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Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hi Fellow Members,

Yes, RUAEA is alive and well. What do we need to do to keep it that way? We need new members. Please talk to fellow retirees, friends and new retirees you may know and ask them to join RUAEA. If they ask why should they join and if you have forgotten, just say that the Retired United Airlines Employees Association was established to help retirees continue into retirement with the bonds of friendship and fellowship developed during their careers.

We publish a national Newsletter, both a printed copy and Web based. The Newsletter provides local chapter news, comments from members, and advises members of General Information regarding United Airlines. Our main gathering point is at our yearly Convention. Remember, it is in Denver this year. Watch for the June Newsletter which is our Convention issue. Also, please solicit RUAEA membership in your local Chapters by stressing the importance of maintaining a national membership, as well as the local membership. Attend your local meetings, for all the reasons stated above, and get up to date information passed on by your regional Directors. Take part in local Chapter activities such the All Arizona Luncheon I just attended. I was able to renew friendships, as many of our friends and fellow retirees have retired in Arizona.

In closing, if the above is too much to remember when soliciting a new member, make a copy and carry an application, or direct them to our Website, RUAEA.org. Thanks for being a member, and, please sign-up one member this year, thank you!

Hank Gosselin
President – RUAEA

The Convention Issue is coming in June!



Marilyn Marcy, VP of Conventions, and her committee are busy finalizing the convention details for October 2013. For those of you who want to get a head start, the hotel can be booked now. Remember, the hotel price of **\$99.00** plus tax. This includes **free onsite parking**, **complimentary High-speed Internet access**, **daily breakfast buffets for 2** and **courtesy shuttle transportation to DIA and nearby shopping centers**. This is a real bargain.

The hotel is DoubleTree by Hilton, Denver-Stapleton North, 4040 Quebec St., Denver, CO. For reservations, call 1-800-222-8733 or use the following link:
<http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/D/DENSNDT-RUA-20131006/index.jhtml>

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UA updated Pass Travel Board Date to include retirees, early-out participants



The following news item on Pass Travel Board Date was posted by United Airlines on Flying Together on April 5, 2013.

Like active co-workers, starting April 5, retirees, early-out participants and their eligible pass riders will clear for flights in order of their “board dates,” which we calculate by subtracting one’s length of service from the travel date. This replaces our interim way of boarding pass riders that was based on the retiree’s completed years of service or the current year for an

early-out participant.

Retirees and early-out participants who have pending travel plans should cancel those plans and create new ones to take advantage of the new board date calculation. Over the next several days, retirees and early-out participants may view the calculation of their board dates on the Employee Profile page under Quick Links on employeeRES.

When we introduced the pass travel program in March 2012, we could not implement boarding by day, month and years of completed company service due to system limitations. However, we recognized that this is an important feature so we worked with our technology team to change the board date as soon as possible - first for co-workers last July and now for retirees and early-out participants.

For more information, view the [Boarding Priority](#) or the [Retiree Pass Travel](#) policies under Travel Policies on Flying Together's Travel tab. If you cannot find what you're looking for, use the Ask Alex tool on Travel or contact the Employee Travel Center through the Feedback tool in [employeeRES](#) under Quick Links. You may find additional information with a [retiree YOS \(year of service\) example sheet](#) and [questions and answers](#) on Flying Together.

All-Arizona Luncheon

by Liz Tollefsen, Re-United's Secretary



The 2013 All-Arizona Luncheon, sponsored by the Re-United's Chapter of Phoenix Metro Area, was held March 14th at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande, Arizona, with the theme "Meet us by the Seaside". The room and the table decorations were appropriately decorated with the Seaside theme. Our President, **Shirley Claggett**, welcomed everyone to the luncheon. The buffet luncheon was delicious and plentiful.

There were three members of the Alliant Credit Union present, plus **Hank Gosselin**, RUAEA President, and **Carol Lucarelli**; **Mike Richards**, RUAEA Executive VP and his wife **Claudia**; **Ron Robertson**, RUAEA Past President (2008-2010), and his wife **Shirley**; **Helen Cauwels**, RUAEA Midwest Region Director; **Chuck Cole**, RUAEA Mountain Region Director, and his wife, **Sharon**, plus **Francis & Veronica Domaratus**, RUAEA Newsletter Managers, came in from California to join us. Our own **Jim Fauber**, who was past president of RUAEA (2002 – 2004) and his wife **Bonnie**, were also there, along with a total of about 100 other retirees.

Our Arizona Region Director, **Bob Hallden**, spoke to the group, and mentioned this was the 24th year of the All-Arizona Luncheons. It was started at the Holiday Inn, then went to the Properties, Robson Ranch, and back again for the second time by the Re-United's Chapter. The Roadrunners, from Tucson, were the first chapter started in Arizona. RUAEA President **Hank Gosselin** talked about the 2013 RUAEA Convention to be held October 9 – 13, in Denver, Colorado, near the old Stapleton Airport at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The \$99.00 hotel rate will include breakfast, free parking, and free shuttles back and forth.

Rich Vehring, who is very involved with the Fantasy Flight, brought along chances for a drawing to benefit the Fantasy Flight for those who might be interested in purchasing them.

Our speaker was Larry Turner of the CAF Commemorative Air Force Arizona Wing, located at Falcon Field in Mesa. He gave a very interesting slide presentation, illustrating their work and involvement.

Sixteen beautiful baskets, made by Re-United's members, were raffled off plus other door prizes, including one from the Alliant Credit Union.

A swimming skit put on by a group of men from Re-United's had everyone laughing, and was a big hit of the day.

It was a great afternoon of fun, food and renewing of friendships with fellow retirees of United Airlines. We thank everyone who came and made this a very special All-Arizona Luncheon. Thanks go out to the committee consisting of **Rita Zarek**, **Shirley Claggett**, **Peg Snowdall** and **Linda Cooper-Koltz** plus all the other Re-United's volunteers for all their help.

SFO Museum Receives Gift of Historic United Airlines Uniforms, Now on View in New Exhibition



SFO Museum at San Francisco International Airport has received fifty-five flight attendant uniforms donated to its aviation collection by the United Airlines Historical Foundation. This major gift represents the full history of the airline's company-issued cabin crew attire. Both female and male outfits are included in the donation that spans seven decades of uniforms—from the 1930s and the military-styles of the WWII era to the designer fashions worn in the 1950s, '60s, and '70s, and up to the present.

In 2007, at the request of the United Airlines Historical Foundation, United Air Lines Inc. generously donated their large collection of extra flight attendant uniforms and accessories to the Foundation for distribution to select aviation museums across the U.S. *"We felt the museum program at SFO was the right home for this important collection of United's history and the preservation of that legacy,"* said United Airlines Historical Foundation President Tom Goodyear.

SFO Museum, which is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums *"has the professional staff, including conservators, needed to support these artifacts."* said Goodyear. SFO Museum Director and Chief Curator Blake Summers expressed appreciation, *"For the generosity of the United Airlines Historical Foundation in enabling SFO Museum to further its mission of sharing aviation history with the public it serves."*

Eighteen of the female uniforms from the collection are now on exhibition at San Francisco International Airport in the Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum. Included are the ensembles created by Raymond Loewy, and the fashion houses of Ben Reig, William Travilla, and Jean Louis, many with hats made by famed milliner Mae Hanauer.

Selected images from the exhibition are available for download at:

http://www.flysfo.com/web/page/sfo_museum/about/press_images/exh-united_we_stand.html

United We Stand: Female Flight Attendant Uniforms of United Airlines is on view from Monday, April 8 to September 15, 2013, and is located pre-security in the San Francisco Airport Commission Aviation Library and Louis A. Turpen Aviation Museum in the International Terminal, Departures Level, adjacent to the Boarding Area "A" entrance. The museum is open free of charge to all visitors during the operating hours of 10:00am to 4:30pm, Sunday through Friday. It is closed Saturdays, Holidays, and during private events. Telephone (650) 821-9900 or extension #1114 on any Airport courtesy telephone.

The United Airlines Historical Foundation is a non-profit organization, independent of United Airlines, Inc., that is dedicated to the preservation of the airline's historic accomplishments in commercial aviation. See www.uahf.org/uniform_project.asp for information on the Foundation's uniforms preservation program.

Update on Retiree Badge Issue By Jim Morehead



The individual at UA responsible for the retiree badge project has advised us as follows; *"I can assure you that getting the retiree badge program up-and-running is my top priority. We have continually been engaged with Information Technology to load the layout of the actual badge into all of our badging systems, that being said, we have recently run into the issue of needing an upgraded server to actually print these badges. We are working to get this issue resolved, as well as perusing alternative means of printing the physical badge in an effort to expedite the release."*

Again, I would very much like to reiterate that getting the retiree badge program up and running is my team's and my foremost concern. We will continue to work diligently to get this process in place and then work to improve the experience as we learn what meets the needs of all stakeholders."

Update Your ID 90T Profile by Jim Morehead

I recently received the following from a friend. Here is his message for any members who plan to use ZEDS. You should update your profile before you do so.

"I thought you might wish to pass on my experience with IFC ID 90T to RETUP. They are located in Cordova, Argentina. They have two people answering the phone and thus you can wait hours on hold if you wish to ask a question and both are busy. They or the website have no opportunity to update your profile. It must be done through United."

ID 90T is one of the main companies that handles our ZED tickets on a contract basis. 90T has the majority of the Carriers for interline travel and it is electronic. It should be noted that Hawaiian is the only carrier that I know of that allows one's Enrolled friends to travel. There are, of course, a handful of Star Alliance Carriers that allow Companion Fares, but they do NOT have to be enrolled friends. On the Star partners, the employee/retiree has to travel with them.

ID90T collects the money and it does the listings in most cases. Some still require a paper ticket and others do not. You will see the list. Some may complain about the \$2 service fee, but this is a bargain considering you can get it done very quickly and do not have to request a paper ticket in many cases. IF YOU NEED A PAPER TICKET, you will still have to drive to the airport to pick it up in advance of your flight! Each Company is slightly different.

You will note there is a little homework to do on a profile. Of all of the ID90T carriers, some require you to go back to the profile for an update and it is clear when you go to the website. On this website, you pick your own unique password.

I had gotten a refund a year ago and needed to arrange for it. When I called, the lady said they were in Argentina and I could tell by the Spanish accent. I had no trouble getting through and my refund was promptly handled.

First-quarter revenue, costs to increase



On March 28, UA issued an investor update stating that the company expects its first-quarter unit revenue to increase, but UA expects its first-quarter and full-year unit costs to increase even faster.

UA's first quarter consolidated PRASM (passenger revenue per available seat mile) is expected to increase between 5.4 percent and 6.4 percent compared to the same period in the previous year. UA's increased unit revenues reflect its focus on higher reliability and service levels, areas where every co-worker is contributing.

UA also expects that its first-quarter consolidated non-fuel CASM (cost per available seat mile) will increase 11.4 percent to 12.4 percent year-over-year, approximately 3.5 points higher than the guidance the company provided in January.

Much of the first-quarter cost increase versus prior guidance is due to winter storm activity, increased investment in aircraft maintenance, higher salary and wage expense caused in part by a tentative collective bargaining agreement with its agents represented by the IAM, and accelerated depreciation associated with the previously announced sale of some of its 757 aircraft to FedEx. Although many of these costs are disproportionately affecting the first quarter, UA nonetheless expects consolidated non-fuel CASM to be up 5.5 percent to 6.5 percent for the full year, one point higher than its previous guidance.

To counteract the effects of its higher unit costs, it's important that UA operate its airline more efficiently than it has in the past. The company's goal remains to achieve at least a 10 percent return on its invested capital this year, which equates to earning at least \$1 billion in profit.

UA makes additional 787 schedule changes



UA is making additional adjustments to its published Boeing 787 flight schedules as Boeing and the FAA work to certify a solution that addresses the FAA's Airworthiness Directive (AD) for the aircraft.

