computer crashed two days ago with the already written newsletter in those documents that I can't get to! Local computer guy says maybe he can save some of them - but when?

So with the help of a friend's computer, so-so memory, and so-so notes, I can give you a bit from LA.

Our April meeting was last Thursday 4/3 and it was an exceptionally good one. There were 81 in attendance, including 6 or 7 "walk-ins". We gladly took their money and guided them to the buffet line at one of our favorite spots, The Proud Bird at LAX. There were added attractions this month. Usually we mix, sip, talk (a lot), eat, claim door prizes and the 50/50, then split. This time we had folks come and present the latest with Alliant Credit Union and refresh our memory of their off (but close) airport location. They are always helpful. In addition, we had one of the ladies from Interline Value Vacations give us a run down on some of the

good deals in the interline travel world at present and remind us of their very helpful website [www.interliner.com](http://www.interliner.com). Our door prize table was, as usual, loaded. Our system is to take what looks best to you when your number is called, and would you believe the last gift on the table was a wine bottle bag! I strongly suspect it did not hold wine.

And last but not least, the 50/50 came to \$112 for the lucky winner, who happened to be **Donna Klobe**, our chapter's terrific secretary - and the Pres' wife. They plan to be at the convention for the entire week, so this was more than welcome.

On one of my scribbled notes is news about **Dee Miller-Green** who a month (+/-) ago was hospitalized for a heart stint surgery plus pulmonary problems. As I remember Dee, she always appreciates a good joke - so send cards to her at 18724 Clarisse, Bakersfield, CA 93314.

Just after the deadline last month, I got the info about the really serious illness of **Hal Zinger**. And here I am at my friend's house without my notes about Hal, but I do know that he was in intensive care with numerous complications. He's home now and has help from his nephew who will be staying with him as long as needed. Send him cards at 20450 Roslyn Av., Torrance, CA 90503.

Last month we asked members for "News for the Newsletter". One of the things asked about is the sports activities of our members. The **Dunworths** report they go to the gym 3 to 6 times a week and **Roger** kayaks when possible. It shows - they look great. There are some swimmers in the crowd. A lot of us walk - a lot. But my favorite is from **Marlene Garcia** who gardens. Sound like a mild sport to you? Not for her! Gardening an orchard of avocado, lemon, orange, tangerine, apple, peach and nectarine trees. Lots of exercise! Hardly mild, huh?

So - how about a little help, you all? Anyone and everyone can be a reporter. All you ReLAXers readers, you have an assignment for the next issue: Tell me about any recent trips you've taken or some you are about to take. Now isn't that easy? Write on!

I'll end with this news clipping I found about a 43 year old Santa Monica (CA) man who stole a cash register from a bar, fled on foot, and was tripped up by his pants which fell below his knees. Also, his false teeth fell out! Only in LA.

#### Calendar:

**May 18-24** - Convention in PIT, of course - See ya there

**June 5** - Luncheon meeting - location, not sure yet

**August 7** - Annual steak fry.



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First on the list today is to inform our local chapter members, and anyone else who would like to visit us, that our May General meeting will be on the **3<sup>rd</sup>** Monday of the month, May 19<sup>th</sup>. (Our meeting usually held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, which coincides with Memorial Day this month.)

Our total membership numbers keep changing every day. According to both Treasurer **Art Barrett** and Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill**, we are still receiving membership renewals. October of last year was when the **2008** dues could first be paid, with January being the cutoff date. Don't worry, we'll still take your money but if you don't see your name in our latest Membership Roster, that's *wha' happen*, Folks. And of course, we welcome brand new members all year 'round. Very glad to have you!

As an added incentive to attend our meetings, our very interesting May 19<sup>th</sup> speaker will be **National Park Service Ranger, Warren Riley**. And, ALOHA: Even though getting to and from Hawaii is tough now, we're bringing a bit of Pacific Island magic to our June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, **Keolaulani Halau**, exciting singers and dancers. Our March 24<sup>th</sup> catered Chinese luncheon showed its popularity once again, 94 attendees! Thank you, **Vera & Walt Kina**, Food Coordinators!

Our popular International Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** still has room on her "**South African Safari**" scheduled to depart this citified jungle for 16 days on October 9. You'll love the itinerary: **Johannesburg, Soweto**, panoramic route, **Kruger National Park**, safari game drive, garden route, ostrich farm visit, **Cape Town Table Mountain**, winery tour and 3 nights at **Victoria Falls**. However, if you're happier in

that “white stuff”, our **Snowlady Ginger** is working on an “**Alaska Land-Cruise**” for the month of May 2009. Please Note: **Ginger** needs your “**Safari**” sign-ups and money now. Email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or telephone (650)224-1865.

If you can't pal around with **Ginger** right now, how about “dating” our energetic Domestic Tour Coordinator, **Betty Garner**? She's repeating a previously very well attended 3-day “**Yosemite National Park**” trip. The dates are Tuesday to Thursday, October 28-30, 2008. You will ride the historic and FUN **Yosemite Sugar Pine Mountain Railroad**, have a ritzy lunch at the **Ahwahnee Hotel**, enjoy a 2-night stay at the **Chukchansi Gold Resort and Casino** (“Do you feel lucky?”), and enjoy a look around plus a yummy lunch at the **Hilmar Cheese Company**. Another absolutely fabulous adventure that **Miz Garner** presently offers is, “**Trains of the Colorado Rockies**”, September 26 to October 4, 2008. Highlights of this trip out of **Denver, Colorado** will be your ride through the **Rocky Mountain National Park, Georgetown Loop Railroad, Vail Grand Junction, Durango and Silverton Railroad, Durango, Mesa Verde National Park, Royal Gorge Railroad, Colorado Springs, Pike's Peak Cog Railway** and **Garden of the Gods**. Airfare is included in the price. Please telephone **Betty** (650) 355-4195 or email [garnerbee@yahoo.com](mailto:garnerbee@yahoo.com).

Personally Speaking: When I was a child, we hadn't heard of DNA. Now at my present age, I've just discovered what the letters “**D**” and “**N**” and “**A**” stand for. Actually there are **2** answers you can choose from: (1) “**Do Not Argue**”, and my favorite, (2) “**Dames Need Attention**”! (Gotcha!)

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 11:30 a.m. business meeting, 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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March has been a good month for most of us in the chapter. The **Burdas** are doing better, are up and about (nothing can keep them down for long)! **Vic Kristen** is improving a bit; they had an elevator put into their home, which makes it nicer to get around. **Joanne Saso** had accelerated asthma problems, was in the hospital, is now home and doing well. **Garver Sandy** has a new leg brace and is able to get around better.

**George Sousa** took a trip and saw our old time member **Pete Bilsich**, who is doing well.

We welcomed **Gary Ikeya** to our meeting on March 21 (Gary comes to most of the functions but rarely makes it to our meetings). Also **Harry Willever**, who we had not seen for awhile. On March 29, we had a surprise visit from former members, the **Fleishmans, Larry & Liz**.

We are sorry to report that **Larry Jorgensen**'s wife passed away on March 13. Larry has not been able to make it to the meetings for quite awhile. He will now be moving to Tracy. Our condolences to Larry and our best wishes to him in his new place.

#### 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. **Tony Urso**, (408) 264-8580 for details.





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Spring has sprung and our weather is beautiful, blue sky and sunny, warm days. The birds are singing and blossoms are popping out everywhere. We are getting more daylight hours, giving us more time to enjoy the outdoors. Jack and I spent a month in Yuma, Arizona visiting with many friends and now it's back to reality again; housework, yard work, doctors' appointments, income taxes, etc.

We were home in time to join the San Joaquiners for our luncheon meeting in Valley Springs on March 13<sup>th</sup>. We met at the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant and the food was excellent and of course, we ate too much. They have a huge variety to choose from and I love to try everything. There were 32 members and several guests; **Carol Valdez** and **Betty & Jan Sayers**.

At the end of our meeting, we had our raffle and there were many prizes of homemade goodies such as jams, jellies, cookies, fudge, peanut brittle, etc. All the lucky winners were thrilled to get these edible prizes. And a big thank you to **George & Gloria Gemberling** for hosting the luncheon and providing the wonderful treats for prizes.

We had many members celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries in the month of March. Congratulations to **Al & Betty Ostin** on their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and right behind them is our treasurer and his wife, **George & Gloria Gemberling**, celebrating their 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Vice President **Joan Verbaere** reminded all members about the RUAEA National Election of Officers and Regional Directors. A summary of the candidates is outlined in the March issue of the national RUAEA newsletter along with an Official Ballot. It is important that all members cast their ballot, so their voice can be heard. Remember that all Ballots must be received by the Audit Committee by April 30, 2008. VOTE - VOTE - VOTE.

President **Bob Brooks** has gone in for laser surgery on both eyes to correct the problems caused by glaucoma. Once he has healed and that is taken care of, he will have to have cataract surgery on both eyes. Bob, we all wish you a quick recovery.

We received a report about **Doug Daniels** and he is still in a convalescent home in Belmont, CA and recovering slowly from his back surgery. Sadly, Doug has some other problems and the doctors are working very hard to take care of him. Let's help Doug with our thoughts and prayers. Cards can be sent to him through his daughter, Lisa Daniels-Gross, 1100 North Road, Belmont, CA 94002 or you can email his son-in-law, Rick Gross at [rog@comcast.net](mailto:rog@comcast.net). Rick will print the e-mails and deliver them to Doug.

The San Joaquiners meet the second Thursday of each month. We would like to extend an invitation to any UAL Retiree to come and join us for lunch and chat with old friends. If you know of anyone planning to retire, it would be a nice gesture to invite them to one of our upcoming luncheons. New retirees are always welcome.

### CALENDAR

**April 14** - East Sonora Conference Center hosted by Fred and Joan Verbaere, phone number (916) 682-6148.

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Our March meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> with 24 members and guests. March came in "like a lamb". Beautiful weather!

We were very glad to see the following back with us: **Ed Bingle** and his daughter-in-law, Bonnie; **Judy & Dan Deford** from the Santa Rosa RUAEA chapter (Judy is the president); **Adeline Lee**; **Tom & Barbara Cunningham** (who now have an email - hooray!) and **Red Klaren**.

President **Howard Payne** is temporarily using a walker, his pesky knee is acting up. **Don Rutkowski** had surgery in March, his wife, **Georgia**, advised they should be fine by our next meeting. **Judy Tiu** had successful surgery and should be released from the hospital in a few days to recuperate at home.

**Vilma Patrick** has moved into new digs and is very, very happy. She swears that this is it - no more moves for her. 1515 Geary Road #121, Walnut Creek, CA 94597 - (925) 465-5656.

Howard reminded all who have UA memorabilia to donate them to the United Airlines Historical Foundation. The address is published each month in the newsletter, but just in case: United Airlines Historical Foundation, Attn.: Tom Goodyear, 7401 East Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, CO 80207.

**Georgia Buska** won the 50/50 again! (lucky gal). **Tom Cunningham** won the pie from Marie Callender's and **Bill Boyle** won a wonderful book on flight donated by **Vilma Patrick**.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:00 to 12:00, then lunch and business. No need for reservations. We have quite a diverse group of job classifications and encourage you all to come and bring your significant others.

#### Calendar:

**May 12** - Meeting

**June 9** - Annual picnic

**July** - No meeting

**August 11** - Meeting

### COLORADO



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#### *Submitted by Tom Goodyear*

The Mile Highers April breakfast started at our new time of 9:00 AM on the first Saturday of the month with 65 members in attendance. First timers were **Maria & Bill Harrison**. Maria, the retiree joined RUAEA at the breakfast. Welcome aboard! **Christina Bequette** was a first timer. She retired last February. Good to have these folks with us. Good to have **Marilyn Hankins** join us after a long absence. **Ray & Helen Shoults** brought their grandson Zach. **Joe & Lynn Pettrow** also brought their grandson Jacob.

