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**See You in Orlando at
RUEA Convention ...
Right Here in the City
Beautiful!**



DID YOU KNOW ... The “**Magic**” that is Orlando is ready and waiting for you to come and enjoy! All of us on the convention committee and the local chapter members of the **Real McCoys** are excited to share our unique city with you.

So many of you have already registered that we know a great group of RUEA friends will be gathered to share in the fun, laughter and memories that will be created during this convention week! **Hurry! Time is running out!**

DID YOU KNOW ... Our best selling tours are ... **all of them!** We picked the best we knew for all of you and you must have agreed! Can't wait to board those buses for our day trips to **St. Augustine** and the **Kennedy Space Center**, and the half day tours to **Gatorland** and **Fantasy of Flight**. The **Winter Park Cultural Tour** takes you to our own Park Avenue, home to one-of-a-kind boutiques and shops, sidewalk cafes and art museums. Often called “**Little Europe**”, this area is sure to charm you. The **Scenic Boat Tour**, a relaxing 12 mile guided cruise through three of the city's lakes, was begun during the Great Depression in 1938, by W.C. Meloon, in a boat named the “**Scenic**”. No, it's not the same boat - you'll be comfy in an 18-passenger pontoon! And let's not forget the **Alligator Airboat Adventure**, where you will see the seldom visited heart of natural Florida – our own “**Everglades**”! It's an easy adventure without dirt or danger AND you'll enjoy a sampling of gator tail and a cold beverage at the 100-year old Fish Camp.

DID YOU KNOW ...

- ♫ Wednesday Night, our **Beach Blanket Bash** in the Hospitality Suite will spill outside to the beautiful poolside with some great music by Patti Woodruff.
- ♫ Thursday Night, join our **Karaoke entertainer, Monty Clark**, and croon a few tunes!
- ♫ Friday's Friendship Dinner will be a festive **Tropical Night** where you will be welcomed by owner Mr. Harris Rosen and, after a wonderful dinner, you'll dance the night away with **Jody & the Trouble Brothers!**
- ♫ At the Saturday Night “**Black & White**” Banquet, you will be treated to our very special Orlando brand of “**TOP HATS & MAGIC**”! Don't be late!

DID YOU KNOW ... We can't wait to welcome you to the 2010 RUEA Convention!

Come and join us for some fun – In Orlando!

PS – Don't forget that our Convention Greeters will meet you on Level 2 of the main Terminal on the B Side at UAL Baggage Claim.

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GENERAL NEWS

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Centenarian - Uel U. Soward (AKA Bud Soward)



I was employed by United Airlines on September 15, 1952 and retired at age 65 on April 29, 1975. While there, I spent many hours in extra duty. I was elected Shop Steward in the Machine Shop by a vote of 69 percent of the ballots cast. I was Shop Steward for one year, presented only 12 grievances and won every one of them. Some went to the third state of consideration. I was elected president of the newly formed Camera Club about 1955.

About the same time, I started serving as Camera man for Local 1781, IAM and resigned that position years later because I had stopped smoking cigarettes and smoking was allowed at meetings. I was assigned to duty ten years in the Machine Shop.

Approximately in 1957, there was an earthquake which really shook the building. Water and electric lines were broken. I slid under a substantial workbench and watched other employees running by.



In 1962, I bid a position in the Instrument Shop. I received good pay for the many suggestions I made during my years at United. I received a bronze plaque showing that I had been elected Mechanic of the Year, 1972. I spent three years in the Engineering Test Center, and then returned to the Instrument Shop, where I retired.



After retirement, I assisted in the installation of a chapter of the RUAEA Newsletter based at the Central Coast of California. I was the one who furnished the dolphin logo which was very well liked

by every one involved, especially **Jo Madden**.

While employed by United, I took my wife on many trips. Included was one trip to Europe, a flight to the Bahamas, to Hawaii, Japan, New Zealand and road trips to Canada, Mexico and 38 of the 48 states. I exposed more than seven thousand transparencies. Each slide

has a six digit file number and from the whole, my grandson, Major Fred R. Soward, Retired, has created DVDs which are available to family only. I turned 100 years old on April 29, 2010, and a celebration will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010. More than five dozen family and friends across the nation plan to be at that celebration.

The Writers' Column – Ed Clay's Story by Gayla Powell Kanaster



"A Jack of all trades, a master of none", jokes **Ed Clay** when I comment on the many different positions he held during his 42 year career with United.

Apparently, United thought he mastered his trades quite well, assigning him various management positions until he completed his career as LAX Station Manager in 1981. My husband I were both based there at different

times (LAXSW and LAXFO) and knew of his reputation, Ed was very well liked and respected for his overall knowledge of operations and kindness to others.

Ed graduated from the University of Wyoming with a BA in commerce and business and an R.O.T.C. commission. He entered active duty in 1941 as an infantry lieutenant and was a Lt. Col. at war's end.

He was hired in Cheyenne in 1938 as a steward, which in those days, was more like a ship's steward. After serving in the military, he returned to United as a steward in SLC, then passenger agent in BUR. From there, he went to Chicago's Midway airport as assistant superintendent of stewardess service, chief passenger agent and station service manager. He then became superintendent of regulations at EXO; staff assistant - contracts and legal agreements, DEN; cargo and ramp service manager, LAX; operations planning, EXO; passenger service manager, HNL; regional vice president of customer service, and later, vice president NW marketing, SEA. His last position was LAX station manager, in 1973.

After "retirement", Ed worked for the Office of International Students at USC and 10 years at Harbor Travel in Palos Verdes, CA assisting owner **Gary Tossell**, another former UAL employee. He was the manager of Peninsula Racquet Club in Palos Verdes, CA. He served as president of the Los Angeles Airport Rotary Club and upon retirement transferred to Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary where for many years, he chaired their annual fund raiser, the Concours d'Ele-

gance, a classic automobile show, which raises thousands of dollars for local charities. He was named "Rotarian of the Year" for this work. He also was on the Board of Directors for the Salvation Army's Crestmont College for Officer Training. In 1990, he received the Army's highest civilian "Others Award" for outstanding community service. While working in Seattle, he belonged to the Rotary there, where he served on the Board of Directors of the Seattle King County Convention and Visitors Bureau, receiving a community service award.

Ed had a distinguished military career. He was chosen for the first Special Service Force (a precursor to the Green Berets). It was made up of 1000 Canadian and 2000 U.S. army personnel, the only one of its kind. The movie, "The Devil's Brigade" was based on it. Ed was part of the military force that landed in Italy. After the breakout of the beachhead at Anzio, his unit was the first to reach Rome. Their assignment was to remove all demolitions from the bridges over the Tiber River so that they couldn't be blown up by enemy forces. They were part of the invasion of Southern France on D-Day and in active action against the Germans until Nov. 1944, when the special force disbanded. The outfit became the 474th infantry regiment and was transferred to Northern France. He finished the war with Patton's 3rd Army in Germany. His last assignment in Europe was occupation duty in Norway.

He & Virginia raised four children. Virginia was a member of LAX Clipped Wings and they both were active supporters. Ed was instrumental in procuring a much needed fork lift for the Clipped Wings charity, South Bay Vocational Center. The developmentally disabled clients are taught trades working at jobs coordinated and supervised by the center.

Ed, now 93, lives in an assisted living facility and would love to hear from fellow retirees at: The Gardens at Town Square, 933 111th Ave. NE, # 350, Bellevue, WA 98004; (425 453-7786)

A New, Improved SkyNet Is Rolling Out



four-week period.

View a SkyNet demo to explore the new features at <http://fivefortyone.com/SkyNetDemo/>.

When you open the original SkyNet, a banner in the upper right corner will take you to a page where you can find information about some of new SkyNet's features and a link to the site.

A new, improved SkyNet intranet is now available for employees/retirees to browse alongside the original SkyNet. New features, tools and sections are added in phases over a

Once on new SkyNet, you'll see the result of tremendous effort by hundreds of employees across all departments. This cross-functional team has been working hard not only to create new content, but to take part in some long-overdue spring cleaning, in the process of remodeling or disposing of outdated links and pages.

New SkyNet presently features a new homepage; tabs for Our United, NewsReal, Employee Services and Travel; and links to several "communities," which are similar to the current department sites today. Some micro-sites, such as Focus on 5, Employee Discounts, OPC Relocation and United Uniform Design, have already been transferred to the new platform.

Over the next few weeks, adding new functions will include communities, tools and features. The current SkyNet will remain available until all the information is ready. All employees/retirees are encouraged to take the following steps between now and the final cutover date in late April:

1. Once your department's community site is available, visit that site to locate the news, information and work tools you need. Create new bookmarks as necessary.
2. Access the SkyNet Help and Feedback section for tools and tips to get the most out of new SkyNet.

Do you have questions regarding the new ualbenefits.com or your Medical Billing Statement?



Representatives from the United Benefits Service Center will be available at the

2010 RUEA Convention in Orlando, FL on Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th to answer questions. They will also have laptops available so you can view your account and become familiar with the new ualbenefits.com. Stop by to see how this new site can improve your benefits experience.

This site will allow you to:

- ✓ Change your personal information, such as your address or phone number
- ✓ Modify your benefit elections due to changes in your family status
- ✓ Add, change or view your travel eligibles
- ✓ Review billing details and payment history
- ✓ Make a one time payment or set up recurring payment(s) on-line

If you are unable to attend the convention, don't worry, you can contact the United Benefits Service Center at 1-888-825-0188, Monday through Friday, 7 AM – 7 PM Central Time with your questions.

United Implements Travel Listing Improvements as Phase II of Secure Flight Program



As part of the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program to enhance the security of domestic and international commercial air travel through im-

proved watch list matching (See Nov. 30, 2009, News-Real), United added a new passenger information page on WebList in December.

United now has the functional capability through WebList and Apollo to store, edit and delete Secure Flight Passenger Data (SFPD). Effective March 31, 2010, when you list for flights, you have the option to save the SFPD - eliminating the need to re-enter the same information for each Passenger Name Record (PNR) created. You will also have the capability to edit stored information for yourself and your travel eligibles - excluding companions - at this time.

For more information on the Secure Flight program, visit TSA's [Secure Flight Web site](#) for a detailed program overview, travel tips, and more.

For additional questions, please contact United's Employee Service Center at 1-877-825-3729, Monday through Friday. Representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central time or send an email to ESC@united.com.

United Airlines Launches Mobile Check-in Capabilities, Mobile Boarding Pass

Just in time for the start of the busy spring break travel season, United Airlines (Nasdaq: UUA) has introduced mobile check-in and mobile boarding passes, enabling customers on the go to check in using a mobile phone or Web-enabled mobile device and proceed through security and boarding without needing to present a paper boarding pass.



Customers flying on any United or United Express-operated flight within the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may check in at the new mobile.united.com beginning 24 hours before departure. Mobile check-in is especially helpful to customers in hotels or in business meetings who want to check in before arriving at the airport.

United's additional mobile boarding pass feature is available to customers departing from the airline's five hubs - Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Denver International Airport, Los Angeles International Airport, San Francisco International Airport, and Washington

Dulles International Airport - and from airports in Dallas-Fort Worth, Las Vegas, New York LaGuardia, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, Ore., and Seattle. United plans to introduce mobile boarding passes at additional airports, including in Atlanta, Baltimore, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Salt Lake City and Orange County-Santa Ana, in the coming weeks.

After checking in at mobile.united.com, customers can receive an email link to access a mobile boarding pass that includes a two-dimensional barcode. The barcode can be scanned at airport security checkpoints and at the gate during boarding. A refresh of the mobile boarding pass will reflect any changes to seat assignments, gate changes and upgrade confirmations.

"Mobile check-in and paperless boarding give our customers more choice and control over their travel experience," said Cindy Szadokierski, vice president of airport operations planning and United Express. *"These options enable travelers to have greater flexibility and efficiency in their travel day, particularly as we enter the busy spring break travel season, where thousands of additional customers will pass through airports every day."*

Tilton Meets With President, Chicago Business Leaders at White House Luncheon



At the invitation of the White House, CEO Glenn Tilton was asked to join President Obama, his senior advisers and other key business leaders for lunch recently. Glenn Tilton joined McDonald's CEO

Jim Skinner, Motorola CEO Greg Brown and TransUnion CEO Penny Pritzker. The meeting was part of the White House's ongoing effort to reach out to the business community on economic issues. Topics covered included economic recovery, business performance, employment, education, healthcare, energy and infrastructure.

"We very much appreciate the opportunity to discuss these issues so important to our company and our country with the president, his senior advisers and our Chicago business colleagues," Glenn Tilton said.

March 2010 Traffic and Revenue Update

United reported in its monthly traffic update a 3.2 percent increase in consolidated revenue passenger miles (RPM) for the month of March over the prior year despite a 2.7 percent decrease in available seat miles (ASM) for the same period. This resulted in an 83.5 percent consolidated load factor, which is 4.8 points



higher than in March 2009. In March, passenger revenue per available seat mile increased an estimated 21.5 percent to 23.5 percent over March 2009 and estimated 3.2 percent to

5.2 percent over March 2008.

“Our revenue improvements reflect both the improving economy and the work we have done to reduce capacity, better matching supply and demand, which allows us to more effectively manage our seat inventory,” says John Tague, President, United Airlines. *“Our monthly revenue results have continued their positive trend compared to the same periods in both 2009 and 2008 that we have seen in the first three months of the year. More importantly, despite the challenges of the first quarter, we have continued our focus on cost control and were the only major network carrier to maintain our cost guidance.”*

United reported to the U.S. Department of Transportation an on-time arrival rate of 83.8 percent in March.

“Our strong on-time performance reflects our collective work to get our customers to their destinations safely and on time,” says John. *“We expect March will mark the fifth consecutive month that we will be No. 1 among the five major network carriers.”*

United’s average mainline fuel price for March 2010 is estimated to be 2.21 dollars per gallon, which includes gains or losses on settled fuel hedges and excludes non-cash, mark-to-market fuel hedge gains and losses.

Employee Volunteers Share Their Experiences From This Year’s Holden Hugyou Deliveries

When delivering a Holden Hugyou teddy bear to the mother of an infant battling cancer, Chicago O’Hare Ramp Service Employee Kathy Dvorak understood just what sort of impact the seemingly small gesture had on that mother.



“I had to wear a gown and mask to enter the room,” she says. *“After I spoke with the mother for a while, she told me she was very tired and was only able to get a couple hours of sleep a night. As I went to leave, the mother asked if I could remove my mask - she said she wanted to see what an angel looks like. I will carry this memory with me forever.”*

In February and March, United’s employees delivered Holden Hugyou teddy bears to young cancer patients in hospitals in all five of its hub cities. In this 3rd year of delivery – in partnership with the American

Cancer Society (ACS), United delivered more than 7,500 teddy bears, raised more than 100,000 dollars for cancer research, and gathers 27 million Mileage Plus miles to fly families in need to treatment centers across the country.