UA plans to update its schedule on April 6 to show Boeing 777s in place of its six 787s on three international 787 routes: LAX to NRT, LAX to PVG (Shanghai) and IAH to LOS (Lagos, Nigeria). The company currently plans to put the 787 back on these routes in early August. UA previously announced that it plans to start its new 787 DEN-NRT service on June 10.

UA may return the 787s to service sooner if the issues outlined by the AD are resolved, but it chose to publish these schedule changes so customers know what aircraft to expect when flying with UA.

The company remains confident in the 787, believing that customers will quickly return to the aircraft once it goes back into service because of the enhanced travel experience it provides. UA is equally confident in Boeing's ability to work with the FAA to address the issues covered by the AD.

Torgy's Travel Tips



Starting off this month's column is some information from the Company regarding pass travel. If you have enrolled friends who use your vacation passes, please note: When UA deposits 8 vacation passes into your account each January, those passes have a 5-year validity, EXCEPT if you allow an enrolled friend or same-sex domestic partner to use them. In those instances, only current year passes are valid. Unused passes from previous years can only be used by the retiree and/or spouse or eligible children, if any.

If your travels include HKG this year, it may be more difficult for pass travelers due to the downsizing of the ORD-HKG flight 895 aircraft to a 777-200. The

resulting weight restriction began March 30th and is expected to last all summer. Indications are that it may also impact the return flight HKG-ORD. You may want to route yourself via EWR or SFO instead.

Check out the new Pass Travel Calculator on the Flying Together website. It's easy to use and clearly displays a breakdown of all the taxes pass travel can incur as well as the dreaded "inputted taxes" that will show up on a 1099 form for your income tax if you have lots of enrolled friend travel. Go to: flyingtogether.ual.com>EmpRes>QuickLinks>PassTravelCalculator

Speaking of websites, two popular interline travel companies have been listing some amazing bargains recently. **PERX.com** and **Airlineemployeetravel.com** have many cruises, resorts and tours at interline rates that are easy to book.

Letters of employment verification are often needed when requesting discounts (such as the interline cruises and resorts, above) and I'm happy to say we can easily obtain them from the Flying Together website. You can print out the letter instantly and either email or mail it to the vendor. Go to: flyingtogether.ual.com>EmpRes>QuickLinks>EmpProfile. Look in the "Saved EmpRes Information" box for the blue word "click here for verification letter".

If staying closer to home is just the ticket, why not try Amtrak. Travelers age 62 and over enjoy a 15% discount. Amtrak's website is easy to navigate and you can purchase your ticket online and print the ticket at the station, if you don't have access to a printer.

And lastly this month, a travel tip for Canada. The Canadian treasury has eliminated the penny from distribution, so don't be surprised to see the price of your purchase rounded up (or down) to accommodate this change. It only applies to cash transactions, not electronic purchases made with credit or debit cards. Secondly, the treasury is now printing the Canadian \$20, \$50 and \$100 bills on polymer not paper. The new bills have a slight tendency to "melt" if exposed to very high heat, like being left in direct sunlight on a beach or inside a hot car. So keep those bills in your wallet for more than one reason!

Happy travels!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles



Did you know? Emergency personnel who responded to the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 near Shanksville made a discovery that shocked and inspired them. Resting not far from the smoldering crater where forty crew and passengers perished, firefighters found a Bible that was barely singed. Only minutes before, the area had been a raging inferno, as the fuel ignited into a fireball when the plane plowed into the earth. The leather cover on the Bible was singed, but none of the pages were burned. It is believed the passenger belonging to the Bible was a twenty

year old Japanese man, Toshiya Kuge.

To donate, make your check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel, and mail to **Frank J. Eggles**, 3405 West Chester Pike B 307, Newtown Square, PA 19043-4252. Thank you!

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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Spring has sprung down along the Gulf Coast! Grass (and weeds) are growing like crazy and our attendance is back up at our meetings. On March 21, we had 22 members and 1 guest present at our Alabama/Florida Chapter of RUAEA meeting. You can always find us in the Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. Members attending were: **Bill & Ann Delavan, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Judy Hebl, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Horne** and their grandson, **Nicholas Moscaritolo, Park & Billie Learned, Ray & My Owens, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Harold Stofko, Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** and **Tommy & Sande Zander**.

We were thrilled that **Judy Hebl**, our member from Wisconsin, was able to attend one of our meetings this year before returning to the “frozen North” next week. They are returning this year in November and will be

with us through March. We keep trying to convince them they should just move down here. It was great to have **Tommy & Sande Zander** back with us again. It's not often they get over our way from New Orleans! We were happy that **Doug & Edna Horne** brought their grandson, **Nicholas Moscaritolo**, with them. He seemed to really enjoy touring the museum. It was nice that **Park & Billie Learned** were back with us and **Park** was feeling better.

We have started selling our raffle tickets while waiting for our lunches to be served. **Bill Hayden** and **Barbara Serra** do a really nice job with the tickets. **Doug Horne** drew the winning ticket for **Harold Stofko**. Congratulations, Harold!

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order after lunch at 1:15 PM. We continue to email our Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report to everyone and they were approved as sent. **Yvonne Schwartz**, Secretary, announced that **Barbara Serra**, Treasurer, and Yvonne are in the process of updating our Membership and Dues Records. Yvonne will mail out new directories in the near future.

Conrad Hamilton told us his 18 year old friend that needed a liver transplant got an infection and died three days after our last meeting so the Mother never had a chance to use the passes as an enrolled friend. **Conrad** thanked the couple that had enrolled the Mother. **Honey Dimitriadis** emailed us that she has moved to Louisiana and **Mary Renfro**'s husband has become ill and she is unable to attend at this time. We miss Honey and Mary at our meetings.

The part of our meetings that everyone looks forward to is drawing our raffle tickets for the extra delicious cookies from Cubi Bar. Our waitress, Christine, really takes care of us! Winners this time were **Barbara Serra, Yvonne Schwartz, Doug Horne, Harold Stofko, Bill Hayden, Billie Learned, Judy Hebl, Park Learned, Steve Wilkey** and a cookie was donated to **Annie Wilkey** so they had two cookies to take home to their sons, **Jake** and **Eddie**. We had hoped they would be able to attend since they were on their Spring break from school, but being teenagers, they had other plans! Can you imagine!

Our April birthday people are **Park Learned** (1st) and **Rick Herrick** (30th). Our May birthday person is **Sande Zander** (23rd). Happy Birthday to you 3!

A discussion was held regarding the 1099 forms United is sending out for flights taken. Several of our members are now dealing with these forms and the additional tax that must be paid. **Bob Schwartz**, who does taxes during tax season, was able to explain some of the rules for this.

Our next discussion centered on why some medications now are listed as being under Medicare Part D instead of under Express Scripts (Medco). We were all trying to figure that out. It seems insurance just becomes more expensive and more confusing as each day goes by. You can bet that any time there is either a merger or a buy-out; it is going to mean bad news and more expense for you.

We decided that next month we will request the large screen TV and **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** will do another information session with us. We always appreciate her help.

We hope your vacation plans will include visiting our area and attending one of our meetings. We'd love to have you. Our meetings are usually the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at NAS Pensacola, FL.

Calendar:

April 18

May 16

ARIZONA

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Busy, busy Spring in the Valley! Everything is starting to bloom...the Palo Verdes, Oleanders, Lantanas and the cactus. Then our snowbirds return to other homes and enjoy the spring and summer weather with the flowers and green stuff, only drawback is the grass mowing.

We had a great time at the All-Arizona Luncheon in Casa Grande. It was good to see ol' friends and co-workers like **Natasha Schmidt, Linda Cooper-Koltz, Rita Zarek** and good friends from the Re-United's. The

Azures attendees were: **Joe & Lisa Hopkins, Mike & Claudia Richards, Lowell & Pat Neal, Gene & Marge Hinners, Vic & Carol Liltz, Joan & Dick Aaronson, Ginny Meyers** and husband as well as **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck** from the Re-United's (I first met Ferrol when I hired on with United in 1977 when I was working for **Frank Conway** in Cargo Sales).

Next year, it's the Azures turn to host the All-Arizona Luncheon. I don't know if we can match the entertainment that the Re-United's serve up (definitely hilarious and worth Hollywood's or, maybe, Saturday Night Live's attention) but we will make an effort. The Holiday Inn in Casa Grande is already booked for March 20, 2014.

Azures "end of the year" picnic at Beardsley Park in Sun City West on April 13, we will report on the fun next month. At this writing, attendance is at 55, wow! Our next meeting will be in October.

Azures Health News ~ **Suzanne Hughes** had emergency by-pass surgery on March 30 and is recuperating at Boswell Hospital in Sun City West. She ended up with a triple bypass, then pneumonia so her stay was a little longer than usual. Send cards to Susie at: 20108 North 110th Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85373.

Sherry Muoio still has not had her hip surgery since the doctors are waiting for her blood platelets to get to a higher level. Also, send cards to Sherry at: 20108 North 110th Avenue, Sun City, AZ 85373.

Just FYI ~ **Vic Liltz** is finally free of his dizzy spells and light headedness. A few weeks ago, Vic had a flu bug with fever and cough. While returning to his recliner in the wee hours, he missed, fell and hit his head, since then, no dizziness. Note: Had I known the cure, I could have hit him in the head last year and saved doctors bills and visits. Okay, I'm just kidding! He's now feeling great!

Happy Birthday to **Suzanne Hughes** on May 6 and **Jean Sellon** on May 29.

We are extremely saddened by the death of **Marlene Bechtold** (wife of **James Bechtold**, DENMM). Jim and Marlene were long-time members of the Azures. In January, Marlene had a golf cart accident leaving her with multiple injuries to her legs and torso. She had been making progress recovering, but passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 6. No funeral arrangements at this time.

Vivian Klick is off to Ohio for her granddaughter's wedding reception, the couple was married in Florida so the other grandparents could witness the wedding (they were too fragile to make the trip to Ohio), so Vivian went for the "partying" at the reception in Ohio. But, before that, she hosted her "California" daughter and son-in-law and family in Goodyear for Easter.

Calendar:

Breakfasts at Coco's, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ. Call **Jim Bechtold** (623) 465-5423 or **Sherry Muoio** (623) 572-4828 to let them know you'll be attending.

May 7

May 21



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Most of our Arizona Snowbirds have left for their homes up north by now; but, we're still getting together for breakfast every fourth Friday of each month at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. If you're in the Phoenix area this summer, we would love to have you join us for breakfast. We welcome anyone who has worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time and of retirement age of 55 or more. Please 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. She will be happy to answer any of your questions, or give you directions to the restaurant. We are a friendly group and always happy to see new faces, along with our regular members.

Our All-Arizona Luncheon was held at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande on March 14th. We had about 100 people there. Everyone had a good time. The theme was "Meet us by the Seaside". The decorations around the room and the tables reflected that theme. Some of the speakers were **Bob Hallden**, our RUAEA Arizona Region Director, **Hank Gosselin**, RUAEA President, plus the main speaker was Larry Turner of the CAF Commemorative Air Force Arizona Wing, located at Falcon Field in Mesa. There were 16 beautiful baskets which were raffled off to lucky winners plus a door prize from the Alliant Credit Union. The swimming skit put

on by a group of men from our Re-United's chapter was funny, and had everyone laughing. Thanks to our members for all the hard work they did to make this luncheon very successful. A job well done! (Please refer to the pictures on the cover and the article in the General News section of this newsletter).

We had 32 people attend our March 22nd Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner. We discussed the All-Arizona Luncheon and were happy with the results. Our chapter is very active and doing well; but some of the other chapters are having a hard time getting officers and getting members to participate. One thing that was mentioned was communication; getting the word out to everyone. Not everyone can get information through e-mails. Items that we need to collect for the Fantasy Flight, such as small individual blankets, socks, gloves, and bears for the children, who are about 5 to 6 years old, were discussed. Please give these items to **Peg Snowdall** at one of the breakfasts, or contact her at (480) 396-3317, if you have any questions. We had some extra door prizes handmade by **Christine Rang**, which was a colorful decorated Easter egg, in a small basket. Real cute! Thanks, Christine.

