



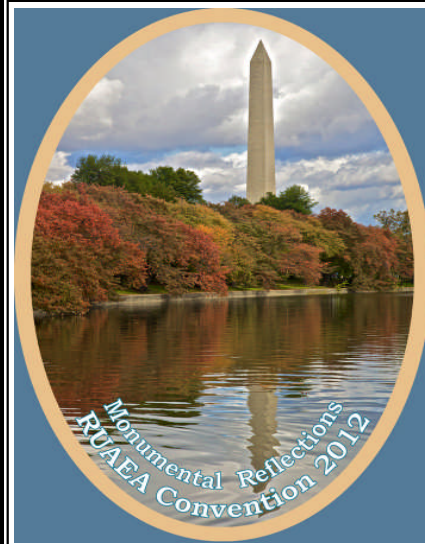
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When was your last family vacation? I'm not just talking about you and your spouse/partner. I'm also talking about your children and grandchildren. The Fall RUAEA Convention is the perfect opportunity to combine pleasure with more pleasure. The prices are right and the season is most inviting. Our sons and daughters grew up as part of the UA family. Now the grandchildren are ready to be introduced to our "gypsy" culture and to experience the rich adventures of travel.

The opportunities offered in this area are rich and unique. It is a chance for the children to learn about our founding fathers including where and how they lived. Did you know that George Washington was aware of and active in recycling? Thomas Jefferson was a talented inventor and voracious reader whose personal library became the original collection in the Library of Congress. See the theater where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated and the center for performing arts dedicated to the memory of John F. Kennedy.

The city is rife with museums to satisfy any interest. Famous pieces of art, fabulous gems and prehistoric bones are just some of the interesting treasures housed in the various Smithsonian museums. The Museum of the American Indian is both interesting and educational. The suffragette movement headquarters of Alice Paul and her followers is located only blocks from Capitol Hill. Our National Zoo has something for everyone, but the Giant Pandas are a unique and special treat.

Have you always loved water sports? Annapolis, MD, the gateway to the Chesapeake Bay, is a historic city and famed as our sailing capital. Stroll down the cobblestone streets and visit the quaint gift shops and boutiques. And do not fail to lunch on a famous and delicious Maryland crab cake. Visit the US Naval Academy and if you are very lucky, you may get a glimpse of the flying "Blue Angels."

Virginia is also rich in history and beauty. It is lush and green. The Shenandoah River and the Blue Ridge mountains are but two of nature's gifts to this state and are only a short drive from the city. For leaf peepers, the Skyline Drive is beautiful this time of year and there are many caves and caverns to be explored. Did I mention that "Virginia is for Lovers"?

The room rates negotiated for the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City and the accessibility of public transportation make this convention perfect for a family affair. Come renew your lifelong friendships and include your family in this extravaganza of fun.

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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

Here we are in May and approaching summer. With United, the “new” reservation system is in place along with the new pass policy. Although the new pass policy is not what we would like it to be, it is and we will adapt. We at RUAEA will continue to keep advocating for improvements to that policy ... over the years with United, it did evolve to the best pass policy in the industry.

Over the past years, May has been the convention month for RUAEA. It was tied to the Memorial Day weekend. We took time to reflect on those that are no longer with us. On a personal note, we lost several dear friends over the last year and will take time to not only remember them but give thanks for knowing them. I am sure we are not alone in this situation ... it comes with our age.

I would like to talk a little bit about membership. Over the last few years, RUAEA has remained fairly constant at about 8,000 members. That relates to about 20% of the total United retirees. We support over 60 local chapters. Although there are no financial ties to these chapters, we are there to advise and help in any way we can. Unfortunately, many local chapter members are not RUAEA members. On the one hand, it is wonderful that these retirees gather and share time together. But on the other hand, it would be more beneficial for all of us, if those who are not members would become members. When talking with the company, it would certainly have more impact to say we represent 50% of the retirees instead of just 20%. In essence, RUAEA does represent all retirees but membership does make a difference. Encourage your friends who are not members to come on board. If you have friends that are Continental retirees, encourage them to also join in. It is great that you share your newsletters with those non-members but shouldn't they be contributing to the cause? There are other organizations, such as RUPA, RAFA, ARECA and the Golden Eagles. Some of those members are also members of RUAEA which is great, but a unified membership would have more impact. Membership should not be exclusive to just one organization ... there is nothing wrong with dual membership and in the long run may be beneficial to all.

Finally, I will reiterate there is a lot of stuff floating around the internet. Some good, some not so good and some down-right misleading. We at RUAEA are doing our best to communicate valid accurate information to all retirees via our Newsletter and on a more timely basis with our website. Yes, again you need a computer or at least a friend to help you with a computer. It is the future whether we like it or not. **RUAEA's official website is www.ruaea.org.** This is the place for verified news.

Ron Bertacini
President – RUAEA

Flying Together Obituaries

The obituaries previously known as SkyNet obituaries are not available this month.

United wants to continue the practice of publishing milestones and obituaries for both active and retired employees; however they need to publish this information for both Continental and United subsidiaries.

Posting accurate information for both subsidiary Continental and subsidiary United requires pulling information from two separate data systems that have not yet been integrated. They are consulting with the internal IT resources to determine short and long term options.

Make Travel tab your first stop when planning pass travel

With the launch of United's combined pass travel program on March 3, the company recognizes that co-workers have a lot of new information to learn so that they can enjoy pass travel.

To help, United has continued to post updates to the Travel tab over the past few weeks. Some of the most frequent questions co-workers ask are about boarding priorities, service charges and eligible pass riders. The Travel tab has a document explaining each of these in detail under Travel Policies.

Please take some time to browse the Travel tab and familiarize yourself with the tools and resources available to you.

Hobby proposal bad for Houston



You may have seen news reports about Southwest's (WN) proposal to begin international flights out of HOU (Houston's Hobby Airport). United is opposed to this plan and the company is reaching out to Houston co-workers to help United send that message to Mayor Annise Parker and the City Council. The proposal would negatively impact United's IAH hub operation and result in less international flying by all carriers out of IAH, hurting the city of Houston.

One of the reasons that Houston's economy is so strong is the connecting air passenger traffic that powers IAH, filling planes to destinations around the world on flights that the city's local traffic alone couldn't support. Those flights create jobs. A second international airport would dilute IAH's international traffic, stretch scarce federal customs resources and make Houston an unattractive destination for passengers and a more costly one for carriers. United welcomes new international flights at IAH, where the international gates and existing customs facility can easily accommodate more flights.

Congressmen Kevin Brady and Al Green wrote a letter to Mayor Parker opposing the idea of a second international airport in Houston, saying, "*Doing so will ultimately reduce the benefits of Houston's prior strategic investments in both airports and turn this into a competition with itself for customers and limited federal resources.*" The congressmen also pointed out that IAH drove the equivalent of 172,000 full-time jobs in 2010.

UAL flew veterans back to Iwo Jima



Iwo Jima allows visitors once a year for memorial services in honor of those who served during one of World War II's longest and fiercest Pacific battles. This year, U.S. veterans of the Feb. 19-March 26, 1945, battle were among visitors United flew to the island on March 14 on two chartered Boeing 737s from GUM.

The veterans and travel companions were part of a tour that also included stops at the battle sites, bunkers, monuments and landing beaches on Guam, Saipan and Tinian. Ten veterans began their journey at LAX. United co-workers, the

Transportation Security Administration Choir, a U.S. Marine Corps honor guard, the USO, airport officials and others honored them.

Airport Sales Agent Cindy Good has worked on this event for each of the past 17 years. "*It is an honor to work with these heroes each year as they pay tribute to their fallen comrades by returning to Iwo Jima,*" Cindy said.

United co-workers lined up alongside the aircraft prior to departure to salute the flight as it pushed back from the gate, and the Los Angeles Airport Fire Department paid its respects with a water cannon salute as the aircraft taxied to the runway for the first segment of the trip.

United announced adjusted 2012 capacity



On March 13th, United announced that it expects its 2012 capacity to fall by 0.5 percent to 1.5 percent compared to 2011, versus earlier guidance for a year-to-year change that could range from a 0.5 percent increase to a 0.5 percent decrease.

Jeff briefed investors on the adjustment as part of his presentation at the J.P. Morgan Aviation, Transportation & Defense Conference in New York. He said with United's conversion to a single passenger service system, the company can now focus on being consistently profitable and being the world's leading airline for

investors as well as for co-workers and customers.

Consolidation has been good for the airline industry, Jeff noted. "*We now have a single, market-driven focus on creating value,*" he said. UAL is in a great position, he told investors, thanks to factors including

United's co-workers, network, fleet, facilities and product improvements, and United's capacity discipline as it deals with high fuel prices or economic changes.

"We will continue to respond to higher fuel prices," Jeff said. "With our disciplined approach to capacity, we can focus on making money."

He said UAL is making good progress on building the right workplace culture. *"It's simple," Jeff said. "If co-workers trust each other and trust management, if we invest in them and give them the tools they need, they will deliver better service to customers, customers will continue to fly us, and we can deliver to you, the investors."*

When asked what United would like to see from the U.S. government, Jeff said UAL supports modernization of the air traffic control system and would like to work towards a rational national airline policy.

"We don't have one today, unless that policy is destroying airlines with high levels of taxation and regulation," Jeff said. Middle East carriers, by contrast, have the "total and absolute support of their governments, the exact opposite of what we have here," which is why they are successful and pose a clear and present danger to U.S. carriers, including United.

Go to the Investor Relations on the About United section of united.com and you can register to watch the webcast, which includes the presentation Jeff made at the conference.

United to exit some markets, reduce flying in others



Consistent with United's previously announced capacity guidance and due to high fuel prices, the company is discontinuing some routes that are underperforming financially and reducing flights on other routes based on seasonal demand.

As of July 1, United will stop IAD-ACC (Accra, Ghana) service and as of Sept. 23, it will halt EWR-CPH (Copenhagen, Denmark) service (last eastbound flights). Where possible, United will offer affected employees other positions within United.

United will also suspend service for the winter season for some other trans-Atlantic markets, such as EWR-FCO (Rome) and IAD-DME (Moscow). In addition, about two dozen city pairs will see seasonal reduced day-of-week flying.

United puts these changes into the system and will contact affected customers to offer alternate travel plans or refunds.

United expects to redeploy some of the Boeing 763s freed up by these changes to replace Boeing 757s now on certain trans-Atlantic routes such as EWR-FRA (Frankfurt, Germany), IAD-AMS (Amsterdam) and one EWR-LHR (London) aircraft.

United will continue to put right aircraft in right market in 2012



Ensuring the right aircraft serves the right market is critical to supporting United's sustained profitability. Redeploying aircraft allows United to capture more of the revenue synergies it expects as a result of the merger.

So UAL will continue in its April schedule and beyond to use subsidiary CO and subsidiary UA aircraft on routes the other subsidiary previously served where it makes economic sense, a process the company began in domestic and international markets last year.

There will be some changes in the April schedule and more in May. United will see increased Boeing 737 flying out of ORD and DEN and Airbus flying out of IAH as a result of the changes. The level of redeployment will remain relatively stable throughout the summer then increase further in the fall.

Redeploying aircraft affects several of United's employee groups throughout the company. Our move to a single passenger service system (PSS) on March 3 made it easier for agents to handle customer issues specifically related to the redeployment of aircraft in different markets.

Look to May's edition of World for more detailed information about redeployment-related changes.

More professional sports teams rely on United



United will provide charter flights for nine of the 30 Major League Baseball teams for the 2012 season, meaning its chances of flying at least one World Series team are pretty good - .300 if expressed as a batting average.

United's customers in the "show" include all its hometown teams, the Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox, Cleveland Indians, Houston Astros, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Francisco Giants and Washington Nationals, as well as the Kansas City Royals and Milwaukee Brewers.

Beyond baseball, United's charter client roster is expanding steadily among other pro and amateur sports, and the company is actively recruiting new clients year-round, Network Planning-Charters Director Kevin Ross said. In fact, Senior Manager Michael O'Brien's sales co-workers opened contract talks with teams for this baseball season right after the end of the last season.

"Our ability to sell and operate charters is one of the areas that benefited most from integration," Kevin noted. "We have reach now in so many more markets."

As the regular season approaches, United's co-workers on Charter Operations Senior Manager Ron Ward's team are making road trips of their own, meeting with each client club to work out the game plan. United also has representatives from Airport Operations, Food Services and Inflight Services taking part in the pre-season workouts. At the same time, Manager of Charter Scheduling Joe Williams is lining up the aircraft United will use for the teams and making sure each has adequate block time, and other co-workers are working with stations around the network to make sure everything goes smoothly for each team on each trip.

As part of the Network team, Kevin said, Charters can coordinate more effectively with other groups that need to schedule aircraft.

At the home airports of United's teams, ground charter coordinators such as AO Supervisor Ashby Scott in CLE hold meetings with departments that will be involved with charter operations during the season and sometimes make advance visits to destination stations to "make sure everybody is on the same page."

First two-class B767-300 modification



As part of the onboard product improvements that United announced last September, the company is renovating 14 two-class domestic Boeing 767-300s to match the style of the newly renovated international B767-400s, which feature flat-bed BusinessFirst seats, Economy Plus seating and audio and video on demand in both cabins.

The first airplane is currently undergoing modifications in Asia and will return to service by this summer primarily on routes from the East Coast of the United States to Europe and South America. The plane will also get winglets and engine improvements for improved fuel economy and efficiency, new galleys and other interior upgrades.

United will convert all 14 of the B767-300 MD aircraft to the new ME configuration by the end of 2012. The new configuration has 30 BusinessFirst lie-flat seats, 49 Economy Plus seats and 135 Economy seats.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel



Four members of the Philadelphia Independents attended the commemoration of the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel's 10th Anniversary in Shanksville, PA. President **Joseph Bradley** and his wife **Gail**, officiated at the noon service prior to the dedication ceremony which followed at 3PM, Sunday, March 11th.

A donated 1902 Grand Piano was dedicated to the Chapel. The concert which followed was outstanding. One teenager whose feet just about reached the pedals was really great, as were those who preceded him.

The Independents had front row reserved seating. There was a four by five foot picture of how the new Chapel will look in the future. All in all, it was a beautiful day.

We would like to thank the SAN Clipped Wings chapter for their donation of \$1500.00, which brings our totals to almost \$23,000.

Should you wish to donate, make check to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to, Frank J. Egges, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Easy Does It – Baked Ham (very tender)



Helen Cain

The easiest baked ham recipe I've ever come across is for a small boneless ½ ham approximately 3½ lb. and only uses brown sugar and Coca Cola (weird, huh?) It works great for company one night, and sandwiches the next. I still had some ham left over so fixed myself an egg and the leftover mashed potato (fried in butter like a pancake) for my dinner the next night.