As one of the winners of this year’s bear naming contest, Brazil Customer Service Representative Renata Nogueria was thrilled to know that she would finally have an opportunity to take part in the bear deliveries. *“I’ve read the stories about the past deliveries, but never thought I’d be able to participate – as I am based in Brazil – but when I saw “Holden” was the winning name, I knew I’d finally have my opportunity”*. Reflecting on her experience delivering bears in Washington, D.C., she says that while it was not easy to see the young patients fighting for their lives while trying to stay brave, to see the smiles on their faces when then received the teddy bears made her journey worth it. *“The whole experience makes you change your perspective and pay attention to what is really important in life”*, she says. Dulles-based First Officer Julie Callens came away from her bear delivery experience with a similar sentiment. *“Talk about putting things in perspective”*, she says. *“We all get so wrapped up in our own lives and our own troubles, that we often forget how truly fortunate we are”*. For Los Angeles-based pilot Tony Lee, whose own daughter endured a life-threatening disease as a child, his experience volunteering for the bear deliveries was one that had a very personal impact. *“When my own daughter would ask me “Why is this happening to me, Dad?” I was supposed to have the answer, like I did for everything else in life ... but I didn’t”*, he shares. He says the reason he volunteered was simple – that he wanted to bring some peace to families suffering that same kind of anxiety he and his family suffered so many years ago. First time volunteer and San Francisco-based Flight Attendant, Masumi Hargis, concludes, *“The kids were surprised when we came into their rooms with bears instead of needles, and with smiles instead of doctor’s orders. We received smiles of joy instead of frowns of sorrow. Ultimately, we received much more than we gave – and in the end, we wondered just who was helping whom that day.”*

For more from United’s employee volunteers as well as photos from this year’s deliveries, visit the Holden Hugyou site on SkyNet.

Easy Does It

These 2 recipes may sound a bit quirky but both are taste bud tempting (only 4 ingredients).

Easy Does It ❶ – “Cranberry Chicken”

One 8 oz. bottle of “Catalina” salad dressing (any brand)
One 16 oz. can **whole** berry cranberry sauce

One pkg. dry Lipton onion soup mix (*not* Cup-A-Soup)
 8 – 10 (or 12) pieces chicken
Mix ingredients together. **Dip** each chicken piece in mixture.
Place in baking dish. **Pour** remaining sauce over chicken.
Bake uncovered 2 hours at **275° F.**
Increase oven temperature to **325 ° F.**
Continue baking additional 30 minutes. (Devour!)



Helen Cain

Easy Does It ② – “Begging Good Cocoa Peanut Squares”

1 cup Karo corn syrup (light or dark)
 1 1/3 cup brown sugar
 1 1/3 cup peanut butter (any style)
 11 oz. box Cocoa Krispies cereal (approx. 9 cups)

Preparations:

Generously butter two 13”x9”

rectangular pans. Have ingredients **premeasured** as follows:

- ✓ Cereal in largest bowl;
- ✓ Karo & brown sugar together in pan on stove;
- ✓ Peanut butter in cup.

Gently cook Karo & brown sugar ’til mixture bubbles around edges, stirring **constantly**.

Remove from heat. **Add** peanut butter immediately **with** cereal, mixing thoroughly. (*Mixture will be very stiff.*)

Press with hands (*gonna get messy!*) **into buttered pans.**
Slightly cool; **cut into squares** while still barely warm.
 (*Betcha can’t eat just one!*)

Ask the Pharmacist – Introducing Medco’s Extended Payment Program

Paying for your mail-order prescriptions just got easier - Medco has created a program to help make your mail-order prescriptions more affordable. It’s called the Extended Payment Program (EPP).

EPP allows you to spread your prescription payments over **three** credit or debit card installments so you don’t have to pay all at once. And there’s no waiting—your medication will be shipped after the very first payment.

When you’re enrolled in EPP, it will apply to every mail-order prescription for you and your eligible dependents going forward. If at any point you wish to opt out of the program, you may call Member Services or visit **medco.com**[®].

How EPP works - Below is an example of how EPP can make your prescriptions more affordable.

Member cost for medication	\$90.00
Service fee (5% APR)	\$0.38
Total	\$90.38

How it’s divided:

Payment 1 - <i>Paid at time of order; all medication shipped at this time</i>	\$30.00
Payment 2 - <i>Paid in 30 days and includes portion of service fee</i>	\$30.25
Payment 3 - <i>Paid in 60 days and includes portion of service fee</i>	\$30.13

Total of 3 payments **\$90.38**

Facts about EPP

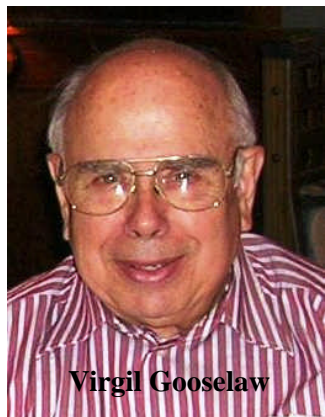
- A service fee of 5% annual percentage rate or APR will apply. This will be charged to your second and third payment.
- If you decide to cancel EPP at anytime, payment for the remainder of your current prescriptions will be your responsibility.
- If the payment plan ends, invoices incurred while enrolled in EPP will continue to be charged in three installments. New invoices will require your regular co-payments in full.

To learn more about Medco’s extended payment program visit **medco.com**. If you’re a first-time visitor to our website, please take a moment to register with a recent prescription number and your member ID. Once at medco.com, Click “*Update your profile*” from the left navigation menu on **medco.com**. On “*Your profile*,” click “*Update your credit card information*.” Then select the “*change*” button in “*Your credit card information*.” At the bottom of the page, you will see a link to more information about the program and the service fee. The service fee is applied if the balance of the prescription is not paid in full before the second installment payment is due.

To get started with EPP call Member Services using the toll free number on the back of your prescription card or visit us at **medco.com** to enroll.



Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Virgil Gooselaw

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7th of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (Note: Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. **There is one exception to the above deadline:** *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day** for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. 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!

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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Attention all UAL retirees living in Alabama!

There are a large number of you living in our state. We would like all of you to know that our "Sweet Home Alabama" chapter of RUAEA is open to you. It doesn't matter whether you live in the Northern, Southern, Middle, Eastern or Western part of our state. It doesn't matter whether you were ground personnel, pilots, or flight attendants. At the present time, most of our meetings and "lunch on your own" are held in the Birmingham area. However, depending on new membership, we can be flexible with meeting locations to accommodate members from different parts of our state. Guests are welcome! After all, we do love to travel – even if by car.

The principal objective of these meetings is to "strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship among UAL retirees". We are pleased to be supporting several charities. We have fun sharing our experiences and planning various activities. We try our best to emotionally support our members who have health problems, family loss or just need a "pat on the back" or a hug for some reason. It also gives us a chance to keep up with news of UAL that pertain to retirees.

If you are interested in joining or need more information, please contact **Judy Slover** at: Phone - (334) 593-2249, Email address - judyslover@mindspring.com or Home address – 432 Carol Villa Drive, Montgomery, AL 36109.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

March Birthday: **Edna Mann Aronson** - 3/28.

Our April meeting will be covered next month. We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month which put us past the deadline for the April Newsletter.

Calendar:

May 10 - 11:00AM - location TBD - contact **Judy Slover** - (334) 593-2249.

I am never impressed by the person who thinks they are more than what they are. I'm more impressed with the person who is more than what they think.

~Author Unknown

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Well, spring is finally here. We are still getting some rain and some cool weather but those 80 degree and sunny days are really welcome.

Twenty five members of our Azure Chapter attended the All Arizona Luncheon in Casa Grande last month and had a great time. The Road Runners from Tucson did a fine job sponsoring the event, thanks so much for all your hard work!

Susie Hughes and **Sherry Muoio** finally crossed off one of their "bucket list" items. They took a hot-air balloon ride out of the Cave Creek area and said it was just great! We are so sorry to see our snowbirds starting to leave, **Marge & Gene Hanners** are the first to go and we wish them a safe trip home.

Please send your best wishes for a full recovery to our two members **Evie & Frank Callahan**. Evie had her left shoulder replaced March 3rd and Frank had both hands operated on. The left for carpal tunnel and the right hand to have scar tissue and bone spurs removed plus two pads put in. Wonder who is taking care of whom. It is with a heavy heart that we say good bye to **Mary Toeppen**, wife of **Don Toeppen**. Mary succumbed (after a year long battle) to cancer on March 1, 2010. We want to send Don our sincere sympathy. Cards may be sent to **Don Toeppen** at his home, 13149 Shirley Lane, Huntley, IL 60142.

Also we must say goodbye to **Helen Stowell** who was a long standing member of the Azures. Helen had several strokes over the last 5 months and was in hospice. She passed away on March 27. Cards may be sent to her family at her home address - 19303 New Tradition Rd, #23 Sun City West, AZ 85375.

Any UA retiree - whether you were pilots, flight attendants, and ground personnel, all are welcomed to contact us and join us for Breakfast at Coco's. We meet bi-weekly and all are welcome. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future. If you are planning to come to a breakfast, please call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 on the Monday before breakfast. He advises Coco's of how many will be attending.

Calendar

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location - 98th and Bell roads

May 11

May 25



PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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Our Snowbirds will be leaving or will have left already for the summer, but we will continue meeting for breakfast the fourth Friday each month during the summer at Crackers in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please contact our Vice-President, **Peg Snowdall**, at (480) 396-3317 or at phomfeldt@cox.net, by the Wednesday before the breakfast, if you plan on attending.

Our All-Arizona Luncheon was held March 18th at the Holiday Inn at Casa Grande. There were 160 people in attendance. Our Re-United committee made all the arrangements. They were **Rita Zarek**, **Shirley Claggett**, **Linda Cooper-Koltz**, and **Peg Snowdall**.

It was a Hawaiian theme and everyone was encouraged to wear his or her Hawaiian outfits. The room and the tables were decorated all over with the Hawaiian theme. We had 40 items for the raffle, including baskets, potted plant, and watercolor artwork; all donated by our members. We also had a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. The main speaker was Mr. **Dave Mooney**, CEO of Alliant Credit Union. He brought us up-to-date on our Alliant Credit Union and answered any questions our members had. Also attending from the Credit Union were: Mr. **Larry Page**, Mr. **Frank Weidner**, Mr. **Giacomo Parente**, and Ms. **Jeanette Clanton**.

The lunch buffet consisted of House Salad, Chicken Breast, London broil, red potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables, rolls, cake and beverages.

Rich Vehring spoke to us about the Fantasy Flight, which will be held December 4th at Sky Harbor Airport. **Ron Robertson**, President of RUAEA also spoke, and **Hank Gosselin**, Vice President of Conventions, reminded everyone of the upcoming RUAEA Convention in Orlando, Florida May 23-30, at the Rosen Centre Hotel. Information on bringing your children or grandchildren to the Convention is covered in the April issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. There are also special tours for children, which might interest them. The cut-off date for the Convention is May 1st. We hope many of our members attend.

Mike Richards, Director for the Arizona Region, as well as **Chuck Cole**, Director for the Mountain Region, attended the Luncheon. A group from our Re-United chapter performed a special Hawaiian dance, which everyone enjoyed.

Twenty four members attended our March 26th Breakfast, President **Jim Brigante**, mentioned the All-Arizona committee did an excellent job. He had many compliments from our guests. Special thanks to all the

committee for all their hard work.

El Ailshie had a stroke recently and is currently in the rehab unit at Banner Baywood Hospital. **Hank Falk** had surgery the end of March. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

May Birthdays are: **Victor Kostecki** (5/5), **Oscar Aguiler** (5/12), **Judy Higley** (5/13), **Gary Gerstung** (5/22), **Christine Rang** (5/22), **Kathy Brigante** (5/25), **Gene Menten** (5/25), and **Marie Conlon** (5/28). Happy Birthday to all of you!

May Wedding Anniversaries are: **Ruth & Ron Willoughby** (5/1/04), **Linda Cooper-Koltz** (5/4/85), **Ellen & Joe Johnson** (5/7/2000), **Jeanette & Victor Kostecki** (5/18/68), and **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** (5/23/70). Congratulations to everyone!

Calendar:

May 28 - Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m., located at 535 W. Iron Avenue (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Snowdall** by the Wednesday before at (480) 396-3317 or phomfeldt@cox.net.

June 25 - Breakfast at Crackers

July 23 - Breakfast at Crackers

August 27 - Breakfast at Crackers

September 24 - Breakfast at Crackers

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A wonderful time was had by all who attended the All Arizona luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande on March 18th. The 165 people who attended the affair were treated to a great buffet luncheon and some entertainment that was completely unexpected. The theme of the day was Hawaiian and most of the attendees wore appropriate outfits. The speaker of the day was Dave Mooney, CEO of the Alliant Credit Union. Mr. Mooney and his team provided every one with handouts and answered many questions from the members.

The entertainment started with the playing of Blue Hawaii and was soon followed by the entrance of the dancers. This is where it became hilarious. The dancers clad in grass skirts and other appropriate attire filed through the dinning room to the stage area where they completed their performance. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the names of the dancers so here they are: **Jim Zarek, Ron Paluch, Bob Irwin, Tony Ribeiro** and **Skip Ward**. They did a terrific job.

A big thank you goes out to the Re-United chapter

that arranged this fine event. Their president **Jim Brigante, Jim & Rita Zarek** and **Shirley Claggett** deserve a lot of credit. About thirty baskets of assorted goods and some art work were raffled off. Shirley conducted the raffle and was assisted by other Re-United members whose names unfortunately I did not obtain.

The nice thing about this annual All Arizona luncheon is the chance to meet and talk to former co-workers that you have not seen in a while.

May is not that far away now and the national convention should be on everyone's mind. If you are going, be sure to register for the event by the cut off date of May 1st and if you will be staying at the Rosen Centre Hotel, the cut off date for that registration is April 23rd. It should be great fun. See you all there!

Our Roadrunners will meet at the Amber Restaurant European and Polish Cuisine at 11:00 am on the 15th of April. The address is 7000 E. Tanque Verde road. Let **Pat & Rich Dillalo** know of your attendance by the 12th.

There will be no local meeting in May due to the national convention.

Calendar:

April 15 - Amber Restaurant

May 23 - National Convention

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS

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This has been a rather slow news month for the Central Coasters. After the heavy rains we have had this past month, which we badly needed, our members should have been high and dry. **John Stilwell** told me that he has spent some time in L.A. with his daughter and grandsons helping them move into a new home. John & Barbara have been in their home for 8 years in Pismo Beach. John, **Bob & Marcia Stanger** and I knew each other from the SFO maintenance base days when it was a great place to work. John also said that he went to Fremont, CA to attend a FAA seminar. While there, he saw many old friends and co-workers. John does keep in touch with those still in the Bay Area and at the maintenance base. He shares with us any news he gets at each of our meetings and it's interesting to hear what is happening at the Base.

As I mentioned last month, **Joan & Peter Schaefer** were on their way down to L.A. Joan had been selected to appear on the Wheel of Fortune. They stayed in

Culver City at a hotel that was built in 1924 and is considered to be on the historical landmark list. It is famous because the actors who made the Wizard of Oz, including the Munchkins, all stayed there. It is in a very nice area with shops and restaurants that the Schaeferes also enjoyed. Joan had to be at the studio at 7:30 AM on the day of filming. They tape 6 shows starting at noon and guests are allowed in at 11:00 AM. After each show, it takes about 45 minutes to change the wheel and settings. Pat Sajak and Vanna White leave the sets during that time, but are back about 10 minutes later. The studio is rather small and has only about 10 or so rows. Peter was lucky enough to sit about 10 feet from where Vanna was standing. What a lucky guy! Joan appeared in the last show and they didn't leave until 5:00 PM. This was a long day for them, but a great experience. At our next meeting, we will get all the particulars from them. Joan will be appearing on the show on June 8th, so mark our calendars.

Those of you who remember **Uel Soward**, a previous member of the Central Coasters, will be celebrating his 100 year young birthday. **Bob & Pat Wagner** were planning on attending his celebration, but suddenly they have grandkids graduating and also weddings to attend, all around the same time. I know Uel's family will be planning a great celebration for him. It's always good to keep in touch with each other. I just read in the April issue of the Newsletter, that **Mac Heywood**, a member of the Oregon Dew-er's, reached his 101st birthday. I know that Uel has had an interesting life with stories he loves sharing with us. Congratulations to both of these youngsters.