Our annual picnic at Crescent Run Park this month will be reported on next month. It's always a fun time, with excellent food. Membership directories are given out to those who paid their dues for another year. We always get a larger crowd at this event. Thanks to **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** for being such good hosts!

On April 5, 2013, we heard the sad news that one of our members, **Agnes Warthen**, passed away. She and her husband, **Homer**, have been members of our Re-United's Chapter for a long time. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Homer and their families. Cards can be sent to **Homer Warthen**, 603 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206.

The officers for our chapter did not change this year. They are: President ~ **Shirley Claggett**, Vice-President ~ **Peg Snowdall**, Treasurer ~ **Rita Zarek**, and Secretary ~ **Liz Tollefsen**. Our Sunshine person is **Tony Ribeiro**; Historian ~ **Ginny Rockenhauser**, and the Sheriff position will be shared by **Jay Hartough** and **Ted Higley**.

The following members have Birthdays in May: **Victor Kostecki** (5th), **Oscar Aguilar** (12th), **John Griffin** (13th), **JoAnne Griffin** (16th), **Christine Rang** (22nd), **Kathy Brigante** (25th) and **Gene Menten** (25th). Happy Birthday! We have four couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in May: **Ron & Ruth Willoughby** (5/1/2004), **Steve & Linda Cooper-Koltz** (5/4/85), **Victor & Jeanette Kostecki** (5/18/68), and **Fred & Ginny Rockenhauser** (5/23/70). Congratulations!

Calendar:

May 24 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by May 22nd with your reservation at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

June 28 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m.

July 26 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

August 23 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines Chapter!

Our March Luncheon/Meeting was attended by 12 members. There wasn't much going actually, but if you'll come to the next meeting, we'll talk about our upcoming picnic in June.

Calendar:

May 21– Meeting at 11:00AM at the Lone Spur Café.



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Our March monthly luncheon get-together was held at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande. Hosted by our neighbors up north, Phoenix Re-United, a good time was had by all that attended. Our thanks to everyone who helped organize the event, we had a great afternoon.

In addition to the good food, a presentation was delivered at the event by Larry Turner. Larry is a volunteer member of the Commemorative Air Force founded in 1951. With great pride, Larry shared with us that the CAF is the largest flying museum of its kind and makes its home at Falcon Field in Mesa. All are encouraged to stop by if you are in the neighborhood. I don't think anyone will be disappointed.

The Roadrunners had their fair share of good luck at the event. The door prize drawing was won by **Ed Kokot** while the 50/25/25 drawing was won by **Alice Lopez** and **Sharon Cole**. Gift basket drawings were won by **Chuck Cole**, **Jeff Lawyer**, **Claire Byle**, **Shirley Robertson** and **Sandy Lawyer**. Thank you Phoenix Re-United for your generosity.

Calendar:

April 18 – 11:30AM, Boston's, Tucson

May 16 – Luncheon hosted by **Alice & Pete Lopez**

CALIFORNIA

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I was about to write the monthly news when it seems my birthday just flew by and the check is in the mail. I'm sorry about the delay.

The Central Coasters had a quiet month of March with no meeting. Our next meeting will be June 19th hosted by **Bob & Marsha Stanger**.

On one of my many e-mails I received was little known Airline Facts that said, the main function of flight attendants was for the safety and security of their passengers, and passenger comfort is only secondary. Prior to the Jet Age when stewardesses had to be single, the Rule of Five was always complied with. During those years, when I flew a lot, it seemed that being attended to was worth looking forward to and made the flights very enjoyable.



BRAZEN RAISINS

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Nine members attended the Brazen Raisins' April 3rd meeting at Marie Callenders. **Virginia Van Patten** was the host and the Manager of the restaurant gave Virginia a free pie for holding the meeting at his restaurant. What a nice surprise!

Dick Hayes brought photos taken at the March meeting and gave them to us. Sunshine Lady **Hazel Hayes** was unable to attend our meeting, so Dick read her report. There are three anniversaries in April: **Peggy &**

John Oakshott on 4/20; **Elida & Reuben Rivas** on 4/21; and **Hazel & Dick Hayes** on 4/26. Also, **Dick Hayes** has a birthday on 4/26.

Our 50/50 raffle was won by **Lincoln Jones**. Virginia also brought living plants for the raffle. **Dick Hayes** and **Nile Jones** won tomato plants, **John Oakshott** and **Dick Shryock** won flowers for the yard.

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Sandy Sereno was our gracious hostess for the Desert Sunbirds' March Luncheon. Thirty two Sunbirds and one guest enjoyed Italian Cuisine at the Bella Roma in Cathedral City. **Maureen Kirkwood** was **Patti Sica's** guest. Maureen was a guest of Patti at our Christmas Luncheon, where she was recruited to distribute door prizes as one of Santa's elves.

Anniversary congratulations to **Lynda & Tony Davis** (39 years - March 10th), and **Shirley & Ben Schiewe** (31 years - April 3rd).

Sima Gates, who joined at her first Luncheon last May, sent in her renewal dues (along with a cash donation to the General Fund). Sima has not been able to attend another Luncheon as she lives in San Clemente, a 2½ hours drive. We also received "New Member" dues from **Leah Zepeda-Klopf** (LAXTR/CS). Leah lives in Green Valley, AZ, but wants to keep up with "old friends" with whom she used to work. Many thanks, Sima and Leah.

Patti Sica reports that she will be attending her 49th "Nursing" Reunion April 19th, and later this year, a cruise to Amsterdam.

The Desert Sunbirds received a very nice "Thank You" letter from the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission for our gifts for the kids at Christmas.

Sorry Mike, I can't resist this. It seems our President, **Mike Bailardo**, got his phone bill in the mail, and decided to take care of it right away. He wrote the check, stamped the envelope, and sent it on its way the same day. The next day he picked up his mail, and there's another phone bill. He then checked his copy of the bill he had paid the day before. Sure enough, he had paid his neighbor's bill.

No sick report this month, and that's good news. **Ron Aggson** is still on the mend at home, getting excellent care from visiting nurses, and of course, **Elaine**.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Shirley Spitler**, and our only guest, **Maureen Kirkwood**, won \$45.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Calendar:

May 8 – Hosted by **Carole Paquin**

June 12 – Hosted by **Jim & Liz Clapper**



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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on March 27 at Woody's Grill in Rocklin. This was hosted by Ron & Barbara Bertacini. We had 47 Gold Diggers attending and no guests. Our Chapter President, **Hank Wikstad**, welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Bertacinis for hosting.

Officers Reports:

President ~ **Hank Wikstad** thanked all those attending today.

Vice President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** gave us another luncheon update for this year. We have April through June and September covered. We still need hosts for July, August and October.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for March: Those 50 years and over: **Art & Pat Rugh** – 64 years; **Marv & Jean Becker** – 55 years; **Fernando & Ana Campos** – 52 years; **Robert & Judith Miller** – 50 years.

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

Sunshine ~ **Alice McPeak** brought cards for us to sign for **Velma Stough** and the **Rustons**.

Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton** had nothing to report.

Roster Chairman ~ **Jack Raynor** brought our new rosters for 2013 today. Let him know of any corrections.

Past President of RUAEA ~ **Ron Bertacini** reminded us that the convention will be in Denver, CO October 9-12 which is a Wednesday through Saturday at the DoubleTree North hotel.

Calendar:

April 24 – China Buffet, Citrus Heights – hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**

May 29 – TBA – hosted by **Sonda Sandstedt**

June 26 – TBA – hosted by **Bob & Marge Fulkerson**

HANGTOWN MINERS

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I think I am safe to say that the 29 Hangtown Miners who attended the March luncheon had a good time and enjoyed the delicious Mexican food served by Los Pinos. If you haven't been to this restaurant, plan to put it on your places to try out. The decor is nicely done and the food is very good. Thank you to **Bob & Dorean Ames** for arranging everything for us and providing springtime decorations and candy for our tables.

Rudy Blazius brought our meeting to order after our meal. No one spoke up for anniversaries or birthdays. If you had one of either in March - Congratulations!

New Business ~ None that is really "new".

Old Business ~ **Thom Biro** put together the membership list/information for our 2013 year. We chose to not spend the money to make the small booklets but have everyone on one sheet, our membership stands at 38. Of course, there's actually more than that when you add in spouses! Thom was not in attendance; **Tom Kenny** brought the list to hand out. If you have not received a copy, let me know and I will send you a copy.

President ~ Rudy reaffirmed that the Retiree Badges really are coming! The badges will cost between \$25.00 and \$35.00, and will be good for 20 years. You will need to complete the Retiree Badge Request Form and provide a recent photo. It's a good idea to check in on the Flying Together website.

There's talk about beginning a "Baggage to Destination" program. A customer's luggage will be delivered to their destination address (within a 100 mile radius). Hmmm, this could be interesting! Check the website for more info. It's good to know that United Air Lines is on Fortune's Most Admired Businesses ranking. United was among three U.S. carriers to make the airline industry list along with Delta and Southwest. As retirees who helped to build UAL into a first class airline, one that we were all able to be very proud of, it is heartwarming to hear that it is still ranked well.

Vice President ~ Bill Dinette did not have anything to report.

Secretary ~ Jane Gibson did not have any report to give.

Treasurer ~ We continue to wait for our nonprofit identification number from the federal government. While it only took 3 weeks for them to cash our check, we are now a year of waiting in their process. Tom is figuring that maybe we will hear something in July. Our checking account now stands at \$1,181.00.

Historian ~ Nothing from **Lynda Lima**.

Sunshine ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** brought a couple cards for everyone to sign. **JR Heier** has been in the hospital. He had open heart surgery to repair his mitral valve. Today (11th), he will be getting a pacemaker and hopes to be home soon.

Jerry Juba and **Darryl Stroud** both have been experiencing health problems. We all send to each of them our best wishes for speedy recoveries. Hang in there!

Remember, if you know of any member who is experiencing difficult times or has something joyful happening, please give Jeanette a call (530) 676-7368.

RUAEA ~ We welcome back **John Zoboli**, it's so good to have him join us again. There seems to be lots of "stuff" floating around regarding the new UA. Most can be checked out at RUAEA website www.ruaea.org. At the March RUAEA Board meeting, the website Managers indicated they were trying to stay current with updated information.

The instructions for using the new pass program are available on RUAEA.org. An updated program on Flying Together/travel was posted on Flying Together. The content is 31 pages, although if you plan to print it out, several of the pages could be skipped.

One of the changes for Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be a separate ID card for medications/prescriptions. Once the card is received, you have to have the information changed at any local pharmacy you have used. The current information will not be valid.

Subscribers to the RUAEA Newsletter who enrolled with the three year subscription plan, you need to watch for the renewal notice adjacent to your address. Time is up or will be soon!

Southwest has introduced a \$40.00 fee to board the plane as part of the first 15 people to board. Not sure if you can do this ahead or if the Zed Fare is included.

If you are holding a paper FAA license and wish to keep it active, you will need to contact the FAA to replace it with the new plastic one. Paper licenses are not valid after March 1, 2013 ~ If you're still working on planes, you will need the plastic one.

UA has cut 600 jobs or 6% of management/administrative positions. These cuts will include buyouts and layoffs and some "open" positions will not be filled. This is due to a \$723 million loss last year and to reduced flying scheduled for 2013.

If you are aware of anyone who is looking for A&P work, AAR is hiring mechanics at the MSP repair facility that once belonged to Northwest Airlines. The website is www.aarcorp.com and the city location is Duluth, MN. Currently looking for A&P Leads & Mech., R&E Leads & Mech. and Sheet Metal Leads & Mech.