Baked Ham:

3 ½ lb. ham

1 cup brown sugar

1 ½ cup Coca Cola

1. Rub fat side of ham with brown sugar. Mine had no fat showing so I cut down to wherever there was some fat.
2. Place ham on a rack (metal or ceramic) in a non-stick oven-proof pan/pot with high sides.

3. Pour Coca Cola over.

4. Bake for 2½ hours at 450 degrees. That's it ... you're finished.

For my sweet tooth, I needed my sliced pineapple and canned peach halves so added them (slightly-warmed via microwave) to my platter with the sliced ham. For an easy finish, add mashed potatoes and/or refrigerated biscuits and a green salad. Depending on the number of your guests, you can combine part of a head of lettuce with one of those small already prepared salads in your grocery store's vegetable section.

Nuts to you ~ - If you're like me and trying to shed a few of those holiday pounds, "Go Nuts". Nuts of all kinds are some of nature's top sources of disease-fighting antioxidants, protein, fiber and mono-polyunsaturated oils. Want a Calorie Count Per Ounce? 10-12 Macadamia nuts (204), 19 Pecan nut halves (196), 14 Walnut nut halves (185), 22 Almonds (169), 49 Pistachios (161), 25-28 Peanuts (166), ¼ cup Sunflower seeds (166).

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST CHAPTER

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Monday, March 19, found our Florida/Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter gathering in our favorite meeting place, the Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. We had 15 members present plus a new member and 2 guests. We welcomed **Nancy Aldrich** as a new member and **Mike & Elaine Austin**, guests of **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz**. Members in attendance were: **Bill & Ann Delavan, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Park & Billie Learned, Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, and Harold Stofko.**

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order at 12:40 PM after our usual lunch, along with the trays of delicious cookies that Cubi Bar provides. Bob introduced **Nancy Aldrich** and asked her to tell us about herself. **Nancy** retired from JFK as FO and now lives in Pensacola, FL. She volunteers at the Museum where our meeting is held. **Rick Herrick**, who also volunteers at the Museum, told her about our group. We are so thrilled to add another member to our wonderful “family”. **Bob** introduced **Mike & Elaine Austin**, who is visiting them from Kokomo, IN. They are full time RVers and get down to our area twice a year. This is their second visit with our group and they really enjoyed seeing everyone again.

Minutes and Financial Reports were emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent. Raffle tickets were sold by **Barbara Serra**, Treasurer, and **Bill Hayden**, Vice-President. The winners were **Billie & Park Learned**. Everyone was thrilled that **Park** was able to be with us again after his surgery. He looked great, as always!

We were all very disappointed when **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** had to cancel the program she had planned to present to us with the aid of a large screen TV. She was going to explain step-by-step how to list for flights, enroll friends and all the other confusing new procedures we have to learn. Maybe at a later date she will be able to do it.

Yvonne Schwartz, secretary, asked everyone to sign a sheet giving her their birthdays after it was voted unanimously that we would like to add these to our member directory. She will contact all the other members and ask for theirs.

We welcome anyone who is coming to the Gulf Coast to plan to join us at one of our meetings. They are the third Thursday of each month and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

Calendar:

April 19

May 17

June 21

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our meeting for the month of March was held at one of our favorite restaurants in Bessemer – The Bright Star. Another reminder for those of you who visit the Birmingham area, this restaurant is great! Not only is it historic as the oldest restaurant in the state of Alabama, it also holds the distinction of being recognized as an

“American Classic” by the James Beard Foundation. This is an honor reserved for restaurants “with timeless appeal, beloved for quality of food that reflects the character of their community”. It is the only Alabama restaurant to be so honored. Also, John Bullock, father of Oscar-winning actress Sandra Bullock, is a frequent guest at the Bright Star. The restaurant has many personalized photos of the actress on display and she often accompanies her father to his favorite restaurant when visiting with him in Birmingham. Thanks to **Carol Wilbanks** for saving the newspaper article which highlights exceptional restaurants, cafes, bistros and bakeries for “The Year of Alabama Food” 2012.

After doing the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and having our meal blessed by **Bill Preston**, we all enjoyed a great meal. Our Vice President, **Bobby Cox** held the 50/50 drawing. **Edna Mann Aronson** was the winner and donated her share back to the chapter. Thank you Edna!

We missed retiree **Joe Duncan** who experienced a fall and was unable to attend, fortunately, he is doing well. We were pleased to welcome retiree **Adrian Bewley** to our meeting. We were happy to welcome 4 guests to our meeting: **Julie Bunn** - **Edna Mann Aronson**’s sister, **Ron & Terry Brasher** – **Travis Glass**’ brothers, and **Kim Venable** – **Judy Slover**’s “boyfriend”. We love having guests join us!

In reference to new officers, **Judy Slover** has volunteered to continue in the position of secretary with the help of other members writing articles for the RUAEA Newsletter. It was decided by those present to meet on April 9th at The Irondale Café in Irondale at 11:30am. **Bobby Cox** made the arrangements.

Thank you to **Travis Glass** for the following article to highlight retiree **Bill Preston**: Our featured employee this month is our elder statesman **Bill Preston**. Bill is a loyal member and at age 84, drives more than 100 hundred miles to attend our fellowship. Bill served our country in 1944-1947 in the South Pacific and returned home safely. He began his career with Capital Airlines in MDW on 9/5/56. He transferred back to his home in BHM in 1957.

Management well knows the value of an employee in a small line operation that can keep the many pieces of ground equipment in top shape. Every dollar saved in a small station adds to the job security of all the employees working there. **Bill Preston** was such a valued employee. For over 28 years, he kept the equipment operational and presentable to our customers, and often to the envy of our closest competitors. He painted, mechanically maintained, and serviced over 16 pieces of ground equipment to accomplish this. Bill was also a competent fueler, which included servicing the fuel farm and performing the aviation fuel checks mandated by the FAA.

After his retirement, Bill continued his primary goal in life, to proclaim the Christian faith by which he has lived and ministered. Bill has a radio ministry for over a quarter century and is not hesitant to proclaim the faith he demonstrates daily as an active ordained minister. Many have been touched and helped by his work in this area. His faith helped Bill through the tragic loss of his 48 year old son this year. We all shared his loss with him.

A wise coworker once said “*never be ashamed of the dirt you get on you from honest work*”. **Bill Preston** would do this hard, greasy, and sometimes unrecognized honest work, without complaint and helped make BHM a great line station. His extraordinary friendly nature, his integrity, and his superb work ethic, have certainly earned Bill recognition as our Employee of Interest for this month.

A special thanks to all of our “regular” retiree members, spouses and friends for continuing to make “Sweet Home Alabama” a great group of former colleagues and friends. If you live in Alabama, and you are not a part of our group, please consider joining us. Contact **Judy Slover** at (334) 322-1161 or judyslover@mindspring.com.

April Birthday: **Carol Wilbanks** (4/29).

April Anniversary: **Ken & Beverly Yeager** (4/20).

Calendar:

May 14 - Meeting – 11:30AM - TBA

ARIZONA



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The March All-Arizona luncheon at the Robson Ranch was attended by 10 Azures who fought I-10 traffic to see friends and ole' co-workers again after a year absence. Lots of good door-prizes, I hear but food ... not so good! Next year, back to the Holiday Inn.

Only six Azures members showed up to the Cubs vs. Mariners game on March 19, kind of cold that day in the grandstands! Attendees were: **Mike & Claudia Richards, Vic & Carol Liltz, Joe Hopkins** and **Vivian Klick**. Sorry we missed **Jean Kerman** and her friend, maybe they were the smart ones! Well, the Cubs started off the 1st inning with 7 runs, then the Mariners took over, but the Cubs won the game 12 to 8, now ain't that something! Go Cubbies! Spoken like a true Chicago, NWSider.

Congratulations to **Vivian Klick** and her family, especially her daughter, Linda, who lives in Cleveland, OH. On May 10, she will graduate with a Masters in Theology at St. Mary Seminary & Graduate School of Theology in Wickliffe, OH. She works as a Religious Leader at Divine Word Catholic Church in a near suburb. And, daughter, Vivian, in California, graduated last year with a Masters degree in Education and teaches calculus, statistics, algebra, and trigonometry, after having graduated from University of Illinois with a Bachelors Degree in Engineering. Very impressive! Love to see the kids do well. Viv will be traveling to Cleveland for Linda's graduation.

Good news that **Don Bergstrom** is doing well but is still in therapy after his very severe trauma. He is a very lucky man. Since his operation last month, he was in a coma for several days and the healing process is long. But, we're sure that Annie is with him and caring for him every minute she can. We love you, Don & Ann! Okay to still send cards to: 20003 N. 124th Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

Our April lunch is now planned for the 21st at the new Tivoli Gardens off Bell Road. We'll report next month on the attendance. That will be our last luncheon until the picnic at Beardsley Park in October. Breakfasts will continue every other Tuesday at Coco's, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ.

Everyone, enjoy your summer!

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98th and Bell roads. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 for reservations.

May 1 – 0800 Breakfast

May 15 – 0800 Breakfast

May 29 - 0800 Breakfast

PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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Most of our Arizona Snowbirds have left for their homes up north by now, but we still have a great number of our Re-United's members who stick around most of the summer. We continue to meet for Breakfast on the fourth Friday each month, but don't have any luncheons until October. If you're in the Phoenix area this summer, please join us for breakfast at Crackers, 1325 N. Greenfield Rd in Mesa, starting at 9:00 AM. We welcome any one that has worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time and of retirement age of 55 or more. Contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. She needs to know if you will be attending the breakfast by the Wednesday before the fourth Friday of each month. She will be glad to give you directions to the restaurant. We have a nice room set up especially for our members each month. We are a friendly group and would love to have visitors join us.

Our All Arizona luncheon was held March 15th at the Robson Ranch in Eloy, Arizona, hosted by the Tucson Roadrunners. It's always a well-attended event and nice to see other chapter members from Arizona. It was good seeing **Ron Robertson**, Past President of RUAEA, and **Hank Gosselin**, our Executive VP of RUAEA who spoke. The main guest speaker was Dave Mooney, CEO, of Alliant Credit Union. He brought us up-to-date on our Credit Union. Each of us received a brochure entitled "Membership is Rewarding". Door prizes, raffles and center pieces were given out to the lucky winners. Next year we will be hosting the All Arizona luncheon in Casa Grande at the Holiday Inn. Thanks to the Roadrunners for the nice luncheon this year!

We had 28 members at our March 23rd breakfast. Our President, **Jim Brigante**, passed around information regarding some of the changes that have taken place since the new United was fully integrated on March 3, 2012. Regarding traveling on Southwest Airlines, you still need the letter to verify that you are a retiree of United Airlines and eligible for privileges that are applicable. The Travel Desks are still open at least for awhile. If you need to call UAL to make arrangements for pass travel, the charge is \$25. However, there is not any charge if you're using a computer. You can book through the Travel Desk, if you can't do it online.

It was reported that **John Tiefl** had a heart by-pass operation around the middle of March. **Tony Ribeiro** and **Natasha Schmidt** are still on the sick list. We hope they all get feeling better real soon.

RUAEA's five officer positions as well as five of the ten area director positions are open for election this year. If you or anyone you know might be interested in filling these positions and getting more involved, please contact **Ron Robertson**, RUAEA's Past President, at ronandshirley@msn.com or by phone at (520) 818-3020. We need people to get involved to help out our fellow retirees. We want to continue keeping informed of company business through RUAEA and need good officers to lead us. To verify news, you may contact RUAEA's official website at www.ruaea.org.

Our annual picnic at Crescent Run in Mesa was held April 12th, hosted by **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch**. We had 50 members present. The food was delicious and plentiful. We enjoyed the music of David Grimes of Mesa once again. Everyone had a good time and always look forward to next year. Thanks for the good job done by Shirley & Ron!

We had two new members who joined us recently. They are **Diana Ray**, who worked at PDXRR and SFOSW, and **Rita Kris**, whose husband worked at ORD. We're happy to have you as members of Phoenix Re-United! We look forward to seeing you often.

Remember to continue to collect items for the Fantasy Flight over the summer. Some of the items needed are small individual blankets, socks, gloves, and bears for the children, who are about 5 to 6 years old. Last December, we hosted 112 underprivileged children. There also will be a book sale at the airport in October. Needed are any hardback or paperback books for this sale. Please contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317 or at phomfeldt@cox.net, if you have any questions, or if you have items you wish to donate. She'll be glad to receive any items and take them off your hands.

The new officers for our chapter are: President - **Shirley Claggett**, Vice President - **Peg Snowdall**, Secretary - **Liz Tollefsen**, and Treasurer - **Rita Zarek**. You will notice that this is an "All-Girl" team! They all will continue to do a good job for our Re-United Chapter!

The following members have birthdays in May: **Victor Kostecki** (5/5), **Oscar Aguilar** (5/12), **Gary Gerstung** (5/22), **Christine Rang** (5/22), **Kathy Brigante** (5/25), and **Gene Menten** (5/25). Happy Birthday and Best Wishes to all of you! We have six Wedding Anniversaries in May. They are: **Ruth & Ron Willoughby** (5/1/2004), **Valerie & Bob Forsberg** (5/2/62), **Linda & Steve Koltz** (5/4/85), **Ellen & Joe Johnson** (5/7/2000), **Jeanette & Victor Kostecki** (5/18/68), and **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** (5/23/70). Congratulations!

Calendar:

May 25 - Breakfast at Crackers, 13258 N. Greenfield Rd. in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by Wednesday, April 25, with your reservations at 480-396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

June 22 - Breakfast at Crackers.

July 27 - Breakfast at Crackers.

August 24 - Breakfast at Crackers.



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Our All Arizona luncheon held at the Robson Ranch in Eloy on March 15th was another successful event hosted by our Tucson group. It was attended by 93 members and guests. The guests were administrators from the Alliant Credit Union. Our table decorations were provided by our flight attendants and several baskets that were raffled off were also assembled by the flight attendants. The meal choices were excellent and everyone seemed to enjoy the get-together.

Our president, **John Bennatts**, introduced Alliant CEO, Dave Mooney who brought everyone up to date on the happenings at the credit union and its ranking among other financial institutions. Jean Ogden, heading up the Tempe office was there to answer any questions that members might have had.