Calendar:

April 21 - Hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**
June 16 - Hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**
August 18 - Hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar**
October 20 - Hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes**
December 15 - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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President and host of the Brazen Raisins' March 2010 meeting **Dick Hayes** opened the meeting using his Irish voice in honor of St. Patrick's Day. We were honored with a visit by new member **Susan Long**.

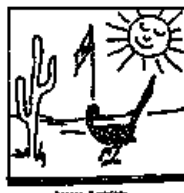
Dick Shryock reported that he had received a phone call from a friend in Atlanta announcing that **Bud Garcia** has passed away in December 2009; none of the Brazen Raisins knew about it.

Elida Rivas reported that United had cut its Delta Dental Insurance.

Dick Hayes said that a bilateral agreement between Japan and United has been consummated.

Some concerns were expressed about the possibility that **Mauricio & Carmensol Rehbein**, who are from Chile, may have relative and/or friends in Chile who might have been affected by the earthquake there.

No jokes, bummer.



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Thirty two Desert Sunbirds enjoyed our March Luncheon at the Tilted Kilt in Palm Desert, apropos as it was just a week before St. Patrick's Day. Our host, **Maureen O'Schultz**, won the 50-50 drawing, and our President, **Elaine Aggson**, was the birthday winner - free lunch! Great to see **Tom & Karen Tischler**, who live in St. George, Utah, but keep their membership current with the Sunbirds.

The **Foleys** had to cancel at the last minute, as **Marilyn** had to make another hospital visit. We have not heard from them, so we hope no news is good news.

Other sad news, **Edna Fanucchi** called to tell us that her husband, **Fred**, passed away on March 19th of an apparent heart attack. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Edna.

This is my first attempt as correspondent for the Desert Sunbirds, so forgive me if the information is a little scarce. I'll do better next time. I'll leave you with this quote from British romance author Jilly Cooper; *"The male is a domestic animal which, if treated with firmness, can be trained to do most things."*

Calendar:

May 12 - TBD - Hosted by **Lynn Morrow & Dave Podnar**

THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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President **Ken Norton** opened the Sacramento Gold Diggers March 31st meeting at the Sizzler in Auburn with 32 members in attendance. The luncheon was

hosted by **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**. The weather, rain, hail, and even snow as low as Colfax, was thought to keep attendance low. Since no one came forward to host the April meeting, president **Ken Norton** will host the April meeting at Houston's Surf and Turf in Penryn.

There are several anniversaries in March. Among them are: **Art & Pat Rugh** - 61 years, **Marv & Jean Becker** - 52 years.

Treasurer **Judie King** reported the account balance.

Angie Dellinger, our sunshine person, reported sending a card to **Dick Sandstedt**, who is a patient at Kaiser Hospital. Our best wishes to him.

Ron Bertacini reminded everyone to vote. There is still time. The convention is May 23 and there are still hotel rooms available. Skynet has a new format. It is easy to get to for listing. If you have a Chase Mileage plus card for employees and provide all the information, file # etc, you must apply within 60 days of a new or renewal card for a rebate.

The raffle was conducted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**.

Calendar:

April 28 - Houston's Surf and Turf, 3129 Penryn Road, Penryn, hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**.

May - No meeting scheduled - RUAEA Convention in Orlando

June - Tahoe Joe's, 1905 Taylor Road, Roseville, hosted by **Terry & Penny Greenacre**.



REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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On March 11, a beautiful day in Sonoma County, 56 people gathered at the Le Gare Restaurant for lunch. It is one of our favorite places.

President **Joanne Huhn** called our meeting to order and thanked hosts **Grover & Jan Blackburn** and **Charlie & Bernice Anderson**. They were assisted by **Ron Huhn** and **Nick Van Kruining**.

Vice President **Maddy McKinnis** introduced our guests: **Vince & Rose Dellosso**, guests of **Grover & Janice Blackburn**; **Ed & Margaret Nelson**, guests of **Les Carey**; **Fred McCauley**, guest of **Lou & Sheila Legnitto**; **Lou Gerhardt**, guest of **Elsie Kuhl**; **Clem Shanahan**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; **Nely & Cor Kemp**, guests of **Nick & Maria Van Kruining** and **Prudy Wilcox** guest of **Ted Bell**.

Treasurer **Judy DeFord** informed us that our General Account and Charity Fund is looking good. One

item to last month's minutes would be changed to reflect **Ernie Stukey** assisting with our Feb. luncheon.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced the March birthdays: **Patrick Cadden, Richard Southon, Edie Olson, Brandon Maus, Barney Hagen** and **Donna Stukey**. The Birthday lunch went to **Donna Stukey**. Happy Birthday to all!

Roger Casterline, RUAEA Regional Director, attended the Board of Directors meeting in Orlando. Roger says the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando is a great place to hold the convention. The menu and facilities are wonderful. It looks like there will be a good turnout from our chapter. Roger also advised us to vote in the up coming election.

Ted Bell informed us of the passing of **Howard Dickinson**. Howard was a long time member of the Redwood Empire Retirees. He was a lead mechanic at SFOEA. He will be missed.

Our autobiography of the month is **Pat Leahy**. Pat graduated from the University of Minnesota in June 1950. Pat wanted to travel, so she went to WYO, MSP, NYC and TUC, staying just a few months on each job. She finally landed in SFO. In January 1952, Pat saw ads for the Telephone Company and United Airlines. Thinking the Telephone Company sounded boring, she opted for United. The interview went great, until the personnel person said he was hesitant to hire Pat. He said he didn't want to train her and then have her leave. She promised she would stay at least one year. She did, 38½ years later, Pat retired.

Pat was in Reservations working rotating days and shifts. As United grew, she advanced to Lead Agent then to Supervisor. She loved her job and felt it was always challenging. Pat retired on August 1, 1990.

Calendar:

May 13 - Rancho Nacasio, hosted by **Joan Sheean**

June 10 - Quail Inn, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

Re-LAX-ers

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WOOOOOOOWEEEEEEEEEE! I thought about getting a head start on writing this month, but the whole West Coast World looks like it's against that idea! What a shaker *THAT* one was - just rollin' and rollin' for the longest time - longer than even the infamous "Northridge" quake (I was in Marina del Rey then). This one was more like a merry-go-round going over

rocks. But, how amazing - no damage here - two little pictures tilted a bit, nothing else. Guess I'll pause a bit and check the news reports.

Later: All is calm now with no after shocks here - so where was I? I hope you understand that the reason for some news being a bit late is that it seems I always get info just a few days after the 7th deadline.

Two emails reported on **Linda Muche's** long and not easy recovery from her esophagus cancer. Her schedule - latest PET scan is clean - which marks over 2 years clear. She's half way to the 5 yr. goal, so despite still not being able to eat solid food, is getting to travel a bit, visiting some of the wonderful family, including 8th grandkid, Megan, in CLE.

Dee Wright got the results of all the tests after his lung cancer operation - all lymph nodes are cancer free! Wheee! He's getting along very well, even back at taking his 4 mile walks as much as possible.

Irma Minikel is coming along, improving daily from her knee surgery in Feb. This is surgery on "the other knee", as she had the first one done a couple of years ago - so this ain't easy! Even though this info is several weeks after my receiving it, I'll bet she'd love to get a goofy card or so at 517 E. Emerson Ave., Monterey Park, CA 91755.

Jim Ferrance is now working on plans for the LAXRR reunion, scheduled for 9/25/10. For details, contact him at resrat@aol.com or 10500 National Blvd. #24, L.A., CA 90034.

Although **Selwyn Alexander's** bout with the gout prevented his visiting family in Trinidad, he did make the "hose Draggers gathering in LAS March 7 to 10. I hope this is correct - my phone note scribbles are at times pretty bad (and I can't blame it on the earthquake).

Jo Ann Briggs will be going on a cruise, again. She really loves them.

Another always on the go ReLAXer is **Tarina Murray**. Unfortunately, days away from home aren't quite as interesting as cruises - she seems to be too often headed for a hospital. After a 7 day stay for various very bothersome problems, she is home again and reports all is well. She & Charles are very excited about the birth in January of their 1st GREAT grandson whose name is Te'Rai (say it, Taray). The new baby is helping a bit to offset the sadness of the passings of Charles' mother and a short time later, his brother-in-law, Kevin. Kevin was a Nevada, Clark County District Court Hearing Member, and died suddenly at the young age of only 52. Charles will be with his sister in LAS for a bit. T. emailed on 3/21 to say that she and granddaughter planned to be out of town - spring break week. Hope all goes well with them from now on.

Traveling hasn't been so bad, despite the fears and rumors that F travel is a thing of the past for retirees.

I've had many reports of folks still accommodated in the front end. And, the new employee parking for LAX is going OK I've heard. Since one of the perks for long volunteer hours at the LAX USO is that I have a break on parking at the terminal area, so I have to go check out the new lot and its shuttle service one of these days. Anyway, it's still a good deal, but do try to plan ahead - I couldn't get a tag in time to mail to Selwyn for his trip last month and she ended up paying over \$100 to park.

DUES STILL DUE - Did you know there are a bunch of members who forgot to send in the measly \$5 dues for 2010? Secretary Donna will be sending (or already has sent) reminders to you-all. So, check your check book to make sure you sent the \$5 in December. If you're just now paying, remember to mail the check to Treas. **Jo Ann Briggs**, 21303 Legend Ave., Carson, CA 90745. She'll cash it as soon as she gets back from the next cruise.

Calendar:

All luncheons are now at Proud Bird Restaurant - 111th and Aviation at LAX.

May 23 -30 - Convention. See ya in Orlando!

June 10 - Luncheon at the Proud Bird (was originally scheduled for June 3). This is to accommodate those going on post convention cruise. SO MARK IT DOWN. Flyers will be sent.

August 5 - Famous steak fry at El Segundo Park (far as we know right now.

October 7 - Meeting and luncheon at the Proud Bird.



GOLDEN GATERS

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Our chapter seems to have survived most of our crazy SF Bay Area weather, reminding one of the deep thoughts expressed by philosopher, **Marco Morrow**: *"It is a glorious privilege to live, to know, to act, to listen, to behold, to love. To look up at the blue summer sky; to see the sun sink slowly beyond the line of the horizon; to watch the worlds come twinkling into view, first one by one, and the myriads that no man can count, and lo! The universe is white with them; and you and I are here."*

Within our present membership of 370 brave souls, another gentleman reached his personal centennial in April: **Elmer Errichson**! If you'd like to send your greetings, write him at the St. Carlos Elms, 707 Elm Street, San Carlos, CA 94070.

Gone to be with the angels is **Joe Rick**, formerly of UAL in Chicago and SFO, accounting and budget de-

partments. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. **Inge Rick**, 135 Lesley Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070.

Our hard-working International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** is offering a fascinating February 9-23, 2011 trip to "*Ancient Egypt*". This 15-day adventure includes 5 days in Cairo, 1 night in Luxor and a 7-day deluxe Nile cruise. With additional sightseeing opportunities along the way, you will visit the Valley of the Kings and Queens, with optional tours to Abu Simbel and Petra, Jordan. Remember the opening words to the song, "You Belong To Me" which read "See the pyramids along the Nile"? Well, now you can! WOW! If you are interested, it is essential that you telephone Ginger ASAP at (650) 224-1865 or email: gingersfo@aol.com. (P.S. She is also investigating possible trips next year to include London, England and St. Petersburg, Russia. File these in your Memory Banks.)

Our peppy Local Tour Coordinator **Jo Milligan** has 2 great sounding trips planned: And away we go: (1) "*A Day In The Wine Country*" on Wednesday, **May 12**. This is a private tour with wine tasting at Castello Di Amorosa in Napa with lunch at the Silverado Brewing Company; (2) "*Private Boat Tour of the Navy Reserve Mothball Fleet*" on Wednesday, **June 23**, lunch at Venticello's Ristorante in Downtown Benicia, with time for shopping. Telephone **Jo** right away at (650) 591-2194.

Keep this in mind, the next time you drive in California - it's called "We Need Your Money": Traffic fines of **\$148**: Drive using wireless phone not hands free, Driving while using wireless device to send, read or write text, Minor driver using wireless phone, and, Mandatory use of seat belts ... **\$178**: Headsets/earplugs over both ears, motorcycle safety helmet requirements, Notify Department of Motor Vehicles of change of address, Display of license plates, Adequate muffler required, and, Commercial weight fees due ... **\$214**: Failure to obey license provisions, Failure to notify DMV of address change, Unsafe speed, and, Failure to stop at a stop sign ... **\$256**: Drive using wireless phone not hands free, and, No evidence of current registration ... **\$328**: Unsafe speed ... **\$436**: Mandatory use of child passenger restraints, and, Failure to stop at a red signal ... **\$616**: Passing a school bus with flashing red signals and, Commercial driver, log book violation ... **\$796**: Violation of disabled parking provisions, 1st offense ... **\$976**: Parking in a bus loading area, and, Violation of disabled parking provisions ... **\$1,876**: Violation of disabled parking provisions, 2nd offense. Welcome to The Golden State!

Personally Speaking: Viewed inscribed on the low cement garden wall alongside the Mills-Peninsula Medical Center: "*To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.*"

Calendar

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday of each month (except September and December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, followed by lunch and entertainment, William 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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Glenn dini the Magician visited us on 3/12/10. He again wowed us with his "new tricks and slight of hand magic". The crowd was delighted and entertained. **Austin, Rosemarie & Bill Reichard**'s grandson, visited to help celebrate the return of Glenn dini!

Attendance at the Annual Spring Luncheon was boosted by **Zelma Kibler-Rosenthal**'s visit to the **Golden Gaters** and our chapter members getting the word out. The entertainment was provided by Bethany Lee and Ryan Lee playing the violin. Bethany is 13 and Ryan is 15 years. Their parents are friends of **Joan Dahl**. The program started with The Star Spangled Banner, continued with Mozart & Bach then finishing with Amazing Grace. You could actually hear a low hum from the audience as we took in their beautiful music while they shared their amazing talent. The Luncheon was hosted by **Joan Dahl** and **Nancy & Dave Walb**. Talented speakers were: **Stan Kolman**, prayer (he has a way of making us feel blessed). President **Dave Saso** proudly introduced the Officers and our newly appointed **George Sousa** as Historian. **Dave Walb** was MC; with **Tony Urso** expertly stepping into his role as Raffle Master. **Anna & Dwayne Howze** attended the Luncheon and we're hoping to see them back at breakfast after a long absence.

Ladies Luncheon Time! We have such great fun and look forward to May 13th 2010; 11:30 A.M. at the home of **Cheri Scales**, this even is co-hosted by **Ella Sousa**. See Calendar below for RSVP!

Our Sunshine Lady "**LaDonna**" will be driving another four years. Happy Birthday and Congratulations! **Zelma Kibler-Rosenthal** did not attend the luncheon due to the number of stitches needed to remove an unfriendly cancerous growth. She did inspire others from the Golden Gaters Chapter where she attends as well as our Chapter.

Bob Bradley made a round trip on Take II of his rehabilitation process. He was back in the Hospital the

week of 3/3 with a reoccurring blood infection; released to a new Care Home the week of 3/10 and getting the exercise he needs for a better recovery. His wife **Ruie** was at the Luncheon and won a bottle of wine which she traded for a potted plant. Someone mentioned that Bob might not like that.