John still has some additional copies of the book, "The Age Of Flight". Contact **John Zoboli** at (775) 856-2044 or johnzoboli@aol.com for one of these wonderful books.

John is now the president of the Reno Chapter. RUAEA has had to cut back on the driving allowance and there are other chapters who meet on Mondays, but he will do his best to make our meetings. John mentioned that at one time RUAEA would receive a list of retirees who could then be contacted about the organization. At one time, it was suggested that a form and information be put in retirement packets. And that was done but they weren't distributed! Sounds like it will be tried again.

Bob Ames mentioned that he's heard that the UAL and CO merge is not complete yet. And that it appears that pretty much the UAL people seem to have been eliminated. And then there's the fuel deal that ran into trouble in Chicago! The company found a small company near by and arranged to buy their fuel from them for 1 cent less! But the county didn't like that arrangement and is suing UAL for fuel taxes! Can't win.

It seems that retirees from Continental have very little support. If you know any of those who retired from Continental, please be sure to invite them to RUAEA and the Hangtown Miners. Everyone is concerned with retiree benefits. Looking at the "big picture" is bleak.

Those of us who have been traveling report that it is well worth taking advantage of the 20% discount!

Pictures of SFO base was passed around to bring back some memories - the pictures are from 1955!

Our meeting closed and the Drawing Of Opportunity began. **Angie Dellinger** won the \$20.00. Those contributing were: **Ames** (2 plants); **Blazius** (wine); **Czapkay** (peanut butter pretzels); **Dinette** (wine); **Kenny** (Shamrock plant); **Dellinger** (3 hand towels); **D'Amico** (kitchen towels); **Buschman** (wine); **Gibson** (pomegranate jelly); **Akin** (fresh eggs); **Fitzpatrick** (wine). Thank you for your generosity!

Our next luncheon will be at a place I have never heard of before! **Jon & Alice Somplack** are hosting at a restaurant called the Snooty Frog in Cameron Park.

Enjoy this beautiful spring weather!



REDWOOD EMPIRE

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Our March luncheon was held on March 14th at LaGare restaurant in Santa Rosa. **Jan Blackburn** and **Valerie Hulsey** hosted 36 members and guests to a delicious lunch. We had 31 members and 9 guests present.

President George welcomed everyone and thanked today's hosts and **Al Benthams** for manning the raffle sales. We had a moment of silence in honor of **Wayne O'Kelly's** passing. He was 95 when he died. He and his late wife, **Zepha** had been married for 72 years.

There were no changes to the February minutes. **Brandon & Pat Maus** are in Maui, so George introduced our guests **Lee Trevelyan, Ed & Margaret Nelson**, guests of **Barney & Claire Hagen**; Jennifer guest of **Ruth Loy** and **Carol Turek**, guest of **Doug Saunders**.

Jan reported the total balance as of 2/14/13 was \$490.92 of which \$300.71 is in the general account. We have \$190.21 in the Charity Fund.

Barney Hagen reported that if you let your friends use companion passes, you will receive a W2 for the value of the ticket.

Sunshine Lady Verda is traveling this month so Valerie reported **Pat Cadden, Richard Southon, Edie Olson, Brandon Maus, Barney Hagen** and **Donna Stukey** all had March Birthdays, Barney won the free lunch again this year. No anniversaries this month.

Lots of wine was raffled and some candy too! Our next luncheon is on April 11 at the Quail Inn. We will be hosted by **Mary Hill** and **Maddy McKinnis**.

Don't forget the Charity Box!

Calendar:

Luncheon on the 2nd Thursday of the Month

May 9 - Rancho Nicasio, hosted by **Joan Sheahan, Ann Sullivan & Joan Olsson**

June 13 - Quail Inn, hosted by **Ron & Joanne Huhn** and **Larry & Mary Wilson**

July 11 - Le Chalet Basque, hosted by **Oscar & Joan Chambers**

August 8 - Armstrong Woods, hosted by **Verda Burr**

September 12 - La Gare, hosted by **Jan Blackburn & Valerie Hulsey**

October 10 - Quail Inn, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**

November 14 - Fountain Grove Inn, hosted by **Pat & Brandon Maus**

December 12 - Quail Inn, hosted by the Officers

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It's late March and I'm watching a soccer game between the USA and Costa Rica. It's being played in the blowing snow in Denver, Colorado! If you're taking votes, I'd like to vote for **no snow** in October for the convention.

So many of our members were hit hard by the flu this season. It came late and stayed a long time. Other members needing our kind thoughts and prayers are **Sharon Carey, Sue Ward** and **Mary Lou Favela**. Nothing scary, but they just need some kind thoughts. **Jim Ferrance** sent his email to advise that **Sandy Ortiz** fell and broke an elbow, which will require surgery. But, she's one of our "wonder-women" and we know that she'll win the battle!

Laly Savoy had knee-surgery and is working through a painful recovery. But it's not keeping her from hunting for a location for our fund raiser for Casino Night. Things are looking good for a final decision soon. Good news for Fantasy Flight!

Our dear party lady, **Sylvia Allen**, is doing it again! She's throwing a big party at the Proud Bird to celebrate her "70th Birthday". This must be the way she's showing her gratitude for surviving heart surgery that required a 5-way bypass. Yeah Sylvia! We'll be there!

I was just re-reading an old RUAEA newsletter that reminded me of my early days in SFO at the Maintenance Base. I read a letter from **Wallace (Wally) Wegner**, who was captain of my bowling team. We bowled at 1:00AM in the morning, after working the swing shift. I was attending San Mateo College in those days, was 20 years old and not married. My maiden name was Donna Biggs. I have a great photo of that wonderful team and another picture of our dinner together with all of the bowlers in that league. Thanks Wally, for your part in those wonderful memories. And to all those other people in that photo whose names I can no longer recall. But I do recall such great memories!

Calendar:

June 6 - Proud Bird restaurant



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Another month has gone swiftly by and it was good to see twenty seven attendees at our breakfast. Our numbers have been consistently growing and we are excited to see the growing interest in our group. I look back to October 2011, when **Betty Tomaino, Barbara Drews, Debbie & Robert Taylor** were asked to take over the group and our first newsletter was printed in RUAEA. There were twelve in attendance at that meeting.

Bob Vitello was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. This was our only month in which we had no birthdays to celebrate.

The update pass travel board date now includes retirees and their eligible pass riders who will be cleared for flights in order of their board dates. This is calculated by subtracting your length of service from the travel date. You can review this app by viewing the Retirees Pass Travel policies under the Travel Policies on Flying Together Travel tab. It would be good for everyone to become familiar with this, so be sure to review the change.

We look forward to a good turnout and great fun at our Spring Fling on April 18th as we enjoy a Mexican cuisine this year. Hope to see you there.

Calendar:

May 2 – Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394. Phone (619) 226 0255

GOLDEN GATERS

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Our March meeting had us visiting several spots in the world. As we had missed the Chinese New Year celebration on February 10, we deferred our celebration by having a wonderful catered Chinese luncheon – all coordinated by our Food Coordinators **Vera & Walter Kina**. This tasty treat has become an annual event for us – chop sticks included! As we finished our lunch, we traveled west-bound from China to the Land of the Leprechauns and celebrated St. Paddy's Day by being entertained by the Murphy Irish Dance Group. This delightful group of youngsters always brings a smile to our faces – one of the dancers was only 4½ years old!

Colorful costumes, smiling girls and serious boys – they had us clapping our hands and enjoying their intricate dances.

We have, thanks to our intrepid Auditors, **Judy Curran**, **Ben Vietz** and **Dorothy Reuszer**, a workable budget for the coming year. We have sent our intrepid 3 back to Washington, D.C. to present a budget to Congress as they have accomplished this major feat in a very short time!

Our special thanks to **Jim & Helen Goodwine** (her arm is slowly getting better) for their generous gift of two tickets for two nights of pre-season games of the Giants baseball team. The lucky winners get to cheer Buster Posey and the gang on. We raffle off those tickets with the monies going into our charity fund. Go Giants!

The best news of all is that we now have a Corresponding Secretary – **Pat Niland** has graciously said that she will be taking over the job. Hooray for volunteers (did I twist her arm at some point?) – and it is wonderful to have a newcomer join the Board. **Monte & Mary Ann Monson** have offered to help with the coffee set-up for our monthly meetings.

We have a special luncheon set up for our June 24th meeting – it is our 4th of July Hot Dog feast. Price is \$20 per person – but because we are United Retirees, we are offering you all an airline discount – lunch will be \$5 per person – so you can't afford to stay away.

We have some new joiners, **Homer & Gloria Hudelson** – welcome to the group, we hope to see you at all our gatherings! A special Happy Birthday goes out to our very own **Phyllis Maloney** who will be 97 years young this month. **Shirley Campbell**, our Newspaper Editor, was able to get to the meeting – her hip-bone has been re-connected to her knee bone and points in-between. **Emily O'Toole** just had hip surgery – get well quickly!

Sad news with the passing of several of our members: **Joe Wdowych**, **Wayne Guenther**, **Cy Takakura** and **Bill Maes** – may they rest in peace and know that we share the sorrows of their families. Contact **Ginger Dahlberg** if you need an address or phone number for any of those families. Please contact our Sunshine Lady, **Jacque Ahern**, at (650) 740-4581, if you know of any one who is ill or needs some cheering up.

Calendar:

If any of you are visiting the SFO area and are here during our monthly meetings, please join us – we'd love to see you. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd) at 11am until 2pm, Foster City, CA 94404. Any mail should 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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Easter decorations, candy and yummy homemade cupcakes graced the tables of our breakfast meeting, thanks to the creative talents of **Jean & Jack Jenkins** and **Maureen & Vern Snyder**. We appreciate the extra efforts made by these members.

We try to celebrate special birthdays and anniversaries each meeting. Recently, **Don Nessling** celebrated his 91st birthday. Two couples celebrated wedding anniversaries in April: **Bill & Carol Copley** (61st) and **Garver & Wilma Sandy** (67th). **Lou & Jean Marcolina** will celebrate their 56th in May. Congratulations to all of you!

Georgia Nielsen keeps us current with news from the United Airlines Historical Society. She reported that elections for new board members are coming up soon.

Our treasurer **Cheri Scales** received thanks for donations made by our group to the American Cancer Society in memory of **Dwayne Howze** and to the United Airlines Historical Society in memory of **Dave Saso**.

Some of our members have enjoyed their flight passes recently. **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** flew to Kona, Hawaii for their son's wedding. **Dave & Nancy Walb** took an extensive trip to Vietnam, Thailand, and Laos. If you have access to a computer, it is quite easy to keep updated on your flights and stand-by status.

Calendar:

We meet every Friday morning at 8 AM for breakfast and a short meeting at Holder's Country Inn on De Anza Blvd. across from the Home Depot, in San Jose. Please join us.

June 18 - Annual Summer Picnic and Barbeque at Vasona Lake County Park, hosted by **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard, Dave & Nancy Walb, and Tony & Sally Urso**

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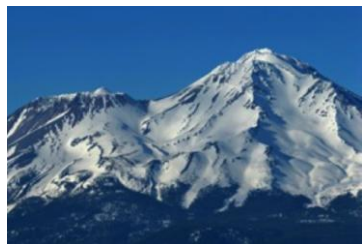
Our March meeting was held Thursday, March 14, at the Golden Corral restaurant in Modesto. We had 33 members and guests in attendance. We were thrilled to share 94th birthday wishes with **Carl Swanson** and his guest, his daughter **Karen Swanson**. It is such fun to have birthdays and anniversaries shared.

Our usual "joke time" had all of us laughing (good for the digestion, you know). Our Treasurer, **Rudy Reyna** announced that we had 56 paid members, and our finances were in good shape. It was noted that Vice President **Nancy Buddington** was home after a short stay in the hospital for chest pains, and that **Gloria Gemberling** was back at home after having her knee replaced. It is always good to hear of recovering members.