Three of our roadrunners were the fortunate winners of baskets that were raffled off. **Clair Byle**, **Alice Belzer** and **Alice Lopez** were the lucky ones. The table decorations that consisted of bowls containing small cacti were won by the lucky person at each table that found an Arizona quarter attached to the bottom of their chair. **Dora Starr** is now off of her knee scooter and is wearing a boot. Her recovery from foot surgery appears to be coming along fine.

Our April 19th luncheon will be held at the home of **Gail & Jim Rudolph** in Saddlebrook and co hosted by **Grieg & Marie Pederson**. The menu will consist of Smoked Beef Brisket, and pulled pork, coleslaw and Bloody Marys. Contact Jim at (520) 909-2166 by April 16th. Lunch at 11:30 am and a \$5.00 fee per person will be collected.

On May 17th, our luncheon will be held at the Harvest Moon Chinese Cuisine in the Oro Valley Market Place located at Oracle Rd and Tangerine Rd. We will start at 11:30 am and will be ordering from the menu. Hosting the event will be **Alice & Pete Lopez**.

And now our thoughts and prayers go out to **Steve Woods** and family after the passing of long time Roadrunner member **Ray Wood**. Ray passed away on March 11th in Sierra Vista. There are no services planned at this time.

Calendar:

April 19 – Rudolph's home in Saddlebrook

May 17 - Harvest Moon Restaurant, Oro Valley Market Place

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS

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There was no meeting in March, but we will have an extra-special meeting on April 18th. As noted last month, **Bill & Dana Noyes** will be leaving California and moving to Missouri. This will not only be a sad affair for us, but a happy one for them. They will be moving outside of STL and very near family. All of the Central Coasters wish them a safe trip and we want to let them know just how much they meant to our organization for all those years. They helped start our Chapter back in 1996. Dana took on the job of Treasurer and held that position until this year. We have a small membership and with them leaving, it will appear that we are losing part of our family. Fortunately, they can use email to keep in contact with us.

There has been a lot of talk and communications about the present pass policy. I do have an interesting situation regarding the companion pass. I was able to list a friend on a flight from LAX to London (LHR) before the new pass program went into effect using WebList. (I really miss that program). This friend was going to return after the new pass program went into effect, and I understand the change over was a mess for a

few days. When I found out when I had to list the return flight, I was able to do it again using Weblis. I was a little worried that the confirmation number would not be forwarded to the new pass program. Fortunately, it was and my friend was boarded with no problem. I'm still trying to figure out the new listing procedure when Weblis was so simple. My friend got business class in both directions and she said the flight and service went well.

I'll have more chapter news next month after our meeting hosted by the **Zoldaks** and **Schaefer**s.

Calendar:

April 18 – Next meeting



BRAZEN RAISINS

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Dick & Hazel Hayes hosted the Brazen Raisins' March 2012 meeting and decorated the meeting table with Irish stuff.

With all our best wishes, we said farewell to **Don Nessling**, who is moving to Sunnyvale, CA, to be near his daughter.

Treasurer **Dick Shryock** announced that the Brazen Raisins' treasury had the fantastic balance of \$7.89 and the probability that the chapter will be unable to finance the Christmas luncheon as in the past.

Dick Hayes read a couple of jokes from a joke book.

Pretty exciting chapter, eh?

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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On March 14th, thirty one Desert Sunbirds gathered together at the Trio Restaurant in Palm Springs for our monthly meeting/luncheon, hosted by **Sandy Sereno**.

We were joined by two members of the local "Clipped Wings", **Jean Hargraves** and **Ruth Monacelli**. I'm sure President Elaine cornered Jean and Ruth to expound on the benefits and fun to be had as members of the Desert Sunbirds. Only one other guest - **Bill Heller**, guest of **Brad Zittel**.

Shirley Spitler, our resident dare-devil, recently added yet another "adventure" to her Bucket List. She went "Sky-Sailing". I think it's a little like flying a kite, except you are the kite! Shirley is scheduled for a knee replacement on April - the 11th, but she assures us that it has nothing to do with her "Bucket List". Yeah, right!

Sick call: **Maureen Williams** is looking forward to better days ahead as a result of her newly-implemented pacemaker. **Claire Staples** is still using a wheel chair, while waiting - patiently? - for a hip replacement. And, as of this date (April 3rd), **Dee Wright** is still at the rehab center in Ontario, using a breathing tube and a patch-type medication for pain. He is also using a mike-type device to help in his speech therapy - with limited success. Hang in there, Dee; our prayers are with you.

Barbara Azbill was the Birthday Lunch winner, and our bucket list gal, **Shirley Spitler** won \$40.00 in the 50-50 drawing. A second prize, a bottle of wine, went to **Dede Utzinger**.

Calendar:

May 9 – TBA, hosted by **Carole Paquin** and **Dee Whately**

June 13 – TBA, hosted by **Jim & Liz Clapper**



GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on March 28 at Mimi's Café in Lincoln. This was hosted by **Sherrill & Syd Morgan** and **Angie & Frank Dellinger**. We had 52 members attending. Our Chapter President, **Terry Greenacre**, welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Morgans** and **Dellingers** for hosting.

Officer's Reports:

President **Terry Greenacre** is starting a little segment called "little known facts". These are facts about our members with United or outside United – Guess Who? Our first member sang in 1964 with the Opera Chorus for seven years - **Bob Eggert**; also one of our members sang with Shirley Temple in the summer of 1964 at the Atherton Club - **Terry Greenacre**.

VP **Orville Harshbarger** mentioned that we have every month covered for hosting except October.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for March. Those 50 years and over: **Art & Pat Rugh** – 63 years; **Marv & Jean Becker** – 54 years; **Fernando & Ana Campos** – 51 years. Also it was our President, **Terry Greenacre**'s birthday today. **Harold Esola** led in the birthday song and the anniversary song.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave our Chapter balance.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** sent a Card of Encouragement to **Darryl Stroud** and a Get Well card to **Rose Wikstad** as she recovers from surgery.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** said she took more pictures today of some of our members.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** was not with us today.

RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** was not with us today.

We concluded with our raffle.

We learned after our luncheon that one of our members, **Dick Sandstedt** had passed away. He will be greatly missed and we all send condolences to **Sonda** and her family.

Calendar:

April 25 – Sierra View Country Club in Roseville

May 30 - Sizzler in Auburn

HANGTOWN MINERS

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We want to thank the **Ouchis** and **Limas** for hosting this meeting at one of our favorite places, Red Hawk Casino. After everyone indulged in their favorite dishes, President **Jon Somplack** brought the meeting to order. Jon announced that **Rosemary Heier** is now our Vice President and **Jane Gibson** is our secretary.

New business: **Tom Kenny**, our treasurer, has been hard at work getting our group set up as an official nonprofit organization. This task involves developing official bylaws for our organization, getting them approved and certified. Because our finances remain under the limit of \$10,000.00, our (one time) fee to the IRS will be \$400.00. We now have a tax ID number and can obtain a checking account under the "Hangtown Miners" title which will keep

accounting simpler. Our tax year will be from January 1st to December 31st and the treasurer will now file a simple tax report for us. **Jeanette D'Amico** spoke for us all when she thanked Tom for taking on this task. Tom reported that our checking balance as of March 5, 2012 is \$788.36. Also, our annual membership dues are

due! So far, 29 members have paid their \$10.00 dues. We have 46 members on our roster and would like to keep it up to date. Let us know if you haven't been able to attend our luncheons but want to continue to be part of the Hangtown Miners. Some of you may be having difficulty getting to the restaurants, so give a call and perhaps another member could give you a lift. We would also like to welcome **Joanne & Graham Dilks**. Joanne retired from SFOEP.

Jack Raynor reminded us that the "Maintenance Get Together" in Minden, NV will be in August. This is a fun get together that is well attended. Contact Jack, raynor-news@softcom.net, for more information on lodging and/or RV parking.

Old business: **Bob Ames** brought up the possibility of changing our luncheon day. The first Tuesday of the month has presented problems for members. After several minutes of discussion concerning what day would work out better for the majority, **Jeanette D'Amico** motioned that we change our monthly meeting day to the second Monday of each month. The motion was seconded and voted to approve. Changing the day will actually allow us to meet more months as it won't conflict with holidays. Should a host(ess) of the luncheon have a problem scheduling the luncheon at a restaurant they would like, they can move the meeting to day that will work out.

Have you lost your Hangtown Miners badge? Sometimes they seem to just disappear! If you would like to order a new badge, contact **Ann Czapkay** and she will order you a new one.

Raffle: Our raffle brought in \$85.00. Our thanks to **Pati Kenney, Jim Raber, Tom & Suzanne Kenny, Mary Bushman, Bob Ames, Ann Czapkay, Marge Raynor, Jack Fitzpatrick, Thom Biro, Joe & Jeanette D'Amico, Bill Gibson, Joe & Lynda Lima, Glenn & Alice McPeak, Alice & Jon Somplack, Dan & Roberta Ouchi, J.R. & Rosemary Heier**. **Bill Gibson** had the winning "blue ticket".

Rosemary & J.R. Heier and **Bill & Jane Gibson** will be hosting the December luncheon and are planning to make it a potluck! If you have a facility in your housing community that could be used for this event, please contact Rosemary at rosemaryheier@mac.com.



REDWOOD EMPIRE
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Our March luncheon was held on March 8th at LaGare restaurant in Santa Rosa. **Charlie & Bernice Anderson, Jan Blackburn** and **Valerie Hulsey** hosted 40 members and guests to a delicious lunch. We had 31 members and 9 guests present.

At 1:00 PM, President Barney welcomed everyone and thanked today's hosts and **Al Bentham** for manning the raffle sales.

Barney noted there was one correction to the February Newsletter. Valerie reported that **Larry Stewart** has contacts with many contractors in different fields and the correct name is **Larry Wilson**.

VP **George Schwind** introduced **Valerie & Ken Gates**, guests of **Charlie & Bernice Anderson**; **Zelma Kibler**, guest of **Roger Casterline**. **Lee Trevelyn, Ed & Maggie Nelson** were guests of **Barney & Claire Hagen** and **Pam Olson** was the guest of her mother **Eddie Olson**. **Nick & Maria van Kruining** hosted **Nely & Cor Kemp**.

We still need hosts for June at The Quail Inn, September at LaGare and October back at The Quail Inn. Please sign up. All you have to do is select the menu. Contact the restaurant, send invitations (George volunteered to help any and all.) You need to advise the venue of the final count and on the day of the luncheon, bring decorations (to be raffled later) and man the check in desk.

Jan reported the total balance as of 2/9/12 was \$492.94 of which \$286.73 is in the general account. We have \$206.21 in the Charity Fund.

Barney said the new pass program was launched on March 3 when United switched from Apollo to Continental's system. It is fairly user friendly but only shows the number of available seats – it does not show the type of aircraft or the total number of seats. You will need to log into United.com as a regular passenger to find flight details. There is a 31 page Space Available Personal Travel Plan document available in .pdf format. It explains step by step how to list and everything about pass travel.

There is also a Survivor Pass Travel Chart which shows the category you become and what you are entitled to when your spouse passes away. You can give passes to two friends but they need to be enrolled by you to be eligible. You can have two new friends each year.

The understanding is that the retiree travel desk will remain at least for now. The new way of determining your boarding seniority is to subtract your years of service from the current year.

Valerie read a thank you note from Jerry Turner of the Rotary Club of Willits.

Verda reported that **Pat Cadden, Richard Southon, Edie Olson, Brandan Maus, Barney Hagen** and **Donna Stukey** had March Birthdays and Barney won the free lunch. No anniversaries this month. Cards were sent to the family of **Zepha O'Kelly** who passed away on February 27, 2012 at the age of 90 years.

Verda will be out of town for awhile so if you can't reach Verda please call Joanne. Verda also reported there will be a \$25 listing charge if you call the Continental desk. Any listing made before 3/31 will be rolled over.

The raffle was fun and we will meet next month (April 12) at the Quail Inn, hosted by **Joanne & Ron Huhn**.

Re-LAX-ers

Los Angeles

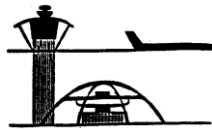
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Our dear friends, **Phyllis & Tom Easley** of Pennsylvania, just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on their special day, St Patrick's Day. In preparation, Phyllis made **Charlene Takaguchi's** famous macadamia nut cookies and her niece made 102 chocolate-covered strawberries! Mmmm, tasty party. Congratulations to Phyllis & Tom, 882 Annesley Circle, Meadville, PA 16335.

We've learned that **Bill & Dana Noyes** are planning on moving to St. Louis in early May; to be closer to family. They've been members of both Re-LAX-ers and Central Coasters. Friends can visit them at the next meeting of the Central Coasters on April 18 at 11:00 AM at the Union Hotel in Los Alamos. Or send a fond farewell to their home: 5350 Calle Real #2F, Santa Barbara, 93111. We will miss the good works of Dana as the long time secretary of the Central Coasters and I'm sure they'll miss the get-togethers at the steak-fry of the Re-LAX-ers this August.

We apologize for the lateness of reporting the passing of **Bob Curran** in January. An attendee of the funeral services reported that a crucifix was in one hand and 3 decks of playing cards in the other. It seemed an appropriate memory to his friends. Our condolences; 781 Via Los Altos, #8, Laguna Woods, CA 92653.

We've kissed our dear friend, **Joann Briggs** a last goodbye. On March 18, she passed on to a more peaceful place. As a generous person, she had devoted much of her time to her large family and volunteered at the USO & Fantasy Flight for many years. She loved to travel and always included family and friends with her. We will miss her wonderful fun-loving presence. Our love and prayers to her family; 21303 Legend Ave., Carson CA 90745.

Our super-woman, **Linda Muche**, has been advised that she is finally "totally, totally cancer free". At present, her only problem is an auto-immune problem of the muscle. She's looking sparkly and healthy and she's sure to knock this problem into oblivion. Go to it; Linda!

Another recovery for **Tarina Murray**! Her last surgery has left some hematoma of the abdominal area, but this tough lady is on her usual "get well mission". We send our love and prayers in support. She also reported that her father has been diagnosed with cancer of the lung and liver. Address; 7619 S. Victoria Ave., Inglewood, CA 90305.

Calendar:

June 7 - Proud Bird restaurant, 11:00AM



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Spring is here and we are moving along. We are looking forward to our Spring Fling lunch on the 18th of April and we are expecting a good turnout at Stockdales Southern Cuisine restaurant.

We had twenty at breakfast and **Bob Grissom** was the lucky winner of our monthly 50/50 lotto.

Roberta Parisi joined us for the first time and we welcome her as a new member to our group. We appreciate that she drove down from Oceanside and hope to see her at future breakfasts.