Our Guest Speaker for the 3/26/10 breakfast was **Georgia Nielsen** from United Airlines Historical Foundation. The primary goal of the UAHF is to protect the history of generations of workers at and from United Airlines and to perpetuate this rich legacy. A modest dues amount of \$10.00 a year will help the Foundation continue important works. To learn more about the UAHF, visit <http://www.uahf.org>.

Calendar:

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

May 13 - Ladies Luncheon, hosted by **Cheri Scales & Ella Sousa** at Cheri's Home. RSVP to Cheri: (408) 226-7855 or Ella: (408) 245-0498.

June 15 - **Summer Picnic** at Vasona hosted by **Sally & Tony Urso**. \$21.00 per person - (408) 264-8580.



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The time is passing us by very quickly. Here we are, March 2010, the third month of the year and it is almost over as I write this article. Hard to believe, isn't it? Hope you all had a Happy St. Patrick's Day and enjoyed the corn beef and cabbage. We had enough corn beef to hold us over 'til next year.

Spring has sprung, the daffodils are in bloom all over our county and there is a beautiful field of yellow flowers everywhere for all of us to enjoy. This is a beautiful time of the year with great weather, we appreciate an extra hour of daylight that allows us to get out and enjoy the lovely long days ahead. That means barbecues, friends & family time, and pulling weeds (that part I don't enjoy).

We had a fun time at our March luncheon at Perkos in Riverbank. There were 44 members and guests in attendance. The luncheon was hosted by **Guy & Nancy Hoffman**. Guy surprised us with a red raffle ticket which he gave to all the folks who had a birthday in March. Everyone was very curious as to why only a

select few got the red ticket. Well, we all found out when he announced the lucky number who won a free lunch! The lucky winner was **Jack Walls** and he was very surprised. A big thank-you to Guy for the free lunch. Guy and Nancy also held a raffle with many prizes for all to enjoy.

We were very happy to see **Charlene Wood** at the luncheon. She had not been able to attend for several months because she had fallen at home and broken her femur, and then had to have surgery and recovery. Also, **Pat Passarel** joined us after a long absence, she and Charlie were both planning to attend but at the last minute, Charlie was ill so she came by herself. She brought Charlie's lunch and dessert home for him to enjoy.

Lavina Brinsfield is still recovering from her ankle surgery; **Larry Brinsfield** will undergo surgery on his spine and neck to repair the damage from his fall down the stairs at his home. **Burt Kent** is still in Arizona and we understand he is doing much better. **Doug Daniels** was planning to attend the luncheon but he became ill and had to cancel. We are sending get well wishes to each of you and hope to see you soon.

Darrel Silvers thanked everyone for the sympathy cards and phone calls he received after **Jane** passed away. He said a private service was held for Jane but was sorry the announcement never made it into the newspaper because of a glitch at Lakewood Mortuary. He said he and Jane had been married 68 years.

The San Joaquinners meet on the second Thursday of every month in various locations. We would be happy to have anyone join us if you are in our area or visiting in the area. If you have any questions or would like to know the location of the next luncheon, please call our President, **Joan Verbaere**, (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

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On the first Saturday of April (the 3rd), the Mile Highers gathered at the United Airlines Training Center for our monthly breakfast. There were 72 in attendance which included first timers, **Marcia Reed**, a guest of **Russ Savig**, **Kaffee Fry** and her husband **Robert**. There's an open invitation to come anytime you can!

Keith Kerns and his son J.D brought his dad, **Dale**. **Eileen Summering** brought her dad, **Al Neilson**, **Brent Miller** brought his dad, **Paul** and **Bob Ahr** brought his

Mom, **Harriet Ahr**. Thanks for taking the time to bring your parents. It was good to see **Bob Roebuch**, **Del Frey** and **Vee & Walt Hansen** back.

Tom Goodyear reported on the passing of **Dick Penner** and **Barbara Bartlett**.

The end of March was very challenging for the Mile High Chapter. The chapter had planned a spring luncheon for March 24th under the fine direction of **Elaine Fluegel** and **Oma Green**. Their theme was Easter, with plastic eggs filled with candy and many good door prizes. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the luncheon due to a 12 inch snow storm. To all the retirees who prepaid for the luncheon, please contact **Harriet Ahr** (303-477-2918) to either have your money returned or you may designate it for the Summer Picnic. Details for the picnic will follow.

During our Saturday Breakfast last month, you probably noticed a lot of Boy Scouts in the Training Center. Well, here's what it was all about. The scouts, all 110 of them, were pursuing their Aviation Merit Badge. They were chaperoned by 28 adult Scout Leaders, 7 UAL Flight Simulator Instructors and 4 retired UAL employees: **Laura Coats**, **Marvin Berryman**, **Tom & Nancy Goodyear**. Tom conducted the Boy Scouts on tours of the Historical Museum displays. **Laura Coats** was dressed in UAL blue Mechanic coveralls; **Nancy Goodyear** was dressed in a 1970's In Flight uniform and Marvin wore a blue Instructor's shop coat. Each Boy Scout was given 10-15 minutes of simulator time and was instructed how to take off, fly and land by a qualified Instructor.

Side note: As I put this report together, I want to mention that on Monday night, April 5, Nancy & I were watching Antiques Road Show, from Denver. Guess who appeared on the show? None other than Mile Higher **Thom Rowland**. Thom is a retired UAL A&P Mechanic, a member of RUAEA and of UAHF. Thom displayed a very old table desk. Congratulations Thom. Good show!

Summer Picnic: The picnic will be on June 16, 2010 at Dumitri's on the Green at Heather Ridge, 13521 East Iliff Ave., Aurora, CO 80014. It will be a Noon Buffet Lunch, Social Hour (Cash Bar) from 11:00 to 1200 and lunch to follow. The menu will be BBQ Beef, Chicken, Pulled Pork, Home Made Chips, Fresh Fruit, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cold Slaw, Condiments, Coffee, Ice Tea, Lemonade and Dessert. All for \$17.00! Remember, if you paid for the Spring Luncheon, contact **Harriet Ahr**. If not and you want to come to the Summer Picnic, send your check (Made payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter) to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211, (303) 477-2918. If you are bringing a guest please write their name on the check.

Many thanks to all who returned your 50/50 winnings. We will see you all at the next breakfast in May.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. each month, 9:00 AM at 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!

June 16 - 11.00 AM at Dumitri's on the Green at Heather Ridge.



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There was a light spring turnout for our March 22, 2010 meeting/lunch at The Village Inn. **Chuck Stuller** and family were in Vancouver, Seattle and Portland on spring break looking at colleges for Christopher. **Carol & Christopher Stuller** took a plane to YVR, bicycles in YVR, bus to Seattle, taxi in Seattle, Avis car in Seattle, ferry boat in Seattle, train to Portland, private car in Portland and a plane to DEN. **Chuck** took a plane from DEN to SEA and the new Sound Train to downtown to meet his family. Travel is in our blood.

Chuck Stuller is volunteering for the 13th year as an official for the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, June 27. He attended the 102nd General Court of the National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims in Washington, DC on April, 19 & serves as the Colorado Branch Governor. Chuck also serves as registrar for the Pikes Peak Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Just keeping busy in retirement to live longer! **Richard Franco** is in Beijing until June, looking for a job!

New United Express service from Colorado Springs to Dulles starts in June 2010.

Calendar:

April 26 – Regular lunch meeting

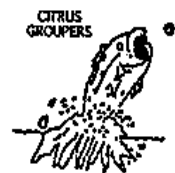
May 24 – Regular lunch meeting

June 28 – Regular lunch meeting

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Thirteen people attended our March meeting which began with the Pledge of Allegiance. **Jerry Bell** an-

nounced that he will take a leave of absence from the Office of President of our chapter. He indicated it may be as long as three months. We will miss him and his wife **Carol** during that time. Hurry back, Jerry.

There was a brief discussion regarding the United World Headquarter buildings being put up for sale. We, who worked there and those who had visited for meetings, etc., will carry a lot of memories with them of that location in Elk Grove Township, Illinois.

Mandy Ocampo has a connection with a van that we can hire to take us to Orlando for a day trip during the RUAEA Convention. There will be more on this at our April meeting. Incidentally, volunteers are needed to help out at the Convention.

Birthdays: **Jim Hurst** 3/23, **Mike Martin** 3/25, **Betty Smith** 3/4, **Barbara Anderson** 3/26, **Charles Wirth** 3/21, **Maxine Wood** 3/19, **Frank Wood** 3/1.

Anniversaries: **Debbie & Mandy Ocampo** and **Fred & Leta Muir**.

A traveler without observation is a bird without wings. ~Saadi.

Calendar:

The 4th Thursday of every month, 11:30 A.M. Golden Corral, The Villages (Rt. 466 between Buena Vista and Hwy 301)



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President Rich began our meeting with a big welcome to the 44 members and guests who gathered for lunch on our new day - we are now lunching on the first TUESDAY of each month at 1:30pm at the Golden Corral. Apologies to anyone who saw the April 7th date in last month's newsletter. Hope to see you on Tuesday, May 4th! Returning Real McCoys' today included **David & Lisa Leighty**, **Jim Weeks**, and **Janie Grant**! We also welcomed new member **Steve Lenard**, husband of **Mary Lenard** from MCOCS, who passed away this past January. **Gary Mills** joined us and brought his neighbor, **Ed Blanchette**. We now have 51 paid up members for 2010! Yeah!

RUAEA Regional Director **Paul Brown** is soliciting convention volunteers for us from other Florida chapters! We have 12 folks from TPA and 2 from ATL who will be helping out at Convention! Thanks in advance! Don't be shy. Think about signing up to be a **volunteer** and give us a call! Many hands will make light work! And, don't forget, parking at the beautiful

Rosen Centre is FREE for all RUAEA members.

April Birthday Best Wishes go out to: **Gary Mills**, April 3rd and **Audrey Weeks**, April 26th. Anniversary Congrats to **Jim & Nan Multeri**, celebrating 38 years on April 15th!

Calendar:

Luncheon time has been changed to the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.

1st Tuesday of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road.

May 4 – Luncheon

June 1 – Luncheon

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It was good to have nice turn out last month at Mattison's, Riverside. There were 23 present and we enjoyed the Aqua room and its view of the Manatee River, everyone enjoyed the great food also.

We welcomed **Michelle McIntyre**, **Suzan Goodson's** sister, and said goodbye to **Paul Ferguson** & **Judy Stanley** as they return to the snow. Paul & Judy had visited with us the last two months.

Joann Bauman would have won the \$25.00 attendance drawing, but since she was not present, the kitty increases to \$30.00 for this month. Remember though, you have to be present to win.

Betty Bishop could have collected the "\$10 Free Meal" but she had an appointment and was unable to attend.

Door Prize winners were **Paul Ferguson**, **Michael Hyde**, **Ginger Hyde**, **Michelle McIntyre**, **Alice Parker**, **Charlie Johnson**, **Betty Johnson**, **Nyla Wiehe**, and **Judy Stanley**.

50/50 winners were **Paul Ferguson**, **Ken Bauman**, and **Jim Goodson**.



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The April 5th picnic meeting at Anderson Park was opened by President **Barbara Riecss**. There were 30 members in attendance.

Jon Wilkinson gave a report on routes United will start flying. He notified us J.F. Kennedy runway will be closed for months to upgrade the runway to accommodate the Airbus 380. He also gave us information pertaining to fares.

Terri Breslin gave a report for the Sunshine Committee. She sent a get well card to **Flo Reveillac**, who is recovering from two ruptured vertebrates. Terri brought a get well card for **John Vento** for everyone to sign. He and **Gabrielle** had planned to be at the picnic, but he is entering the hospital today, for surgery on April 6. A sympathy card was sent to **Dick Newman**, whose wife, **Marijke** passed away, memorial services were held March 29. Due to **John Quinn's** ill health, he and **Pearl** will be unable to attend the picnic.

Birthdays were **Pearl Quinn** - 91 years, **Art Reveillac** - 93 years, **Carl Starr**, **Connie Kuehn** and **Mike Rice**.

Mary Martin gave forms, reminding everyone membership dues of \$5 can be mailed to her or paid at the meetings. Dues must be paid by the August meeting. **Barbara Riecss** passed a sign up list for workers during the convention.

Jon Wilkinson gave information concerning the Senior Citizen Softball league. Players must be 75 years or older. He will have more information at the May meeting.

Calendar:

May 3 – Tiffany's Restaurant 10:30 a.m.

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The weather is warming in Florida; it's averaging around 80° and getting ready for summer when the norm is in the upper 90°. WHEW! Hope everyone had a Happy Easter and Passover.

Hold on to your hats ladies and gentlemen, we had a great group of 16 members attending our April meeting and that included two new members **Sharon & Tom Kolibab** (or is it Bill)? All joking aside, Tom is his name and what a nice guy, especially after he took all the joking about the mistake in his name. It seems that a good friend of theirs in New Jersey read our newsletter item and called Sharon and wanted to know "*What happened to your wonderful husband Tom*"? Well, unfortunately, I guess my mind had a missed moment of memory and typed in the wrong name, sorry guys; and Tom, you certainly are as I said, a great sport about the whole

thing. We are very happy to have you both join our chapter, and Sharon called me the next day to say that they really enjoyed the Luncheon/Meeting and were glad they joined and able to attend.

Unfortunately, we won't see them again until October when they return to Florida from New Jersey. They are going back to New Jersey on April 12, and as Tom said "*To meet Uncle Sam*", you know that guy that gets all our money in income tax! Since **Diane Brodis** was ill and not able to attend our meeting, she didn't get a chance to say goodbye personally but I am sure she will give them a call.

I, personally, wanted to show Sharon some of the highlights of our area and made it a point to have Lunch with her at a place called "Lady Ann's Victorian Tea Room" located in Stuart. Well, she couldn't help taking pictures and trying desperately to see all the knick knacks, decorative lighting, chandeliers with flowers, plates, etc., and you name it on every space of wall or ceiling; and the food and service is spectacular! She enjoyed it so much, that when two sets of friends arrived the following day and week, she took them there also. She hopes Diane will be able to join us in October, and she may even take Tom, if time allows this week.

Barbara Dodenhoff had her niece Ann and family visiting her here in Florida during the Easter Holiday.

Well, back to our meeting with President **Al Popek**, our Casino trip was moved up to Friday, April 23 to accommodate more members who wanted to attend. We also worked out the car pooling and meeting time of 11AM at the main entrance. We shall report our trip in the May newsletter!

Al also reviewed the BP3 pass that was mentioned in the April Newsletter, **Bob Brumfield** wrote an excellent article on Travel Trips. Interestingly enough, we mentioned the BP3 passes in our April newsletter item as well.

The 50/50 was won by **Barbara Dodenhoff** and the progressive went to **Catherine Coate**. Way to go!

Bill Nehls is off to London but we will see him in May, **Barbara Dodenhoff**, **Diane & Paul Liebisch** and **Janice & Al Popek** are leaving for Germany to see the "Passion Play", so we will report their trip at our next meeting. Stay tuned!

Celina & Constantinos Xifaras joined us and Celina looks as lovely as ever, she is feeling somewhat better and hopes to be able to join our Casino trip. We wish her well, keep improving, Celina.

Get well quickly Diane, we miss you and Ron.

We also wondered what has happened to **Luster Smith** and **Wallace & Elizabeth Armstrong** since we haven't heard anything from them in a long time, give a jingle or note, PLEASE.

If you are in town, join us. You will have a memorable visit plus the food and service are excellent.

Happy Birthday to our April gang: **Paul Liebisch** - April 25, **Barbara Dodenhoff** - April 28 and **Elizabeth Armstrong** - April 28. Happy Anniversary on their Greek Wedding on April 25 to **Celina** and **Constantinos Xifaras**. Stay well and live life!