We have all months for the rest of the year signed up, except November. Hopefully, that will be filled by next month. Door prizes ranging from candy and wine to small plants and seeds were shared, with many more winners than losers.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. Our next meeting will be at Thomi's in Jackson, hosted by **Don & Jo Nesja**, on Thursday, April 11th. For reservations, contact Don & Jo at (209) 823-3050, as we need to submit reservations for this location.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our President, **Jack Walls** (209) 984-5672, or Vice President, **Nancy Buddington** (209) 588-1073, for meeting information.



CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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It is so hard to believe it is already April. We have had some showers and I guess it is true; April showers will bring May flowers! Our meeting was held March 28th, at the Countryside Café in Red Bluff. We had 24 retirees and spouses in attendance. **Merritt Odor**, our President, welcomed **Ray & Genie Herrick** to our luncheon. Merritt also thanked **Vanessa Pratt** for arranging the restaurant.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Dick Hooning** celebrated his birthday in March, **Bill Simonton** has a birthday in April and **Hal & Phyllis Burdick** will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in April.

Merritt reminded everyone that their \$10.00 dues per family are due. We use this money for our picnic and our Christmas get-together.

Merritt also welcomed **Charlotte Puryear** back after back surgery and our own **Merritt Odor** was in a cast after having rotator cuff surgery on his right shoulder. His wife, **Klaren**, made sure he got to the meeting where he enjoyed well wishes and smiles from everyone.

Merritt announced that the RUAEA convention will be in Denver, Colorado this year. More information will be coming out soon.

Ray Herrick shared a little bit of his United history and he and his wife ended up becoming members of the Northstater group. There also was a general discussion on United travel and medical issues. Merritt encouraged us to find a speaker or to talk about a hobby at our next meeting.

Our member profile this month is about **Jim Stuart** ~ Jim started at United in May of 1967 at San Francisco International Airport after being discharged from the Navy. Hired on as a ramp serviceman, he worked for a year and a half on swing shift in the baggage room. Jim then went to dayshift where he worked the bag room and sometimes running bags on Concourse B and C. After spending about 5 years on dayshift, he then transferred to Air Freight. He worked several different jobs and learned to drive different equipment. After 6 years he went to the wide body food driving trucks, but his stay was very short. Jim then went back to Air Freight. At that time a DC-8 freighter was put on its tail. Jim said "*It looked like it was going to take off from a standing position*". Jim went back to the ramp area and worked Ramp 1. After three years he was offered a position called XBCR and decided to try it. Jim liked it so well that he worked that position until it was phased out. Jim then went back to Ramp 1 and then worked the Zip Crew. After 5 years he went back to the bag room where he continued to work until his retirement Dec. 31, 2002. Jim now enjoys his 5th wheel and travels a little with his wife and two dogs. Jim loves to work on computers and is always upgrading them enhancing the performance.

Hal Burdick won the 50-50 raffle. **Carl Franke** won the \$15.00 lunch gift certificate.

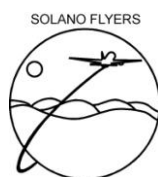
The next meeting will be in Chico, Thursday, May 23rd at 11:340 AM. **Vanessa Pratt** and **Sharon Simonton** offered to contact some restaurants that are new to the Chico area for the luncheon/meeting.

Calendar:

May 23 11:30 A.M. Restaurant to be announced. Come join us!

SOLANO FLYERS

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We met again at Denny's Restaurant in Vacaville for our April get-together. It may be the Spring blahs but our attendance was down considerably. We only had about 15 members attending. **Al Pochop** (our president) was visibly disappointed. There were several things he wanted to discuss but with so few present, he just said, "what the Hell", sorta. **John Francis** wasn't disappointed as he won the 50/50 drawing. **Pad Gardner** was the high bidder in an auction for a vintage UAL first class travel bag. Actually, he was the only bidder, 15 people? What could you expect?

Next month we think we'll be meeting at Fairfield's "Home Town Buffet". Nothing definite yet. Have a great spring. It'll be summer before we know it.

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The Mile Higher's had their monthly breakfast at United's Flight Training Center on April 6 with 45 in attendance. **Gerry Vinson** was a first timer and **Boyd Porter** made his way down from the mountains to join us. Both of you come back!

Eve Burnham took a nasty fall injuring her right hand and **Harvey Collin** just had neck surgery after a fall. Both are on the mend and able to be out.

Tom Goodyear explained the up coming Continental and United retirees' picnic at Wings over the Rockies Air Museum, located on the old Lowry Air Force Base. The address is 7711 East Academy Blvd., Denver, CO and the time is 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on August 21, 2013. The event will be a catered BBQ by Bennett's. The menu is BBQ Beef, Chicken, Beans (with sauce) Cole Slaw, Home Made Potato Salad, French bread, Ice Cream, Coffee and Ice Tea. All this for only \$19.00 per person and a self guided museum tour is included in the price. Make checks payable to ARECA, c/o **Pat Fischahs** and mail to 6756 East Exposition Ave., Denver, CO

80224. Be sure your payment is received by Pat by the deadline of August 16, 2013. Indicate the name of the member and guests on your check.

Do not forget the RUAEA Convention in Denver October 9 – 13, 2013.

50/50 winners that returned their winnings were **Jack Green, Paul Miller, Thom Rowland** (won twice) and **Charlie Hassler**.

Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on May 4th at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35th Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast. Don't forget your aluminum cans.

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President **Dick Coughlin** opened our meeting with 18 members present. It was good to see Dick back again with us after dealing with the treatments he went through to finally have some teeth removed. He explained the procedure he went through and all is well for him now, and we are grateful for answered prayers for him.

Jim Meyers was in Chicago visiting, and **Herb Gardner** was busy as a volunteer on the Balloon Festival at the New Smyrna Beach Airport this weekend. It's a big deal. **Steve Moddle** will be flying a plane in which I understand will be on exhibit. As I passed the airport on my way home I saw an old DC-7 already in place. Herb thinks he lost his job with us as 50/50 ticket taker, but I think he only got a leave of absence.

Rick Johnson and **Irene Warner** were our birthday celebrants, there were no other celebrations. Rick always complains that Dick's jokes are never that funny, so to start off, he got up and told a funny joke. The other jokes Dick had got some laughs also.

After our Treasurer's report by **Penny Logan**, there were several suggestions as to where we might give some of our money. We will make a final decision at our next meeting after **Frieda Coughlin** does some investigation on these choices.

RUAEA'S next convention will be held in Colorado in the fall. We learned that the Florida Chapters that met at the Villages earlier in the year went very well. There is always some "Airline talk" among us at our meetings. Today was no different.

Dick & Frieda Coughlin will be off on a cruise with stops in Portugal, and several in Spain. After spending a few days in Barcelona, they will be flying home via UAL. On that note, our meeting adjourned until next month. Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always remember to bring your own sunshine with you.

Calendar:

May 2 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

June 6 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

July 4 - 11:30 - Meeting cancelled



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A super group of forty members and two guests gathered at Cypress Grove Park to celebrate Spring! Yes, after much chilly, we finally have warm! Yeah! Those celebrating and eating well included: **Jim & Pat Hernandez, Ken & Shelby Michels, Mary & Bob McNeill, Bobbie Gay, Cernie & Cheryl Vosges, Glenn &**

Joanne Seefeld, Richard & Gloria Armistead, Stan & Barb Halterman, Tom Cannata, Ken Weisz, Gene Hall & guest, Eleanor Rauch, Don Ulman, Al Fields, Linda Agnelli & Bob Olsen, Larue Bork, Dee Francis, John & Gay Crawford, David & Lisa Leighty, Betty Davidson, Angel & Julia Montalvo, Mack Chandler, Dick & Cathy Benson, Ted & Charlotte LeGrand, Rich & Cathy Llewellyn & guest, granddaughter Nikki, Elaine Tillman-Mannella & guest Tracie Ruffolo. Stan Halterman was cooking away and it looked like Ernie Vosges was helping out. Promptly at noon, we all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, held by Ernie.

Al Fields led us in prayers of thanks for the food and then of petition for a return to good health for several retirees and fellow members of the Real McCoys and their families. Among those in special need of our prayers: **OB & Bonnie Taylor, Lou Gaydos, Lisa Langan** (daughter of **Joe & Barb Fitak**), **Paul Brown, Aaron Williams, Troy Seefeld** (son of **Joanne & Glenn**), **Dave Houck, Betty Davidson, and Charlie & Sharon Ringer.**

Stan Halterman is offering a "Mystery Trip" on September 10th, he also has flyers available for a Canadian Island Trip September 29 - October 9, 2013.

April Birthday Guy is **John Crawford** and he and **Gay** celebrated 50 years on February 4th! Huge Congrats and Best Wishes!

Please continue to pray for all our "United family and friends".

Calendar:

Luncheon/Meeting at 1:30pm, Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd

May 7

June 4

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A group of 24 Sand Dollars met for lunch on March 14 at the IMG Golf and Country Club. The food was delicious; the service excellent; the views beautiful and of course, great conversations and many laughs. What more can we ask for? **Loretta Marvett** really hit the jackpot as the winner of the attendance drawing as well as the top winner of our 50/50 drawing. Hope she stopped off at the casino on the way home, since it surely was her day! Also winners in the 50/50 were **Liz Mavis** and **Joanne Wasser.**

We celebrate the May birthdays of **Inge Phillips** (8th), **Harvey Rucker** (15th), and **Russ Wasser** (27th). Also, we have May wedding anniversaries for **Skip & Cindy Irwin** (5/20 - 41 years), **Russ & Joanne Wasser** (5/26 - 23 years), and **Hank & Patricia Gieseler** (5/16 - 62 years).

Calendar:

May 9 - 11:30 AM, Holiday Inn - Sarasota Airport, 8009 15th Street East, Sarasota, FL 34243, (941) 355-9000



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Our meeting was called to order at 11:15 at Anderson Park by President **Barbara Riecss.** Minutes of the previous meeting were read by **Volrie Fusina** and approved as read. The Treasurers report was given by **Lillian Sawyer.**

Birthdays for the month of April are **Connie Kuehn** on April 6th and **Carol Starr** on April 13th. Anniversary in the month of April for 56 years is **Jim & Pat Hottel.**

Noemi Guzman gave us a favorable report of her flight on United from Tampa, Pensacola, to Houston and final destination of Meridia Mexico. She spoke highly of the agent that helped them and they were upgraded to first class.

Barbara Riecse gave us the update of **John Riecse** regarding his surgery which was successful and he is now in rehab and anxious to return home. **Terri Breslin** stated a card was sent to **John Riecse**.

Barbara Riecse reported that May will be her last meeting as President and we would need to vote for a new President at the May meeting. We will need someone to come forward at that time.

Carolyn Lodge made a motion to suspend the regular meetings for June, July and August. A vote was taken and passed - there will be no meetings for those three months.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 with the picnic to follow.

Calendar:

May 6 - 10:30 IHOP on Hwy. 54.

******June, July and August** – No meetings

September 9 - 10:30 AM, IHOP (please note this one meeting is a week later because of the holiday)

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It seems like just a few weeks ago that we were celebrating the New Year and here it is April already! With 21 members and 2 guests, we had a very noisy and talkative bunch indeed. One guest was brought in by **Frank Wise** and he hales from Palm Beach Gardens; he is none other than **Truman Barker** who worked with **Millie Rossi**, **Frank Wise** and **Al Popek** in PBI. The other guest was my son David who wanted to meet everyone since he offered to be the Chef at the picnic, what a guy!

It took quite a few bangs on the meat tenderizer to get the meeting in order so they started counting the number of hits on the block of wood with the meat tenderizer, what a group! **Al** is getting better with his left hand since his right arm is still in a sling.

Jim Morehead informed us of his experience on his trip to Hawaii and **Al Popek** mentioned some of the changes in our summer schedule in and out of Florida.