Paul Zadrozny also joined us after a long absence and we all gather around to catch up on the latest news with his Boy Scout troop and their activities.

Doris Ailshie joined us today and reports that **Al** is still in the Coronado Retirement Village. He is suffering with Parkinson's and Dementia/Alzheimer's.

John Cunningham is keeping busy volunteering at Comic Con and playing with the San Diego Jazz Consortium at local gigs around town. Besides all of that he has written a book soon to be published, "Harlem in Havana" about his life growing up in the circus. We are anxiously waiting to read about his early years growing up and travelling all over the country and his experiences.

Our next event is our Spring Lunch and will report on that for you in the June issue.

Have a great month of May!

Calendar:

April 18 - Spring Fling lunch at Stockdales, 6523 University Ave., San Diego, CA 92115

May 4 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394. Phone (619) 226-0255

GOLDEN GATERS

SFO - BAY AREA

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Our specially catered Chinese New Year of the Dragon luncheon was delish and also great fun, thanks to our dedicated Food Coordinators **Vera & Walt Kina**. We no longer have potlucks due to lack of membership participation. However, every few months, we have a "special" lunch in keeping with an occasional holiday. Of the dragon family, the Chinese dragon is believed to bring you power and good luck. The ancient European dragon was known to be evil.

Two of our cherished members recently departed this earthly location: (1) **Clinton James Sundstrom** passed out of our sight on March 18, 2012. Born in Watertown, South Dakota, Clinton was a United Airlines mechanic. His wife, **Emily**, also one of our members, may receive condolences at 3376 Marisma Street, San Mateo, CA 94403. (2) Clyde **Mitchell** departed from this earth on March 1, 2012. Spouse **Rita** may receive your messages of sympathy and understanding at 1950 Farndon Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024.

"Well done" congratulations may be sent to **Harloo & Carole Jorgensen** on their recent 60th wedding anniversary ... and to **Orelli & Sylvia Sadueste** on their 53rd wedding anniversary. You should all be very, very proud of yourselves ... as we are to have you in our organization of retirees!

We again extend our appreciation to **Jim & Helen Goodwin** for their continuing contributions each time for one or two pair of Giants baseball game tickets for our charity raffles. They can always be counted on to hit a home run! Thank you so very much!

Our organization will be 50 years old in April ... and we don't look a day over 21, do we? April is recognized as the Anniversary Month for our chapter. We began in 1962 by a small group of retired employees, members of Local Lodge 1781, International Association of Machinists. They wished to continue their association on a social level with former UAL friends and workers. On April 30, 1962, with the Union's assistance, a Charter of Affiliation was awarded us with the National Council of Senior Citizens for Health Care

Through Social Security. In 1970 all "Rights and Privileges" were extended to spouses. In 1975, chapter membership was extended to all United retirees. Potluck lunches began in 1972.

Meetings were first held in the Union Hall but moved to the Mainliner Club building in San Mateo in 1974. Our present Foster City location at the William Walker Recreation building was made available to us and meetings began here in August 1998. The first day trip by charter bus was in 1973, first picnic at Huddard Park in Menlo Park began in 1975, and formation of the Singles Club arrived in 1980. As our membership began to increase, dues and raffles enabled us to establish our Memorial Fund in 1982 to honor our departed members. And our good looking "Golden Gate" badges were given to us in 1988. **Vernon McCulley** took over the first reins in 1969. Hard-working **Ralph Trullinger** is now our 29th President. (Now we're going to brag: RUAEA only goes back to 1974!)

Don't forget to join us, all and any visiting retirees, on April 23, the 4th Monday, at our monthly General Meeting, and then celebrate with a 50th Birthday cake .

Due to rising rental pricing at beautiful Huddard Park, our annual September picnic was moved to the William Walker Recreation Building in Foster City last year where we presently meet every 4th Monday. No more worries about bad weather because we can always run indoors ... although the BBQ volunteers still work outdoors, bless them. Last year it was quite a successful venture and many were relieved by this move since we no longer had that long drive to make.

Unfortunately with the present pricing of gasoline and gold, we would like but cannot afford to present our Membership Chairman Barbara Underhill with a gold medal! She recently mailed out 20 postcards and made 54 telephone calls reminding members to renew their 2012 memberships. Where are you people? Your calendars should tell you it's almost April!



One of our many "young" retiree members who isn't afraid to travel right now is Leierkastenmann **Darryl Coe** and this is a man with a mission! Darryl and his beautiful hand-made monkey "Joseph" and monkey hand-puppet "Affe" recently returned from a trip to Deutschland where he joined the German-based Drehorgel freunde Club (street organs), took part in the festival, and visited the fabulous Speyer Museum (among others) which displays the most beautiful street organs you've ever seen. His journeys also included visits to Koblenz, Rudesheim and Cologne (Koln). Darryl, his beautiful street organ and monkey(s) perform frequently here in the Bay area and other places in California, and may be seen November 26 at our Foster City monthly (4th Monday) General Meeting. Members and friends and visiting retirees: Don't miss this unusual opportunity!

Calendar:

SFO-Bay Area retiree meetings begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. on the 4th Monday of each month (unless a holiday). Meet us at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Bring a UA or Continental retiree friend. Let them in on our enjoyment. Lost? Telephone (650) 286-3380. Mail may be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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SOUTH BAY RETIREES

SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY

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Hope you didn't mark the calendar in ink; somehow the date for our annual picnic at Lake Vasona in June didn't appear correctly in my mind, so I need to correct my error. Please note that the picnic is on **Tuesday, June 12th!** **Tony & Sally Urso**, (408) 264-8580, will be hosting this summer event. We will have a delicious barbeque and great prizes for our bingo games.

On Wednesday, May 9th we will go by bus to the Moffett Field Historical Society Museum and the Computer Museum. A family style lunch will be served at Mario's Italiano Restaurant in Mountain View. **George Sousa** and **Dave Saso** are our hosts for this event. We hope you have made your reservations.

Mary Lou & Al Rogers shared their experiences from their trip to Australia. They enjoyed seeing the sights in Sydney and the Blue Mountains. **Dave & Nancy Walb** spent some time in Henderson, Nevada and

Dave reported about their flights on United. Seems the new stand-by system has a few glitches. **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** spent a few days in Scottsdale, Arizona enjoying the warmer weather and a couple of Giants' baseball games.

We meet every Friday morning at 8 am for breakfast and a short meeting at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in Cupertino across from the Home Depot. Hope to see you there.

Calendar:

April 18 - Spring Lunch at Faultline Brewery, Sunnyvale, 11:00 am

May 9 - Day trip to Moffett Air Museum and Computer Museum in Mountain View. Lunch at Mario's Italian Restaurant

June 12 - Annual Picnic at Vasona in Los Gatos.

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Happy springtime to everyone! We hope you all had a Happy Easter and enjoyed special time with the Easter bunny on your Easter Egg Hunt. Soon, we will be celebrating Memorial Day weekend and the beginning of the summer activities; barbeques, picnics, beach time, gardening, etc. The weather will be warming up and hopefully, the trees and flowers will be in full bloom. Stop and smell the flowers and enjoy this special time of the year.

Speaking of a special time, we had our March luncheon at my very special and favorite place, the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs. **Bob & Sandy Brooks** hosted 34 people, including several guests. We were happy to see everyone there along with the following people; **Gloria Gemberling, Charlene Wood, and Ruth Swanson**. They had not been able to attend in several months due to health problems. Welcome back and please stay well and come and join again.

Our president and leader, **Don Nesja**, announced birthdays and anniversaries for March and **Carl Swanson** was celebrating a milestone birthday of 93 years old on the same day of our luncheon. We all sang happy birthday to Carl. George & Gloria were celebrating 58 years of wedded bliss also in March and that's another milestone in my book.

Bob & Sandy held a 50/50 drawing and the big winner was **Gloria Gemberling**. Hopefully, she won enough money to take George out to lunch or dinner for their anniversary.

Bob & Joy Blair will be hosting our May luncheon at Thomi's Restaurant in Jackson. As always, our luncheons are held on the second Thursday of every month and we hope you will come and join us. Please contact **Don Nesja**, (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672 if you'd like any information about our chapter and our luncheon meetings. We would be so happy to have you join us!



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Our March meeting was held on the 12th with 28 attendees. It was good to see returnees **Shirley & Bill House, Red Klaren** and **Carolyn Davis**. **Barbara & Jerry Underhill** paid us a most welcome visit from their chapter.

Judy Tiu and **Hoagie Harguth** were unable to attend for health reasons. Thanks to our Sunshine Lady **Vilma Patrick** who keeps us up to date. She also purchased a card for **Ed Bingle** which we all signed, wishing him well. He is getting along in years and is unable to attend the meetings any longer, but is in good health.

Carol Parks and **Emma Lou Olson** once again made this a festive occasion with St. Patrick's decorations and candy. Thank you again Ladies!

We (as did, I am certain, all the other Chapters) had an in depth discussion of the many changes in the Pleasure Travel and the necessity to use the Internet as a source of information.

Our book exchange continues to be a great success and **Emma Lou Olson** will continue to forward any greeting cards you may bring.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We have many different departments represented.

Our annual Picnic will be held at **Hoagie Harguth's** home in Pleasant Hill as our usual location at the Pleasant Hill Park is undergoing major construction. We will have details as to time, address, etc. at our May meeting. For catering purposes, we would appreciate you letting Howard or me know how many will be attending.

Calendar:

May 14

June 11

July - No meeting

August 13

September 10

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The rain has come to Northern California and now spring is here, we think. We certainly have beautiful trees and blossoms during this time of year. 31 retirees and spouses got together at Marie Callender's restaurant in Chico Calif. for our meeting and luncheon. **Merritt Odor**, our President, welcomed our speaker for the day, **Bruce Hagerty**. Bruce is the retired Police Chief for Chico.

John & Piedie Jewert celebrated their 7th anniversary. **Vincent Neidlinger** and **Hal Burdick** both celebrated birthdays.

Merritt announced that our group, the **Northstaters**, have been together for 5 years.

I am sure a lot of groups around the country are covering the same items about the new pass policy. **Katie Innocenti** was able to talk about corporate travel and we have had a few retirees that have tried the new system.

Merritt then introduced again, **Bruce Hagerty**. Bruce was Chief of Police in Chico for 6½ years. He came from Ridgecrest, California which is a very small town and before that he was in the Los Angeles Police Department with over 10,000 policemen and women. He spoke of his many experiences both in Los Angeles and in Chico. Lots of questions were asked and it was great to have him as a speaker.

Our member profile this month is **Kent Jorgensen** ~ Kent went to work for United Airlines after he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps. He started in the Electric Accessories Shop in 1959. He left United Airlines in 1962 to pursue other interests in the Aviation field. During that time, he got his A&P, and AI licenses. He also received a Commercial, Multi-engine and instrument rating for flying. He flew for Aero Union out of Chico California on B17 and C119 air tankers. He was a corporate pilot for Empire Oil and Gas flying a Lear Jet and Hamilton Oil company as their Chief Pilot. He also was a field service representative for Cessna.

In 1985, Kent decided to return to United for flight benefits and health benefits. He worked for the next 11 years as an R&E mechanic in Dock 1& 2 SFOOV on the heavies.

Since retirement, Kent and his wife, Billie, have spent many good times fishing and woodworking at their cabin at Lake Almanor, Calif. Kent also has a ham radio and he does various maintenance works on general aviation aircraft for small companies. When they are not traveling, Kent & Billie are enjoying retirement in and around Chico, Calif.

The 50-50 raffle was won by **Dick Hooning**. The \$15.00 gift certificate was won by **Piedie Jewart**. The next meeting will be held in Red Bluff, CA at the Countryside Café.

Calendar:

May 24 - 11:30: AM Thursday at The Countryside Café in Red Bluff, CA. Come and join us!

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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April 7 was a great day for our monthly breakfast. The weather was fantastic and everyone was ready for some good camaraderie and food to go with it. There were 54 folks in attendance.

Tom Goodyear mentioned that he, wife **Nancy**, **Laura Coats** and their daughter **Amy Goodyear Bruchs** attended the Colorado Springs, CO "Pikes Peak" RUAEA chapter's Luncheon on April 2. A good time was had by all there. Amy explained and answered questions about the new pass policy.

Amy was also at our April 7 breakfast. She was kind enough to answer questions and give us some of the highlights of the new pass policy. She did a great job and explained that things are still in flux but it will all eventually get ironed out.

Thom Rowland brought as his guest **Barb Smith**. **Doris Hall** brought her grandson **Lam Ulrick**. You all come back and see us!

Mickey & Gaby Manfre and **Don LeFurge** from CO also joined us, we really do enjoy visitors, but we believe the Manfres and LeFurges are now part of the Mile Highers.

Tom Goodyear reported the passing of **Del Frey**, **Steve Hiddens**, and **Jim Lape**. **Bob Brelsford's** son **Scott** was recently killed in a motorcycle accident. Our condolences go out to these families.

Cheryl Beeten recently suffered a stroke and **Ruth Marston** had heart valve surgery and is recovering at home.

For those that had seen the recent email about UAL going back to Apollo, Tom explained that the e-mail was an "April Fools" joke. As it turned out, it was a bad joke.

Don't forget the golf tournament in Mesquite NV on May 7-10.

The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter were **Ron Cannon**, **Jack Green**, (won twice) **Thom Rowland** and **Ray Shoults**. Thanks for your donations, it's greatly appreciated!

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 flattened pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

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We met at TVI and had our best attendance ever. Regulars **Richard & Laurie Franco** and **Paula Bayer** attended our early lunch. Special guests **Nancy & Tom Goodyear** from the DEN chapter brought two members. **Laura Lee Coats**, our old friend from the 60's at YIPRR, also came with Tom! **Amy Goodyear Bruchs** gave a demonstration and answered questions about the new employeeRes system to 18 attendees. A lot of good questions made it obvious that retirees were not trained and did not fully understand the new system. Thanks to RUAEA for helping our many confused retirees with help in booking and listing. We shared our experiences with SHARES, SA travel since March 3 and trips from hell! One pilot, **Mike Bothwell** shared that they were left off a flight in LAX because he was told by the gate agent "Retirees could not be upgraded" when

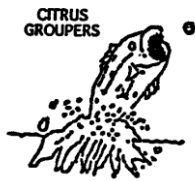
coach was full. Somebody please educate LAXCS! If we want to travel and keep up with our benefits, all of us will need to learn the new internet way of communicating. This includes Smartphones, Tablets, iPhones, iPads or laptops for traveling. We were told improvements are being worked on but meanwhile, the system we have is old and slow. College computer programming courses do not teach this old programming! It was designed before the invention of the computer mouse with lengthy inputs you have to memorize! Wow!