**Tom Goodyear** reported the passing of **Al Lunn** who died at the age of 93 on February 17<sup>th</sup> in Topeka, Kansas where he had moved 4 years ago to be with his son Alan. His wife died in 1998. He is survived by his son Alan, a daughter Carolyn and 10 grandchildren. Al was employed by United for 42 years and was the Manager of Stores at the time of his retirement.

**Kenny Larson** is now legally blind. He is in Tucson to learn how to function being blind. Our prayers go with Ken and his family. **Ralph Johnson**, who is over 100 years old will be receiving an Honorary Doctorate degree at Purdue on May 9. Ralph was the only test pilot in CYS in the 1930s and 1940s. When the maintenance base closed in CYS, Ralph quit United and started Johnson Flying service in CYS.

50/50 winners that return their winnings were **Vic Andreatta, Walt Bumberger, Paul Miller, Larry Rehfeld**, and **Ray Shoults**.

Don't forget the **Spring Luncheon**: "FAMILY STYLE" lunch will be held at Bennett's Bar-B-Que Banquet Room, May 12, 3700 N Peoria St. Social Hour 11AM (cash bar). Lunch will be served at 12:00 Noon. Menu includes for each table, *Rotisserie Chicken, Beef Brisket, Bar-B-Q Beans, Coleslaw, Garlic Bread, Homemade Peach Cobbler, Coffee or Tea*. \$15.00 P/P. Check payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter; mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Phone: (303) 477-2918. If bringing a guest(s), include name(s) on check. Reservations by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Calendar:

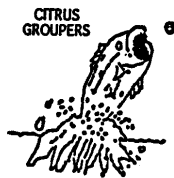
**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. each month, 9:00 AM** (**Note:** This new time is effective with the April Breakfast), Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call **Tom Goodyear** for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

**May 12** - Spring Luncheon. Details in column.

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The Citrus Groupers met on March 28 at the Golden Corral in Leesburg. Attendance was rather poor, with only 12 members showing up. **Ray Winterhalter**, director of the Florida region, was there and spoke about the convention and the latest news from United. Other news, **Hank Jazwinski** rejoined our group after a long absence.

#### Calendar:

**April** - 11.30 at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Country Club on Legacy Lane in the Villages.

**May** - 11.30 at the Olive Garden, 3363 SW College Rd., (Rt. 200) in Ocala.

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There were 20 Sand“DABS” and guests meeting on April 6 at the Red Lobster. Our guests were **Ray Winterhalter**, and **George Parker**, friend of **Jane Kress**. It was so great to see **Bill Lowry** and **Bill Russ** again after a long absence. We offer our love and comfort to Bill Russ in the recent loss of his wife. We always enjoy seeing **Martha Priehs** join us as she drives all the way here from Winter Park. **Marion & Rick Johnson** were off on a cruise celebrating their 7<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. **Irene Warner** was our only birthday celebrant today. She enjoyed (?) our rendition of Happy Birthday!

**Penny Logan** reports our treasury is growing again, and we're staying in the black. She also reports that her husband came through his back surgery fine but is still suffering some pain. **Karen Gammill** is still struggling to get back to good health again. Maybe the cool clear days in Wisconsin will help her as they leave for their cottage in May. **Jane Kress** was sporting a pretty “sparkler” ring on her left hand. A present from her friend George - Congratulations Jane & George. We wish them happy days ahead. **Lowell Johnston** won the second drawing at our 50/50. We're sure wife **Ann** will be really pleased when she sees the gorgeous flowering plant Lowell brings home.

Prez Dick had a report on the information he had on the company. It's sad to hear some of this stuff. Dick had some really funny jokes today. One on the Alphabet For Seniors and one on comparing our aging bodies with our aging cars. Great laughs.

Our Florida Region Director **Ray Winterhalter** gave us a talk, reporting on the up-coming convention in Pittsburgh & all the tours and activities available. Sounds like a good convention coming up. He also passed out ballots for us to vote on new slate officers for RUAEA. He also gave advice about getting our yearly dues in on time or a little earlier so we don't get dropped from the mailing of the newsletter. He also had some speculative information on the possible merger of CAL/UAL.

Dick gave a brief synopsis of his experience of going out to the Florida “boonies” to a bird ranch, a place where the owners breed exotic birds. It was interesting. It may be a fun experience for our group to go there some day.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** *Why does it cost more to put your two cents into something but you only get a penny for your thoughts?*

#### Calendar:

**May 1** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**June 5** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

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Vice-President **Rich Llewellyn** welcomed everyone at our favorite shelter at the Boggy Creek Fish Camp! Food, good friends and conversation were plentiful and a great time was had by all! In attendance were **Bob & Gloria Armistead, Mack Chandler, Stan & Barb Haltermans, Ted & Char LeGrand, Jim & Pat Hernandez, Rich & Cathy Llewellyn**, who brought their grandchildren, Nikki & Dillon and guest James with them, **Elaine & Joe Mannella, Jim Mummah, Jim & Nan Multeris, Joe Segarra, Al & Joanne Mollet, Orlin & Bonnie Taylor, David & Lisa Leighty, John & Barb Wiseman, Betty Davidson, Mary & Bob McNeill, Ken & Shelby Michels, Charlie & Sharon Ringer, Bobbie Gay, Lee & Dorothy Cahoon**, and **Angel Montalvo**. We were all happy to see the return to better health and to our gatherings of **Al Mollet** and **Lee Cahoon**! Yeah!

**Ray Winterhalter**, our RUAEA Florida Regional Director, spoke to the group and gave us good information on the convention coming up in PIT and a reminder to keep our RUAEA memberships active by renewing every year when our birthday rolls around.

Happy Anniversary to **Lee & Dottie Cahoon**, celebrating 50years on March 7<sup>th</sup>!

**Matt McNeill** has been moved to FL Hospital Winter Park for rehab. Matt had his foot amputated on Easter Sunday due to bad blood circulation caused by diabetes. Mary joined us today and reported that he is doing better each day.

**Paul & Helga Brown** are with their son, Clay, in ORD. Clay is fighting a very aggressive form of skin cancer and is undergoing daily radiation treatments.

Remember both these families in your prayers.

**Lou & Joan Gaydos** were not able to make the picnic, but Lou is back playing golf!

**Calendar:**

1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

**May 13-14** - will be the date for our Favorite Restaurant Dinner. Location to be determined soon! Check with Elaine if you'd like to attend.

**September 11-20** - Motor coach trip SFO to LAX – Great stops in between. For details contact – Stan Halterman at (407) 852-6773

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA**  
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Instead of our usual monthly luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Tennis Club, the Pelican Drop-Ins had lunch at a local Cracker Barrel restaurant and then took a tour of the nearby ECHO Global Farm (a demonstration farm) in North Fort Myers, FL on April 4<sup>th</sup>. President **Bill Burg** plus 14 other members attended. ECHO is **Educational Concerns for Hunger Organizations** and is “*dedicated to fighting world hunger through innovative ideas, information, agricultural training, and seeds.*” The farm is only 55 acres but has a staff plus 6 to 8 interns each year that “*seek to find agricultural solutions for families growing food under difficult conditions.*”

They network, solve problems, train, educate, and develop seeds. They research and develop resources for community leaders, missionaries, Peace Corps and agricultural volunteers in 190 countries of the world. A

speaker from ECHO gave our January program and had invited us for a tour later in the season. We saw simple solutions for purifying and pumping water, ways to grow plants on synthetic carpet scraps (amazing!), ways to utilize discarded soda cans and plastic water bottles in gardens, techniques for terracing hillsides with old rubber tires, the use of chickens to fertilize and aerate sugar cane plots, bamboo used a 100 ways, and the list goes on and on! They waste nothing; everything is recycled and used! It was a beautiful warm April day, the docents filled us with so much information, and it was really enjoyed by all of us who took the tour.

April 5<sup>th</sup> was a special day for long time members **Terry & Joan Gilkison** who, in celebration of 25 years of marriage, renewed their vows and had their marriage blessed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Punta Gorda, FL. A small reception was held at their home after the ceremony. Joan's sisters, Betsy and Judy, came from Ohio and California for the occasion.

#### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month - Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May)

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

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While we had sunshine and blue skies for our March meeting, the wind was too chilly to sit outside at **Lee Roy Selman's**. We had a nice area inside to enjoy good food and the fellowship of 26 retirees and guests. We had **Tom & Doris Bray** from Houston, TX, who were visiting the **Hydes**, as well as Ginger's Mom Ruby who fortunately is feeling much better these days.

**Ray Winterhalter**, our Florida RUEA Director joined us and passed on a great deal of information on the upcoming convention in Pittsburgh.

**Tom & Carol Cerimele** from the Tampa chapter have indicated their interest in joining the Sand Dollars. Welcome!

Sadly, we had to bid farewell to **Barbara & Woody Dee** who sold their house in Sun City Center and are returning to Mexico permanently.

Away on vacation were **Dick & Gretchen Bulin**. We hope they had a great time in Costa Rica.

**Pat Tice** sent around an article that he found on AOL recognizing UAL flight attendants for saving passengers lives. Another article mentioned F/A job as one of the 10 cushiest jobs out there. Those of us who have been there would like to see the author of that piece work just one trip - preferably NYC to Orlando during spring break.

#### Calendar:

**May 8** - South Lido Park, Sarasota, FL (annual picnic, chapter will provide fried chicken and soft drinks), everyone please bring either a vegetable, salad or dessert.



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The Spring picnic was held at Anderson Park. The meeting was conducted by **Jim Hottel**, filling in for President **Bob Lindstrom**. There were 28 members present and 3 guests (**Ed & Joann Hufnagel** and **Ray**

**Winterhalter**). Ray is RUAEA Florida Region Director. Birthdays for April are **Pearl Quinn** 4/2, **Art Reveillac** 4/7 (90 yrs young), **Diane Taggart** 4/12 and **Connie Keuhn**. Anniversary celebrants are **Jim & Pat Hottel**, 51 years on 4/19.

Travel comments were more bad than good. One incident at IAD reported that 20 minutes prior to departure, the flight was closed out by UAX and the comment from the gate agent was "*You are too late*". Flights to and from CLE are heavy, one trip took 26 hrs to get home.

All members are reminded that dues are coming up in July and must be paid by July 31. **Jean Linehan** set up a memorial service for our departed member **Mike Marvett** at the West Coast Luncheon. Get well cards were sent to VP **Bob Taylor** and **Pearl Quinn**.

A vote was taken to change the times for the picnics from 10 AM to 11 AM, with lunch at noon. The times were accepted. Our resident photographer, **Bill Linehan**, had many photos available for all to see. **Barbara Riecss** has put together a boat cruise to follow the May meeting. The price is \$15.00 per person. Please contact Barbara for info and reservations. The meeting was adjourned and followed by a very nice lunch.

#### Calendar

**May 5** - Meeting and lunch at Buddy Freddy's at 10:00 a.m. Boat Trip to follow lunch

#### TREASURE COAST

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We were supposed to be on a Paddleboat Luncheon Cruise today but instead, called a regular meeting a week late! No one got sea sick on this trip!

Would you believe lightning does strike the same place twice, our Cruise was cancelled for the second time. We decided not to do it again for it's not worth the disappointment.

I called all the members and 17 folks attended our meeting today. Our guest was none other than **Ray M. Winterhalter**, our Florida Regional Director.