For the members at the meeting, their list of items that they are requested to bring to the picnic were finalized, the rest of the members will have a list sent to them and they will have to call **Al Popek** to get the balance of items needed. Directions to Dubois Park were also distributed and will be mailed. We are all looking forward to the Picnic on May 7.

Sharon Kirk won the 50/50 and the progressive was won by **Dee Lakso**.

Birthdays for May are **Vicky Snyder** (5/1), **Jerry Zadar** and **Joan Palumbo** (5/23), **Barbara Blauschild** (5/24), **David Lindgren** (5/25) and **Jack Boisseau** (5/26). Happy Birthday to all, we have no Wedding Anniversaries this month.

Remember that you are always welcome to join us. If you want to join in the fun at the Dubois Park Picnic, give **Al Popek** a call no later than April 25. Guests are \$10.00 per person and guests are not required to bring any food items, just yourselves and your bathing suit. All members and guests BYOB, if they wish.

Remember the clock is ticking so Live, Love and Laugh, each day is a present.

Calendar:

May 7 – 12 Noon Dubois Park Picnic, Jupiter, FL. No meeting at Wahoo's

June 4 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

July 2 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting, Wahoo's. Stuart, FL

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Atlanta Dixie Fliers met on Wednesday April 3, 2013 for lunch and any new reports on UAL info, given by our company. Grace and blessing of this meal given by **Don Shelly** and pledge to our flag by **Fred Cron**; we also noted a new and straight flag pole corrected by **Bill Elk** thanks for the last month's comment by **Frank Russey**.

Today's gathering was twenty three plus three guests ~ **Sara Forte**, friend of **Fred Cron**; **Christopher Duncan**, grandson of **Mary Anne & Doug Goforth**; and **Noah Abbadangle**, grandson of **Tony & Cathy Carringer**.

April's Birthdays ~ **Don Sullivan** (2nd), **Mary Lou** (28th), **Bonnie Sawyer** (20th), **Sam Mace** (20th), **Cathy Carringer** (20th), and her husband **Tony Carringer** (26th). Retirements ~ **Ed Paille** (4/2001).

Our 50/50 raffle of \$19.50 was won by guest **Sara Forte**, who donated to the Promise place or Ladies in Distress our local charity. **Bill Elk** took that and contributions of feminine goods and paper products from some members and delivered them.

Nothing new to report on UAL happenings. **Willy & Bobby Foles** returned after a long absence, **Frank George** of Atlanta, and TPA CG had coworkers visit him in Florida. Frank was paralyzed by a stroke and was visited by UAL retirees, **Balas, Shelley, Terri Smith, Dink Hammer**, and **Jerry Wattles**, I am sure that lifted his spirits.

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Aloha. The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter. Our next regularly planned luncheon will be on Thursday, June 20th. We will have all the details by the middle of May and can email them to you. Just let us know your email address at HNLRUA@gmail.com. All retirees are welcome to join us. It's a perfect way to start out the summer. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.

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Twelve members and guests gathered for our March luncheon meeting on a gorgeous sunny day. We wish to thank Rick for leading the meeting in our absence.

Those attending were: **Denny Snyder, Shirley & Charles Perkins, Louise Duvall, Marlene Croghan, Marilyn Taylor, Gloria Hubbert, Lois Rodriguez, Rick & Shirley Dempsey, Louise & Verla Haugen.**

Charles Perkins, experiencing spring fever already, has planted carrots and beets so far! **Louise Duvall** said that she has crocus blooming. **Marilyn Taylor** reported that she flew to PDX in February to attend the 60th

birthday celebrations for her daughter Sharon. Good times were had at all the parties. **David & Carol Adams** spent a few days at their son's cabin in McCall, north of Boise, following the death of Carol's mom. She enjoyed going to our retirees' activities, and we will miss her.

Calendar:

May 14 – Jerry's State Court Cafe at 11:30

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April showers bring May flowers. MAY we get on with spring so we can start planning and planting our gardens? We don't want to see shovels, boots or snow blowers for at least seven months, if that! Years ago, my aunt told me, *"In Illinois, we don't have a spring. One day it's 30 degrees, the next day it's 70's."* We've all seen those little dainty purple crocuses coming up through an inch of snow. Somehow, they survive. Just like us, tough old birds in Illinois. And we stay, with freezing and sweltering temperatures. Why would we miss the four seasons, beautiful Chicago, the Windy City in the Fall. Word has it, that description has nothing to do with the wind coming off the Lake. Instead, it was to describe all the "Hot Air" coming from the Chicago politicians. Can't argue with THAT!

Now that Easter is over, tell me the truth. The chocolate bunny ... what did you eat first, ears, feet or tail?

Our March breakfast at Ritzzy's attracted about two dozen people. Two new retirees were **Elizabeth Schaller** and **Erika Furtner**. Come back! **Bonnie & Ed Meyer** became grandparents again. They visited little **Leo Albert** in Florida at Easter. It's good to hear that other people are traveling, and not fearing the new system. **Al Eberhart** traveled to Belize, and got first class, round trip! **Ralph Connolly** went to Santa Ana, CA, connecting in Houston. You might want to remember IAH as a connecting city. DEN is a lovely place, but can get pretty busy. Getting stuck there for two days, in the same clothes, is no fun. **Al Broderson** took a Union bus excursion to MKE and visited the Potawatomi Casino. He didn't break the bank, but came home on the same bus. **Carol & Bob Faust** have returned from their condo in Dillon, CO. Last year they were in charge of the Margarita Bar, this year, they took care of the Martini Bar at their Senior Center dinner. What's next? Pina Coladas? Manhattans? Whatever, they do an excellent job dispensing liquor and olives.

Our Spring Luncheon we tried a different restaurant, Villa Brunetti's, in Franklin Park. There were about 130 retirees. The raffle consisted of money and meals. I should mention, the Raffle committee does a great job selling and giving out the prizes. Thank you to **Mary Szabo, Norm Pearson, Angie Halama** and **Bob Faust**. Also present was **Penny Treptow**, our first non-retiree member. Welcome, next time bring your friends.

At our Southside breakfast, 19 folks came for food and pleasant conversation. Easter treats were supplied by **Gwen Brookins** and **Rudi Maki**. Thank you for your sweet contribution. Raffle money was won by **Ed Ward, Sylvester Gant, Marge Caliendo**, and **Jan Gawenda**. Happy Birthday was sung to our March babies, **Bill Adams, Bill Brookins**, and **Jan Gawenda**.

Charles Parker, ORDDMM, married his grade school sweetheart, **Sherry**, on April 20. They met when they were about 7, catching and loading chickens for her family. How romantic, from fowl and feathers to lace and champagne. Love is lovelier, the second time around! Congratulations, many more years together. **Mike Obert**, ORDDMM mechanic, fell last month, broke his hip. He will be rehabbing for a while. His address is 8617 N. Oriole Ave. Niles, IL. 60714.

Along with the fun times, also come the sad times. We lost four friends this month. **Marie Churchill**, wife of **Bill**, the Skyliners' secretary, died of cancer on March 8. Cards can be sent to Bill and family at 100 Beverly Drive, Wheeling, IL 60090. **Robert Bowers**, from OPBOP, passed away in February. His wife preceded him last year. Two men from ORDDMM passed on, **Jack Lloyd**, lead mechanic, died March 12. **Bill Poerstel**, Maintenance Manager, passed away March 29. Cards can be sent to his wife, **Joan**, at 603 E. 3rd Street,

Prophetstown, IL 61277-1346. His son, Bill Jr. is a former UA employee, also from ORDMM. Sorry, no address available for Bob or Jack.

We received a call from **Elizabeth Ashton**, one of our past presidents. She is now living at The Moorings in Arlington Heights. Also there are **Jean Hovel**, **Tawnie Fenn**, **Jean Sampson**, and **Harold Ogle**. Elizabeth just wanted to say hello, she sounded energized and ready for anything. They all keep busy, playing cards, visiting and shopping. **Helen Nelson**, who is deceased, has an activity room named in her honor. Other retirees are there also, in the rehab facility. We also received a very nice note from **Elaine Dore**, which is listed in the Letters Section! We love hearing from you and what you're doing. Rumor has it that the lovely **Alice Belzer** is leaving Arizona, and returning to Chicago. Welcome back, we missed you!

The Chicago Mainliner Store is located in the RES building on Touhy at Wolf Rd. They have many UA items for sale. Their hours are, Monday evening, from 6:30 to 10:30, and Wednesday Morning from 11:00 to 3:00. There is also a store in the Willis Tower, on the 9th floor, with limited merchandise. A catalogue is available on their website, chicagomainliner.com.

In May, we give honor and respect to our mothers, or someone who was "like" a mother to us. Also, to the men and women who served our country during peace and conflict. We might not be in the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave today, if it wasn't for the soldiers who kept our borders safe. Thank you to all of you. You will always have a special place in our hearts for your sacrifices. And also, for all the young people who never made it home to their families. I always thought, if two leaders are not getting along, let them fight it out. Leave our soldiers out of it. Presidents wouldn't be so fast to start wars, if it's only them fighting.

Our moms, God bless them! When we're young, we argue with them, think they don't know anything. Then we had our own families, and children who think WE don't know anything. A lesson learned too late. So many of our moms are gone, and we can't thank them for their patience, knowledge and LOVE. My mom is turning 92 this May. Physically, she's fine, memory-wise, not so good. But I visit, we talk, I repeat everything I told her the day before, it's pretty much new news to her. But she remembers everything we did on our trip to Rome years ago. She's happy that I visit. I'm lucky to still have her, and can thank her for all that she's done for me ... AND put up with over the years. So, if you still have yours, go give her a big hug, it will make her day! No matter what your relationship was with your parents, when they're gone, you will miss them. To all the caretakers in the world, a big Thank You for caring and devoting your time to someone. You will be rewarded with an express ticket to heaven. Something like, a "Get out of Jail Card" in Monopoly.

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Calendar:

Northside Breakfast—Ritzzy's Café, 8:30 A.M. 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows. (**May 8**), second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast—Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**April 30**), last Tuesday of the month.

June 24 - Summer Picnic, Chandler's, Roselle Rd., Schaumburg 11:00

Fall Event—September, Diplomat West Banquet Hall, North Ave., Elmhurst 11:00

December 10 - Christmas Luncheon, The Avalon, Higgins and Rt. 83, 11:00



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March 20th was the first day of spring on the calendar, but not weather wise. It was a cold, windy, arctic cold wintry day reaching only 23 degrees with 7 hardy retirees coming for lunch. Four retirees, the **Fausts** and the **Sondheimers** were on their way when their suburban train had a mechanical problem so they returned home as they would have arrived too late.

There was no travel or other news from the retirees at lunch who were **Ted & Agneta Jung, Mary Szabo, Norm Pearson, Beverly Connor** and **Kay McClure**.

The "Great Street Restaurant", where we have been meeting for lunch for the last 7 years or so, is going to be remodeled. It is already the most beautiful hotel restaurant in the area with the dining room overlooking the Chicago River and the Trump Tower and the corn cob twin Marina Towers. We may be meeting in an even more beautiful room at our next luncheon on May 15th. Everyone is invited to join our group.

Calendar:

May 15 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets, (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m.

June – No Luncheon scheduled

July 17 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets

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Frequently, some members of our Indy Racers group gather at the restaurant prior to our lunch meeting to play a few rounds of cards. Pictured at our March meeting are (l-r): **Bob Duty, Lenny Kurtz** and new member **Lew Presly**.

Indy Racers have been busy travelling. Our Treasurer, **Dimple Rihel**, went to West Virginia to visit her mother for Easter and will be travelling with friends to Prague, Czechoslovakia in May. VP **Wanda Bryce** helped Indy Racer **Mary Chandler** move to Nevada in April and plans to visit family members in Florida this month. President **Chris Johnston** will be driving to San Francisco with his wife and his 93 yr. old mother to see his 9 month-old granddaughter and friends in the Bay Area. **Tom & Jane Lane** recently visited family in North Carolina; they also are planning a trip to San Francisco and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

We send wishes for speedy recoveries to **Cheri & Ron Innis** who are both recuperating from surgeries. **Charles Theiss** is recovering from a nasty bout with bronchitis.