We were glad to see **Dan Czajkowski** (Denver Dan) who is recovering well from a stroke. **Del Hall**, CAKOZ has moved to The Village at Skyline and his daughter, **Kathy Hall**, DENCS has been out sick for several weeks.

It all started with the move from Ypsilanti Airport to Detroit Metro back in the 60's. I guess it is my fault, I was there! Three stations that **Bill Fritsch** (OAKOZ/ SFOCS/ Hilton TO) and I opened in the 80's, Great Falls, Klamath Falls and Casper, WY closed. The Oakland Ticket Office with **Charlotte Quan**, YIPRR/ OAKTO closed as did the Colorado Springs Olympic Ticket Office with **Sweela Mae Sizemore Zerga Hortick**, YIPRR/ OLYTO. I locked the door behind me as we emptied out the Colorado Springs Ticket Office, COSTO. Then three more stations that I opened, Springfield, MO, Houston Hobby and Colorado Springs terminated United operations. The only two places where I worked that haven't closed are SFOCS/RR and OAKOZ. Wait! Oakland Airport Operations is closing June 3rd due to lack of revenue. Two flights a day down from 20 something! It is hard to make a buck when flights are continually reduced.

Amelia Earhart flew solo non-stop in 1935 from Hawaii to Oakland and later she flew out of Oakland May 21, 1937 on her around the world trip never to return! And like Amelia Earhart, our Oakland United Airlines employees will leave on June 3, 2012 never to return.

FLORIDA



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The March meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and 22 members present. **Charles Wirth** gave the treasury report. We have a balance of \$380.00 in the treasury.

President **Don Nellans** shared with us some of the tentative plans for the conference we are planning at The Villages next year for all Florida chapters of retirees. Again, I will refer to the conference as Florida Retirees Uniting. The hotel and meeting place have been decided on and it will be at the Waterfront Inn at Lake Sumter in the Villages. We will be securing a block of rooms for those who would like to stay at the Waterfront Inn. Put the date on your calendar, February 22, 23, and 24, 2013. Friday will be registration and greeting and visiting time. There will be a free bus tour of the villages on Saturday. Free entertainment in the square and there are a lot of stores for shopping if you so desire. There will be special rates for those retirees attending. Saturday evening will be a banquet and Sunday will be a farewell brunch. All Florida RUAEA retirees are welcomed. Registration forms and further information will be sent to your individual chapter.

Birthdays for March ~ Mr. **Frank Wood**, Ms. **Marie Orris Becker**, Ms. **Elaine Lies**, Ms. **Maxine Wood** and Mr. **Jim Hurst**.

Anniversary ~ Mr. & Mrs. **Tom Brann**, Mr. & Mrs. **Mandy D'Campo**.

Calendar:

April 26 - Nancy Lopez Country Club, 8455 SE 172 Legacy Ln. (352) 753-1475, just south of Hwy42, on Buena Vista Blvd. Anyone needing directions or questions answered may contact our President **Don Nellans** at nellansdon@aol.com, (352) 861-4486.

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President **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting. There were 13 members present. Many of our absentees were busy doing other things. There was no Treasurer's report as **Penny Logan** was busy with her family visiting. **Karen Gammill** could use some of our prayers. She is having serious back problems and pain. When they go north to their cabin soon, will try to get some help and relief at Marshfield Clinic in WI.

Former members **Nancy & Frank Thomas** miss us and could use some of our prayers too.

After our pledge to the flag and a brief prayer we got down to business. Birthday celebrant present was **Rick Johnson**. We sang to him, but the candle on his "cake" kept going out. The A/C was giving him some competition. Prez Dick is celebrating 15 years of retirement (31 years since hire). **Bud Gammill** was the 50/50 winner. He said "nice for a free lunch and a haircut". **Herb Gardner** reported the Balloon Fest at New Smyrna Beach airport recently went very well. (My sister brought her grandson and said he had a wonderful time there and learned a lot.) Herb also said that although his wife Molly was a retired Volusia County School Teacher, she had to go through many hoops in order to get hired part-time at a private school here. So many political-correct requirements.

At joke time, Prez Dick had a few funny ones, especially about the elderly lady's son who was a veterinarian. After that we broke for lunch. When we resumed, Prez Dick handed out six stapled pages of company information to everyone. So much information to think about and discuss, trying to figure it all out. He said he has more pages for us and suggested we put them all in a folder or binder for future reference. VP **Steve Moddle** gave some input, but others still had a lot of questions. On that note, we called it a day until next month.

Calendar:

May 3 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

June 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster



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Cypress Grove Park was the site for our annual picnic and 62 members, along with 3 guests enjoyed grilled to perfection burgers and dogs by the tag-team of **Stan Halterman** and **Jim Multeri**! A huge array of side dishes and a full table of desserts completed the picnic fare and several CD's of great music by our own, **Mack Chandler**, filled the pavilion air. President **Rich Llewellyn** welcomed us all. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and then **Al Fields** led us in prayer for the feast before us.

Who was there? Well, **Angel & Julia Montalvo**, **Jim & Nan Multeri**, **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges** and granddaughter **Cheyenne**, **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn** and daughter **Wendy** & granddaughter **Nikki**, **Eric & Marie Dodson**, **Joe & Barb Fitak**, **Joe Segarra**, **Glenn & Joanne Seefeld**, **Bob Ketter**, **Bob & Mary McNeill**, **Paul Brown**, **Ken & Shelby Michels**, **Jim & Pat Hernandez**, **Betty Davidson**, **Bobbie Gay**, **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand**, **Stan & Barb Halterman**, **OB & Bonnie Taylor**, **Jim & Janet Mummah**, **Charlie & Sharon Ringer**, **David & Lisa Leighty**, **Al Fields**, **Marilyn Ulmer**, **Gay & John Crawford**, **John & Jean Hughes**, **Monty & Patti Clark**, **Gene Hall**, **Dee Francis**, **Linda Agnello**, **Bob Olsen**, **Laurie Bork**, **Don Ulman**, **Tom Cannata**, **Chris & Donna Hess**, **Bob & Sandy Duszynski**, **Richard & Gloria Armistead**, **Richard & Cathy Benson**, **Mack Chandler**, and yours truly, **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**.

If you weren't able to join us, you missed a really good time. Don't miss the next one!!

Calendar:

Luncheon - First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Golden Corral, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road

May 1

June 5

TAMPA BAY

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April 2nd meeting was called to order at 11:05 at Anderson Park by President, **Barbara Riecss**. We had 32 members with **Joan & Ed Hufnagel** joining us from Denver and we welcomed **Fran Klingensmith** from Pittsburgh.

Jim & Pat Hottel celebrated their 55 year anniversary on April 19th. Birthdays are **Connie Kuehn** (4/6), **Carol Starr** (4/13) and **Art Reveillac**, a young 94 on April 1st.

The minutes were read by **Carolyn Lodge** and approved. The Treasurer's report was read by **Jean Linehan** and approved.

Naomi Guzman stated that she traveled in March on United and had trouble because she had a change from Mexico to Houston. She stated that she could not change.

Barbara Riecss stated that the bylaws will need to be changed to read \$10.00 for dues annually instead of \$5.00 as it currently reads. The membership voted and approved that the bylaws will read that our dues will now be \$10.00 a year per person. She again reminded everyone that the dues are due in June and please send them to **Mary Martin**. **Carolyn Lodge** reminded everyone that RUAEA dues are separate from the chapter dues and they are \$25.00 a year which includes the newsletter and more information.

New Business ~ **Jon Wilkinson** and **Bob Lindstrom** gave us updates on United. RUAEA suggested that we invite Continental retirees to join our group. **Jim & Pat Hottel** reported on the October picnic and wanted to know if we are going to pay to reserve the shelter at Anderson Park. This will be voted on at a later date after **Jon Wilkinson** checks as to why when we paid that the shelter was not clean.

Terri Breslin reported on the Sunshine Committee and said that she had sent a card to **Marge Frazier** who had a stroke and was in an Assisted Living in Ocala. She sent a card to **Lynn Dever** who fractured his arm, he got the cast off April 2nd. A card was sent to **Les Manuel** but everyone was glad to see him with us today.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30. Our picnic started at noon with a BBQ by Pit Boss and desserts brought by 4 of our members.

Calendar:

May 7 - IHop Restaurant, 10:30 a.m.

June 4 - IHop Restaurant, 10:30 a.m.



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Wow, Wow, Wow, A total of 29 members and 1 guest who turned out to be a new member enjoyed our Luncheon/Meeting on this beautiful day of April 3. The room was jammed with members and we figured out we have more than doubled our membership in the last year. Everyone is joyous and lots of conversation going on constantly. A large number of our new members come from as far as Ft. Lauderdale, which is a hike and a half, and you have no idea how much we appreciate their loyalty. Some are retired pilots and flight attendants and we couldn't be more pleased that they are joining us and spreading the word.

Jim Moorehead brought our newest enrollee **Sonny Bodner** from Fort Lauderdale whose husband **Richard** lost his battle with cancer on December 25, 2011. Sonny was a flight attendant with British Airways and flew out of Heathrow and Gatwick. When she and Richard moved to the United States in 1977, Richard was stationed in DEN, CLE, JFK and LAX for a total of 39 years with UAL. Sonny also worked with Iran Air and Yemen Air, as well as Carnival Cruise Lines for 9 years, she retired from them as a Staff Supervisor in 2009. Richard had such a top seniority that he was number one on the seniority list! Welcome Sonny to our group.

President **Al Popek** gave out maps to the Dubois Park where we will be having our picnic on May 1 along with invitations spelling out what is included, etc. As usual, a lot of conversation and member participation was on pass travel and Al read aloud a letter he received from Thomas, the friend of **Diane & Paul Liebisch**, on his flight back to Berlin. Needless to say, a rave revue was given to United's employees both on the ground and in the air and of course, he flew Business/First Class. What a way to go!

As usual, lots of conversation and good food was on the menu, and of course, Dana, our waiter who never misses a heartbeat on what you are drinking and when you need a refill was helping us enjoy our day.

Jim Morehead won the 50/50 and **Sharon Kirk** was not at the meeting so she didn't get to enjoy the progressive bundle of money, so the pot increases until next month. We plan on having a 50/50 and lots of other games and prizes at the picnic and our food list would make any chef jealous. Since we are having the picnic we will not be having a Luncheon/Meeting at Mulligan's on May 1.

April Birthdays ~ **Paul Liebisch** (4/25), **Barbara Dodenhoff** (4/28), and also **Carolyn Lindgren** (4/28). Happy Birthday to all!

May Birthdays ~ **Vicky Snyder** (5/1), the day of the picnic, **Jerry Zadar** (5/23), **David Lindgren** (5/25) and **Jack Boisseau** (5/26). Happy Birthday to all!

Calendar:

May 1 - Dubois Park, Jupiter, FL, Picnic, 12 Noon till?

June 5 - Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, Voting takes Place

July & August – On vacation

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The luncheon meeting was held at our new location, IHOP on Fairview in Meridian, ID on March 13. We have changed the date of our meeting to the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Eighteen were present, including **Gloria Hubbert**, a retired Continental employee living in Boise. **Lois Rodriguez** wants to greet her friends from SFO/SJC, her email address is rodcorey@me.com.

Marlene Croghan visited her daughter Marilyn in Tucson and also **Paul** (retired from BOI) & **Anita Wassmuth** in Sun City. The flights were all on time and the weather was cool.

Roni Adams traveled to STL, then to Fort Leonard Wood for the graduation of her grandson Andrew. She enjoyed the Gateway Arch ride and the "Mighty Mississippi." She returned by way of ORD and was impressed by the professionalism of the United agents.

Calendar:

April 19 - Special luncheon at Pad Thai Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.

May 8 – Guest speaker will be **Jim Carrington**, BOI station manager.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO SKYLINERS



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I would like to begin the May RUAEA by reporting the good news. March was **Bill Brookins'** 74th birthday. Not only that, he was due double congratulations on becoming a grandfather again. Of course, this session we had decorated cupcakes, chocolate candy, and little Easter eggs. Not to be outdone, we also had chocolate candy from **Carmen & Javier Chavez**.

Barb Wesemann announced she retired from contract work at United Airlines. This was her second retirement.

On the sick list was **Betty Doran**. She is now home from the hospital and surgery; her address is 9105 S. Roberts Rd., #3C, Hickory Hills, IL 60457.

John Koehl called to tell us his wife, **Katie**, had just finished having knee surgery, fell, and now has to have the same surgery all over again.

Darlene Fenske visited Bradenton, Florida, where the weather was great and she played four games of golf.

Bob & Pat Kalicki are happy to report the birth of their new great-granddaughter, Scarlet Elizabeth Coolidge, who arrived March 2, 2012, at 10:45 PM.

Al Giovanalli visited a brand new Disney resort, the Auila Hotel. He had a gorgeous ocean view room for one week at \$500 a night.

Pat Muha attended **Florence Constance's** funeral. She remembers sharing many good trips with Florence and will surely miss her.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn (**April 30** and **May 29**).

Northsiders Breakfast - Ritzzy's Café & Backerea, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**May 9** and **June 13**).

Food Depository - First Tuesday

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It was a beautiful day for our luncheon on March 21st as it was 87 degrees which set a record for the warmest day of March. The average Chicago temperature in March is 45 degrees. Some people said it was better than Florida.

We had 12 retirees attending with some snow birds returning from Hawaii. **Helen Cauwels** went to Maui mid week non stop and was still on the old UAL system of boarding and had no problem getting a coach seat both ways.

Marjorie & Howard Nelson also returned from Maui. Their non stop trip from Chicago to Maui was on a Saturday while UAL boarding procedures were still in effect and had Economy Plus seats. However, returning was after the merger consolidation with new travel rules. They were traveling on a Tuesday and because their original flight was delayed, they were relisted on another flight by a nice agent as that was not the rule. They had Economy Plus seats to LA and then First Class to Chicago on an 11:30 p.m. flight.

Carol & Bob Faust returned from Colorado where they did some skiing. No need for UAL transportation since they drove.

A first time attendee was **Patti Hunt** who retired as a Flight Attendant from ORDSW in 2002, Patti worked for UAL for 40 years.

Best Wishes to **Muriel Bergsma** for a rapid recovery from her second hip surgery in late April. Get well support can be sent to Muriel at: 2809 N. Dutch Circle, McHenry, IL 60051.

The next luncheon will be on May 16th which is just days before the weekend of the NATO Summit. Since our hotel is not located near the location of the Summit, there should be no problem with any pickets or demonstrations.