Ray discussed everything from the convention, election of new Officers and Directors, Travel Desk, listing procedures and etc.

If you plan to stay the extra weekend after the Convention to go on the Niagara Falls trip, please be sure to take your passport, and when listing flights, use SkyNet not Reservations. Some of the side trips go to Shanksville where United Flight 93 went down on 9/11. Having been there myself on the first anniversary, you would be amazed how this small remote town has been turned upside down. The people there are very friendly but wish they didn't have the terrible notoriety of it all.

If you see a broad red mark on the address label of the Newsletter, it means you are overdue on your dues, so pay up or lose this vital connection to your friends and fellow retirees.

It seems that RUAEA is working on a plan to have a Travel Desk in Chicago; we will be kept up to date.

We were all given paper ballots to register our vote for the election of Officers and Directors. The cutoff for voting is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Diane & Ron Brodis** and **Frank & Jane Wise** will be attending the Convention. Diane and Frank will be standing in for Al and myself.

**Al & Janice Popek** who usually attend the Conventions, will not be able this time since they are leaving with **Paul & Diane Liebisch**, **Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Judy & Artie Frage** for a two and half week tour of Poland and will be returning the day before our next meeting in May. Just think, if for any reason they don't get back in time, yours truly will have to conduct the Luncheon Meeting. Say your prayers please!

The Treasure Coast members will have an election for our new officers at our June meeting.

Ray picked out **Elizabeth Armstrong's** number for the 50/50 and Elizabeth selected **Diane Liebisch's** number for the Progressive ticket.

We had a wonderful time as we usually do, telling jokes and having an enjoyable lunch.

If you are in our vicinity you really should join us as we are a wonderful bunch of coconuts. We would love to meet you and I'm sure you won't forget us!

#### Calendar:



**May 6** - 11:30 AM RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting  
**June 3** - RJ Gators Luncheon/Meeting and Elections  
**July – September** - On Vacation – Have a wonderful summer!

## GEORGIA



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Twenty seven Flyers and two guests were in attendance April 2<sup>nd</sup> at O'Charley's Restaurant in Newnan, Georgia, hosted by **Richard & Diayne Thompson**. Our guests **R. K. & Nancy Moore** from Denver, friends of **Gary & Glenda Tuttle**, were here visiting with them. **R. K.** is retired from the Training Department in Denver. We're all glad to see **Gene Barber** back with us. The restaurant provided us with a separate room off to the side where we could have our meeting. The food was very good as usual. **Sandy Lis** and **Bruce Brodersen** conducted a short business meeting. Bruce reminded us to vote for the RUAEA officers before the end of April. New this year is that you can now vote directly on line. Also, you can print the ballot off the website and mail it in as in the past.

Bruce also talked of the increasing cost of health insurance for retirees and how it is affecting our wallets. He also added that the AARP volunteers have been processing record numbers of tax returns this year. The volume is way up from last year.

**Bruce & Mary** are busy getting ready for the convention in Pittsburgh, and are looking forward to the events and trips of interest that are planned this year. Glad to see **Fred Cron** back from his travels, conducting our 50/50. Fred was assisted by **Bill Elk**, had our guest **R. K. Moore** draw the winning number held by none other than our Treasurer Bruce. He teased that, we are just trying to keep it all in the family close to home. Way to go Bruce.

We want to remind every one that **Don & Marge Shelley's** 8<sup>th</sup> annual picnic is on April 19<sup>th</sup> at their home in Locust Grove, Georgia. Those who are coming should bring a covered dish, and a chair. Everything else will be provided. This event has become one of the highlights of the year with a very good attendance of UAL active and retirees alike, who have worked in Atlanta, coming from sometimes great distances to renew old acquaintances, and friendships.

### Calendar:

**May 7** - Lunch at Logan's Roadhouse, McDonough, GA. 12:00 noon, hosted by **Sandy Lis**

## IDAHO

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Twenty-three GEMs attended our breakfast meeting at JB's in Meridian. **Rick & Shirley Dempsey** are off to Europe on April 13 to take in the sights of Athens, Santorini, Malta, Sicily, Rome, Florence, Monte Carlo, Provence, Barcelona. Back by May 1. They say they will miss **Charles & Shirley Perkins** on this trip but "will try to have a good time!"

Good to see **Al Burkhart** after a stretch in the hospital following back surgery.

**Louise & Ossie Haugen** spent Easter with their daughter & her family in Alvin, TX, which is just a few miles south of Houston. They enjoyed attending church with all the family, & hearing their daughter play in the hand-bell choir. They also reported that they drove to Galveston Island, & rode the ferry over to Bolivar

Peninsula for lunch. They said, *"It was amazing to see all the changes. The old cotton warehouses have been removed -- end of an era!"* They flew SWA, & all went well.

**Dave Adams** won't talk much about his job as a tour bus driver, but he is kept busy. It would seem that he's having as much fun as his passengers. No sooner did he get back from LAX, delivering Ontario High School students for some kind of competition, than he turned around, & headed to Anaheim with the Meridian High School band and choir. This week he is delivering a Harmon Travel group to SEA for the Tulip Festival, followed by a personal trip to GEG. When he finds time for hypnotherapy, I don't know, but he has lost 27 pounds & looks good.

Remember **Ray Davis**? Most GEMS do, for he was our station manager not too long ago. He attended our meetings & special events, & thoughtfully kept us informed on what was happening at UAL. Later, he moved to LAX. After a short retirement, he is now back on the UAL payroll, working as a supervisor in the Manpower office. He says, *"I mainly do Workman Comp issues."* Good to hear from you, Ray. You say you miss BOI; we say we miss you & your charming wife, **Adrienne**. Since you are still receiving this newsletter, we're in touch. Consider this a standing invitation, we'll welcome you both at any of our announced function.

**Stop press:** A 4-year study funded largely by the Dept. of Homeland Security, ranks 132 American cities by vulnerability to terrorist attacks. Boise was the only city in the western part of the country to make the Top 10. What about LAX, SFO & SEA? LAX was #41, followed by SFO at #66, and SEA at #87. The ranking was based on three things: socio-economics, infrastructure, & geophysical hazards, such as potential for flooding or fire. Where the potatoes and sagebrush figure into the equation is anybody's guess. We're a landlocked city of 200,000, where the big event last week was a Professional Bull Riders invitational.

#### Calendar:

**May 5** – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

**June 2** – 9 a.m. Breakfast at JB's in Meridian

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My first duty is to apologize for the misspelling of the names of **JoAnn Giannini** and **Patricia Guerin** in past issues. My usual routine is to check against our Skyliner directory. If I do not find a match, I take an educated guess. I am extremely thankful for all the help in supplying the local news and would ask that names and phone numbers be printed on your information notes.

**Marlene Anderson** and husband are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by hosting fourteen family members on Maui this May. **Pedro & Lidia Franco** are celebrating in April - 58 years for them.

Congratulations of a different kind to **John Woytovich** who raised over \$175,000 for Children's Memorial Hospital, who then featured John in a gala ceremony.

Evidently, our flights are going out full. Heard from **Bob Jacobson** and **Marge Daily**, both with 1943 seniority dates, having to wait up to two days for a seat. **Cecelia Yates** lucked out getting the middle seat for 20 hours (not UAL) slow motion old ship on Costos Cruises to Dubai. In Early April, **Pat Muha** is going to visit distant relatives in Stukenbrock and Unna, Germany.

**Ken & Muriel Bergsma** and **Phyllis & Ray Potsic** met up in Green Valley, Arizona, and again at the Tucson Chapter luncheon. Ray won \$50.

**Kay Horsley** is recovering from aches occurring when the driver of the bus transporting retirees to the Chicago Food Pantry hit a speed bump the same color as the pavement. **Dave White's** wife is doing well after her recent surgery.

If you have regular phone service and a hearing loss, the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corp. distributes free phones to qualified Illinois residents. No age requirements, no income limits, but the application requires a licensed doctor or audiologist's signature. Call (847) 884-0030, ext. 2025, for an appointment to try out four phones, courtesy of Schaumburg Services Dept., 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

We have a new committee for planning Skyliner activities. **Helen Cauwells** will be the leader, assisted by **Ginny Vlach** and **Bob (Robert) Kalicki**. **JoAnn Giannini** was elected our new Sunshine Lady. And, a thank you to **Helen, JoAnn, Carol Faust**, and **Ellen Thiede** for being our Welcome and Name Tag Greeters at our March 23, corned beef and cabbage luncheon. All eyes were smiling.

On a sad note, we have learned that **Roe Mallstrom**, our Loop Group Correspondent, passed to his eternal rest on Easter. Condolence cards may be sent to his wife, **Lillian**, at 1109 Cleveland Ave., Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-5507.

**Augie Weber** died March 24 in Payson, Arizona. Illinois memorial to be decided later. Widow, **Kay Weber**'s address is 6253 W. Sharyn Road, P.O. Box 1376, Pine, AZ 85544-1376 (email: [ikweber@cybertrails.com](mailto:ikweber@cybertrails.com)).

Training on the Travel Desk is coming along and should be ready April 17, but volunteers are still welcome. Call Carol Faust at (847) 895-1232.

If you are changing your mind about getting the RUAEA newsletter on the Web, contact RUAEA at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and follow the instructions. Do this in advance since transfers back to paper take a while.

Plan to attend the Pittsburgh Convention. Everything sounds promising for a great time.

#### Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House (**May 27 & June 24**) at 10:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**May 14 & June 11**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**May 6 & June 3**).

**July 22** – Summer Picnic at Chandlers Restaurant, Schaumburg Country Club

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*Submitted by Lillian Mallstrom, Roe's wife*

I write this with a very heavy heart to tell you of the death of my best friend and husband, **Roe Mallstrom**, who was my rock for 48 years. He died Easter morning, March 23, 2008 at age 78 due to complications from a stroke.

After serving as an officer in the US Navy for 6 years during the Korean conflict, he got the travel bug and joined the Management team of UAL until his retirement in 1990 after 35 years of employment. He worked at both Midway and O'Hare first in Passenger Service, next Regional Service and finally Stewardess Service which became Inflight Service and now Onboard Service. Roe's early retirement gave more time for travel. He and Lillian crossed the Atlantic twice in the Concorde and Roe went around the world on United in 1994. With the biggest adventure travels behind, the concentration was on getting away from the Chicago winters to Mexico, spending most of the winter months in Acapulco.

Let Roe's epitaph read, "*He liked people and loved to travel.*"

There will never be another "Roe" ... he was one of a kind.

Now here is the news that I received from the members who attended the March Luncheon at The Great Street Restaurant. 12 members attended the Luncheon while a few were still enjoying their winter getaways.

The Chicago CTA financial problem was solved which ended up giving seniors free public transportation.

The attendees were **Beverly Connor, Carol & Bob Faust, Cal Lindsay, Kay McClure, Norm Pearson, Jacques & Jim Sontheimer, Mary Szabo** and **Diane Jones** who brought 2 guests.

The food at the hotel is delicious and as a special treat, the restaurant offered free desserts for everyone.

#### Calendar:

**May 18-24** – RUAEA Convention in PIT

**May 21** – Loop Group Luncheon cancelled due to conflict with RUAEA Convention

**June** – No Luncheon scheduled

**July 16** –Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (the Great Street Restaurant – 11:30 a.m.)

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Here it is April 1<sup>st</sup> and the weather is still playing April fools jokes on us, jumping up and down into the 20's and 30's. Get to the 50's and 60's, please; and enough rain already!