On the lighter side:

- ☺ Why is it that our children can't read the Bible in School but they are plentiful in prison?
- ☺ Why do you have to swear on a Bible in court but the Ten Commandments cannot be displayed outside?
- ☺ Bumper sticker of the year "If you can read this, thank a teacher - and since it is in English, thank a soldier".
- ☺ Wouldn't you know it? Brain cells come and brain cells go, but FAT cells live forever.
- ☺ How come we choose from just two people to run for President and over 50 for Miss Universe?
- ☺ I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!
- ☺ Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our life we could simply press "ctrl-alt-delete" and start all over?
- ☺ And remember - Life is like a roll of toilet tissue, the closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes. You just might want to pass this along.

Calendar:

April 23 - 11AM, meet at Main Lobby, The Isles of Pompano Beach Race, Casino

May 4 - 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

June 1 - 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

July - September - No meeting, on vacation!

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Thirty Flyers and five guests attended our lunch at the I-hop Restaurant on April 7. Our guests were **Tina Meyers** and **Melissa Lane**, **Lyle & Joanna Meyers'** daughters, **Ezra & Alexandria Thomson**, **Richard** and **Diayne Thompson's** grandson, and granddaughter, and **James Carlson**, **Bill Carlson's** son. It was so good to

see **Bill Carlson** present, who was able to attend because of James.

The day's weather was sunny, warm, and with lots of green pine pollen covering everything, signaling that spring has finally arrived. **Fred Cron**, our historian, had with him time tables, ticket jackets, receipts, boarding passes and various other printed documentation from a multitude of different airlines, some we had never heard of. These samplings covered about the last fifty years of commercial passenger travel and were sent to Fred from a friend who had collected all this over the years. Some of our Flyers found this very interesting, as all time tables and most documents are not printed anymore, but are in computers instead.

Fred also conducted our 50/50 which was won by **Mary Lou Sullivan**. The luck of the Irish is definitely smiling on Mary Lou as this is the second month in a row she has won. Way to go Mary Lou.

Bill Elk held a business meeting and after a brief update on what's going on with United these days, Treasurer **Bruce Brodersen** gave a report on our financial status, and answered members' questions on the upcoming convention in Orlando. **Kim Schmidt** brought and passed out the new pocket versions of The U. S. Constitution for those who wanted them. **Diayne Thompson** passed out a limited number of updated member rosters for 2010. **Ron Heider** reported that he had been notified he won a random drawing for five hundred dollars held by the State of Georgia Members of The American Legion. Quite a nice surprise for a former soldier and legionnaire.

On our Sick Call list is **Ron Gunny**, still recovering from recent surgery, and just recently **Bobbie Foles** who is under doctor's care and is having health issues that is limiting her from being out and about. We'll be keeping both in our thoughts and prayers and hope for a speedy and complete recovery for them.

Calendar:

May 5 - Lunch at Noon, I-Hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA.

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BOISE GEMS

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The UAL Boise Gems held their monthly breakfast meeting on April 5 at JB's Restaurant in Meridian. We had a small turnout and assume it was this messy winter rain and snow that kept some away.

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of **Ossie (Oscar) Haugen** (retired from SEA CG in Feb. 1988) on the evening of March 28, 2010, from lung cancer. He had just been diagnosed with this disease the week before. The family is planning a family service and a public memorial will be at a later date. Please send your condolences to: **Louise Haugen** and family, 822 Cairn Dr., Nampa, ID 83651. **Dave Adams** came without **Carol**. Carol was not feeling well. Our bus driver Dave said he had driven 4,600 miles to SFO, SEA, LAS, PIH & TWF. It sure is a good thing Dave likes to drive!

John & Carole Bell drove to California to attend a PEZ convention in LAX. On the way there and back, they were able to stay with family and friends. They had a fun time.

Bob & Palmer Sarnoff traveled to LaGuardia to celebrate Bob's aunt's 95th birthday with family and friends. They had two free days in Manhattan - took the "skywalk" in the meat packing district and took the "on and off" Grey Line Bus Tour (definitely not worth it!). They had dinner at Artisoaol, an excellent French Bistro type restaurant. Even though they traveled in coach the entire trip, Bob got his window seat and Palmer got her aisle seat, which was exactly what they wanted.

Calendar:

May 3 - Breakfast meeting at JB's in Meridian

June 7 - Breakfast meeting at JB's in Meridian

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We are sad to report that **Marilyn Holden** who was reported ill last month, is now at rest with her maker. A memorial for her friends is scheduled for April 17th at the Our Savior Methodist church in Schaumburg by her niece Jane Kelly. Marilyn will be remembered by all she befriended in their hour of need of which there were many. **Barbara Wesemann** spent two weeks in Northern California assisting her sister after her hip surgery. There were also many heavy winds to cope with.

Al Eberhardt's wife **Charlene** spent eight days in the hospital recovering from a bad reaction from a new drug. She's home now, but recovery is up and down.

Southsiders were happy to see **Carmen Chavez** back after an absence with knee and back problems. Husband **Savie** had surgery on his eyelid. Thankfully, the healing is coming along fine.

Only one anniversary we heard of this April month was **Lidia & Pedro Franco** with the big sixty. May we all be that blessed.

Tina Acoba took a Christmas break to Maui. When we missed grandson Patrick and his high fives, we now have the answer for his absence.

Marge Daily and **Bob Jacobson** went on a Panama cruise stopping on Half Moon Cay, the Bahamas, Aruba, Curaco, Puerto Limon and Costa Rico. Whew!

Virginia Kondrars booked a Caribbean cruise to St. Thomas, St. Kitts, St. Croix and Antigua. Had a problem getting to San Juan and had to buy tickets on UAL. Made the ship with one hour before embarking. But a reward was breakfast with the Captain and his family every morning and a personal tour with the Captain on the bridge.

Ed Majewski traveled to Majorca, Baleric Island visiting a 16th century cathedral. Weather was cool and in the mid 50's for a cave tour of stalagmites and stalactites. A lake at the bottom of the cave was complete with the lady playing classical piano music while being paddled on a large row boat. Now that sounds romantic.

We sent cards to **Helen Collins** and **Elroy Schmitt** and they sent back thanks.

Marlene and **Marv** went to Lake Tahoe for a wedding and reported the weather was great. My thanks to Marlene for being a news runner while **Ginny Vlach** is recuperating. **Bill Brookins** and wife **Gwen** celebrated his birthday in March at the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond, IN. His friend treated them to the Gladys Knight concert with front row seats. Now that's a present. In turn, they treated all of us to a basket of Easter candy. If that wasn't sweet enough, **Rudy Maki** supplied chocolate bunnies.

Beautiful weather had twenty one members attending Southside and I understand three forgot their badges. We are not telling who. But it was men only for winning all the raffles. The men were **Bill Adams**, **Bob Pearson**, **Ed Ward** and **Rudy Maki**. The women were gracious about it.

My thanks to **Mary Brandt** who filled in for me and getting all the news.

We had our Spring Luncheon at a new establishment called Victoria in the Park. The name is the first clue to the elegance of the room, the gorgeous lighting and the oval tables with beautiful linens set with two knives and three forks. The food matched the tables with the veggies enclosed in a hollowed out zucchini. The salad, potatoes and the dessert were just as elegant. The dessert was to die for, apples in a crust topped with a honeyed caramel and complete with whipped cream and a red, red strawberry. I'm going to vote for a reunion there. It makes me hungry just to write about it.

The Skyliners greatly appreciate the generous contributions from the following, who collectively donated

over \$200. to our Postage Fund during Jan., Feb. & March: **Tina Acoba, Marlene Anderson, Chester Aszklar, Caroline Avramovic, Muriel Bergsma, Esther Broderson, Dick Buchman, Robert Bugos, Phyllis Cappuzelo, Frances Cinardi, John Cooper, Dave Dunham, Richard Del Boccio, Pat Ello, Carol Faust, Darlene Felske, Mary Florent, Angie Halama, Cheryl Hefferman, John Horsley, Peter Kapischke, Mary Keenan, William Leverance, Helen Lewin, Frank Mancini, Darlene Marsiglia, Terri Martin, Virginia Monaco, Pat Muha, Ruth Opitz, Norm Pearson, Jerry Pryde, Jim Sommerfield, Barbara Spratt, Marlene Stanek, Tony Stefanos, Mary Szabo, Wayne Tapp, Virginia Vlach, John Wade, Don Wagner, Norm Wilkinson, John Winters, Gilbert Wojtal, Susan Zuccarello.** Many Thanks!

Chicago Travel desk needs volunteers. Open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from nine to one. Every four hours of help is appreciated by all who use the service. **Carol Faust's** new number is (847) 903-4521 or carbob7@hotmail.com.

Calendar

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**April 27 & May 25**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsides Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**April 14 & May 12**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**May 4**).

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Our first luncheon of the year was on St. Patrick's Day which was a beautiful sunny warm spring like day with 12 happy retirees attending.

Ginny Vlach was doing very well after her back surgery in January. **Carol Faust** was back to her old self after having broken her hip in Peru last winter.

Ted & Agneta Jung had returned from a trip to Tobago via San Juan, PR and Trinidad. They had no problems with getting flights on UAL or using ZED fares on American Eagle and Caribbean Air.

Our restaurant is located just down the street from UAL Executive Headquarters where we saw UAL pilots picketing. They were protesting the outsourcing of pilots and flight attendants to Aer Lingus with a new D.C. to Madrid, Spain route.

The next luncheon will be on May 19th which is the

week before the RUAEA Convention in Orlando and hopefully many will attend for a week of interesting tours, activities and camaraderie.

Calendar

May 19 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.) (Please email or call me before noon of May 18th so that we can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect.)

May 23 - 30 – RUAEA Convention in Orlando, FL.

June – No luncheon scheduled

July 21 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel – 11:30 a.m.

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The Nor'Easters April meeting will take place after April's publication deadline, so more about that meeting in the next installment.

Our chapter has two new members, **Joe Moise**, BOSFF and **Charlie Enos**, MHTCS. Welcome Joe & Charlie. We look forward to seeing you at meetings.

Tony Berardi is still receiving chemo treatments and says he still has good days and bad days. Tony says "HI" to all. Ditto the last sentence for **Don Simard**, still getting treatment, good days and bad, but taking them one at a time. Don & Joan plan on attending the next luncheon. **John Dellelo** advised he is slowly getting back to normal after that fall two months ago, that caused his hip repair and rehab. Jon & Peg plan on attending the next luncheon also.

Bill Betters, past chapter President & active member, fell down a flight of stairs at the end of March. He broke 3 ribs, shoulder bones and sustained head damage. Bill is at the Mass. General Hospital, but cards can be sent to his home at 171 Atlantic Ave, Marblehead, MA 01945. I'm sure Bill would like to hear from you.

The sad news to report this month is the death of **Joe Connolly**, at 89 years young. I worked with Joe at BOSCS. He had a knack of always looking busy, even when he was standing still. Joe was well known and liked by all. If heaven is Makaha, on the west side of Oahu, Joe is there.

May's birthdays: **Les Brown, John Dellelo, Ron Heisler, Timothy Howells, Audrey Joyce, Joan Meister, Patti Flanagan Mix, Andy Montalto, Jayne**

Regan, Elizabeth Restiano, Lew Shakley, Don Simard, Kenneth Washburn and Albert Zakrzewski.

May's anniversaries: **Bob & Susan DePippo** - 27 years, **Mary Beth & Staley McDermet** - 39, **Bob & Eileen Seibold** - 64, **Thomas & Liliana Snyder** - 25, **Ralph & Elaine Torres** - 52 and **Bill & Elaine Vanderwal** - 39.

If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

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16 Escapees and 2 guests, **Paul & Ginger**, gathered at the Olive Garden in Lavonia, April 1, hosted by **Bill & Camille Wade**. Our guest Ginger is the twin sister of our host Bill. I learned something new, as I never knew that Bill had a twin. We also welcomed for the first time this year, **Marylou Johnson** and **Mike Clynych**. We were glad to hear that Elaine was now home from rehab and Mike says she is getting around the house now mostly without her walker or cane. Continued prayers for Elaine for a complete recovery.

This correspondent is truly disappointed she will miss the convention once again this year, due to a family wedding on May 28. I was really looking forward to going this year, as Disney World is one of my most favorite places. I guess I am still a kid at heart ... and have not been there since the year 2000, when many of our family rode the "Winnie the Pooh Ride" with Tigger, Pooh and Eeyore.

However, Escapees, Marie and sister, Joan, along with **Sharon Jacob, Bonnie Fleming** and **Nellie Brawner** will be hanging out with a very Loonie group in Bayview, MI come mid May. I know from the past, this will help cheer me up.

Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call or email.

*Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn,
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover,
Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn,
But only one mother the wide world over.*

~George Cooper

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In March, those attending only numbered 21 because the snowbirds aren't back yet & at least 7 of the "hard core" were off travelling. **Mary & Jim Brennan, Jim Simon, Nel Brawner, Rosemary Soltis & Gene & Cookie Delvaux** were all off doin' sumthin' fun, somewhere else. And good for 'em!

We heard from the **Brennans** that they had to scurry out of the way of a tsunami which hit the Kona coast after the Chilean earthquake. Yikes! Scary.

A couple of milestones ~ **Don & Dorothy Wood** are celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary and **Wes Briest** had "Happy Burpday" sung to him in honor of his 90th. **Lee Storlie** heard from our pal, **Dick Currie** in PHXOZ, that he celebrated 24 consecutive years of not missing a day of work.

Jim Simon's recent trip to visit the CLE chapter ended on a sour note when a "drill sergeant" (Jim's words) of a TSA agent denied him passage through security at the airport because he didn't have a seat number on his boarding card. He tried to explain that it was a standby document, but she wasn't having any of it & pulled him out of the line. After his insisting on seeing a supervisor to clear it up, he was finally allowed to pass. Don't know if he made the flight in time or not.

Local UAL news ~ The Red Carpet Club is set to reopen April 1st with new carpeting & furnishings (they sold the old stuff when it closed last year). Also, the rumor is that the MSP-SFO non-stop will soon be operated by Express in RJ equipment! Amazing! Where do they think all that heavy baggage connecting to Asia is going to fit? And we used to call the B737 Little Bitty Jets.

We extend our condolences to our members' loss of extended family ~ **Cindy Bjerr** recently lost her mother, and **Wes Briest** lost his brother, Don.

The birthday dice roll was done for **Mary Brennan** even though she was in Kona (the rules state you have to be present to win) & had she been here she'd have had her lunch bought. Instead, **Ethel Johnson** got the free eats!

Well, another year has passed & the time for election of new officers came & went without any changes. What a surprise. I took a look at what I wrote in last year's newsletter for this month and I quote: "*Although it's time for chapter officer elections, the membership*

has made it abundantly clear that no one has a desire to run for any of the offices. So you can all breathe easier. Just know that we're mentally dumping a load of guilt on ya..."

Calendar:

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

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It was a wonderful day to get out, the sun was shining, temp was around 38 and for us here in good old Nebraska – we thought we were in heaven. There were 33 who enjoyed being together. Guests were **Chuck & Sharon Cole** from Tucson, AZ. Chuck is our Mountain Regional Director for RUAEA. He talked about the upcoming RUAEA Convention which will be held in Orlando. Convention information was published in the February 2010 RUAEA Newsletter and also available at www.ruaea.org. We appreciated their visit and hope to see them again.