Calendar:

May 16 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m. (Please email or call or before noon of May 15th so that I can let the restaurant know the number of guests to expect)

June – No Luncheon scheduled

INDIANA



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Welcome back to our returning snow birds! **Gail & Warren Allen** just returned from their winter retreat in Texas; and **Dimpel Rihel** spent the winter in Florida this year, bonding with her new granddaughter. **Chris & Shary Johnston** drove west to California with Chris' 91 year old mother to visit his daughter and other family members. **Ralph (Bud) & Eli Barnett** enjoy cruises and spent two weeks in the eastern and western Caribbean. Not realizing it in advance, they departed on March 3rd, which was the day of the CO/United computer integration and that was another trip (story) they relate with annoyance. **Mary Chandler** fulfilled a longtime dream of traveling through the Panama Canal. It was all she had hoped for and a memorable cruise. Glad everyone is back again.

We were joined at our March meeting by **Frank & Rita Prins**. Hopefully, they become regulars. Slowly, Indy Racers is growing. As always, we invite guests visiting Indy to join us at our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at the IHOP on Rockville Rd. in Avon. The exception to time and location would be our picnic and Christmas dinner, but we would still relish your presence. We love to socialize and hear the latest.

Recently, I heard that **Tom Lapke** had been hospitalized but has returned home. Our wishes for a speedy recovery.

Happy May birthday to **Cheri Innis** (5/6) and **Shary Johnston** (5/28). Anniversary congratulations to **Ron & Cheri Innis** and **Mario & Margaret Bregante**.

Enjoy the wonderful days of spring and summer which, at least in Indy, arrived earlier than usual. Alright with me!

Calendar:

May 8 – IHOP, 10143 E. US 36 (Rockville Rd.), Avon. Meeting room is available from 1:30 PM. Meeting begins at 3 P.M.

June 9 – (Saturday), Annual picnic at Twin Bridges Lodge, Danville, IN - TBA. Chapter provides meat and beverages; please bring a dish of veggies, salad or dessert. No regular meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in June.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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No meeting, no meeting news. The weather in the North East has taken a change. We went from the eighties in February to close to freezing mark in March. We're either going to have a great summer, or no summer. NH did have a year with no summer in the early 1900's, with snow in June & July. Not looking for a repeat! We need that warm sunny weather back, for the return of our snow birds.

Our own **Bob Lincoln** had foot surgery, is home and doing fine.

Although our numbers seem to decline each year, with little hope of new retirees coming, we do have a new member. **Nicholas Bouzianis**, BOSCS. Welcome to the Nor'Easters, Nicholas. Hope you'll be a luncheon regular.

May's birthdays ~ **John Dellelo, Peggy Dellelo, Ron Heisler, Audrey Joyce, Joan Meister, Patti Flanagan Mix, Andy Montalto, Jayne Regan, Lew Shakley and Kenneth Washburn.**

May's anniversaries ~ **Nicholas & Sandra Bouzianis** (42 years), **Bob & Susan DePippo** (29 years), **Mary Beth & Stanley McDermet** (41 years), **Thomas & Lilian Snyder** (27 years), **Ralph & Elaine Torres** (54 years) and **Bill & Elaine Vanderwal** (41 years).

Calendar:

May 15 - Marblehead Yacht Club - pot luck.

June 26 - Grassfields restaurant, Route 114 Danvers, MA

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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21 Escapees gathered at Richards in Livonia Apr 5, hosted by **Marcie Vance**. Many were disappointed including this correspondent that our guest speaker was a no-show. I still do not know why as I have not been able to reach him.

Sister, **Joan's** cataract surgery went well and she now has 20/20 vision in her good eye. We thank all for your concern and prayers.

Apologizes and corrections on last month's NL. **Carol Shaffner** is the proud first time grandma of a little boy, namely Graham, not a girl. This first time grandma brought movies of him all dressed up in shamrocks on his PJ's and noted he is a very active for such a little guy. Also, **Marlene & Brendan Heaney** are not expecting twins, how about grand-twins a boy and girl? I hope you all may have guessed that. It was a test.

Sadly, once again I must report the passing of a couple Escapees. **Naomi Webb** left our world for her eternal rewards on March 14. She was laid to rest in AL. Condolences may be sent to her Mom; **Willie Atkinson**, #7 Draper St., Anniston, AL 36201. Also, **Marge Revait** passed suddenly on March 6, after a fall while taking out her trash on February 29. Love and prayers to daughter **Debbie Dayus** and family @ 205 Kensington, Tecumseh, ON, Canada, N8N 2K8.

Hope all had a "Happy Bunny Day".

Calendar:

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

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We had a good turnout in March, maybe due to the fact that our weather at that time was amazingly mild. We've had record-setting high temperatures for weeks because the jet stream has blocked the cold Arctic air from getting down to us. One day, the Nation's Icebox (dubious distinction), International Falls, MN, hit a high temperature which was 22 degrees above the previous recorded daily high. Talk about smashing a record!

34 attended the lunch meeting, including the not-very-often-seen **Swennson** sisters. Our still-active sidekick, **Pat Juberien**, joined us & described how the recent changeover from Apollo to SHARES has been going. She said it's been the most challenging time of her 21-year career with United. **Diane & Lee Storlie's** granddaughter, Brooklyn, graced us with her presence again. She thanked us all for inviting her to attend our gathering & made us all think she really enjoyed our company! Not bad for 13 years old.

We congratulated the milestone anniversaries of **Don & Dorothy Wood** (65 years) and **Gene & Kookie Delvaux** (50 years). The Delvaux's must have married during high school; they certainly don't look like they're old enough to have that many years under their belts!

We had word from Dr. **Janice Meyer**, alumna of the ticket office & the MSP ramp, that while she & her husband **Roger Jorgenson** were vacationing in Bangkok, he experienced discomfort & fatigue so decided to return home. Jan was visiting in the north of Thailand at the time, so she wished him a safe trip. He made it home to Lanesboro, MN & visited his doctor in Rochester the next day. The Doc put him immediately into St. Mary's Hospital with two blocked arteries & did double bypass surgery in short order. We're happy to hear from Jan (who made a marathon trip back to MN) that he's doing well.

President Lee passed on that the Company is doing a rehab on the Airbuses. The overhead bins are being enlarged since so many passengers are carrying everything but the kitchen sink on board to avoid the bag check fees. Don't know whether they intend to do the whole fleet or not.

The subject of the August picnic was brought up & we've been tasked to start thinking about a venue for it. It's always a fun time renewing acquaintances & is sometimes the only time all year that we have a chance to visit with some of our members. So put on your thinking caps, folks. Where shall we have that event this year?

Mary & Jim Brennan were in Kona for their annual 7-week escape from winter & since they'd departed the Twin Cities before the cutover to the new (to legacy UA employees) travel policy, they were exploring the possibility that they'd just have to stay in the Islands. Jim was thinking about a part time job at a golf course & Mary thought a popcorn wagon in one of the malls on the Big Island would be nice. However, after many phone calls to the SEA Travel Desk, Reservations & other places & a couple of trips to the airport, she was able to get 'er figgered out. They made the flight OK & had an uneventful trip back home.

The subject of the travel policy was discussed. The Company has produced several really good documents which have been transmitted to us electronically which explain in depth all the policies about eligibility, adjusted seniority, boarding priorities, surcharges & fees, who has to pay & what, how to construct an itinerary on FlyingTogether.ual.com, how to pay for everything, even how to check in for your flights. The whole pre-travel preparation will be conducted online.

Another item has come to light recently: when making your travel listing, be sure to make the outbound portion on one record and the return portion on another. It seems that if you're not accommodated on the outgoing flight, the Res system automatically cancels your return listings! That happens with revenue bookings and with standby listings as well. Apparently, even if the gate agent rolls over the standby list to the next flight, any ongoing booking/listing is cancelled because you weren't on board the flight when it departed.

Get used to the fact that almost all communication with the Company from this point forward will be electronically. The MSP chapter is trying to help as much as possible those who have trouble in the computer department. There will be annual re-certification of eligibles for health care & pass riding, probably in November. If you are still covered under the BCBS health insurance or intend to use the travel benefits, it will be necessary to use the Company website to recertify eligibles & to set up & pay for your travel.

One really nice thing about all the turmoil with the transition to the merged Company is that I've heard from lots of people who've been off the grid for a long time. Hopefully, they'll come to see that joining us for lunch occasionally can be instructional as well as social.

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 2000 South Robert Street, West St. Paul, about 4 blocks north of I-494.

NEBRASKA



GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 30 who enjoyed a delicious buffet at Golden Corral. **Jim Schreiber** went to see **Bob Glover**, who has been in the Veteran's Hospital for about 12 years suffering from Alzheimer's. Jim said Bob was able to visit a little when Jim started talking about those they both worked with. Bob celebrated his 90th birthday on April 13.

Stella Mason had knee replacement on February 20th. John said she has been at Hillcrest Health & Rehab in Bellevue. Stella no doubt has been released by now. We hope she had success in her rehab and is well on her way to healing.

Jane Sesto spent a week at Methodist from adverse effects of her medication. She was unable to attend the meeting; however, she wanted to thank everyone for their cards and prayers while she was hospitalized. Jane, we hope to see you in April.

Vince Manhart is now in an Alzheimer's Facility in Aurora, CO. Our thoughts are with **Sue** and her family in this difficult time.

Van Van Houten is doing much better after his fall in December. He is going to a Wellness Center in the Bluffs five days a week for some serious strength building which he said has helped him considerably.

We are happy that we achieved 100% of paid dues by our members. We have a total of 130 including spouses.

Calendar:

May 1 - Spaghetti Works, hosted by **Marge Edwards**

June 5 - Cooper Farm, hosted by **Cary & Toddy Manson**

July 10 - Back 40, Macedonia, hosted by **Jim & Dorothy Braden**

NEVADA

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 17 people at our March meeting at Jack's.

2012 Dues once again remain the same - \$5.00 per person. They are now due and payable. Please make your check payable to Sierra Roundup and mail to **Kathy Robinson** at 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr., Reno, NV 89502. Please renew so you can continue to receive our newsletter.

The date for our annual picnic has changed to Monday, August 20, 2012.

We are searching for a new location for our Christmas luncheon. Please submit any suggestions to John or Pat.

The 50/50 was won by **John Zoboli**.

Elizabeth Brown is doing okay and has retired as a real estate agent. She asks that contact be through email, which is easier for her to read.

A March birthday was celebrated by **Maurine Williams** (3/3).

Calendar:

May 14

NEW JERSEY



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A welcome home to **Lena & Dick Confer**, who are back from vacation in Florida. Dick opened the meeting with a salute to the flag, and a moment of silence for the passing of **Gordon Keister** and **Al Pauleti**, both of Newark Air Freight.

Dick Confer and **Marty Etler** gave reports about the new employee pass system, as published in the RUAEA Newsletter. Frustration is the proper word, with the hope that it will all get better. Marty also gave some historical information about Newark Airport as well as reading the minutes from the last meeting.

You can always count on the Confers to bring back door prizes from their vacation. One of these was two mechanical birds chirping away on some kinds of green stalks. Yes, it was a conversation piece, but it did make people smile!

The 50/50 was held and the prize went to **Charlie Donnerly**.

Calendar:

April 25 – 12PM at Snuffy's Restaurant

NEW YORK

BUFFALO CHIPS

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BUFFALO CHIPS

Twenty Chippers met at the French Pub, Depew, NY on March 27th for lunch and good cheer. Unlike most meetings where a set menu is offered, this time everyone had the opportunity to make their own decision from the elaborate menu offered and then settle their own check. Comments indicate a good time was had by all and the French Pub was put on the list for a return in the future.

It was with a good deal of relief we were able to pass on the information that spouses of deceased employees are eligible for pass transportation until they remarry or establish a new domestic partnership. They also qualify for the Discount 20 program subject to the same qualifications. The new phone numbers for calling to list were provided thus eliminated the possibility of having to pay the \$25.00 service fee for a call to Reservations.

Much of the conversation focused on the need to verify dependents for the Medical program and if not verified, stand to lose all medical benefits. A number of the members do not have computers and it was very encouraging they had called or had computer wise friends help them make the necessary arrangement.

Don Gaydos was a late cancellation as he became ill and spent the two days before the meeting in the Emergency Room of a local hospital. It appears he was diagnosed with the flu and was resting at home.

Chalinor Swabb has apparently sold the family farm and moved to an assisted living facility in Amherst, hopefully we can provide the address in the near future.

Cheryl Pelky who has been ill and sold her home in Buffalo and moved to a family home on Lake Erie in Gowanda is moving again. She is trying to sell the lake home and move to Toledo to be near her father and brother.

The next meeting will be on or about June 12th at a place and location to be announced. Since summer will be returning to Western New York, we will resume as a dinner meeting.



GUYS AND DOLLS

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NYC has been the lucky recipient of lovely weather this Spring, and our luncheon day was no exception. We spent most of the time discussing various travel scenarios. There are still many questions that need to be answered and technicalities that need to be ironed out. Apparently, the “new” reservations system, SHARES, isn’t as efficient as FastRes was, and therefore, is taking longer for transactions to be completed. As with all mergers, it takes time and effort before everything falls into place.

Ann Canarella reported that she’s had success speaking to the retiree reservations desks. The Chicago and Portland groups can provide information only, and the Seattle number can assist with listing.

Betty Williams flew to Denver with her daughter and granddaughter and discovered the “new rule” of only 2 enrolled friends allowed which can only be changed yearly. This is in place of the “buddy pass” system which UA had successfully operated for years.

April King spoke very knowledgeably about pass travel. List one way only to ensure that your return won’t be cancelled, and be sure to ask for an email receipt. There are no longer letters for offline travel. Fill out a ZED request form, and once you receive a confirmation, take it to a UA ticketing facility to receive your ticket.

Other travel subjects discussed were the “relaxed dress code” and the fact that CO retirees never had travel benefits, so obviously, they’re thrilled.

Marge Segal brought the article from the NY Times about steward, **Ron Akana**, and his 63 year career in the “friendly skies”. **Audrey Smolick** and **Marilyn Cheadle** recalled their encounters with him. We also spent time reflecting on equipment from the past such as DC3s, DC8s, and Stratocruisers - pros and cons.

Calendar:

June 5 - 12noon - San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** (212) 799-8061.

NEW YORK METROS

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Spring has sprung, the grass is green, I wonder where our snowbirds are? Come home, winter has come and gone.

Our April 4th attendance of 39 is a bit less than usual, but we warmly welcomed two new members – **Alice O’Hagan** and **Donna Feingold**. So nice to have you join us.