I just returned from one of my favorite states, Ohio. I often take a drive to enjoy the beautiful fall foliage along I-71 and shopping in Amish land near Wooster once a year. Unfortunately, this trip was a memorial service for a previous neighbor of 20 years. Our families both moved away from the area years ago but continued to keep in touch. Our kids had grown up playing football and baseball in each of the yards and riding horses down the road. The kids (most over 40 years old) had not seen each other for over 20 years. My daughter was quite heavy in her school years. She had bariatric surgery two years ago, losing half her weight. It was so much fun watching the reaction when childhood friends realized who she was and now size eight.

One of my favorite places to dine when I lived in Ohio was King Wah's on Center Ridge Road in Rocky River. I had attempted to stop there on a previous visit, but it was too late in the day or they were closed. This time I made Saturday reservations and we shared five delicious entrees, family style, with plenty of food left over to doggy bag. What a treat. Be certain to stop there if you are in the area.

Indy Racers meet at the Eagles Lodge in Plainfield. But, we have lost a number of regular members. A check will be made to see if they are not coming due to the new location or otherwise. The Eagles is a little farther west than when we were meeting at the Golden Corral. Also, **Dave Rihel**, an Eagles member, informed us that if there were not an Eagles' member attending with the group, we would have to pay for room use. He is planning on doing more traveling in the upcoming months. So, we will investigate other location possibilities. A big issue with us is to have a room of our own in which to meet. Meeting in a general area of a restaurant can be very noisy. Most of our items of discussion for both old and new business were put on hold until our April meeting. Plans will be made for our summer picnic at the Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Since moving to the Eagles, we have enjoyed the company of **Jack & Carol Conway**. They live close to Lafayette, IN - about 50 miles away. Hopefully, you received your ESOP settlement check from United, as did I.

Keep **Chris Gibson**, **Terry Martin** and **Lilea Theiss** in your prayers as they recover.

Calendar:

**May 13** - Eagles Lodge

**June 28** - Twin Bridges Lodge, Danville - picnic

## MASSACHUSETTS

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By the time this is in print, the Nor'Easters will have had the first meeting of the year in mid April. So again, little news.

**Eddie Aldoriso**, formerly BOSSS is the only United sales rep to have received the UAL National Sales Award twice. A gold plaque attesting to this, hangs in HDQ's lobby. **Jane & John Regan** have returned to NH from snow birding on April 1. Hope the weather wasn't shocking. I was planning to return in time for the first meeting in April, but wound up with toe surgery. I should be home by the end of April. Hopefully, the three foot snow mound deposited by ploughs at the head of my driveway, will be gone.

May's birthdays: **John Dellelo, Ron Heisler, Audrey Joyce, Joan Meister, Andy Montalto, Jayne Reagan, Elizabeth Restiano, Lew Shakley, Don Simard** and **Ken Washburn**.

Anniversaries: **Bob & Susan DiPippo** - 25 years, **Mary Beth & Staley McDermet** - 36, **Peter & Peg Nichols** - 42, **Bob & Ellen Seibold** - 62, and **Bill & Elaine Vanderwal** - 37. Looks like May is the Nor'Easter's month.

Calendar:

**May 5** - Cinco de Mayo pot luck, Marblehead Yacht Club

## MICHIGAN



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April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17 Escapees and one guest, Helen Venn, gathered at East Side Marios in Lavonia, hosted by **Bill & Camille Wade**. Our hosts passed out notebooks to all which I am sure will not go to waste. I could have used one before the meeting as I forgot everything that I had planned to talk about until I got home. Now all I have to do in the future is to remember to look at my notes, which is also a problem as my *forgetter* keeps getting better and my *rememberer* is usually broke.

**Barb Miller** proudly announced that her husband **Dennis** will be running for 24<sup>th</sup> District Judge, which includes the cities of Allen Park and Melvindale, MI. Barb says she may be a bit prejudiced, but she thinks he would be PERFECT for the job, as she believes we need more honest, hardworking people in charge of our cities.

Lastly, love and prayers for all our ailing Escapees, **Betty Martinez, Marlene Presnell, John LeRoy, Chet Fleming, Agatha Kelley** and for those on their way to complete recovery: **Bernie McManus, Romanita Jenkins, Joanne Maas, Helen McLaughlin, Frieda Volkenborn** and **Jo Madden**. "*Please Get Well Quick*" to all.

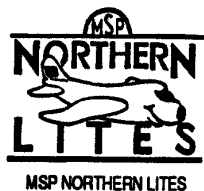
Calendar:

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

## MINNESOTA

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29 members came for lunch & visiting in March. I didn't make the 100-mile trip because of forecasts of freezing rain, so the news this month is compliments of **Mary Brennan**'s minutes of the meeting.

Everyone was glad to see **Donna Gray** again. Her Mom, Bea, had a bout with pneumonia which had her in hospital for 10 days. It was nip 'n' tuck, I guess; Donna spent several nights there with her. But Donna comes from good, tough Norwegian stock & her mother is back home now.

Our clan has been dealing with many health issues lately: **Rita Stang (Fred)** had neck surgery, **Jim Simon** is having chest pains, **Bob Hannah (Jan)** had complications after gall bladder surgery; **Nel Brawner** had an appointment at the Mayo Clinic. Our alumnus, **Sid Walker**, is going through another bout of chemo to put out another fire. And these are the only ones I know about! It's heck getting old, eh? One bright note ~ **Jack Doke** got a clean bill of health from his doctor.

By the first of April, one would think that the snowbirds would be back, wouldn't you? After all, we've had robins even up in the Northwood where I live for a couple of weeks. But, no. Most of them won't amble back for at least another month. One notable exception is the Holen's. **Andy & Norma** got outta Arizona in early April because it was getting too hot down there.

A challenge was sent out to **Darrell Schueler** to show up with his bride at our April get-together (he hasn't been seen in years), so hopefully we'll see their smiling faces then. We miss having a chance to visit with our old friends.

We have a coin-flip for a paid lunch for those whose birthday is in the current month. March had five who flipped for free eats & **Janet Meyer** was the lucky one.

#### 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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There were 33 at House of Hunan. We were happy to see **Virginia Lang** and daughter, **Susan**. Susan retired from United a year ago. Also in attendance - **Judy Nekonchuk**; **Patty Shook** and friend, Judy; and **Larry Weare**.

**Stan & Helen Taylor** had a catastrophe happen to them when their furnace caught fire on February 23 in the middle of the night. Thank goodness their smoke alarm went off as their house was filled with smoke. By now all the smoke smell is gone, everything is cleaned and probably Helen is worn out just because of people coming and going.

**Ev Payton** was voted in as Vice President to take the place of **Gary Procopio** who is now President.

**Patty Shook** said **Charlie** was in Immanuel Hospital after falling and cracking his spine on February 26 and then suffering a heart attack. On March 4, the doctors put cement in the crack for healing. Our best to Charlie for a quick recovery.

**Paul Steuri** has been in the Papillion Nursing Home with an intestinal disorder. Paul called me and said he went home on March 12. A visiting nurse will come to check on him.

**Judy Nekonchuk** was at the luncheon and had some interesting news concerning **Nick**. She said their daughter-in-law told them of a website called Honor Flight. This was set up a few years ago by a family in Ohio to honor WWII Veterans. Judy went on the Internet, answered all the questions, and they received a letter in November that Nick was accepted to be on a chartered flight with Midwest Xpress out of Omaha to go to Washington, DC to see the WWII Memorial with 100 other veterans from this area. It is a one day trip and he will be going on May 21. Nick served in the Coast Guard Radar Unit in WWII.

You probably don't actually look at the roster unless there is someone you want to write or call. Therefore, I thought I would list the states that our members live in: California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Oregon.

#### Calendar:

**May 6** - Jack & Mary's, hosted by **Bob & Carolyn Kraft**

**June 3** - Chalco Hills, hosted by the **Mahoneys & Paytons**

**July 1** - Piccolo's, hosted by **Tony & Jackie Sortino**



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Thirty-eight members of the Gamblers enjoyed a Salmon lunch at Arizona Charlie's on April 8<sup>th</sup>. **Eleanor Vasko** took notes and reported, since I was unable to attend, due to some minor surgery. Guests attending were: **Betty Opbrock**, guest of **Lily Iwamoto**; **Helen Derksom**, guest of **Dora Coleman**; and **Clint Miller**, guest of **Max & Lois Miller**.

**Mike Vasko** has been busy contacting retirees who have moved to the Las Vegas area, to come to our meetings for possible membership. One of these who attended was **Cliff Fox** (SFO). Since he didn't know anyone with the Gamblers, he sat in on another meeting going on in a different room, until he realized that there were no UAL retirees there. Glad he eventually found the right meeting room, and hopefully, he will become a member. A "Happy Hat" contest was held (since we missed the Easter Parade), and the winners were **Winnie Stone**, **Lois Miller**, and **Nelma Gutwald**; beautiful and talented ladies. It was nice to hear that some of the guests were lucky winners of the 50/50 and raffle drawings.

President **John Albert** discussed the coming Convention in PIT, encouraging as many as possible to attend. He also encouraged everyone to send in their votes for the RUAEA board. We hear that **Dick Georgia** had a bout with pneumonia and is now on oxygen; we wish him a quick recovery. **Mary Lou Littlefield** is recovering from another fall, so was unable to attend. We hear that **Marge Gibson** has decided to stay in Las Vegas; she is waiting on the opening of a new assisted care center.

Our next luncheon/meeting will be on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Arizona Charlie's Decatur, at 11:30. We encourage all new retirees in the area, and past members, to join us. Also, if you are going to be visiting Las Vegas during one of our meetings, contact **Jean Frasco** at (702) 242-9614 at least a week before the meeting, so she can get the meal count in; price is \$19.00 for a wonderful sit-down meal. Hope to see some new (and old) faces at our luncheon in June!

### Calendar:

**June 10** – Meeting



### RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 23 attendees at our March meeting at Heidi's. Mary reported that the bank balance for the chapter is recovering nicely. Please remember to send your 2008 dues to either **Mary Withers**, **Kathy Robinson** or myself. They are \$5 P/P. We will add reminder stickers to the newsletters for those we show unpaid as yet.

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. Ballots were completed by several members and will be sent in. This year, John is a candidate for Western Region Rep.

RUAEA Convention - Some of the tours offered this year: Flight 93 Memorial, a Pirates Game, Falling Waters' house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, a walking tour of Pittsburgh and an overnight trip to Gettysburg.

Karl Breckenridge did an article in the Reno Gazette Journal recently about a restaurant that used to do meals for United Airlines in the 60's – Eugene's Restaurant. At one point, they timed the flight to be able to

board the meals made in that restaurant. John also passed around a recent comic strip that made a sad commentary about United Airlines' retirees.

Travel News (new item) – The **Zobolis** returned from a week trip to Nuevo Vallarta and said the weather was perfect – didn't need the air conditioning at all. The **Leusings** and the **Perkins** also returned from a Mexican Riviera cruise.

We are saddened to report the unexpected death of **Elizabeth Haws** in Carson City March 16<sup>th</sup>. Services were held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at First Presbyterian Church, 306 West Musser St., Carson City. She was the widow of Capt. **Bill Haws**, who passed away in 1992. Elizabeth was one of the founding members of the Genoa Candy Dance. She leaves 3 children and their spouses, as well as several grand children and great-grand children.

**Duncan Scaife** won the 50/50. **Ethan Gillooly** and **Pat Nettles** both won "mystery" gifts generously donated by a member. March birthdays were celebrated by **Maurine Williams**.

## NEW JERSEY

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The Gardenstaters met on March 26 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plains, NJ. President **Richard Confer** opened the meeting with a salute to the flag. There were 47 people in attendance for the first meeting in the Spring. New retiree **Barbara Whier** from the Flight Office attended her first meeting. Welcome to the Gardenstaters.