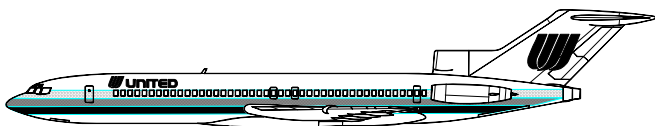
Paul Steuri fell and injured his right shoulder and right hip and is in Papillion Manor. He is taking rehab and hopes to be back in his home before very long. Paul said he and **Humby** traveled over 2,000,000 miles in their 50 years together. Paul did a lot of skiing and he said people over 70 could ski free, and he did that for 7 years after he retired.

Sandy Bender is being treated for cancer after having a double mastectomy. Her spirits are really good and, because of that, we know she will have a full recovery.

Stella Mason advised that **Helen Kontor** passed away on March 3. Helen worked in the Flight Kitchen for many years. Also had word that **Ruth Copp** passed away shortly after Helen, she also worked in the Flight Kitchen.

Calendar:

May 4 -Horseman's Park, **Lorraine & Elaine**
June 1 - Cooper Farm, **Cary & Toddy Manson**
July 6 - Jack & Mary's



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A big Thank You to **Joe & Kathy Robinson** for sitting in for John & Pat while they were enjoying the sun in Puerto Vallarta. There were 17 attendees at our March meeting at Austin's.

RUAEA - the ballot for regional directors is out. We will bring some ballots to the April meeting for those wanting to cast their ballots. **John** is running again for Director - N. California/N. Nevada. Election results will be announced at the May convention.

A preplanning meeting for the picnic in August will be held sometime in April. If you are interested in signing up as an Official Volunteer, please let John know. Who volunteers to be cook – again? **Joe Duncan** – Are you ready?

Travel News (new item) – The **Zobolis** reported that the weather is still warm in other parts of the world. They enjoyed a week at Paradise Village in Nuevo Vallarta.

Inez Compton won the 50/50.

March birthdays were celebrated by **Maurine Williams** and the **Barbie Doll**.

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The Gardenstaters gathered for their regular meeting on March 31. Our President **Dick Confer** opened the meeting with a Flag Salute. A moment of silence was held for those that passed, **Walt Hayes** and **Al Napolitano**.

Everyone should be aware of their death benefits and call the Benefits Department to see if you are covered. Telephone number is in the RUAEA Newsletter.

The RUAEA convention is May 23rd to May 30th in Orlando, Florida.

The Clipped Wings are asking for help with donations for Father Al, who has cancer and helps at the Flight 93 memorial in Shanksville, PA. A motion was

made to send a donation from the Gardenstaters. There is work going on at this National Monument, everyone should take a ride and visit the memorial area. It is a sight to see and a nice overnighter.

As you know, there no longer is parking at the Hilton for the cheaper rate, Pres. Confer went around the area and found that the Avis Star across the street from the old Flight Kitchen to be \$6.00 a day. You can get a coupon book for \$100. which is good for a year, so if you do a lot of traveling it is worth it. The Port Authority parking lot is \$18.00 per day.

Marty read from the RUAEA Newsletter that United is purchasing 25 Boeing 787s. If you are a member, you get the monthly newsletter, it keeps you up to date with what is going on at United Air Lines. We also have applications here to join RUAEA for those who are not members. **Violet Etler** read the minutes from the last meeting, she gave a report on the Hunterdon Hills Play for those that missed the show, it was a great show, we all sang along with the entertainers and it brought lots of good memories back.

John Murphy gave the financial Report. John said he was looking into another show to be held from July 8th to August 25th and reminded everyone that we need 20 people to attend.

Our next meeting will be on April 28th. Hopefully, we will have spring weather by then, we had enough of rain with all the flooding.

NEW YORK



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On March 10th, 32 Chips met at the Erie Community College North, Erie-Statler Dining room for Oktoberfest. Oktoberfest in March may sound strange but this is the second year we have enjoyed the work of the Culinary Students of ECC-North. A fine meal it was, with Sauerbraten, Pork Schnitzel, German Sausage, a choice of four salads and ended with a rolled Apple Strudel that was to die for. It was good to see **Kay Galbraith** and **Cheryl Pelkey** back after hip surgery. **Norm Phillips** who recently moved back to the area showed up with a guest and told everyone they planned on getting married in Vegas in April.

The sick list consists of **Flo Peck**, who seems to turn up in the hospital every couple of weeks for a few days then back home. Former Buffalo resident **Andy Bungo** is fighting emphysema among other things at his

home in Georgia. It was reported that **Tom Amedick** is at home in Virginia suffering from dementia. Other than a couple of minor items, the rest of the group is in good health.

With the longer days and the weather are more dependable, we will move our meetings to evening dinners for June and September, locations to be announced.

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A beautiful spring day brought 15 people to our luncheon in midtown Manhattan. We welcome the wonderful weather that once again brings lovely greenery and flowering trees to Central Park after a very, long, snowy, rainy winter and early spring.

Jeanne Leo has returned from her 2 month sabbatical to Palm Springs, where there is a large contingent of UAL retirees. She and her husband, **Phil**, attended several functions, many of which were charity based. She was impressed with how involved the retired UAL'ers are with charities, such as "Dogs of the Desert" which trains dogs for service work. She also reported that she and Phil had the luxury of traveling FC round trip!

Hiroko Kikuchi and her husband, **Don Wright**, a retired Delta pilot, took a 4200 mile road trip through 12 southern states in just 10 days! No worry about carry on or excess baggage there!

Several attendees related credit card scams, the most interesting by **Donna Feingold**, who purchased a scarf on a trans-Atlantic flight. When she arrived in Greece, that credit card was flagged for being used in-flight and couldn't be used. So, beware if you purchase an item onboard. Guys and Dolls received a warm "thank-you" from *Doctors Without Borders* for our \$100.00 donation for their work in Haiti.

Barbara Hill gave a rave review to "Sondheim on Sondheim", now on Broadway. For anyone coming to the Big Apple in the next few months, this is a "must see", as is "A Little Night Music" starring Catherine Zeta-Jones and the incomparable Angela Lansbury.

For the 2nd time in a row, the 50/50 winner was **Barbara Hill**, who claims that this is not a "back-room deal" for her taking over the correspondent duties!

Don't forget to RSVP for the June meeting to **Marge Segal** (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** (212) 799-8061.

Calendar:

June 1 – Luncheon, 12 noon, San Martin



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WOW! What a day for a luncheon. After a couple of weeks of miserable weather on and off; it was a pleasure to see sunshine and yes, even a (heat wave?) Our 47 members said The Pledge of Allegiance, we stood in silent prayer, remembering all of our deceased members. Also remembering other New York area retirees and employees whom all may have known or worked with who have passed from our midst. President **Jimmy Richardson** went over the minutes from the March meeting. As far as the United ZED agreement with Jet Blue, we found out the Jet Blue pass Travel has been temporarily suspended. Also United is to begin first-ever service to Africa, starting 6/20/10.

Congratulations to our April birthday group: **Madelaine Sudlich, Tony Locastro, Dominick Rizzo, Chen Lee, Mary Ann Lilly, John Manza and Rocco Mongelli**. Wishing all a healthy and happy year to come.

Yetta & Milton Sank were married 69 yrs. (4/27/41), congratulations, it's nice to see marriages lasting that long now a days. The **McFaddens** went on a two month trip to Puerto Rico. They had great weather and a very relaxing time on the beach and golfing. Thank you, **Charlie Kaczinski** and **Susan D'Agostino** for being escorts to those who cannot obtain rides to our luncheon.

Winners for the 50-50 were **Nick Manfredo** who was lucky enough to win twice. **Rose Totaro, Paul Cohen, Madelilne Klos** and the winner of the BIG BUCKS was **John Palmieri**, the one million dollar phony bill. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Passover and Happy Easter. Summer is just around the corner. We'll all be glad to see the nice weather again.

Calendar:

May 5 – Noon - Milleridge Inn
June 2 – Noon - Milleridge Inn
July 7 – 11AM - Picnic at Bellmont Raceway

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We extend Happy Easter greetings to all! Our April meeting was held on April 7th at Flair Restaurant on a

beautiful sunny spring day. The buffet was fantastic and enjoyed by all. This is our second year there and we filled up their Party Room, but they tell us that they will be enlarging this coming year and we hope to fill up that additional area also. **Dave Placko** led us in saying grace before our meal.

The meeting was called to order by President **Dolly Taucher**. Thank you to **John & Carrie Kercel** for hosting the luncheon this month. Without the great job that our luncheon hosts do before hand, we would not be able to enjoy such a well run afternoon. There were 75 members attending this April meeting and we still have a few members that have not yet paid their dues.

There were April anniversaries celebrated by **Ken & Joanne Buchman** - 49 yrs, **Steve & Lee Rak** - 47 yrs, and **Earl & Arlene Taylor** - 11 yrs. Congratulations! Happy Birthday was sung to **Perry McKnight, Vince Malena**, and **Bernie Kazimer** (no ages admitted to!) Good Wishes to all! Also, **Ron Badowski** was able to finally rejoin us. He had been out for surgery and rehab. It was great to see him back.

We have some members who are still home or under care for various health issues. **Harrison Guenther** is back home and doing well, **Cale Neth** in Assisted Living at Brighton Gardens/Westlake, 27819 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, Ohio 44145, **John Mullen** is still recovering from a serious car accident, **Anne Fiedler** is having some major health issues / surgery and **Emily Robinson** is in a nursing home / physically doing well. Please keep them in thoughts and prayers, and all those whom we are unaware of their situation. If anyone is aware of a member who is ill, please call **Dolly** if you are able to share the information, so that we may let them know we are thinking of them.

Word seems to be traveling around very quickly about reaching out to retirees who haven't come to our meetings or joined. As of this month, we have gained 11 new members this year! A big welcome to our newest members **Betty Neary, Jerry Zadar & Ann Kenda** (FLA) and **Joe & Fran Sepesy**; hope to see you all soon. Contact **Dolly** if you would like her to contact or send information about the Buckeyes to someone. Highlight of the afternoon is our 50/50 drawing which is handled by **Dave Placko**. Winners were **Janet Osborn** and **Ron Badowski**. Congratulations!

Those of you, who are RUAEA members, remember to vote by May 1st for "OUR" Midwest Regional Director of RUAEA. **Jim Simon** was here last month to speak to our group and is running for re-election! It would be great to have him back sometime for another open discussion.

Calendar:

May 5 – Bucci's Italian Restaurant, Pre-paid - Open at 12 noon - Lunch 12:30p.m.

June - J-Bella Restaurant - Strongsville, gathering 11:30 - Serving 12:30.

July - Annual Picnic- W.J. Green Lodge, Mill Stream Run - Metro Parks

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Nadine Holten brought the lovely table decorations of pear blossoms in small vases to celebrate the beginning of spring. The vases were raffled off at the end of the meeting. The winners of the monthly prizes were as follows: Door prize - **Russell Stinnett**, Birthday - **Mike Thomas**, Anniversary - **Paul & Kathy Russell** celebrating 45 years and 50/50 - **Barbara Martin**. Prizes were also given out for the best St. Patrick's Day outfit. The winners were **Dee Boelter** and **Jack Harper** who each received a bottle of wine.

While shopping the other day, I met up with a couple of familiar faces, **Don & Pat Rodgers**. They both looked great and told me to tell everyone hello for them. One of the reasons they don't attend our meetings is that they spend most week days up at their cabin at the mountains. I encouraged them to visit us sometime and hopefully, they will.

I am afraid the news about **Rance Ishibashi** is not encouraging. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him and his family as he enters the final stages of his struggle with cancer.

Betty Alff is recovering from knee surgery and **Ophelia Nunley** had foot surgery in March. Betty comes regularly to the meetings with her husband **Joe**, but Ophelia hasn't been for sometime. I hope both of them will be able to attend a meeting very soon. **Ann Farmer** recently had knee replacement surgery and is living in Bend. I understand **Pat Payne** is also in a care center in Bend, but the Sunshine Committee was unable to make contact with her. There are no special activities planned for the next couple of months; however I encourage you to join us for social hour with UAL friends followed by a delicious lunch and business meeting. You could be the one to win the door prize of a free lunch or be celebrating a birthday or anniversary.

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 122nd Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

May 12 - Social

June 9 - Social

July 14 - Annual Picnic

OUR CLUB

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Like a newborn baby sometimes gets its days and nights mixed up, Southern Oregon has gotten its winter and spring turned around this year. We had spring in January and February. Now, for the April 2 luncheon, we all arrived in winter coats, brrrrrr's and comments about the snow on the mountains surrounding the Rogue Valley. **Harry & Barbara Horne** did a wonderful job of hosting the April 2 luncheon, which was held at Wild River Pizza & Brewing in Grants Pass with 21 attending.

We were pleased to welcome **Linda Althouse** who retired as a United purser. In talking with OUR Club member and fellow purser **Ric Walcha**, Linda realized she had flown with Ric. How nice that the RUAEA chapters make this a smaller world for all of us United retirees.

Our best wishes are with **Ida Rogers** who is recovering from a week in the hospital with viral meningitis. Ida is now home and husband **Bob Rogers** is helping her regain her health. We hope it also helps Ida to know that every one of us is in her cheering section.

Calendar:

May 7 - **Laurie Jordan**, TBA

June 4 - **Wayne Widrig**, TBA

July 9 - **Bob & Miriam Lindberg**, TBA

PENNSYLVANIA

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS



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May flowers will soon be in bloom - Spring has finally sprung in the Burgh. Our spring luncheon hosted by **Jeri & Bernie** was held on March 12th and 40 mem-

bers were treated to a delicious lunch. St Patrick's day was in full bloom with **June Schiralli** and **Betty Tinney** in their greenery. We were surprised to see former PITOZ manager **Bob Gause** in attendance, sporting a goatee, looking very spiffy I must say.

President **Ken Wolfe** welcomed everyone and **Carl Chiocchi** led the invocation. Ken repeated the call for more member participation and the need for several officer vacancies to be filled. Lo and behold, **Lorraine Keith** rose to the occasion and volunteered to fill the position of secretary. Thank you, Lorraine. Barbara gave us the Treasurer's report and we are still solvent thanks to her good work. Door prizes donated in part by Pat's Hallmark shop thanks to Treatie. Treatie also gave us her report on her recent trip to Orlando and urged one and all to attend the convention in May. It should be a good time and lots of fun. Sadly, Bernie and I will not be able to attend as we will be in Colorado attending our grandson's wedding.

A short meeting was held after the luncheon and plans were finalized for our April luncheon to be held on April 30th at Peter's Place. Final menu selections were also made for the picnic to be held on July 16th.

The Golden Girls met for a beautiful buffet luncheon at the River's Casino. Hosts **Lee Snuffer** and **Andrea Wisenauer** did a great job in getting us together and presented everyone with some yummy chocolates. Thanks Girls! Although no one broke the bank, Lee promised to set up a repeat trip for the Pit-Stoppers.

Mitch Abbas tells me that **Doris** is recuperating nicely from her recent back surgery. Correction on their address - 540 Montgomery Ave., Washington, PA 16301. Hopefully, Doris will be up to our April luncheon.

We are sad to report the passing of **Betty & Bill Zoller**. Bill, better known as Zippy, and his wife were living in CO. Betty passed away on 2/17/10 and Bill on 2/25/10. Condolences to their daughter Mrs. **Sharon Dyer**, 1951 Hidden Acres Pl., Parker, CO 80138.

We are also sorry to report that **John Mullen** (formerly PITSS) was in a very serious auto accident. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from his many friends in PIT - address is 15615 Lakewood Hts. Blvd., Lakewood, OH 44107.