Thanks to Rose Schneider for covering for me when I attended my sister’s funeral in SFO. Travel listing was horrendous! I spent a better part of one day trying to get through to list with no luck. I arrived at JFK where it took three agents over one hour to create a boarding pass for me to get through security. Flights were overbooked, 7½ hours later (honest), I got on a flight. At least F/C both ways. Without a computer, you can’t get anywhere.

There were no personal announcements to report, but there were birthdays and anniversaries going on.

Calendar:

May 7 – 1200 noon – Milleridge Inn

June 6 - 1200 noon – Milleridge Inn

OREGON

OUR CLUB



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Wayne Widrig and **Jackie Mark** hosted the April 6 lunch meeting at Tin Tin Restaurant in Medford. Jackie had all the tables decked out with Easter decor and candy, and all 22 attendees enjoyed getting a two-day head start on celebrating Easter and the coming of spring.

Jim & Elaine Ellis had the winning 50/50 ticket. We were all pleased to welcome two newcomers: **Eileen Plent** of Medford and **Jerry Pittman**, also of Medford. Eileen was a ticket agent and was with United for 34 years. Jerry's United career, at the San Francisco Maintenance Base, also spanned 34 years.

Although this was a social luncheon and not a quarterly business meeting, President **Jane Frincke** had a number of announcements. Prime among them was to report on **Neal & Sonnia Appleton**. Neal had just successfully undergone intensive surgery at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland. He will remain at OHSU until later in April, and all our thoughts and best wishes will be with him and Sonnia while on the road to full recovery.

Calendar:

May 4 - Peggy Wilson - TBA

June 1 - Linda Althouse - TBA

July 6 - Linda Althouse - TBA

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Our speaker for March, Detective Uttke was a "no-show", but hopefully Paul will be able to schedule him sometime later this year. He works for the police bureau so his time is not always his own. There were 69 at the meeting and the center pieces of a viola in a teacup were provided by **Nadine Holten** and **Kathy Russell**.

We welcome new members **Dale & Eileen Stapp**. Dale retired from PDXMM after 44+ years.

A lot of time during the meeting was spent discussing the new pass policies and how to work with the internet site "Flying Together." Paul explained the new guidelines and **Inge Pempeit** gave out copies of an email she sent on how to work the internet site.

It was nice to see **Tommie & Shirley Walker** at the meeting. Tommie is still receiving chemotherapy but hopes the treatments will soon be over. **Bob & Joyce Charron** are now at home from the rehabilitation center and Bob is still undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer.

A true "gentle giant" as he was called by friends, **Charles Keith Morton, Jr.** or known affectionately as Mort died on March 16th. Mort was at our meeting on the 14th and always arrived with a smile on his face. Mort spent his years with UAL working in SFO. He left no family but many, many friends. A celebration of life picnic is planned for this summer.

Nancy Hooper will be demonstrating new CPR technique along with the chief of their local fire district Scott Koehler at our May meeting. Come and learn the new way of administering CPR and save a life.

Thanks again to **Craig Strand** for donating two signed framed photo prints and a pack of note cards to be given away in the door prize drawing. The photos were won by **Betty Alf** and **Bill French**, **Sara Petersen** won the gift cards.

The regular drawings were as follows: Door prize ~ **Juanita Null**, Men's birthday ~ **Narci Castro**, Women's birthday ~ **Lorie King**, Anniversary ~ **Paul & Kathy Russell** (47 years) and 50/50 ~ **Nancy Hooper**. They all won a free lunch at the Refectory.

At this time, the PDX travel desk is open on Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to answer questions. The telephone numbers are (503) 249-4142 and (503) 249-4143.

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

May 9 - Demonstration on New CPR Inst

June 13 - Speaker from Guide Dogs for the Blind

July 11 - Annual Picnic

PENNSYLVANIA



THE INDEPENDENTS

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Our meeting was held at the Ramada Inn Essington at 12:30 on March 12. Attendance was 22 plus 2 guests. We can do better than that!

Our entertainment was a "radio broadcast" by Frick and Frack. They are humorists from Maris Grove senior living. They hit the nail on the head with their "senior moments". **Gail Bradley** won the free lunch and **Adam Anderson** collected the 50/50. **Joe Bradley** received thanks from the military for the books sent to the soldiers. Two more boxes of books are on the way.

Joe & Gail Bradley, Frank & Marge Egges represented us at the Founders Day 10th anniversary in Shanksville, PA on 3/11/12. A 1902 baby grand piano was donated to the chapel and dedicated. The flight 93 Tragedy and Heroism was remembered by an original musical composition and a concert by the North Star Kids. **Joe Bradley** offered remarks and other speeches were given by dignitaries.

We are saddened by the loss of some retirees: **Robert Moir** died on 3/11/12, **Charles Baselice** on 3/13/12, **Betty Maher** and **Jack Politza** within the past few months.

Betty Pyle had been hospitalized and is recovering at home. **Bill Carmen** is still recovering from brain surgery. He has lost vision in one eye and the other eye has diminished sight. He gets around very well.

All luncheons are held at the Essington Ramada Inn at 12:30. The cost is \$12.00.

Calendar:

May 14 - Luncheon

June 11 - Luncheon

Mark your calendar for Oct. 3-7 2012. The RUAEA convention at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA. This is within driving distance for the Independents.

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May has arrived! A busy month for Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles. Our special ones have their last prom, graduations and all the parties keep us running. However, remember no convention until October 3-7, 2012. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA. Make your reservations now via the web: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/RUAEA2012> or by calling the Hyatt at 1-888-421-1442 and mentioning RUAEA.

Thanks to **Vic Ference** for booking the Holiday Inn for our March Luncheon. It was a buffet with numerous and wonderful selections. We had a great crowd of 42 people.

Bill & Ruth Redfern delivered the food we collected to the West Hills Food Bank.

How nice to see **Bronko & Lillian Lapceovich**, we hope they will continue to attend our functions. We had several guests: **Jean Kashinsky**, a friend of **Olga Karmazyn**, **Jane & John Campbell**, daughter and son-in-law of **Harry Shirley**. Thanks to you both for bringing your Dad, I know he enjoys being with friends. It was wonderful to see **Bill & Verna Alex**, **Mary Salamon**, **Ed & Kay Yauch**, **Ed & Kay Ike**, and **Bob Wagner**.

Bob Wagner is a very busy man; he is a Military Honor Guard for deceased Vets. Last year the Guard honored 160 Vets.

We haven't seen **John Knezevich** since last July at the picnic. **John** was recently recognized for 70 years of membership with the Farrell Croatia Fraternal Union. **John** was asked to light a memorial candle in memory of deceased pioneers and members at the banquet. **John**, we didn't think you were 75 years old!

Paul & Betty Musko's daughter, **Lisa Edmonds** along with her friend **Jennifer Kehm** are helping young women fight cancer. **Jennifer** is a cancer survivor and provides emotional support to young women diagnosed with the disease. **Lisa** serves as a fund raiser manager for the Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation (YWBCAF), teaming with **Jennifer** to co-ordinate an array of events too numerous to mention. They both have done a fantastic job for the foundation and continue to do so. **Paul & Betty** both get involved helping with the fund raising. **Lisa & Jennifer**, you are to be commended for the long hours and the days you put in for such a worthy cause. For more information about the YWBCAF call (412) 490-9808 or visit: breastcancerawarenessfoundation.org.

Mario Ciocca, ramp service agent, worked in PIT and DEN passed away several months ago. We have no details of his death.

Jerri Juth's sister **Naomi Thomas** passed away April 5, 2012. Sympathy cards and notes can be sent to **Jerri** at 1900 Truman Dr. Aliquippa, PA 15001. This has been the second loss within the year for **Jerri**, our sympathy and prayers go out to you.

May birthdays: **Carl Chiocchi** (7), **Harry Shirley** (12), **Barb Guida** (14), **Dee Chiocchi** (16). Anniversaries: **Carl & Dee Chiocchi** (13), **Bill & Ruth Renfern** (26), **Rich & Barb** (26), **Vic & Joan Ference** were married on the same day (30). Joke!

Calendar:

May - Rivers Casino, hosted by **Betty & Paul Musko**

July 20 - Luncheon J. W. Halls

September 14 - Picnic at Hopewell Park

October 3-7 - RUAEA convention in D.C.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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We're back! After a two year absence, Herman and I have come out of "semi-retirement" and agreed to again be officers for the Tennessee Rocky Tops. A recent election was held and new officers are as follows: **Herman Emmel** - President, **Beverly Emmel** - Secretary, **Betty Shipe** - Vice President, **Mike Chapin** - Treasurer, **Barb Chapin** - Sunshine Lady and **Herman & Bev Emmel** -RUAEA Newsletter contributors.

Our last meeting/luncheon was held at Burchfield's Restaurant at the Doubletree Hotel in Oak Ridge. **Betty Shipe** was our hostess and did an excellent job. Lunch was delicious and Betty provided Easter treats for all. The 50/50 was won by **Robbie Corbin**. Door prizes were won by **Robbie Corbin**, **Al & Jeanne's** son-in-law and by **Jeanne Barkmann**. The Barkmann's family joined us for lunch as they were celebrating Jeanne's 80th Birthday. A very happy Birthday to Jeanne!

News from **Jerry & Mary Lou Barr** is good. Jerry has had several skin grafts after treatment for skin cancer and is doing well. **Russell Scott** and **Marge Tedder** surprised us by attending our luncheon. They don't drive into Knoxville much any more. Oak Ridge is closer to home and they were able to come. Although **Don**

& **Jackye Jeacock** were unable to attend this luncheon, they have been able to attend several times in the last two years. Jackye is doing well and we are always glad to see them. **Bob & Dorothy Goodette** were also able to make this luncheon. It was great having all 21 members and guests at our luncheon. Over the last two years, there have been several new additions to our group. We would like to welcome **Ginny & Steve Bartnicki**, **Noreene Koan** and **Ray Perry**, and **Bill & Margie McNew**. It is always good to have new members. We look forward to getting to know you. Herman and I send greetings to all our friends and look forward to submitting articles for the next two years.

Calendar:

April 19 - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 274 off I-40 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

May 17 – Hosted by **Robbie & Joe Corbin**, (931) 456-2790. Lunch at 12:30 (Central Time) at Beef and Barrel in Crossville followed at 2:30 (Central Time) by the play *The Moving of Lilla Barton* at the Crossville Playhouse.

June 21 - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd.

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



President **Frank McAnulty** called the brief March business meeting to order after 58 attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch at Fairwood Golf and Country Club.

Secretary **Rita Reynolds** had taken the day off to be with her sister and brother-in-law, **Edna & Sidney Harris** during his treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Frank asked for memorabilia, such as maintenance manuals, to be donated to the Museum of Flight in Seattle, which holds United's original Boeing 727 in its collection. Any appropriate souvenir or company business items from the early days of the 727 would be welcome.

We appreciate the efforts and efficiency of our chapter officers. Kudos to those who have served in administrative capacities during the 2011-12 meeting year. We recognize the following officers with special thanks: President **Frank McAnulty**, VP **Phyllis Bowman**, Secretary **Rita Reynolds**, Treasurer **Helen Stanger**, Asst. Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk**, Membership Chair **Mary Luke**, Newsletter Correspondent **Gay Liesse**, *Contrails* Coordinator **Phyllis Bowman**, Sunshine Lady **Marlene Nelson**, *Contrails* Editor **Vicki Shumaker**.

Officers for the ensuing 2012-13 meeting year will be elected at the May meeting.

Bob Howard announced the 2012 UAL Retirees golf tournament to be held at Riverbend Golf Complex in Kent, WA, a new location this year. Members of the Emerald City Slickers received registration forms at the meeting and in the local chapter newsletter. If you are not a member of the local chapter but would like to participate, please contact **Bob** at (253) 946-3462.

Former SEARR employees **Mychal Boiser** and **Maryum Sayyam** earned the 2011 National Restaurant Association's Restaurant Neighbor Award in the small business category for their efforts to help the homeless and disenfranchised reenter society and the work force through their Kona Kai Coffee Company in Kent, WA. Providing on-the-job training in the food service industry, as well as teaching life skills such as service, leadership, and responsibility, the restaurant's 6-8 month program gives participants a chance to prepare for future employment. The award was presented in Washington, DC, and included a \$5,000 charitable contribution. Congratulations, Kona Kai – and **Mychal** and **Maryum**!

May birthday babies, with the lily of the valley as their flower of the month and the emerald as their birthstone, are **Richard Devereux**, **Bud Dice**, **Tom Lucas**, and **Dennis Saxon**. May wedding anniversary celebrations are in order for **Carol & Doug Christensen** and **John & Edna Paulson**. Happy times are wished for all.

As always, we want to express our appreciation to those who so generously donate door prizes for our monthly drawings. Winners in March included **Phil Andersen, Phyllis Bowman, Laverne Dice, Bill Gordius, Adelaide Haferbecker, Corky Ives, Dave Jones, Gay Liesse, Dan Miles, Betty Paul, John Paulson, Rita Reynolds, Ed Rousso, Carol Soffel, Helen Stanger, and Ken Walters.** **Herald Bowman** had the winning ticket for the 50/50 drawing and donated his winnings to the chapter treasury.

A Celebration Of Life for **Judy Higley** (SEATO) was held in Auburn, WA, April 10. **Judy** was manager of the Seattle city ticket office and a long-time member of the Emerald City Slickers, though she and her husband, **Ted**, had lived in Chelan, WA, in recent years.

We regret to announce the death of chapter member **Connie Trembly** (SEARR) in March. **Connie** was born in Waterville and passed away in Bellevue. She is survived by five children.

Calendar:

May 8 – Luncheon meeting, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton

No meetings over the summer

Next meeting **September 11**

WASHINGTON, D.C.

DULLES LOUNGERS

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

Spring has arrived along with our famous Cherry Blossoms! These magnificent trees were a gift from the people of Japan exactly one hundred years ago. If you come back in the early Spring, you will see thousands of Cherry Blossom trees all over Washington DC! It will be just as beautiful in early October when RUAEA Convention convenes October 3-7, 2012. The thousands of mature trees around Washington will be on their fall colors, truly a sight to behold!

The Dulles Loungers continues to meet each month on the 2nd Wednesday at 1200 noon and we invite you to come and join us for a good lunch, many door prizes and a 50/50 cash drawing. We average 60-70 members and guests and we are thrilled to see out of town members come back to visit.

The Convention committee is forging ahead with the many activities that enhance the Convention experience. Will you come and volunteer a few hours of your time? There are many jobs that will take just a few hours of your time and afford you the opportunity to meet fellow retirees from all over the system.