The annual Expo at Newark Liberty Airport is being held on May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. 4,400 children attend over the two days filling up 14 buses with our retirees being the escorts. The New York Air National Guard fly in a C5A for the expo.

The Clipped Wings Bowl-A-Thon was a big success. The memorial for Flight 93 at Shanksville is going to be made a National Park.

Father Al of Flight 93 Memorial is trying to publish a cookbook. He is hoping to raise money to keep the Crew Monument and Heroes Plaza a living and continuous project. He is also planning to plant 4 trees, one for each of the flights of September 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any special recipes and are interested in contributing to the cookbook, log onto the website [www.flt93memorialchapel.org](http://www.flt93memorialchapel.org) and click "cookbook recipes".

At our next meeting, we will have our North East Region Director, **Treatie Karwoski**, as our guest.

The minutes were read by **Violet Etler** and the Treasurer's report was given by **John Murphy**.

An added note from **Diane Johnston** of the EWR Clipped Wings: "*Clipped Wings New Jersey held their annual Bowl-A-Thon on March 2, at Howell Lanes, Howell, NJ. This major fund raising event was a huge success, with the largest turnout ever! Proceeds will go toward the Special Olympics and US Troops. A great time was had by all.*"

Calendar:

**April 30** – Next meeting

## NEW YORK

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

Forty-three members & two guests attended the April meeting of the New York Metros. Guests were **William Gunther**, friend, chauffeur and guest of member, **Dan Duran** (Thank you William! We missed Dan at

our monthly meetings. Hopefully, we'll gain an associate member?); and **Dale Deuber**, guest of **Rose Schneider**, who has attended a few of our meetings in the past, she enjoyed Per un Angelo.

After our March meeting, we received word that **Maryanne Ferrara** passed away. The New York Metros send their condolences and prayers to **Frank** & his family on their loss: 68-14<sup>th</sup> St. Hicksville, NY 11801, (516) 938-8176.

The chapter received a thank note from **Ann Lyons** who has been in and out of the hospital several times for an infection. The Metros sent a fruit basket as soon as we received word of her infirmaries. (516) 775-3558. Speedy recovery, Ann!

The chapter was happy to see **Lou & Lee Ricci** at this month's luncheon. Welcome back! We're waiting for **Dave & Joan Curtin** to return.

On top of our April birthday list is **Frank Zabarouskas** and **Rocky Mongelli**. Both will be 86 years young. Frank's is on the 15<sup>th</sup> and Rocky's is on the 30<sup>th</sup>. We miss you guys at our monthly gatherings.

**Yetta & Milton Sank** will be celebrating their 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on April 27. A lot of history & water under the bridge since they said their "I Do's"!

**Cassie Manelski** was visiting the Vatican with her choir group this past winter and returned with several great pictures of Pope Benedict and the choir. The Metros' played "Can U find Cassie?" in the group pictures.

Not to be out done, **Paul & Lillian Cohen** just happened to have an 8x11 photo of themselves with the meanest looking grizzly bear from their Alaskan Cruise. Paul & Lillian also shared boxes of macaroons and chocolate coated jellied candies with the membership. A box of each for every table. What a mensch!

Before I forget, **Dan Duran** dropped his "Little Black" book while leaving the luncheon. I auctioned it off to the highest bidder. President **Jimbo Richardson** won the bid.

#### Calendar:

**May 7** - 12 noon Per un Angelo

**June 4** - 12 noon Per un Angelo

**July 2** - 10 am - Belmont Raceway

**Aug. 6** - 10 am, Wantagh Town Park

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Since the Spring meeting of the Northwoods Loonies occurs right at deadline time, the only news we report this month is the passing of one of our charter members, **Pat Brainerd**. She is the wife of **Bob Brainerd**, retiree from EXO. Pat herself was a United Stewardess from 1947 to 1949. Pat and Bob were among the eight charter members of the Loonies, and hosted the second meeting we had, I believe in the fall of 1997.

Our prayers are with Pat's family, husband Bob and two children, Steven and Ruth.

#### Calendar:

**May 6-9** - Spring meeting at GRB.

**Oct.** - Fall meeting, dates and location to be announced.

## OHIO



### BUCKEYES

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The Buckeyes met on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Agostino's Ristorante in Brooklyn. There were 73 in attendance. **John & Carrie Kercel** hosted the luncheon. Thank you both.

We welcomed new members **Warren & Mary Fukalek** who reside in Westlake. Warren retired in 1998 from DEN. We look forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings, whenever possible.

Buckeyes acknowledged birthdays and anniversaries. **Steve Pytel** and **Frank Osborn** were recipients of the 50/50.

Treasurer **Dolly Taucher** encouraged the Buckeyes to visit our website. **Dolly & John** are constantly updating this interesting site. There is a multitude of info. I suggest that you find out for yourself. Thank you John & Dolly for your continued dedication to the site - [www.ualohiobuckeyes.org](http://www.ualohiobuckeyes.org).

Please feel free to email or call me with any information that you would like pass along to our members.

### Calendar:

**May 7** - Bucci's Italian Restaurant – 1 Commons, Berea. Doors open at 12:00 noon, pre-paid.

**June 4** - J- Bella 12201 Pearl Rd., Strongsville. Gather at 12:00 noon, pre-paid.

**July 10** - Annual Picnic - Second Thursday. Gather at noon at W. J. Green Lodge, located in the Mill Stream Run of Metro parks.

**Aug. 13** - *The Fifteen Annual Northfield Night*

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We were delighted to have Carol Keller of Medical Terms International with us at our March meeting. It was interesting to hear how this organization works around the globe, helping countries in need of medical assistance along with distributing medicine and related supplies to those in need.

There were St. Patrick's decorations on all of the tables and as usual, they were given out at the end of the meeting. This month, the winners of the drawings were: Door prize - **Sue Rommel**; Birthday - **Marge Curtis**; 50/50 - **Chuck Falbo**. The anniversary prize was won by **John & Alice Van Reenen** who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary last month.

I received only two names from our Sunshine Committee this month. **Jane Futrell** had shoulder surgery in March, to correct problems resulting from her fall earlier in the year and **Lucy Pedersen** has surgery scheduled this month. Please remember to call the Pitmans anytime you hear of someone who should receive a card because of illness.

The May meeting is on May 14<sup>th</sup>. I inadvertently made a mistake on the date last month. Rod Rich, Director of Administration for Shaver Transportation, will be with us to give a history of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. Our June meeting will be a social and in July the venue for the picnic will return to Lewisville Park at Battle Ground, WA.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 and (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 12:00 PM

**May 14** - Speaker, Ron Rich, Shaver Transportation

**June 11** -Social

**July 9** - Annual Picnic



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**Bob & Miriam Lindberg** graciously hosted the April luncheon at The Brewery in Grants Pass, and the turnout was wonderful. Despite unseasonably cold weather, we had 24 in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the company of some of our long-time members who hadn't been able to come in a while. **Marge Calkins'** shattered elbow has healed although it simply isn't the same. **Mary Chachere** came over from her new retirement home in Pioneer Village in Jacksonville. **Howard & Betty Ballash** joined us, and we're wishing **Howard** a speedy recovery from impending back surgery.

**Jim & Eirlys McIntosh** were unable to attend the April meeting but, via email, shared some interesting details of their recent trip to Tasmania. **Laurie Jordan** was radiating sunshine after just returning from a trip to the Bahamas. Several couples were back from weeks of traveling and/or RVing ... and are anxious to head back out. Much to everyone's relief, **Jim & Jane Frincke** laughingly kept their distance since their dog suffered a direct hit from a skunk the night before. On meeting day, **Mary & Herb Crees** held a yard sale at their former home and were appreciative of the help lent by some of the OUR Club members. Above all, our hearts are with **Peggy & Walt Wilson**. **Walt** now has Hospice coming in as a result of his esophageal cancer. We're holding both of them close in our thoughts.

Calendar:

**May 2** - TBA - **Robert & Judy Machado**

**June 6:** TBA - **Ron & Donna Andrews Runnels**

**July** - Date & place TBA - **Doe Pope**

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It was really great to kick off our 2008 meeting with an attendance of 36 retirees! We saw some new faces. Welcome to **Bob Coates** (Coatie from PHLCS) and his wife, **Joan**. Also good to see **Meredith Whitaker** from Stores and **Al Mackey** from PHLJL. Hope you will be able to attend our future meetings.

We were sorry that **Treatie Karwoski** had to cancel her scheduled visit to PHL due to a family emergency.

President **Joe Brad** opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Since we did not have a speaker, we talked to each other. It was great to catch up on what everyone did over the holiday and the cold January and February months when we did not meet.

**Bob Coates** got a new hip after falling over his motorcycle. Now the bike has been sold. Good move, Bob.

**Frank Egges** has asked that anyone planning to make a contribution to the Chapel Flight 93 Memorial that the checks be made payable to "CHAPEL 93 MEMORIAL" and mailed to: Frank Egges, 3405 West Chester

Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. So far the PHL Independents have contributed \$2,000 to flight 93 memorial. We will be sending another \$1,000 this coming week. The Independents will continue to make donations as funds become available.

**Lew Meyers** asked **Joe Brad** to read about an incident he experienced on a flight that made an unscheduled stop in DEN to remove someone who had become ill. Many passengers were complaining that they were missing their connections and grumbling because they had been "inconvenienced". After takeoff, the pilot announced on the PA system that he had some information on that passenger. He received the necessary treatment as a result of the unscheduled stop. Apparently, the gentleman was a veteran who fought in WWII and had been awarded the Medal of Honor. His life had been "inconvenienced" for 4 years while he fought for our freedom. The mood of the passengers changed and they broke out in a round of applause. Everyone was rescheduled and the story had a happy ending. Thanks for sharing this with us Lew.

Members brought phone cards and items to be mailed to our military serving in Iraq.

**Shirley Pilgrim** won the 50/50 and **Bob Fox** won the free lunch.

Calendar:

**April 21** - Committee meeting, 12:30PM at the **Edwards**

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I hope as you are reading this month's newsletter, you are packing your bags and getting ready for the convention in Pittsburgh.

The annual spring luncheon hosted by yours truly and hubby Bernie was attended by 40 guests. Luncheon was delicious as usual. We welcomed two new members to our chapter: **Stephen & Karen Moliterno**. Karen is a former flight attendant. She gave us a brief history of her accident which brought about her early retirement. Welcome aboard!

President **Vic Ference** conducted a brief business meeting, updating us on our recent obits and sick bay. He asked for volunteers to form a Sunshine Committee after this year's convention, since all our volunteers will be utilized at various positions for the convention. The invocation was delivered by our own **Carl Chiochi**. Vic also read "Thank You" from the Shanksville Memorial Drive and a local food bank.

**Bill & Ruth Redfern** were taking the food donations this month to their local food bank. Treasurer **Barbara Seaholm** gave the Treasurer's report and the local convention committee was introduced. Northeast Director **Treatie Karwoski** gave an update on RUAEA and stressed again the importance of voting. She passed out several ballots to the locals.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Andy Rusinko**, formerly PITMM. Unknown to many of us, Andy was an accomplished musician. He was a self taught guitarist, mandolin and banjo player. Our condolences along with get well wishes to wife **Mary** who is recuperating from a broken hip. Cards may be sent to **Mary Rusinko**, c/o 2604 Moores Corner Rd., Volante, PA 16156. Condolences also to **Robert Crooks'** family on the recent passing of **Mary Lou Crooks**. Bob was a former CS Senior Agent.