We're all preparing for next month's picnic at the "Twin Bridges Lodge" in Danville, IN on the 22nd starting at 2 p.m. The picnic theme is "Our Little Corner of the World," recognizing United's Hawaii promotions. Our organization will provide the meat, soft drinks, paper plates and tableware for the afternoon pitch-in. Members are encouraged to bring a vegetable or dessert "covered dish" to serve at least eight people.

Happy Birthday to **Cheri Innis** (5/6) and **Shary Johnston** (5/28). Happy Anniversary to **Ron & Cheri Innis** (5/10) and **Mario & Margaret Bergante** (5/20).

From the home of The Indianapolis 500, the Indy Racers wish everyone a Safe& Happy Memorial Day.

Calendar:

May 14 - Emmy's Original Pancake House & Grill, 508 Beachwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

June 22 – Annual Picnic at the Twin Bridges Lodge beginning at 2 p.m.

MASSACHUSETTS



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The Nor'Easters first meeting this year took place at Jeveli's Italian restaurant in East Boston, just outside Logan Airport. Everyone who worked at Logan, at one time or another has dined at Jeveli's. We had 36 members and 2 guests in attendance. The 50/50s were won by **Peter Fusco's** son Dino, **Elaine Vanderwal**, an almost regular winner and **Jack Powers**, our guest just retired from BOSCG. The last time our group dined at Jeveli's, their wait staff joined in on the 50/50. Free lunches were won by **Jimmy Yip** and **John Dellelo**. Good room, good food, good friends.

Marcia Kilpatrick has a new granddaughter on March 3, Heaven Knight Mantis. Marcia has been designated official baby sitter and hopes to have two more grandchildren in the near future.

Jayne & John Regan recently flew to CA, getting Economy Plus round trip. They advised they enjoyed the Hearst Castle, but found the Monterey Peninsular quite cold.

Joan & Ron Twing took a round the world trip. They traveled by plane, cars, trains, ship, elephant and rickshaw in 35 days, air miles ~ 23,377 and 4,832 by sea. Joan said "*The trip of a lifetime, truly an unforgettable experience*". Sounds great! I'm not sure I would be up to it, currently not wanting to go near an airport.

I have been trying to reach **Elizabeth Restiano** with no success, only to find out she is snow birding in FL. Redundant, "snow birding in FL!" Who would snow bird in MT or ID? (Sorry Boise Gems!)

In last month's report, I inquired if anyone knew of the whereabouts of **Wally Bywater**. I got a response from **Michelle Lyon** of the Dulles Loungers. **Wallace F. Bywater**, NYCSS, BOSCYO, BOSRR, passed away on March 19, 2013 in Newburg, NY. Also similar info from **Art Martin**, BOSRR, IADCS, now living on coastal SC where a RUAEA chapter is not available. Thank you both.

Kenneth Johnson (retired BOS Sky Cap) passed away at the end of March. Ken was a big man, a gentle giant. Dependent on tips, Ken had a way with the public, which he carried through with his fellow employees. I imagine most of our Logan employees didn't know Kenny as well as we in BOSTR. Ken was a good friend and will be missed.

May birthdays ~ **John Dellelo**, **Peggy Dellelo**, **Ron Heiseler**, **Audrey Joyce**, **Joan Meister**, **Patty Flanagan Mix**, **Andy Montalto**, **Eileen Seibold**, **Lew Shakley** and **Kenneth Washburn**.

May anniversaries ~ **Nicholas & Sandra Bouzianis** (43 years), **Bob & Susan DePippo** (30), **Mary Beth & Staley McDermet** (42) and **Thomas & Lillian Snyder** (28).

An irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you are too old to go anywhere!

MICHIGAN

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14 Escapees gathered at Richard's in Lavonia on April 4th, hosted by **Marcy Vance**. We welcomed for the first time this year **Denise Ignas, Sue Smith, Linda Ward, and Donnis Reese**.

Continued love and prayers for **Bill Wade** @ 5744 Charlesworth St., Dearborn Heights, MI 48127-3978. He is still anxiously waiting to come home from rehab and I am sure that **Camille** is having thoughts for that too.

Rhea Jaguszewski along with **Tom** @ 5081 North Shore Dr., Sears, MI 49679 is doing fine after her surgery and thanks all for their love and prayers.

Also, February this year, **Al Hall, Trudy's** husband left this world for his eternal rewards. Love and prayers to Trudy and family @ 11859 Twin Brooks Dr., Romeo, MI 48065.

Ross Seaborn, Alma Seaborn's son, went home to be with the Lord on March 20th. His brain stopped receiving/giving signals after a motorcycle accident. Love & Prayers to Alma & Family @ 2494 Sanctuary Circle, Fairfield, CA 94534.

Lastly just a FYI: **Susie Friedman (Klein)**, (DTWRR), celebrated 45 years with UA on March 25th. I think it is time she joins us Escapees, as I do truly believe she has served her term.

Sharon Jacob, Joan and Marie are looking forward to another Loonies event in River Falls, WI, May 7 – 10th. This is always a fun time and hoping to see many of our Loonies family there.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

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Our meeting day in March was so-so temperature-wise, overcast, about a 5 on the scale of 1-10. Nothing like it was last year when we had record warm days. Nevertheless, 36 Lites & guests came together to share a meal & conversation.

We were glad to see **Joe & Maryann Gaug** back for a 2nd time (sometimes folks come once & are never seen again), **Marlene Overpeck** and the grandchildren of our honorary members, **Tom & Judy Cafilisch**.

Seeing our pal **Diane Storlie** had accompanied El Presidente Lee was a pleasure after her thyroid surgery and complicated aftermath which kept her in hospital for almost 25 days. Given the fact that she was fed only intravenously for all that time, she looked pretty “durned” perky. Once she recuperates from the surgery, her treatment against the cancer will continue. Our prayers & good wishes will accompany her & Lee on their journey.

The attending Ramp contingent, **Marty Arnold, Gordy Olson** and **Al Gunderson** had been in touch with **Rick Jones** and it's good to know that maybe he'll be joining us soon for lunch.

Lee Storlie had contacted **Joan Budahn**, widow of **Earl Budahn** to see how she was doing. She promised that as soon as school is out, she'll join us for lunch and a visit.

Word got out that **Andy & Norma Holen** have put their home in Arizona on the market. They've been making the semi-annual trek to and from for many years. Now that they have a grandson to spoil, though, it's hard to spend those many months away from the little guy. In addition, Andy's son, Bob, has recently been

named the new manager of the Mankato Menard's store, so he and his family (i.e., aforementioned grandson) will be moving back to MN from Wisconsin. That will make visits easier for the Holens.

Lyle & Sonja Gunderson will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year and invited all to attend their celebration. It's being held on April 20th from noon to 4pm at the Woodville, WI American Legion post.

We're saddened by the death of one of our own staunch members, **Don Wood**. He & Dorothy seemed to make it to lunch with us even when the weather wasn't the best. His stories of his WWII experiences have amazed us all. We'll miss his cheerful presence. Condolences may be sent to his family at 5464 Butternut Circle, Minnetonka, MN 55343.

Another of our hard core attendees, **Fred Stang**, is having some health issues that are trying to put a good man down. Get your prayer beads out, friends; we need to rally 'round.

Jim & Mary Brennan would be leaving Kona the day after our meeting to return from their winter getaway. The co-secretary (moi) heaved a sigh of relief because she didn't remember to bring last month's minutes until she was about 40 miles away from home! Mary is much more reliable.

We looked around the room & among the missing faces was **Nel Brawner's**! We asked her neighbor (well ... about 35 miles or so) and carpool buddy **Jim Simon** about her. She's been very busy of late helping her nephew, Tom, in his recovery from brain surgery. His rehab and doctor appointments are keeping them all hopping, but there seems to be improvement both in his health & his outlook. I'd like to think that maybe some of our prayers are helping, too.

Just a reminder that our mini-lending library is available. There are a couple of copies of Captain Sully's book and a copy of Mark Rosen's book (of WCCO Sports), among others available.

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.

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There were 31 who enjoyed a great lunch at A+ Buffet hosted by **Evan & Eileen Holly**. We were happy to see **Hilde Schwan** and **Penny Sophir**. **Shirley Mahoney** and **Sharon Farrell** were the lucky winners of the 25/25/50 for \$10.00 each.

I had a call from **Janice Koca**, retired after 34 years with United, from Whitestone, VA. They spend time each year in Milligan, NE. She and her husband would like to attend our next meeting which we are very happy about as they live 100 miles from Omaha.

Dick Caradori's mother, **Mary Caradori**, passed away. Her service was held at St. Gerald's Catholic Church on March 2. Our sympathy to **Dick** and his family.

Birthdays this month are: **Arnie Mahoney** (4/1); **Keith Cornish** (4/2); **Ralph Bredow** (4/4); **Evan Holly** (4/9); **Clair Soseman** (80 on 4/10); **Bob Glover** (4/13); **Glen Saffer** (4/14); **Hilde Schwan** (4/14); **Angela Hansen** (4/15); **Penny Sophir** (4/16); **Virginia Nollette** (4/18); **Tony Sortino** (4/22).

Keith Cornish had a nice visit at St. Jo Nursing Home a couple of weeks ago with **Ralph Bredow**. It was just about a year ago that **Ardith** passed away. **Keith** said **Ralph** looks good and they had great conversation about the old days at United.

Joan Millington passed away February 24. A service was held March 2 at Holy Name Catholic Church. **Charlie**, husband of **Joan**, passed away October, 2004.

Shirley Payton had hip surgery on Friday, March 8th. I talked with **Ev** and he said she came through the surgery fine. She went home Sunday, the 10th and the doctor said she did so well with the surgery, she doesn't have to undergo rehab, except what she is to do on her own. Way to go Shirley.

We are very happy we retained nearly 100% of our membership which numbers 90, not including spouses of 42. We have always been very fortunate that our Chapter has been very strong throughout the years.

Calendar:

May 7 - Elmwood Tower, hosted by **Mel Harrison & Judy Nekonchuk**

June 11 - Cooper Farm – Note change of date

July 5 - TBD

NEVADA



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 13 members at our March meeting at Jack's. Many thanks to **Kathy & Joe Robinson** for chairing the meeting while John attended another chapter's meeting.

March birthdays were celebrated by **Maurine Williams** and **Jim Wagner**. The 50/50 winner was **Donna Perkins**.

Please remember that 2013 dues are to be sent to **Kathy Robinson** at 3477 E. Hidden Valley Dr, Reno, NV 89502. There has been no price change from 2012 - \$5.00 per person. The dues help fund the monthly newsletter and our summer picnic and Christmas lunch.

The next meeting on April 8 at 11:30 at Jack's.

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Dick Confer opened the meeting with a flag salute and a moment of silence for all our passed members. It was good to have him back from Florida. He again talked briefly about six dollar parking at EWR, near where our old Loomis Building was located.

Rich Crieghton from Local Lodge 914 said that the latest ramp contract is now being voted on. He also said that hangar number 14 which we took over in 1957 is coming down, along with our air freight building across from the hangar. If only those hangar walls could talk! I wonder what will become of that huge United Airlines sign, which everyone can see for a hundred miles. As some consolation, a new hangar is being built for the 787 where the old North terminal was. Will construction at EWR ever end?

An email from **Mark Crawford** informed me that the auction they had for United memorabilia, which was for the Sandy Hurricane Relief, was a great success. We also got a card from **Doris Grey** in Canada, and Easter greetings to our members.

John Murphy gave an upscale report on our finances and **George Whitman** won the 50/50.

Our next meeting will be on April 24 at Snuffys. At that time, we will discuss our future meeting schedule. If possible, I urge all our members to attend.