Those intrepid cruise customers **Les Lovestead** (IADCS) and his wife **Jane** flew business class in January to Shanghai to visit Jane's family and friends and then took China Airways to Singapore for a few days before joining Holland America Lines 14 day cruise around the Pacific. The first country to see was Thailand and that included a full day and an overnight stay in port Laem Chabang, serving Bangkok. They enjoyed a full day sightseeing tour and even had an elephant ride!

Next day they sailed for Sihanoukville, Cambodia and enjoyed a full day there. After a day at sea, Les & Jane arrived in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam for a full day sightseeing and an overnight. Next, they sailed for Da Nang and enjoyed a full day ashore. They found that they encountered many Russian tourists in these ports, the newly well off Russians can now travel anywhere!

Another day at sea and one more stop in Vietnam, Halong Bay, for a full day and evening. One more day at sea and arrival into the beautiful harbor of Hong Kong at 7am, after 14 days at sea, enjoying all the luxuries that Holland America Lines can provide.

Les & Jane were able to travel business class on the outbound IAD/ORD/SHA and returning HKG/SFO/IAD also. What a fantastic journey they took, well done!

Calendar:

May 9 - 12noon, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

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Continued from the April newsletter:

What does Clipped Wings do?

In keeping with the original concepts of friendship and caring, local chapters support various organizations working with the developmentally disabled, and serve society in other philanthropic projects.

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Over the years, Clipped Wings® has donated more than 9 million dollars and nearly 49 years in volunteer hours to the philanthropic causes. This is an organization whose members try to make a difference in the everyday lives of people with developmental disabilities.

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Just a reminder that we still have some scarves available for purchase, please contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) rjensen148@aol.com. Each scarf is still only \$20.00, plus 2.00 for shipping. The proceeds from the profit of the scarves will support Special Olympics.

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LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

Hi members,
I’m the person who edits the letters you send for the Newsletter. Your letters are of interest to retirees and especially those with whom you once worked, they are greatly appreciated. When you send them, you can make my job easier by making them as legible as possible.

Martha Gooselaw
Letters Editor

WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

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

I turned 76 on February 11th. I had pneumonia 3 times last year. I quit my CPAP and have had no more pneumonia. I also had my right shoulder replaced last March, so now I am really bionic with 2 hips and 2 shoulders. I thank God for all of them and being able to move!

It is too bad for all of the upheaval with the new merger. It looks like the retirees have taken the biggest hit.

Roni Adams, 2012 N. 24th St., Boise, ID 83702-0205

Since many of our retirees have served in the military and I know most, if not all, our pilots had Air Force or Navy backgrounds, I thought this letter would be interesting news to share. Because of my husband's family and his own Military background, I wanted to write about the pride he would feel for his grandson, Andrew. My husband, Chic, died of bone cancer in 2008. He had 36 years with UAL.

My letter to the RUAEA Newsletter:

Many thanks for the wonderful RUAEA Newsletter that keeps my memories renewed of my time with United Airlines. I was hired January 1953 in DEN and worked in DENRR, then SLCSS, and finally SLCRR. Our RUAEA Conventions help strengthen my memories when I get to visit with old friends. Since my husband's death I rely a lot on my friendships with my airline family to keep me adventuresome. As most of my close friends know, Chic was serving in the Military when I was attending college, trying to become a nurse. In 1954, after working in DENRR for about a year and a half, I was accepted into UAL's Stewardess School in CYS. After graduation I got domiciled in SLC. Chic had finished his Navy time, 1945/47, serving on the Destroyer USS Stribling DD867 in the Atlantic. When he returned to SLC he registered at Westminster College and took flying lessons. He got his private license at age 20 years 3 months. When he turned 21, he went to work for United and did not return to Westminster, but joined the Air Force Reserve to earn his Commercial Pilot's license. He got his Commercial license just as the Korean War broke out and he got stationed with the 1973rd AACS Squadron at Taegu, Korea. His rank was S/SGT and he worked Air Traffic Control until 1952, finishing in Japan. He came back to his job with United in SLC and we met in 1954, when I was flying out of SLC. We married in April 1955 and had been married 53 yrs. 1 month when he passed away. In 1988, our youngest daughter, Cordi, was 22 when she was killed in a car accident riding as a passenger. Her son, Andrew, was 5 months old. He is now 23 and his home is in Maribel, Wisconsin. He enjoys hunting, fishing and sailing.

Chic would be very proud of his grandson for his choice of Military service. After graduating from Valparaiso University Indiana, Andrew has chosen a Military career, following in the steps of his great grandfather Charlie, who served in the Army during WWII. Chic's brother, Robert, served in the Merchant Marines, Chic in the Navy and then Air Force. Now it's Andrew's turn; he has chosen to enroll in the Linguist program to do Cryptologist work for Military Intelligence. After graduating from his training at Ft. Leonard Wood in St Louis, he flew (UAL) to Monterey, CA for more training at the Defense Language Institute, the primary foreign language school located at the Presidio of Monterey. Military service members study foreign languages in classes at highly accelerated paces, ranging from 24 to 64 weeks in length. There are U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corp and USAF presences on post and all branches provide their own students & instructors. As of 2009, over 40 languages are taught at the DLL. Andrew has chosen Pashtu, a language spoken in Iran, Pakistan & Afghanistan. After his DLI training he goes to a Military Base in Texas before he is given an assignment. I flew to STL for Andrew's graduation from Ft. Leonard Wood. While in St. Louis I visited the Gateway Arch and rode the Tram 630 ft. to the top. It was a thrill for me to see the mighty Mississippi River, through the windows at the top, and watch the tugboats pushing 4 & 5 barges up the river.

P.S. When the wind blows, the Arch sways and it is hard to walk around up there, but I did get photos of the city and the Mississippi River with its many bridges.

My BOI-STL connection in DEN was perfect, but the return flight connecting at ORD was another story. Weather was delaying flights in and out of ORD, so the agents in STL were trying to get the passengers on earlier flights out of STL to ensure we made our connection out of ORD. They put us on FIRAV status. I lucked out with my FIRAV and arrived at ORD with enough time to have a nice dinner, take a nap, and still make my connection. The UAL agents were so nice to me. Must be my age, or perhaps the UAL service pin I wear on

my lapel when I travel. Those agents are so busy I'm not sure they notice things like that, but their professionalism definitely is admirable. The F/A on my flight ORD-BOI did comment on my service pin. After we talked a while she wanted to know about Clipped Wings. But that's another story.

Doris Ailshie, 9255 N. Magnolia #293, Santee, CA 92071

My, how the years fly by!

I wish I had better news about my husband, Ed. He is not doing well. Dementia and Parkinson's have taken their toll. He is in a home in Colorado and turned 82 on the 10th of March.

I really enjoy reading about friends around the country.

I appreciate all your hard work in putting the newsletter together.

Lois Anderson, 265th NW #413, Stanwood, MA 98292

I have been retired for 24 years and it is time I let you know what a great Newsletter we have. I appreciate your efforts, and I thank you for keeping us well informed about our changing benefits and company news. I have used passes three times since my retirement and the Seattle and Portland Travel Desks have been most helpful. I really appreciate their great service.

Robert Colpitts, 1801 Randall Rd., San Mateo, CA 94402

It is hard for me to believe that I've been retired for ten years but the calendar tells me it's true. It continues to be fun though.

I know that managing RUAEA today is far more complex than ever before and to all of you officers and staff who make it click, I tip my hat and thank you for your commitment, effort and excellent results.

Charles Cromling, 5870 Clearwater Dr., Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

On March 5th, I'm 87 and still able to take of myself. I still drive when necessary.

I worked 35 years in Omaha.

I don't travel on United unless it's necessary. I have heart problems and Parkinson's and a Pacemaker/defibrillator so I have to be scanned with a wand. That makes things difficult to fly for me.

Since the merger, Continental Executives are in charge of the company. They are changing Company policies. It isn't the same Airline any more. Mr. Patterson would be very unhappy with all these changes. I'm glad that I'm retired,

My thanks and best regards to every one involved in preparing the News Letter.

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

Thank you for all your hard work!

I believe I might be the only member in the Branson, Missouri area. I have been thinking about starting my own group. (Not really). I like to read about the system clubs and UAL news; things have changed so much.

I began my employment in 1948 and retired in 1994. The last 6 years was with Apollo Travel Services-ATS. Other than a 2 year interruption by the Korean War; my entire work career was with United. I never had another job; one could not do it today. I appreciate our people in today's work environment. I welcome our new people from Continental. They have a high standard to meet, but I'm sure they will be able to do it. My very best to all my friends out there. They are slowly dwindling.

Diane Good 7185 Cleveland St., Bellaire, MI 49615-9464

I had a wonderful time at the convention in PDX and I am looking forward to being in DC just before the election. It should be exciting.

My timing must be way off as I sold my boat last summer, so that I would have more time to travel. Looks like the new pass policy will put a damper on that!

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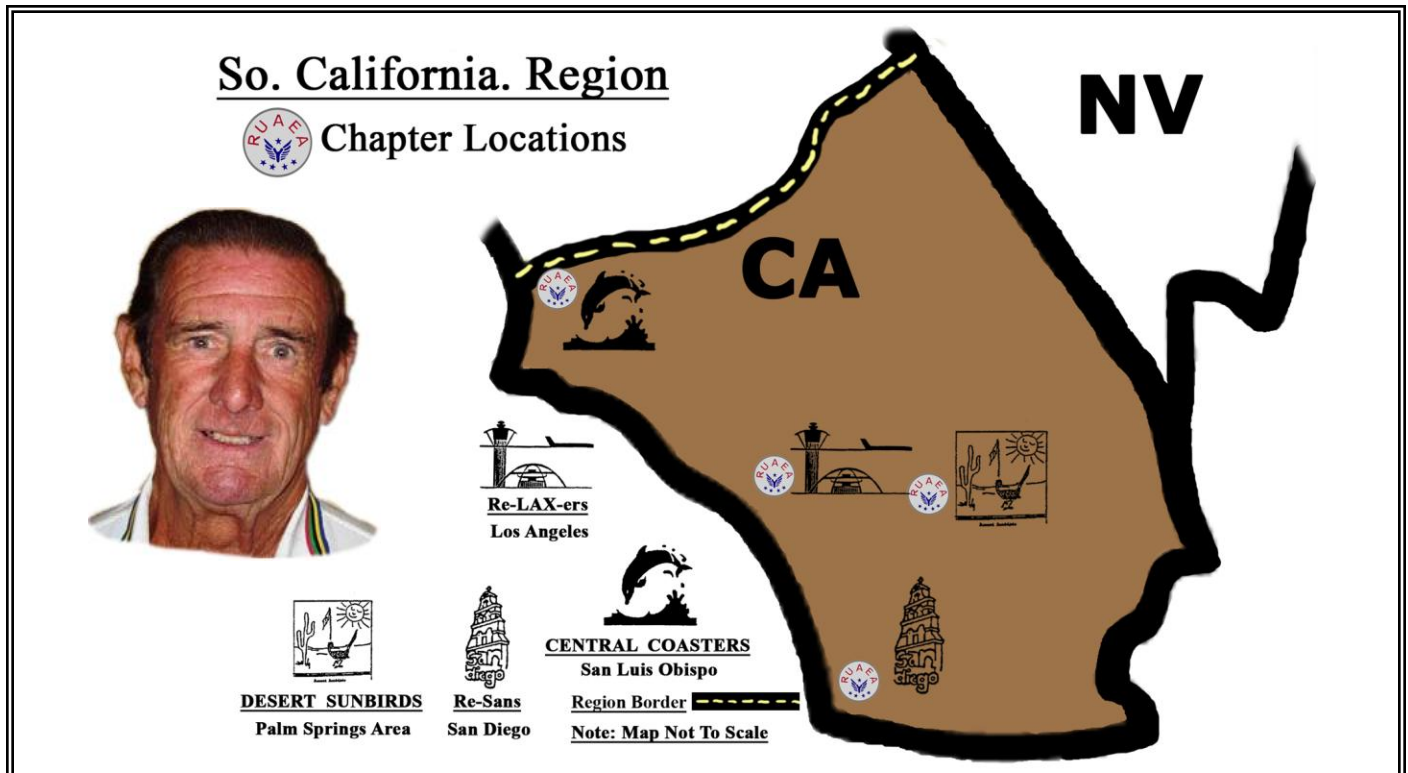
A Message from Howard Lackey

Hi, my name is Howard Lackey and I'm the Regional Director for Southern California. There are four (4) Chapters in my region, three are "oldies, but goodies" and one is a "newbie". SAN - where it all started, LAX - over 40 years young and PSP - 30 ies. The subject of this article is The Central Coasters, who have just turned 15 years young.

Bob Wagner (LAXMM) was first contacted by **Garver Sandy** at the RUAEA Convention in Portland in 1995 to start a chapter on "The Central Coast". They discussed at some length the start up. Bob placed a response letter in the Newsletter requesting those interested to contact him. There was a meeting in September 1996 which was attended by **Bob Wagner, Bill & Dana Noyes, Jack & Eleanor Cunningham, Kay Millington** and others. The RUAEA Representative was **Virginia Beckwith** (remember hubby **Boynton**?) who also attended the first meeting.

With a vote, they decided on a luncheon every other month. Most of the early meetings were held in Pismo Beach, CA. Later, when several new members joined, the meetings were moved to other cities on the coast and were hosted by the members. **Garver & Wilma Sandy** were very active for several years; Wilma was the first chapter correspondent. Unfortunately, a few years ago, due to health reasons they could not continue to make the trip from the Bay Area. They are missed by all. My last visit to the chapter was October of last year at the Spyglass Inn at Shell Beach. Their membership has remained fairly constant in the mid twenties range.

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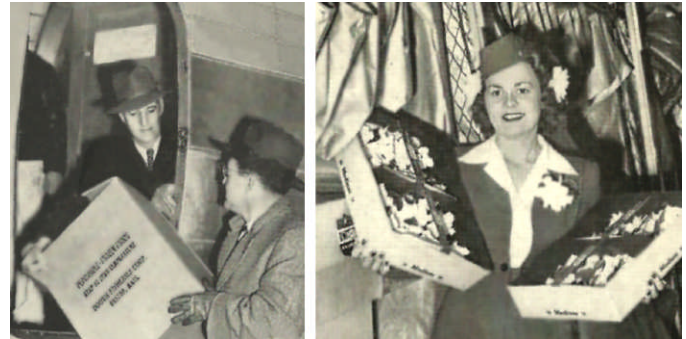
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Marvin Berryman DENTK Ret. - from the Nov. 1945, United Air Lines News.

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