Best wishes to our favorite son **Rich "Cake" Guida**. I know he must be part owner of the Sewickley Hospital by now. Rich is hoping to try out his new "leg" soon and will be at the annual picnic in July. If anyone can do it, he can. Thanks to Good Samaritan **Margie Corrigan**, **Pat Weiss** (wife of former PITMM **Skip Weiss**) was able to join us for lunch. Our next edition will consist of our "Convention Wrap Up" - Hope you were one of the attendees.

Calendar:

**May 18 – 24** – RUAEA Annual Convention - Omni William Penn

**July 17** - Annual Picnic - Robinson Park



## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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It was a beautiful first day of Spring here in East Tennessee for our March 20 Luncheon and Meeting. The Bradford Pear Trees and daffodils are in full bloom and there are many new born calves in the fields. Twenty-eight members and guests took advantage of the weather to meet at Connors Steak and Seafood.

In keeping with the Easter weekend, our hosts **Al & Jeanne Barkmann** had decorated the tables with cute Easter Bunnies. The food, service and atmosphere were excellent. Both **Rachel Adkins** and **Pyllis Dale** were with us after their recent bouts with cancer. Both are looking great. Also with us after a long absence were **Jo Humbert**, **Virginia Wilson** and **Mary Gilbert**. It was great seeing them again. "Get well" and "Thinking of You" cards are being sent to **Cal Anthony**, **Fred Green** and **Barb Jeskey**.

We are looking forward to our May and July meetings. In May, we will be going to the Cumberland Playhouse for a matinee performance of The Lawn Chair Man and then in July, we will be having a "One Women Art Show" by our very own **Mary Lou Barr**.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Cecil Adkins**. The cute Easter Bunnies were won by **Phyllis Dale**, **Dorothy Goodette**, **Sue Ferrell** and **Jackie Jeacock**. Unfortunately, no one from the Rocky Tops will be able to make the convention in Pittsburgh. We hope that everyone has a good time.

#### Calendar:

**May 20 - Note change of date - this is a Tuesday!** Hosts are **Robbie & Joe Corbin** (931-456-2790). Lunch at Beef & Barrel with a 2:30 PM CST matinee performance of Flight of the Lawn Chair Man at the Cumberland Play House at 2:30 CST.

**June 19** - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 374 off I-40/75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**July 17** - Hosts **Jackye & Don Jeacock** (865) 995-9367. Time & Location to be announced. They will be hosting a "One Women Art Show" by our very own **Mary Lou Barr**.

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On April 1, 24 chapter members enjoyed each other's company in a lively manner. Coffee, donuts, & cookies were served. **Sandy Cantonwine**, son **Mike**, daughter **Judy** and her husband **Clair Anderson** joined us. **Frank Christenson** brought his pretty preteen granddaughter **Holly Cressall**; **Shirley Scown** had a good time with her friends. **Brent Jacobsen** accompanied **Jerry Hugentobler** to the meeting; it was good to see Jerry get on so well after his stroke a while back. We hope to see them more often. Brent used to be a UALer, and when the company downsized, he went to work for DAL. He retired in 2003.

**Bill Ottman** came alone, because wife **Shirley** did not feel too well. It was the same with **Simon Seikaly** whose wife **Maureen** suffered from a heavy cold. We hope both ladies will be OK soon. **Pete Loyola** joined us and, although retired, he keeps busy with his part-time sales efforts at *Nordstrom*. Pete agreed to reserve our picnic time slot at Sugar House Park for August 5. We were also glad to welcome **Lila Maughan** and **Doug Peterson**. **Betty Davis** was out of town on a visit with her Oregon family.

Missed were our regulars: **Tony Brown**, **Doug Roberts**, **Kiyoko Olsen**, and others. Kiyoko is lovingly tending her first & only grandchild. It was learned that **Gray Lowery** was at St. Mark's Hospital regarding heart problems. We trust the doctors will be able to fix his heart condition.

It was also learned that our regular chapter visitor **Doug Roberts**, a Navy vet, is now staying at the Veterans' Hospital on Foothill Dr.; according to his wife, Doug will be there for an extended period of time.

This correspondent (her hometown is Berlin/Germany) is still in touch with retirees who were also involved with the Berlin Airlift some 50 years ago. UAL retiree **Jim Vaughn** recently asked **Brigitte Murdock** if she would edit his personal account of recollections regarding the **1948/1949 Berlin Airlift** operations. It was most interesting to read his article and marvel at the huge humanitarian efforts the Truman Administration undertook on behalf of 2½ million BER citizens. When the USAF crews, piloting the C-47s & C-54s, had succeeded in their mission, Soviet Dictator Josef Stalin acknowledged defeat - and the Western Allies won the day! Thanks to all UAL retirees who were once working as **Airlifters** and who can still remember this adventure!

Calendar:

**May 6** – Lunch 2pm, Golden Corral, 7200 S. 700 E., SLC;

**Jun. 3** – Lunch 2pm, Joy Luck (Chinese), 550 W. 1350 S., Bountiful;

**Jul. 1** – Brunch 10am, Johanna's Kitchen, 9725 S. State St., Sandy.

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The Tidewater Seagulls met on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Lockpoint Restaurant in Great Bridge, VA at 12 noon. We had 24 in attendance including 2 guests, **Pat Geiger's** Daughter Claire and **Zeke Draheim's** grandson. The hosts were **Van & Lainie Hefer**.

The 50-50 winner was Chapter President **Hank Gilbert**. The winners of the door prizes (Easter Table decorations donated by **Van & Lainie**) were **Lois & Chico Pichardo**, **Don & Loretta Bishop**, **Connie & Don McManus**, **Bob & Marilynn Riggs** and **Zeke Draheim**.

Calendar:

**April 17** – Meeting at the Lockpoint in Great Bridge, VA - 12 Noon

**May 15** - Election of Officers

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A rousing turnout of 77 City Slickers assembled at the Fairwood Country Club in Renton on March 11 for another nice luncheon hosted by **Lyle & Joanna Myers**. Our special guests for the day were our Regional Director **Jack Hooper** and his wife **Nancy** from the Portland area who traveled up to be with us. Jack was our featured speaker.

**Doris Vormestrand** brought her grand daughter **Sara** to the meeting as her guest, and **Marian Matthews** drove up from Vancouver, WA to attend and invited **Irene Barrett** as her guest. We were all pleased to welcome back **Doris Spence** and her friend **Art Thompson**. Doris had suffered a head injury in December, been hospitalized, undergone surgery and subsequent rehabilitation and this was her first time back with us. She addressed our group prior to the luncheon and expressed her appreciation for all the cards, letters and phone calls she received during her recuperation. It was great to have Doris back with us again.

**Jack Hooper** spoke to us on a variety of topics of interest ranging from airline mergers to the possibility of Chicago's Midway airport becoming privatized. He mentioned that a third travel desk is planned for Chicago and it is hoped that it will help cover the weekend and early morning time gaps not currently covered by the Seattle and Portland travel desks. Jack encouraged us to vote in the RUAEA elections.

Treasurer **Helen Stanger**, presented a report showing our paid membership at 283, down from last year, and our finances in good shape, due in part to the fact that dues have recently been collected. Helen has done an excellent job of managing our treasury for us all year long and we applauded her for her good work. Helen also took a moment to thank **Noreen Krawczyk** for filling in for her at February's meeting.

We discussed the plans for the picnic scheduled for August 12 to be held again at the home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman** in Kent. With some changes, we can reduce the costs while still having the picnic catered, although we will have to raise the price to \$12. Help will be needed for set up and clean up, so we're looking for volunteers. We're pleased that once again **Maury Erben** has agreed to be bartender.

The door prize winners were **Jerry Gogulski, Marian Matthews, Phyllis Bowman, Vicky Anderson, Lyle Myers** and **Larry Schmick**. The 50/50 winner was **Ginger Phelan**. **Otto Wieland** assisted in the prized drawings, and we had a number of nice prizes donated for the drawings.

Following the meeting **Chuck & Dona Westpfahl** continued their practice of taking the extra books from our book exchange for our military men and women. The paperbacks go to the Ft. Lewis USO and the hardcover books go to Madigan Army Medical Center, and the service people really appreciate receiving them. Thank you, Chuck and Dona!

Shingles shots have been in the news again and it turns out that Medicare Part D (*not Part B*) will cover the shots, depending on which company's plan was chosen. Most of us don't have Part D (drug coverage) because we have United's medical plan coverage for prescription drugs, but you may have parents, relatives or friends that do. Have them check with the company they selected under Part D to see if shingles shots are covered; if they are not, they may want to consider selecting another company at the next enrollment period. If you're pricing our shingles shots for yourself, be aware that the price consists of two parts: 1) the vaccination cost, and 2) the administration fee. Add both parts together to get the total price. Sometimes the pharmacy clerk you're speaking with, forgets to quote the administration fee which often runs \$20-\$30. Anyone who had chicken pox earlier in life is a candidate for contracting the painful shingles.

*Note: As we go to press, we've just learned that Medco may cover the entire cost of shingles shots, including the administration fee, at pharmacy counters in drug stores and grocery stores. Show your BlueCross/BlueShield/Medco card and ask the pharmacy clerk to query their computer to ensure that full coverage is available.*

The Spring 2008 issue of Quest, the publication of the world-renowned Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, features a photograph of member **Evalena Hatcher** and her daughter **Jo Ann Henderson**, who is an administrative manager with the Center. Evalena's daughter coordinates several prevention studies at the Center. She and Evalena have both participated in research studies there and found their experiences rewarding.

Members **Hubert & Anita Malco** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in April. Hubert also underwent surgery at the end of March to have a heart defibrillator implanted and reports good results.

The SEACS group held their quarterly meeting March 19 at the Black Bear Restaurant in Federal Way and brought each other up-to-date on events. One major concern of everyone was **Fernando Perez** whose serious health issues precluded him from attending the meeting. Everyone is keeping Fernando in their prayers.

Former United flight attendant **JoAnn "Jo Jo" Longway Reinhardt** passed away in March following a long battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). She attended Washington State University before joining United Airlines. Jo Jo is survived by her son **Jacob** and husband **Rodger**, as well as her parents and two sisters.

#### Calendar:

**May 13** – Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

**May 17** – SEARR Reunion, Kona Kitchen, Seattle, WA

**May 19-24** – RUAEA National Convention, Pittsburgh, PA

**June 18** – UAL Retiree Golf Tournament, Allenmore Golf Course, Tacoma, WA

**June & July** – No meeting scheduled

**August 12** – Annual Picnic, Home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman**, Kent, WA

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Our meeting was held on March 12<sup>th</sup>. It was great to have so many Loungers come out for our luncheon. Our crowd was missing some members as the nicer weather must have lured them away. We were fortunate to have Michael Poole return and speak to us again on Reverse Mortgages to make sure as many members as possible could hear about this financial possibility, if they were interested.

After our speaker, we got busy with our drawings for prizes and the always popular 50/50 drawing. The winner this month was **Clarence McNeal**. Clarence walked away richer with a big smile and \$45.00 extra. The drawing winners were chosen differently this month. We started with the oldest birthday which was **Frank Mason** who was born in 1928. Frank had to prove his age because he just does not look “*high mileage*”. It was fun to see our more distinguished members get some recognition of their own. Personally, I think most of them have found the “*fountain of youth*” and are just keeping it to themselves - more on this later.

New grandparents **Kerrie & Dutch Schneider** were able to tear themselves away from their newborn grandson Daniel and attend our meeting. To our great relief, they came with pictures to show their new addition. He is adorable and a great joy to his family.