Also **Tom Amedick** (former PITOZ supervisor) is having serious health issues - Cards and well wishes can be sent to Tom at 5515 Queensbury Ave., Springfield, VA 22151.

Belated Happy 84th to **John "Ya know" Knezevich** and 75th to yours truly.

...and those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music...

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On April 6, 13 dedicated SLC chapter members met over coffee & donuts that were donated by Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson** & wife **Judy**. A big thank-you to both of them!

Again, we experienced a major overnight spring snowstorm; however, it did not keep our hardy regulars from coming in. It is always good to get together with them and reminisce about our *Old United Times*.

Rich Papworth brought up an interesting subject: The SLC firm of **Sonic Innovations Hearing Aids** is in the process of initiating a 6-week test program regarding its latest state-of-the-art hearing aids; the research dept. is recruiting volunteers for its in-depth feedback from these volunteers. At the next meeting, **Rich** will have available for us more information, along with applications. Several attendees showed an interest in learning more about the program.

Recently, our local daily newspaper, *The Salt Lake Tribune*, informed its readers of a small *Murray Heritage Center* building project, to which our chapter, as their longtime "visitors," would like to donate some money from "*The Salt Lakers*" membership account. At next-month's get-together, **Clair Anderson** plans on discussing it in more details, when our Chapter Treasurer **Frank Christenson** is back in town.

We welcomed **Shirley Scown** & son **Mike**. **Hank & Mary Bons** were in good health & spirit. **Frank Zoun** and **Mike "Kris Kringle" Brown** entertained us with some good stories.

Pete Loyola arrived without wife **Jackie** who is recuperating from a health issue. We wish her a speedy recovery!

Also present was **Tony Brown**, and it was nice to chat with him. **Grant Beutler** brought his lovely new bride. **Andy Gallegos** had promised to come and visit us, but a last-minute project kept him from it, as **George Dalton** related to us. We missed **Keith & Nancy Tournier**; **Bill Berg**, and **Lorraine Olson**.

Calendar:

May 4 - Lunch 2PM, Totem's, 538 S. Redwood Rd., SLC;

June 1 - Lunch 2PM, Joy Luck (Chinese), 550 W. 1350 S., Bountiful;

July 6 - Brunch 10AM, Johanna's Kitchen, 9725 S. State St., Sandy.

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Our March 9th meeting at Fairwood Country Club was attended by 45 members and guests. It was hosted by **Mary & John Luke**, and through **Mary Luke's** efforts we were able to enjoy coffee and tea during our luncheon without any extra charge.

President **John Haferbecker** reported that **Rita Reynolds** has been recovering well from her hip injury she sustained during a fall while trying to catch her new dog that escaped from her car. As a result of her experience, Rita came up with an **idea** to set up a chapter equipment exchange program for medical and safety equipment. She got the idea when **Bob Brumfield** gave her a shower chair he no longer needed following his recovery from his hip replacement surgery some time ago.

Treasurer **Helen Stanger** volunteered to coordinate the program for us, so anyone needing, or who is interested in loaning or giving away, this type of equipment – canes, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, bathtub grips, etc., - should call Helen at (206) 232-2449 and advise her. Helen will not actually store the equipment, but will maintain a list and will match the need with the availability. Helen also gave a Treasurer's report and has whittled down the number of members still owing 2010 dues of \$10 to about 40. We hope those who haven't yet paid will soon do so.

RUAEA national election ballots were passed out to those who hadn't yet voted in this year's election and were then collected at the end of the meeting. **Hank Gosselin** from our chapter is running for Executive Vice President and will appreciate receiving our votes. We also talked about the national convention scheduled in Orlando the last week in May. There are several nice tours being offered, as well as two different cruises at the end of the convention. Special rates are being offered to family and friends.

The door prize winners were **Dona & Chuck Westpfahl, Adelaide Haferbecker, Sidney Reed, Fern & John Lockhart, Phyllis and Lyle Lindblad, John and Mary Luke, Ken Wagner, Helen Stanger and Ed Rousso. Don Anderson** won the 50/50 raffle.

Members celebrating May birthdays are **Dick Devereux, Bud Dice, Tom Lucas and John Luke**. May wedding anniversary celebrants are **John & Edna Paulson** (49th) and **Doug & Carol Christensen** (13th).

Jeannine & Don Anderson attended a special event March 8th at the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field featuring retired U.S. Airways Captain **Chesley Sullenberger** who piloted his plane to an emergency landing on the Hudson River last year. Captain Sullenberger spoke to the attendees and also autographed copies of his book, including one for the Andersons. He also singled out retired Seattle-based retired Captain **Al Haynes**, who was also in attendance, for a tribute for his professionalism in his handling of the Sioux City DC-10 accident in the 1980s.

Some passings to report are: Retired SEAFO Captain **Richard "Dick" Mitchell** of Bend, OR passed away March 14, 2010. He had retired in 1990 and leaves behind his wife, **Aud**, three sons, **Mark, Scott and Todd**, and two daughters, **Nina and Mona**, plus 10 grandchildren.

Ted Studer, who retired from SEACG, died at the Highline Hospital March 30, 2010 from complications of emphysema. Ted, who was well-known throughout the Seattle area for his work in rebuilding and painting automobiles and his fondness for Corvettes, is survived by a son and daughter.

Marie Wiesner died March 31, 2010 from complications of vascular disease. She is survived by her husband, **Dick**, who is a retired captain from SEAFO.

Howard Howick who retired after many years as a Lead Ramp Serviceman in SEACG, died March 12, 2010 in Mesa, AZ. Howard was age 78 or 79 and had suffered from Alzheimer's for about 8 years.

Kathy Hartley, who worked in SEARR, has a journal at www.caringbridge.org/visit/kathyhartley that describes how during treatment of a neck injury following a recent fall, she was discovered to have malignant carcinoma cancer. Bone fragments removed from her neck indicate the presence of a tumor, and subsequent examination revealed a mass in her lower colon, possible tumors in the bone and several lymph nodes and two lesions on her liver. Her oncologist describes her situation as treatable but not curable. Chemo is the course of treatment planned. We all offer Kathy our prayers and best wishes for a successful outcome.

Calendar:

May 11 – Luncheon Meeting, Doubletree Guest Suites, Tukwila, WA

June – no meeting

July – no meeting

August 10 – Annual Picnic at the home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman**, Kent, WA

Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.

~Billy Graham

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Our monthly get together was held on March 28th at Conley's Restaurant in Spokane Valley. Our newest attendees **Charles & Juanell Brennan**, **Arnold & MaryAnn Kayl** as well as **Jadyn Leodding** joined us. It is refreshing to have new retirees joining our group. Everyone had a great time, enjoyed the meal and had a lot of laughs. It was hosted by **Les and Vera Graham**. We had 17 present for the dinner so imagine what it would have been like without our new faces.

Sorry I got my information mixed up; **Myrtle Stoop** will host the Christmas event at her home in the Spokane Valley in December. Our chapter has enjoyed the service and food at the Chic A Ria for more years than we can remember and it was always hosted by **Les & Vera Graham**. Myrtle is a great host, loves entertaining and everyone that attends will have a truly memorable time. I'm jealous already as I will not be in Spokane.

Dave & Theresa Reisenhauer will host the dinner in May. They plan on having it at the Harvester in Spangle. It has been a long time since the retirees have been there and it was always a favorite spot. Hopefully, **Laney Wilson** will be able to attend as she lives close by. It has been a long time since the group is able to enjoy her company.

Vera Graham recently talked with **Harvey Bouland** and he told her that he and his wife **Margaret** likely will be able to start attending our dinners. It seemed that the only time most of us saw him was at a memorial service. We look forward to them joining us.

A couple of weeks ago, I received a call from a long time UAL friend of many Spokane retirees. He lives in Richmond, VA. He was trying to get in touch with **Warren & Fran Smith** who now reside in Olympia in the winter to be near their daughter. The best part was that I got to talk to the Smiths as well as passing along the message. I hope they got together.

Just a reminder to all of you who would like to attend the "Celebration of Life" for my husband Lance, it will be June 5th at the Knights of Columbus at 302 E. Boone. The time is 1 pm to 4 pm. I look forward to hopefully seeing you there. There is plenty of parking. Take care and God Bless.



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Greetings from the Nations Capital! The famous Cherry Trees are in full bloom and the tourists have arrived. Our monthly luncheon in March was well supported and everyone seems well.

Two of our Dulles Loungers took memorable trips to opposite sides of the world and thought I would give you a run down for future reference.

In January 2010, **Pamela Hussey** (IADRR) travelled to Egypt with Grand Circle Tours on a 14 day adventure. The first 5 days were spent in Cairo and the Egyptologist Program Director introduced the highlights of Egypt, both ancient and modern. The museums of Egyptian Antiquities showcased a glittering display of the treasures of King Tut as well as many other artifacts.

The ancient monuments of the Sphinx and the great Pyramids of Giza tower over the desert and can be seen from Cairo 16 miles away. No visit is complete without a visit to a bazaar with hundreds of shops tucked away in the alleyways. Then it was off on a 7 days cruise in the Nile with many stops along the way to tour the great temples. From Luxor, they crossed to the West Bank Necropolis of Thebes, where the treasures of King Tut were discovered and where new discoveries are still being made to this day.

A visit to the Aswan High Dam and a half day Felucca sailboat ride were exciting features of the cruise. Eventually, it was time to return to Cairo and prepare to return to the USA on Egypt Air via New York JFK. Many wonderful memories will stay with Pamela, Luxor, Alexandria, Cairo, Aswan, The Pyramids, etc.

In February 2010, **Jack Lawlor** (IADMK/IADRR) travelled to Vietnam with a buddy via Chicago/Hong Kong and arrived 25 hours later! By coincidence, they met an old friend formerly in cabin service, who was now a Hong Kong based flight attendant. They had not seen each other in 13 years and caught up on all the news over dinner the next two nights!

The first tour from Saigon was to see the Cu Chi tunnels, used by the Viet Cong during the war. The tunnels were at least 100 yards long and three levels down. They were also shown the booby traps used in the war, made of bamboo and slowly smoked to make them harder. The tour included a short boat ride on the Mekong Delta and this was worth taking. The best way to see Saigon is to take a cab to the points of interest, rather than take a tour. They flew to Hanoi and took 3

tours including a Ha Long Bay tour where they over-
nighted on an upgraded junk! After touring caverns in
the rocks and kayaking around landmarks, it was time to
return to the junk for a delicious meal. Another tour
was the Sapa Tour which was reached by an overnight
train ride of 8 hours, going northwest of Hanoi. Next
came a 45 minute van ride up into the mountains. In
Sapa, you had better be in good shape as this trip was a
lot of climbing and a lot of walking at angles. The next
day, the tour guide took them by taxi to the New Years
celebration in her village!

The food was exceptionally tasty and plentiful!

The last day was reserved for a city tour of Hanoi
and included a visit to Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum. They
finally got to see the infamous Hanoi Hilton: This noto-
rious prison was first used by the French and later be-
came a prison for American POWs. Then it was back to
Saigon and one more overnight and then home to the
USA. An interesting and memorable trip. For more
information, **Jack Lawlor** invites you to call him at
(703) 726 9444.

Calendar:

May 12 – 12 Noon, Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr.,
Manassas, VA 20109

June 9 – 12 Noon, Red Lobster, 7505 Broken Branch
Lane, Manassas, VA 20109

July 14 – 12 Noon, Red Lobster, location as above

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Special Olympics National Summer Games in Lin-
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teer as a group for the Cessna Airlift. We will meet and
greet athletes as they arrive and depart Lincoln on hun-
dreds of private aircraft. These flights are operated by
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We also will host a reception for parents of partici-

pating athletes at the Games in Lincoln as we have done
for all national and international Special Olympics
games since 1987. We remain extremely proud of our
participation in this event. This reception was an inspi-
ration conceived and organized by our members that
became a meaningful platform for parents of athletes to
communicate with **Eunice Kennedy Shriver** and one
another. We thank our committee headed by **Barbara
Allenby Sinnott** (OAK) for organizing our group for
this event. If you are interested in joining our volunteer
efforts, please contact **Rosalie Betchart** (PDX), our
Volunteer Chair for the event at swissrose@msn.com.

Our biennial convention "Grand Ole Convention" is
planned for September 22-26 in Nashville under the
leadership of **Mary K Doherty Dana** (OCC) and **Gail
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ways look forward to this time together to renew our
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Barnes, Leslie J., LAXCG 01/27/10

Benford, Doris N., NYCRR 01/29/10

Boyd, Milton, SFOCE 01/14/10

Brufman, Ilya, SFOPK 01/19/10

Bryning, Delano R., SFOJJ 12/29/09

Budinich, Anthony J., SEAPV 01/09/10

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Cave, Elden, IADCS 01/21/10

Chalfant, Read Q., WHQ 01/25/10

Chang, Francisco E., MIAOZ 01/21/10

Clark, Richard P., SFOMM 12/02/09

Coles, Donald E., ORDFO 01/25/10

Davis, Wanda R., WHQAN 01/28/10

Dawson, Edwin G., SFOPI 12/10/09

De Camp, Jack M., LAXFO 01/10/10

Dergan, Dennis A., OAKUM 01/08/10

Fernandez, Charles, SFOCG 01/08/10

Fisher, Richard L., SFOGS 01/31/10

Flowers, Willie B., DCAHH 01/01/10

Fryan, Ronald E., LAXMM 01/16/10

Fukalek, Warren A., DENMM 01/16/10

Hall, Marvin B., SFOMP 01/09/10

Herman, Robert A., CLEJL 01/19/10

Hersick, Peggy Carol, ORDSW 01/17/10

Hertz, Walter, DCACS 01/16/10

Hodge, Virgil E., OAKUM 01/12/10

Hofer, Robert J., NLISS 01/14/10

Hoglin, Ellen H., WHQAN 01/09/10

Huffman, Ronald E., SFOWR 01/22/10

Ichihashi-Weiner, Yukiko, SFOSW 01/18/10

Johnson, Daniel R., DCACG 01/27/10

Lassere Jr, Bernard J., LAXMM 01/06/10

Laws, Lane G., RDUOZ 01/11/10

Leonard, Mary R., MCOOZ 01/23/10

Marasco, Richard, CHIFH 01/25/10

Maxwell, Dorothea M., SEAPE 01/02/10

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Miller, Charles E., SFOOK 01/17/10

Moore, Charles W., JFKFO 01/19/10

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Parvi, H E, PDXMM 01/15/10

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Roduta, Adorio B., SFOCE 01/06/10

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LETTERS

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

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

Paul Steuri, 17112 Chalet Dr., Bellevue, NE 68123-3003

I still live in my nice chalet on Chris Lake. I do my own cooking and wash the dishes. I can't complain for being 88 years old.

I have a wonderful young lady, Jaime Anderson, who comes twice a week to take care of me. She took care of Humby for three years and it doesn't hurt that she is a pretty girl.

I'm sorry to inform that the first United Airline's chef, **Billy Dubacher**, passed away in January at the age of 90.

I am so happy to stay in touch with **Willy**

Reichmuth, Willy Niederer, Hans Jantzen and Herman Rothweiler.

I am sorry I will not be able to make it to the next convention.

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

Thank you to all the Denver Mile Highers who keep the newsletter going.

My husband, Ken was an agent on Colorado Springs and retired in February 2003. I was a flight attendant based in Denver and retired June 2003.

We both look forward to receiving the newsletter.

We do appreciate all the time and energy you all put into getting the newsletter out.