Spring is finally here and not a second too soon for any of us. Though we did not have much snow, the cold and wind slowed some of us down. Spring is the time for renewal. We tidy up our homes and yards and get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine and beautiful flowers and trees in bloom. Remember Earth Day is April 22, so try and recycle, reuse, mend, and repair. You can save money and help the planet too!

Here are a couple crafty ideas I found: Take clean tin cans from vegetables or juice, put in some clean soil and a few herb seeds and Voila! You will have your own herb garden for cooking. And for a rainy day project for yourself or little ones, have some small smooth flat stones on hand along with a package of wiggly eyes, white glue and acrylic paint. You can get these supplies at Wal-Mart except for the stones. With these, you can paint ladybugs and glue on the eyes and use them as decoration or paperweights.

At the conclusion of our meeting, Linda always reminds everyone to leave a tip for our hardworking servers. Well, this time she forgot and said for everyone to leave a tip for our flight attendants! We all got a huge laugh from that, especially all our flight attendant members.

Sunshine news: Please check our website [www.Dullesloungers.com](http://www.Dullesloungers.com) for the latest news. McKenzie Rice (14 yrs old) daughter of **Keith** (IADCG) & **Amy Rice** and granddaughter of **Preston Rice** (IAD-DCAJL) continues her battle with leukemia. A basketball game was held on March 15 for McKenzie, and so far she is showing good results with her second round of chemo. Her family asks for your prayers. Cards can be sent to McKenzie in c/o Keith Rice, 114 Rebecca Drive, Winchester, VA. 22602-7626.

Monetary Donations can be given to - McKenzie Rice, c/o Bank of Clarke County, 1508 Senseny Road, Winchester, VA. 22602. Make checks payable to “**McKenzie Rice Assistance Fund**”.

We hear that **Judy Carroll** – IADRR had her surgery and is doing well. We wish Judy a speedy recovery and with her positive outlook, she will mend quickly. Judy’s address is: 214 Veronica Court, Charles Town, WV 25414.

All our monthly meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30pm at the Golden Corral. The only exception is regular meetings are suspended for Jun, Jul, and Aug. All United Airlines Retirees are welcome. So if you will be passing through our neck of the woods, please feel free to come and join us. Please come and share good food with good friends! Laughs are included and free to ALL! Reconnect with old friends and make some new ones.

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Happy Spring from Clipped Wings®!

Clipped Wings® quiet months are January through March. April 1<sup>st</sup> begins our half (½) dues membership drive through July 31<sup>st</sup>, and then we are a couple of months away from our convention in Pasadena, California September 24-27 @ the Westin Hotel.

Clipped Wings® & Chapter Charity News: The Baltimore Chapter (BWI) volunteer annually for the Maryland Polar Bear Plunge in March (can't get much colder than March!). 2500 people take the quick plunge in to the Chesapeake Bay in support of Special Olympics Maryland. They raised over \$500,000 last year for 10,000 athletes (no figures available for this year). Milwaukee (MKE) volunteered for the Boston Store for their Community Days Shopping Spree. They staffed the entrance table with coupon books three days prior to the in-store sale day, and earn money toward their charity.

Atlanta (ATL) once again volunteered at the Atlanta Symphony Guild Show House and Garden. Des Moines (DSM) is still going strong as Ambassadors for the DSM airport (red vest tell them apart from employees at the airport). Members-At-Large (MAL), which consists of members throughout the USA, Canada, and Japan, were busy with the 2008 Special Olympics Invitational in Boise, Idaho. Three MAL members, **Linda Novak Archibold**, **Roni Romero Adams** (MAL President), and **Connie Schwarting Gifford**, who live in Idaho (Boise and Star), under went training for volunteer placement to work at the Invitational which is the prelude to the February 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise.

Members: We have several new members this year. Here are just a few; **Antoinette Foster Trapani** (OAK), **Karen Malley Moliterno** (PIT), **Sandra DeHart Bassett** (DEN), **JoAnne (Joni) Adams Collins** (OCC), **Tomoko Otori Morita**, (OCC), **Toni Robinson** (ATL). Our newest (33<sup>rd</sup>) chapter MHT members; **Linda Howard Bradley** (MHT), **Stacy Coll Giordano** (MHT), **Connie Sargent Hughes** (MHT), **Debbie Stone Jackson** (MHT), **Kitty Anctil Kambol** (MHT), **Lorie Williams Payne** (MHT), **Brian Shaughnessy** (MHT). Welcome to everyone!

Speaking of new chapters. We are working on a new chapter in Tampa, FL. If you know of any one who might be interested in being a part of this possible new chapter, please contact me, and I will get in touch with them as soon as possible. At this time, we have two chapters in Florida, MIA and RSW (Southwest Region).

Chapter Doings: Sixty members of the Los Angeles Chapter (LAX) were thrilled and felt quite privileged to receive a tour of the Tournament of Roses House by one their member's husband, who is CEO of The Tournament of Roses Parade.

Several of our chapters continue to enjoy annual Interline Luncheons. The RSW Chapter stuffed over 200 envelopes with invitations to the annual Interline Luncheon hosted by Northwest Airlines. It is always fun to share stories with all airlines about the good old days. The rumor is that Pan Am has 2500 worldwide members in their group. WOW!

Until next month, if you are interested in joining Clipped Wings®, please write, email, or call me at the above address.

*"It's nice to be important – but it's more important to be nice."*

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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- 5) Address

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Retiree – **WILSON, Theodore P.**, on 2/23/08 SFOWR, father of Katie Reed Robert & Bryon Wilson, 7516 SW 60<sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland, OR 97219

### **January 2008 Skynet Listing**

**ALDRICH, Daryl L.**, DENMM 01/26/08

**AXFORD, Stanley E.**, retiree, SFOCE 01/16/08

**BISHOP, John T.**, ORDMM 01/05/08

**BORGOS, Peter W.**, DENFO 12/31/07

**BURKE, Adrienne M.**, IADRR 01/25/08

**BURKE, Rosella E.**, CLE 01/15/08

**BURNS, John T.**, WHQVF 01/13/08

**BURROUGHS, William J.**, DCAFO 01/17/08

**CALDWELL, Harry D.**, SFOOV 01/08/08

**CECH, Leonard E.**, SFOOV 01/22/08

**CHANDLER, Beth A.**, SFOJZ 01/12/08

**CHASE, Richard**, SFOJJ 01/17/08

**COBB, Charlotte E.**, HNLSW 01/02/08

**COLE, Leland D.**, OAKUM 09/20/07

**CROSS, Richard W.**, SFOEG 01/15/08

**DANA, Darrell C.**, LAXMM 01/05/08



**DOMINGO, Martin G., SFOPI 01/28/08**  
**EBERSOLE, William S., SFOFO 01/18/08**  
**ELLIOT, Jacob R., DENMM 01/19/08**  
**FENEDICK, John A., MCOCG 01/23/08**  
**FERRELL, Lee, SFOMM 01/26/08**  
**FINNEY, Fredrick L., SFOWR 01/06/08**  
**FLETCHER, Richard L., SEARR 01/26/08**  
**FLUEGEL, Howard W., DENMM 01/04/08**  
**GARLAND, Ellwood R., SFOBL 01/03/08**  
**GLAISTER, Mary E., LAXSS 01/12/08**  
**GLODOWSKI JR., Charles G., OMACG 01/15/08**  
**GOWEN, John L., SFOFO 01/11/08**  
**GROSS, Robert C., ORDCS 01/02/08**  
**GROVE, Ronald E., SFOPD 01/19/08**  
**HUBER, Albert C., WHQLD 01/28/08**  
**HUTCHINSON, Raymond E., DENTK 01/13/08**  
**JENKINS JR., James A., SFOSH 01/25/08**  
**JOHNSON, Donald P., OAKUM 01/15/08**  
**KUEHN, Josephine L., PITSS 01/01/08**  
**LEIENDECKER, Gilbert L., WHQPE 01/31/08**  
**MAGEE, Laurence A., SFOMP 01/01/08**  
**MCGORAN, Paul E., SFOEC 01/09/08**  
**MOHR, William H., SEAEO 01/21/08**  
**MURRAY, Edward J., WHQGO 01/18/08**  
**NAKAMURA, Akira, DENFF 01/10/08**  
**O'BRIEN, Therese M., SFOCU 01/10/08**  
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**PETERSEN, Veronica A., JFKSW 11/25/07**  
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**ROSS, James D., EWRGQ 12/22/07**  
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**SIMON, Jerrold B., SFOFO 01/09/08**  
**SMURZYNSKI, Joseph J., ORDMK 01/02/08**  
**STONE, Geraldine M., ORDHF 01/27/08**  
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## **LETTERS**

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

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**WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

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

**Henry Rosen, 2354 Via Mariposa W16, Laguna Woods Village, CA 92637**

*Submitted by Robert Phillips*

They say that time heals all wounds; not so, unless the wounds have been attended to. In my case, I tried to suppress all bad memories. I put them aside and when they did surface, they were often jumbled and lost their order. The events were clear. They tried to infiltrate my very being. With all my strength, I pushed them back. But as I get older, I cannot forget the horrors of the holocaust; they haunt me!

This is my story: I was born on April 25, 1923 in Radom, Poland. I was the oldest of four siblings; two brothers and one little sister. My father owned a tannery and we were what you would call comfortable, until the Nazis invaded Poland.

Our family was relocated to a ghetto, two rooms for six people. We were told that I would be safer there to have all the Jewish people living together. That is when the terror started! One day, all the younger people were rounded up on trucks and were told we needed to go do some work. I was one of them. Then we were put on cattle car trains. This was not a work detail but a ploy to take us to the death camps. All that time, we had heard of these but we could not believe that this could be true. I jumped from the moving train; determined not to be sent there.

I wanted to go back to my family in the ghetto but the ghetto was patrolled. You could not get in or out. I saw a funeral horse and buggy returning back. The funeral attendant saw me and told me to get inside the coffin. The guards never checked those. So I got into the empty casket and got back into the ghetto. To my dismay, everyone of my family was gone. Only my little brother was still there. He was about seven or eight years old. I still see him sitting there; those sad eyes and so lost.

I later found out that the Gestapo had come to look for my father. My father had left earlier to join a resistance group. We had not seen him for several days. As a result, the Gestapo took my family except my little brother who was hiding some place safe. My grandmother had also come to be with us. She had been living in a small village. I have never seen my family again!

Later I heard that the Germans needed help to manufacture ammunition; so they rounded up young men to work for them. That saved my life! I figured as long as they needed me, they would not send me to the death camps. I do not remember how long I worked there, as everyday seemed the same. I had to leave my little brother; so I don't know what had happened to him as I never saw him again!

After the Germans closed the ammunition factory in Pionke, I was sent to Sachsenhausen by Berlin. After Berlin was bombed, we had to go in and clean up the rubble.

When the war ended, I was liberated by the English troops and sent to Luneburg, where I met my wife, Juliane. We were married May 25, 1946. Our son, Leon, was born one year later. We immigrated to the United States two years later, traveling on a military ship in December 1949. Our daughter was born in Denver in 1951.

These wounds are deep and have never healed. I found it best not to speak about the horrors, I witnessed. My closest friends and colleagues never knew of my past. It is time to share my experiences. The world must not forget!

I started working for United Airlines in 1955 and retired in 1984. United gave me opportunities and allowed me to enjoy the benefits and freedoms as an American citizen.

Henry Rosen's story can also be viewed at the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C.

**Joseph McCaughey, 104 Central Ave., Grenlock Terrace, NJ 08032**

Time really does fly when we are having fun. On April 01, 2008, I'll start my fifteenth year of retirement (and that's no April fools joke). Hopefully, I'll be well enough to double that number, but I'll take whatever I can get and let the future take care of whatever happens (what will be, will be).