D.T. Ferrell, Jr., P.O. Box 206, 789 Highway 39 East, Athens, TN 37371-0206

Wow! I can't believe that I flew my LAST UAL trip on January 10th, 1990, 20 years ago. Time goes so fast, and a lot of things change with the Airlines. Pass Travel is near a mystery. I used to just call up and list, and now I'm really not sure what you do to list on a flight, but that is another story. Lately we have been riding as "Full Fare" passengers, just to get there. Being a full fare passenger is almost as complicated. Once you miss a flight because of scheduled delay, you go back on standby again.

I am glad that I live in Tennessee because it is just about as nice as anyplace I want to travel to anymore. I wish there was a "simple" way to travel, but I sure don't know how to do it. I suppose if I did pass travel a lot, I would know the "ropes" but it sure has gotten complicated to the in-frequent flyer.

Thanks for all of the things that you do. We have a great Tennessee RUAEA, the ROCKY TOPS, and a great President, Herman Emmel. Also we have a great bunch of retired United employees in our group.

Czeslaw Groch, 4560 El Cajon Ave., Fremont, CA 94536-5541

Great job, RUAEA I did not FORGET! I just did not REMEMBER! Being 90 years "young" does strange things to the "old" brain.

I can't promise that I will remember to pay the next dues on time but I plan to be here to hear from you again.

I am enjoying my 21st year of retirement.

"Hello" to all SFOPD retirees staff!

Jan Kessler, 1535 8th St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

I certainly enjoy the newsletter each month and we thank you for all the work that goes into it.

My husband and I really enjoy traveling and with

the new MP upgrades that go into effect in April, are aware that we will be lucky to fly First Class on United again.

Luckily, my son works for Delta Airlines, so we will continue to try them first, if possible.

Thanks for all the information you supply to we retirees.

Ruth Reiner, Apt. 218 7650 W. McNab Rd., Tamarac, FL 33321

I will be 88 years young on February 18th. My husband just turned 91. We are enjoying life and good health.

Your efforts are very much appreciated. The newsletter brings back wonderful memories when I worked at EWRSW as secretary to great bosses and great people.

Bill Robinson, 3800 Westleigh St. Apt. # 421, Eugene, OR 97405-5007

Do it NOW, it is later than you think, was my philosophy a few years ago. But, after stumbling into the venerable age of 91, I now know that it is LATER, and I don't want to think about it.

Doris and I live in an assisted-living community. They treat us very well, but we still miss our retirement home in the country-side.

I had 34+ years of service, followed by 30 years of retirement, which is not bad. It's a wonderful and enjoyable deal!

Virginia Rood, 141 Hastings Ave., Elk Grove Vlg., IL 60007

Thank you, I will take advantage of the 3 year deal! With my 74th birthday coming up, I am thinking positive!

This will be a special year because my twin granddaughters will graduate from Illinois State and "hopefully" find jobs.

2009 was busy for me because as I helped my cousin and brother get Medicare supplements and prescription plans, what a frustrating and time consuming job that was!

In August, I fell and crushed my left elbow, adding two pins and bone marrow to my left shoulder replacement and 2 hip replacements. Just call me the Bionic Lady.

If any of my old friends and co-workers read this, I hope and pray they are all well and happy.

Dorothy Wood, 5464 Butternut Circle, Minnetonka, MN 55343

No traveling for us. I had a knee replacement in May and a hip replacement in October. I recovered well both times. My doctors said that I was 'amazing'. Then I had cataracts removed, one in December and one I

January. I have seen enough doctors! My kids call me their "bionic mother". Thanks for all the work that you do to keep us all informed about our fellow retirees. I always look forward to reading the newsletter.

Robert Ader, 4050 N. Ocean Dr. 1008, Lauderdale by Sea, FL 33308

How quickly times goes by. Almost nine years into retirement and I still enjoy life more each day.

A very big thank you to all who donate their time to produce the newsletter each month. It is easy to forget that this is a big job and those who do it, do so because they enjoy it and not because they are paid for it.

Thank you to all for producing a quality newsletter each month.

Bill Anderson, 410 McDuff Ave., Fremont, CA 94539-7538

Thanks for all your hard work in putting the newsletter together. It is always good to hear what is happening in the airline where I spent 38+ years. I have been retired nine years now and love it.

We have little trouble going to and from Maui and other places for vacation; although stand-by is getting harder all the time.

Patricia Bell, 900 Lane 301 Lake George, Fremont, IN 46737

I just had my 81st birthday on 3/17/2010 and am feeling so well that I am enclosing membership dues for the next 3 years. How's that for being optimistic? If any of my former coworkers don't recognize my name, I hired on in 1951 as Patricia, in 1953, I married and became Pat Alban for 10 years. After retiring in 1988, I remarried and am now Pat Bell. Unfortunately, my husband passed away in 2006 and I believe I will not change my name again. Such another good man would be hard to find!

For you old timers from the New York and Seattle offices, I'd like to update you on the Maxwell history. My dad, **William (Jim) Maxwell** started his airline employment in the late 1920's with NAT airlines. He worked in the N.J., N.Y. area and was Regional Manager over New York, when he transferred to Seattle in 1961 as Regional Manager of ground services. In 1965, he retired from that post and passed away in 1969 in Helen, Georgia, where he and his wife had retired.

In 1957, he married **Dorothea Kalb**, who had been his secretary at LaGuardia and Idlewild (Kennedy) airports for several years. Dotti was a bright, beautiful young lady, and became our beloved step-mother. She continued to work for UAL (in New York and Seattle) are retired when he did in 1965. After his death, she continued to live and work in the Helen, GA area where she was very well regarded.

Recently, just before New Year's Eve, we had a call that Dotti was failing fast. My brother, Bill Maxwell, his wife Ileen and I were ready to leave for Florida, and got there just before she passed away January 2nd. The funeral services were in Helen, GA and her remains will be taken to the Knoll Cemetery in Port Washington, NY and placed with her husband William Maxwell's remains. Dotti's sister, **Louise Kalb Wurl** and husband **Robert** (both formerly with UAL) survive along with many nieces, nephews, step children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bob Gordon, 4931 E. Windstone Trl, Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Just a line to let you know that Jayne and I are doing fine. In October, it will be 26 years since I retired. We have not done as much traveling this past year but we will change that in 2010. With my seniority of 11/6/46, we don't miss too many flights. I thank Jayne and her computer skills for looking over flights and getting me in first class most of the time. We just got back from 3 weeks at our condo in Hawaii and came home for Spring Training and visits from the grandkids. We flew 1st class on a B777 from Honolulu. Ah the joys of life.

Take care.

Mel Hofer, 133373 Plaza Del Rio N. #7722, Peoria, AZ 85381

We are in our 15th years down here in Arizona where we don't get any snow storms but this year we have had a lot of rain. The creek that runs behind our building had been overflowing a couple of times.

After 2 visits to the Intensive Care Unit this past year and several days in the Care Center for rehab, I am feeling pretty good again.

It is hard to believe that I retired from UAL 25 years ago in July and I retired from the U.S. Navy in 1964 after 23 years of service.

My brother tells me that I am the only guy he knows that has retired twice and never worked a day in his life!

We get to see the Azures frequently, so we keep up with what is going on at UAL.

My regards to all of our United friends.

J.H.Hoffman, 736 SW 28th St., Pendleton, OR 97801

You persuaded me to continue membership for one more year. I admit to remembering very few names anymore. Perhaps my 91st birthday is a factor also?

James Bostwick is the only other member here in this area. His health is somewhat questionable and is cared for by his family. Please keep the good work as we certainly appreciate it all; brings back many memories and events.



Jack Kearns, 7558 Newcastle Dr., Cupertino, CA 95014-5221

I enjoy your wonderful publication every month, as it is the only news I receive regarding UAL and the many great people I have met since hiring on 12/9/56.

Keep up the great work and if anyone cares to contact me: use my e-mail: extwaua@aol.com

Joseph McCaughey, 104 Central Ave, Grenloch, NJ 08032

Sixteen years ago, on March 15th, I had less than two months to go before retiring. As I remember it, those two weeks seemed like they would never come. Never ever did I believe I would be enjoying my 16 years of retirement. Neither my father nor grandfather was able to enjoy a single year of retirement before the man upstairs called them home.

I am resting from a long drive to and return from a combination golfing trip to South Carolina and a visit to our Philadelphia Phillies training camp in Clearwater, Florida. I had the pleasure of sharing this trip with my oldest son, Joe. The weather in the South was great, but our return was poorly planned, as we had two and a half days of the most heavy winds and rain fall I can ever remember being subjected to endure. But thankfully, the weather people said it was over. Otherwise I would probably be building or better yet, buying a house boat.

Life has been good and I am enjoying my two new granddaughters.

My heartfelt thanks to all you people who are responsible for getting this newsletter out to us retirees.

My only complaint is the apparent lack of letters and/or notes from fellow retirees. But it is probably the result of the cost of getting of getting the newsletter out to us to enjoy.

Well, it is back to the Golf Channel.

Tom Sjolund, 13405 Saint Andrews Pl., Poway, CA 92064-1039

Another year has flown by and I am in my 7th year of retirement. I don't miss working at United but I do miss many of the great people that I had the opportunity to know and work with in places like New York, Los Angeles, San Diego, Arizona and many of the fine folks in EXO.

Keep up the great work you do to keep us informed and to retain that feeling of family that has survived through the years.

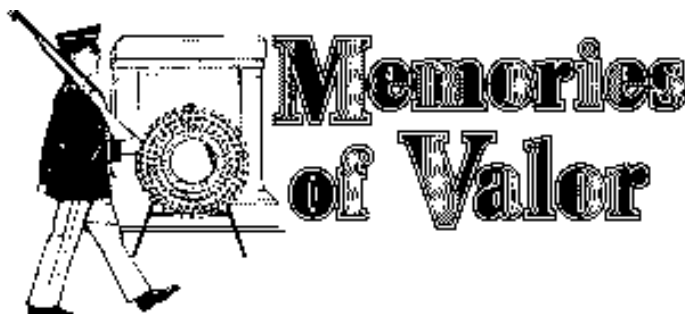
James Wagner, 1750 Corleone Dr., Sparks, NV 89434-2073

Greetings to all you dedicated and much appreciated folks in DEN.

I'm an Octogenarian as of today 3/25/10, my 80th birthday. It's been a great life! I'm told I came close to

not making it this far last December 13th, when I checked myself into the local hospital Emergency Room at 3:00 AM in the morning. It is only 5 blocks from our home so I drove myself over there. It was snowing with about 4 in. on the ground and at that hour, ours were the only tracks in the road. The ER staff thought I was having a heart attack but further tests proved that I did not. I found out later that I was on the verge of a major heart attack and was very lucky that I came in when I did. An Angiogram revealed that I had 3 blockages around my heart and that I needed immediate "bypass surgery."

So, on the 16th of Dec., at age 79, there I was seeing the inside of an operating room for the first time in my life, my first time in a hospital bed as well. What a shock! Other than my heart, I was, and am, in excellent physical condition. My doctors noted that, and predicted a rapid recovery, which has happened. It's been a little over 3 months now and I feel very healthy and fit. I participated in the Cardiac Rehab program at the hospital, which served me well. I continue to do that at our local gym. Deliberate exercise can be a pain at times but the benefits, along with good nutrition, are worth the effort. So, for all you couch potatoes out there, get off the couch and start moving around. You'll be glad you did. Looking forward to 2010



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Glenn Tilton's message to employees & retirees

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CONVENTION SURVEY

Convention attendance has declined since the mid-nineties (when we had 1500+ attendees) to a low of 400+ attendees last year. We are trying to find out why so we can attract more people.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this opinion survey. Tell us what you like and don't like about Conventions, and what would attract you to come join the fun! Be sure to fill out both sides of the page.

RUAEA Conventions should be for all our members, and your input will help us make better decisions regarding how we plan the yearly festivities. Thanks for your participation.

1. I have attended a RUAEA National Convention in the last 5 years
☐ Yes. How many in the last 5 years? _____
☐ No

If you answered Yes, please continue with Question 2.

If you answered No, please skip down to Question 3.

2. Things I like about RUAEA Conventions (Check all responses that apply):
 - ☐ Visiting with my old friends
 - ☐ The tours and/or the sightseeing opportunities
 - ☐ The information available at the Benefits Meeting
 - ☐ The one-on-one personal benefits breakout sessions
 - ☐ Friday night's Friendship Dinner/Saturday night's Banquet
 - ☐ Entertainment
 - ☐ Hospitality Theme Nights
 - ☐ Art Raffle

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3. Reasons I do not attend Conventions (Check all responses that apply):

- ☐ Conflicts with other scheduled events
- ☐ Ill health
- ☐ Not interested in Convention activities
- ☐ Conventions are too long
- ☐ Hotel is too expensive
- ☐ Locations are not of interest to me
- ☐ Locations are too difficult to get to
- ☐ Tours are too expensive
- ☐ Tours are of no interest to me
- ☐ Benefits Meeting is of no value/interest to me
- ☐ Air travel is too difficult (NRSA)
- ☐ Air travel (with a paid ticket) is too expensive

4. I would be more likely to attend if (Check all responses that apply):

- ☐ Conventions were held at a different time of year (Such as _____)
- ☐ Conventions were of shorter duration
- ☐ Conventions were held in a centrally located (airline accessible) city every year (such as Chicago or Denver)
- ☐ Conventions were held entirely on a cruise ship
- ☐ A cruise was available immediately after Convention
- ☐ A cruise was available immediately after a shortened Convention
- ☐ Conventions were held only every 2 years

Suggested Convention locations _____

Other suggestions to improve Conventions:

Please return
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The most noticeable exterior difference between the "SkyTrain" and the "standard" DC-3 / C-47 was this front-opening "barn-door" combined with a rear-opening "standard" door. The large "hole" required strengthening the fuselage structure and also "beefing-up" the floor to support the weight of a jeep (or two). "Cabin" differences included fold-up aluminum & canvas "bucket-seats".

Cargo loads to Alaska included: nitroglycerin, dynamite, TNT, tractors, jeeps, field kitchens, gas tanks, tires & tubes, welding machines, acetylene tanks, fresh meat, fresh water, clothing, gasoline and oil.

Guns, ammunition, high-octane gasoline, tools, clothing and other supplies were flown to Naknek, Cold Bay, Umanak and Kodiak Island. The ATC pilots frequently took off in the face of highly unfavorable weather and then worked their way through narrow mountain passes, often without radio aid, to the north side of the Aleutian Peninsula. Then, often only a few hundred feet above the water, they would continue to their destinations.



Round-trip flights ranged from 1,000 to 2,000 miles and required three to six hours on each leg.

In addition to the cargo, a considerable number of construction workers for the new Al-Can Highway were brought in, often as many as 28 per planeload.

Compiled by Marvin Berryman DENTK Retired, from United Air Lines News, "Alaskan Saga" Dec. 1944. ATC 'Wings' from the UAHF DENTK collection.



Info Wanted: Can anyone verify the following excerpt from a DC-3 book by Douglas Ingells?

"Curtiss P-40 fighter planes were flown over the Rock Mtns. by United DC-3 Cargo-Liners. The P-40 fuselages rode inside while the wings were hung in special brackets under the DC-3s." ~MB

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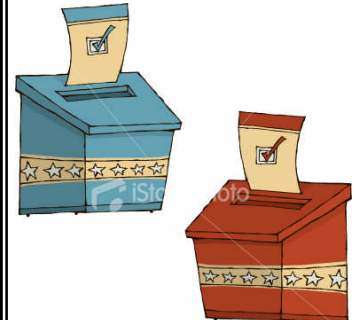
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Dues Rate Change Effective June 1, 2010

Effective June 1, 2010, the discounted multi year Dues Options will no longer be available.
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