My health and that of my family has been good and all my children (adults) are gainfully employed and happy, and thankfully not affected adversely by some of the horrid and tragic financial problems many of their friends are trying to deal with as best they can.

I get to visit with fellow retiree and good friend, **Bob Moir** (PHLCG) about once a month.

We do a lot of reminiscing about the good old days and nights at UAL and PHL. Of course we mention BASEBALL (Bob's favorite subject and sports in general). Ask him anything regarding BB and he will accurately fill you in on the details. It doesn't matter if it concerns a player, stadium, or who holds what record, etc. He will fill you in on the details. I thought I was pretty well versed when it came to major sports but I gladly concede to him.

When the subject turns to UAL and PHL, we are equally baffled by the way things have changed for the worse, as it pertains to Cargo and Mail handling in PHL/PHLCG. UAL for more years than we can recall, was the number one carrier of U.S. mail in PHL. For whatever reason, although the volumes continue to exist we, UAL, handle only a small percentage of it and of course the revenue dollars don't get deposited into UA's cash drawers. We equally wish UA well, but look at each other and say DAH!!

US Air is the major carrier in/out of PHL but all that one ever reads or hears about is how horrible/terrible it is, yet shortly they will be flying to China out of PHL.

I'll close after this request for help from anyone willing to take the time and effort to assist a fellow retiree in upgrading his Computer skills. But, first, you need to know that I'm a "COMPUTER ILLITERATE". I would appreciate receiving or reading in this Newsletter, the ABC's of how to get started using my computer for more than writings letters or playing games. I would appreciate being able to look up flights, hotels booking non-rev space and do that email thing, etc.

Any and all help is needed, but it must first start with, TURN ON YOUR COMPUTER. Any and all required offices that need to be contacted including phone numbers, would help in contacting whatever departments at UA, etc. I am utterly and possibly terminally illiterate but think I am still able to follow written instructions (but don't bet on that).

My thanks and appreciation to all whose time and efforts go into getting this Newsletter into our hands monthly, you people are our only connection with UAL.

#### **Mary Brennan, 988 Horizon St., Saint Paul, MN 55127**

I have enjoyed 18 years of retirement, come April 10<sup>th</sup>. I just returned from our annual month in Kona. We have been visiting the Islands since 1967, and have seen many changes. The Spirit of Aloha and the weather remain the same, beautiful.

I would like to thank the PDX and SEA travel desks for their help in planning our travels.

Thank you to the Newsletter staff as well; it all helps to keep us connected.

#### **Don (Zeke) Draheim, 2401 Number Ten Ln., Chesapeake, VA 23323**

Greetings to all you great RUAEA members. It is that time of year again, for dues and taxes.

As "Old Abe" might have said, "Four score years ago, old Zeke was brought forth"; or as Rhett Butler might have said, "frankly old boy, who cares". Be that as it may, old Zeke is still on the green side of the grass and ready to take on another year.

According to some of the letters in past newsletters, I lead a dull life here. But some of the letters make me feel very grateful. I am still able to live alone and I still have my health.

God bless you all and keep the news coming.

#### **James F. Many, 19 Harbour Dr. N., Ocean Ridge, FL 33435**

UAL has lost a dear and amazing Flight Attendant retiree: **Rachel M. Woodings** recently passed away. Someone, kindly, did send the obituary information; it was posted in the March issue, but I feel more needs to be said about Rachel.

Rachel spent decades of giving up her free time to contribute to union efforts on behalf of F/A's and working to improve F/A schedules at a THREE AIRPORT DOMICILE! Rachel brought the Flight Attendant career out of the dark ages! Charities and friends in need benefited from her generous ways.

Rachel also mentored many new-hire F/A's. Rachel M. Woodings had more heart and did more to bring UAL into aviation WORLD CLASS SERVICE recognition than any CEO had since Patterson! Rachel inspired F/A's to be superior front line ambassadors on behalf of UAL. Rachel helped F/A's to know that they were capable and competent service and safety ambassadors for UAL. We became the Friendly Skies and earned a safety professional image due to Rachel's hard work and generous efforts.

Rachel was a unique personality in UAL's formative history. Many UAL employees were fortunate enough to have worked with or to have at least to have known Rachel. Rachel M. Woodings helped UAL to be not just a job but a place in our hearts.

**Georgiana Garvin, 1833 Avenida Segovia, Oceanside, CA 92056**

I am sorry for the delay. In October, I had a "hip" replacement. But I am doing great. I have some minor problems that come and go, but they are not too bothersome.

**Helmut Possin, 3721 North Way, Oceanside, CA 92056**

I would like to thank everyone who has something to do with our newsletter, for an outstanding job getting it to all the RUAEA members.

I have been retired for 17 years. Time really goes fast. In the health department, it still looks pretty good. My wife and I have our ups and downs, but we cannot complain too much.

We moved from Chicago to southern California about seven years ago and we left our snow blower behind in Chicago. What a relief!

We still do a little travelling, with an occasional trip to Germany. But with the dollar exchange rate vs. the Euro, these trips are not too exciting anymore.

I would like to say "HI" to all my former co-workers from ORD.

**Tom Sjolund, 13405 Saint Andrews Pl., Poway, CA 92064, teeinitup@hotmail.com**

The newsletter produced, is well worth the dues we RUAEA members pay for it. Keep up the good work.

I have been retired for five years, which have flown by. I have been working on my golf game and some days an improvement can be seen. You golfers know what I mean.

I don't miss working, but after some thirty years at United, there are a number of great people that I miss not seeing.

I would like to pass along my best wishes to the staff that I worked with in NYCSS, LAXSS, SANSS, PHXSS, Apollo TVL services and many other organizations throughout the company.

If you have a spare moment, I would love to hear from you!

**Dennis Schofield, 3103 Goodwin Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061-2454**

After I retired in 2000, I spent a year getting our sailboat ready for a "Round the World" trip.

We left San Francisco on September 9, 2001. Since then our plans have changed several times. We spent 2½ years in the Sea of Cortez, 1½ years in Central America, 1½ years in Annapolis, then last summer in Maine. We are now in the Bahamas for this year and next we are off to the Pacific Northwest. After that, we will probably be done.

Thanks for keeping the Association going.

**William Anderson, 410 McDuff Ave., Fremont, CA 94539**

We appreciate getting the newsletter each month. It is fun to read about people we knew and even those we don't know.

After 6 years of retirement, we have been fortunate to enjoy good health and some travel; unfortunately, first class is getting harder to come by.

Thanks again for all you do for us retirees.

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

John had a stroke in September of 2007. But he is recovering fairly well.

His sister, Mary O'Connell, is caring for him.

**Juanita Dominick, 907 Wilkinson Parkway, Park Ridge, IL 60068-2432**

I always look forward to the latest newsletter. I enjoy reading about all of the retirees and what they are doing. May all your thoughtfulness find its way back to you.

I am the widow of Sam Dominick, ORDJJ.

*"A smile is a face lift that is in everyone's price range."*

**Lois Hansen 2 S. Regency Dr. E, Arlington Hts, IL 60004-6644**

Things at my house got a bit out of control beginning last November.

My son and I drove to Georgia for Thanksgiving week. It was truly the most family week we've had in a very long time. It was spent with the oldest family member who is 88 years old and the youngest family member who is 7 weeks old.

While there, I received a call from my doctor advising me that I had breast cancer. I was in its early stages and non aggressive.

I sort of lost my ambition to do anything, but the Christmas holiday was approaching. January brought lymph node surgery. It was a happy day when the lab report came back and all that were removed were clean.

February brought the start of 6½ weeks of radiation therapy. At the end of February, I contracted the awful stomach virus that so many suffered with this year. I became so dehydrated; I was admitted to the hospital. I was discharged after four days but the very next morning, I needed the paramedics to take me back to the hospital for another 8 days. I have been home for about a week now and I'm getting stronger. I have been able to get a few things accomplished.

My thanks go out to my CHIRR friends, who looked after me, sent cards, brought meals, visited, collected my mail and newspapers and anything else I may have forgotten.

**Park & Billie Learned, II, 19523 Underwood Rd., Foley, AL 36535**

Thank you for all you do for the retirees.

We found 2 UAL retirees in our area and have had lunch with them; it is our own little Gulf Coast chapter. We had so much fun that we are meeting again at "Big Daddy's Grill" on Fish River in Marlowe, AL.

**Tom & Carol Morgan** were both from Capital. Park and I were United and I was also Capital.

I was sorry to read that **Judy Gurganus** and **Rachel Woodings** had passed away.

**Armando Molina, 1056 Grand Ave. #204, South San Francisco, CA 94080**

I am in my fourth month, after total knee replacement. I am doing very well. I have finished with my physical therapy.

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**Yvonne Kessler, 1946 West Hazel Road, Hart, MI 49420**

My husband, **Heinz Kessler**, is an UAL retiree. He is in a local nursing home here. Our retirement is one of those that were all down hill. Oh, to be back in Schaumburg, working at ORD and traveling as we enjoyed at one time.

I found this interesting item of United History in our local paper. The lady did go to our church, but I did not know about her past with United. I will make a point of talking to her son and find out more information.

*"Rhea Frederica (Kreigh) Thinnies passed away March 14, 2008. She attended Hart High School, graduated and went on to graduate from Evangelical School of Nursing and became a registered nurse. She attained these honors to fulfill her girlhood dream of becoming one of the first flight attendants (stewardesses as they were known at the time) for United Airlines. The airline required that stewardesses were also registered nurses. She married her sweetheart, Herbert Paul Thinnies of Ft. Wayne, IN, October 19, 1940. They became the proud parents of three boys, Joel, Billy and little Herbie."*

**Jeanne Leo, 420 E 55<sup>th</sup> St. Apt. # 2S, New York, NY 10022-5146**

Phil and I have thoroughly enjoyed Palm Desert, these last two months.

We attended a Valentine's party with the Desert Sunbirds and we will join the United Lunch Bunch next week.

**Virginia Rood, 141 Hasting Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007**

Thanks for the reminder.

We were on vacation 2/8 to 2/20. When we returned home, my mother-in-law was in hospice. We lost her on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March. She would have reached 97 on Easter Sunday. This was very sad for us.

I had shoulder replacement surgery in September, which went very well. I had a lot of swelling but have almost full range of motion now.

Keep the news coming.

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

It is going on 15 years of retirement for me and I am still in pretty good health.

Everything is fine, here in sunny Florida.

We took advantage of the *My Safe Florida Home* program that the state of Florida is running and had some shutters installed. The state of Florida will re-reimburse you, up to \$5,000 of the cost. I hope we never have to use them, but it is nice to know they are there, just in case.

I would like to say Hello, to all of the people I have worked with, in my 33½ years at United Airlines.

**Mary Card, 2975 Bluegrass Lane #1012, Henderson, NV 89074, merry515@cox.net**

It was a beautiful sunny day when I boarded the train at Atherton, CA, my destination was 4<sup>th</sup> and Townsend in San Francisco. There I would take the 30 Stockton bus to Sutter Street to meet **Howard Grote**, where he was waiting for me. As I stepped off the bus, his first words were, “*you haven’t changed in 40 years*”! Howard looked wonderful also! The last time that we had seen each other was when we worked together on Post and Powell in SFORR.

We took photos of Post and Powell, where a Disney Store is now located, and the United Airlines ticket office once was located. Next we visited St. Francis Hotel, near Union Square, which was a lovely place to have a good visit. Such good memories of years ago! Thank you, Howard, for a very wonderful day together! September 2007.

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