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March 13th, 23 Buffalo Chips met at the Erie Statler Dining Room of Erie Community College for a luncheon put on by the Culinary Class. The Menu of the day was a beautiful salad that included slices of smoked salmon, Corned Beef and Cabbage with a creamed horseradish sauce to die for. Dessert was a slice of Mint colored cheesecake full of chocolate drops. As usual, the students outdid themselves and to say their effort was outstanding would be an understatement.

Mike Keller, accompanied by son Paul, attended for the first time since last summer. Mike has Macro Degeneration and needs help with most everything he does. This does not affect his attitude and if you didn't know would think he was his usual self.

We made note of the passing earlier in the month of **Andy Bungo**, a long time Buffalo employee. Andy & Lil had moved to Atlanta several years before he retired to be closer to family.

A number of things were discussed especially the written notification from United stating with a change of status or passing of the employ/retiree the spouse and dependents United Health Insurance will be ended. They are qualified to join COBRA, a much higher cost insurance and only good for a transition period of 3 years.

The next meeting in June will be announced in the near future and since summer has returned (We Hope), it will be a dinner meeting. The September meeting will be on the 5th and will be the now annual picnic. **Rosie Michalek** will have details for us by the June Meeting.

NEW YORK METROS

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40 Metros members attended the April 3rd meeting.

Greetings to **Rocky Mogelli** who celebrates his 90th birthday on April 30th. "Rock On Rocky", as they say in the Brit comedy "As Time Goes By". Hello to **Pat Gilson** and **Dot Smith**, we miss your smiling faces.

Missing in action is our stalwart member **Roy Portelli**. He used up his free lunch prizes but that's not why he wasn't present. He sprung a spring cold. I told him that it was too cold for the Easter Egg Hunt! Feel better, Roy! Take some licorice jelly beans.

Welcome home **Rose Schneider** – our "snowflake" as **Jane Kerr** of Stuart, FL would refer to her. I loved those definitions!) Rose had a pleasant flight from ISP to PBI to visit friends and then, gasp, she drove to TPA guided by her GPS, with the Florida Highway Patrol in hot pursuit but she eluded them. She never got to the Daytona 500, though. That's our Rose. Belated Happy Birthday to **Mabel Bittar** on her 90th. Enjoy many more, Mabel.

Congratulations, again, to **Dale Deuber**, our 1st prize winner in the 25/25/25 drawings. Second prize went to **Paul Cohen** but I missed the name of the 3rd winner. I warned you that I was a lousy secretary. I had to rush off to get my taxes done so I didn't get in writing our five birthday celebrants. My sincerest apologies!

Another "snowflake" has returned, **Frank Ferrera**, but I think he has had a meltdown as I can't reach him for more information on his nephew Adam Ferrara. Finally, I called Cablevision and they were very helpful. While not written into the show quite yet, Adam will be Edie Falco's boyfriend in a week or two. Showtime Two, Monday nights at 8PM. Watch and enjoy! It's "Nurse Jackie".

Calendar:

May 1 – Milleridge Inn.

OHIO



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Hello from Cleveland! I am sending in our info before our meeting actually takes place because the regular date was too close to Easter and we will be meeting on the 10th instead, which makes my report too late to be printed! Today, we have a beautiful sunny afternoon, but by the end of the day it will probably rain and cool down. Spring has not really reared its wonderful face yet and winter is still showing up to tease us a little.

We would like to thank our new host and hostess, **Bob & Florence Alexander** for taking over this month, and I hear they are all set for the luncheon on Wednesday of this week. At this point, we have 59 members coming to our gathering.

Our President, **Dolly Taucher**, is pleased to announce that we have six new members coming this month. Welcome to the following: **Jim & Joan Schulte**, **John & Angie Gaultier**, and **Sam & Pat Gaultier**. Hope you enjoy the get-togethers as much as we have. Cleveland has a great group and we are still growing!

We do have a number of members who are going through some serious health problems, and some recovering. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. **Carol Waldron** had major back surgery and is home to recuperate. **Andy Striegle** has completed his ten radiation treatments. **Norma Malena** is back on chemo treatments. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Birthday Time! The following are our own April birth babies: **Len Friedle**, **Pat Gaultier**, **Bernie Kasmer**, **Perry Mcknight**, and **Barb Wachs**.

Also those of you who are unable to attend our luncheon, we wish each of you a very, very Happy Birthday!

Anniversary Time ~ **Len & Mary Friedle** (49yrs), **Steve & Lee Rack** (50yrs). Again, to those unable to be with us, we send our love and best wishes. Enjoy your special day!

Sorry, I can't give out the 50/50 winners. They will be announced next month. Don't forget to check out our website.

** Thought to Remember. Summer is the time of year when you try to keep the house as cold as it was in the winter, when you complained about it!*

Calendar:

May 1 - Bucci's in Berea, hosted by **Barb Vauls** and **Carol Seifred**

June 5 - Rose Hill, hosted by **John & Carrie Kercel**

July 10 - 100 Bomber Squadron, hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko**

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We are planning to meet for lunch at Colwood Golf Course on April 10 so I will report on this meeting next month. There was no luncheon meeting in March.

At this time no decision has been made for our May 8 meeting; however members will be advised by email or phone of the location in late April.

Bill Peterson and **Larry Tracy** have recently had knee replacement surgery and Larry opted to have both knees done at one time. **Bob & Connie Bauer** have moved to The Quarry at 415 SE 177 Av. #257, Vancouver, WA.

There were two deaths in our community this month. **Tony Farley** (PDXCS) died on March 12. He is survived by a large family and will be remembered for his love of the ladies plus he liked to take trips with them. **James (Bill) Bolt** died on March 14. He retired in SFO in 1987 as a garage mechanic for Dining Service. Bill also left a large family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Our condolences go out to both families.

Plans are underway for our July picnic. The date is July 10 so plan on being there for delicious food and lots of prizes.

Calendar:

May 8 - TBA

June 12 - TBA

July 10 - Annual Picnic Red Sunset Park, Gresham

PENNSYLVANIA



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Our March 11th meeting was held at the Clarion Hotel in Essington at 12:30 pm. We had 25 members and one guest present. Our entertainment was Guitar with Gloria, she presented St. Patrick's Day tunes and all participated in a sing along.

Walter Sonderman won the free lunch and **Kathy Edwards** won the 50/50.

The project for the month was personal items for our overseas service persons, either friends or relatives of our members. Many items were donated. **Joe Bradley** will mail them to their destination.

Bill Carmen is now in a care facility and would appreciate cards. Dee Burrs visits him regularly. Call her or myself for his address.

We have monthly service projects: April ~ Abused women, May ~ Wounded Warriors, June ~ City Team, then summer and no meetings!

Calendar:

All meetings are at the Clarion Hotel Essington at 12:30 pm. Price remains at \$12.00.

May 13

June 10

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Ah! The Merry Month of May! A very busy month: May 2 - National Day of Prayer, May 3 - Orthodox Holy Friday, May 5 - Orthodox Easter, Cinco de Mayo, May 6 - Nurses Day, May 7 - Teacher Appreciation Day, May 12 - Mothers Day, May 18 - Arm Forces Day, and finally May 30 - Memorial Day but is observed May 27. There are the proms, oh so pretty, oh so expensive and then graduation.

Twenty eight members attended our luncheon on March 15 at J W Halls. Everyone was dressed in their St. Patrick's Day Green. It was great seeing everyone again as we don't meet that often. The food was excellent and the company was better. We had a delicious cake. Printed on the cake was RUAEA and happy birthday to **Treatie** (Yours truly). It just happened to be my birthday and the group sang happy birthday to me, how nice was that? Our 50/50 winner was **Bob Wagner** \$50.00 and \$55.00 was added to the treasury. The door prize

winners were: **Joan Ference, Betty Tinney, Paul Musko, Jim Weber, Mac Crampton** and **Rose Marie Lavelle**. **Paul & Betty Musko** said that they would plan a day, for those who are interested in meeting at the Rivers Casino for a day of fun.

On a very sad note, **Bill Chicots'** Mother, Clara, passed away February 17, 2013. She had just celebrated her 89th birthday a few days before. Clara had a bad time the last two weeks before her passing. She was surrounded by her wonderful family. Clara and I had a special friendship. I'm sorry I was out of town at the time. Bill, I extend my sympathy to you and your entire family.

Ray McConaghy PITTR supervisor had a stroke and has been in the Marion Manor since February 28. Please keep **Ray** in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Marion Manor, 1848 Greentree Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15220. Also continue to keep **Rick & Barb Guido** in your prayers.

We have a new member that joined RUAEA, our dear **Joe Scafoglio**. **Joe** came to us from BUFTTR and was a supervisor at PITTR until his retirement. Welcome aboard **Joe**, you will enjoy reading the newsletter, keeping up with old friends and news of the "New United Airlines".

Mr. & Mrs. **Ted Gillis** renewed their wedding vows on their 50th anniversary, congratulations to both.

Art Todd will arrive from Reno for a visit April 12 or 13. It will be great to get his friends together for a visit with him. There are many, many good stories to rehash.

Pat & Rose Marie Lavelle visited their granddaughter **Shannon** at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo. They couldn't get over how beautiful the area is. They thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Madonna Inn. Each room is decorated in a different theme. Some very wild and others just wild, but done tastefully. They want to go back and stay for a night or two.

Our Taurus birthdays: **Ed Ike** (3), **Carl Chiocchi** (7), **Dee Chiocchi** (16) and **Harry Shirley** (12). Happy birthday to all! Anniversaries for the month: **Carl & Dee Chiocchi** (13), **Rich & Barb Guida** (26), **Bill & Ruth Redfern** (26) and **Vic & Joan Ference** (30). Happy anniversary and many more!

Our next get-together will be our picnic. Place, date and time will be announced at a later date.

Let's go Pens!

TENNESSEE

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There were only 7 of us at the Luncheon at Puleo's Restaurant on March 16th, the luncheon was hosted by **Herman & Bev Emmel**. The Federal Express discount to employees and retirees was discussed. At this time, no one seems to know how this will work. Since we were so small in numbers, we did not have a 50/50.

The April 18th breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant was also discussed. Due to Herman's impending colon cancer surgery and Bev's cataract surgery, we decided we would cancel April's breakfast. In lieu of door prizes, Easter treats were brought for everyone. We are all looking forward to May's trip to the Cumberland County Playhouse to see the musical/comedy "9 to 5" which is based on the movie by the same name.

Calendar:

May 15 - Trip to Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville, TN, hosted by **Robbie & Joe Corbin**.

June 20 - Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant at 9:30 AM in the Turkey Creek Shopping Plaza.

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After checking in with Treasurer **Helen Stanger** and Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk**, picking up their door prize tickets, helping the treasury by purchasing 50/50 raffle tickets from **Richard Devereux**, socializing over coffee and cocktails, selecting reading material from the book exchange table (leftovers are donated to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center), and casting their eyes over the door prizes on display, 60 members and guests enjoyed lunch at the March 12 meeting of the Emerald City Slickers (always the second Tuesday) at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, WA.

Special guests for the day were **Janet & Bruce Fuller**, who brought her mother **Helen Ebert** (SEAHH) over from Ellensburg, WA. **Helen** is our very own centenarian, having celebrated her 100th birthday in February. We all look forward to her annual visit.

Rosie Bittner (SEAMK) was welcomed as our newest chapter member.

President **David Jones** (SFOFO) called the business meeting to order and brought us up to date on recent company news and information, including an announcement of the return to Denver for this year's RUAEA convention October 9-13.

Wednesday, May 29, was overwhelmingly selected as the date for our chapter's Spring Getaway, a car-pooling excursion to the Museum of Flight's Restoration Center located at Paine Field in Everett, WA. Attendees will view aircraft under restoration, including two special United planes – a 1933 10-passenger Boeing 247 and the prototype Boeing 727-100 (United N7001U). A British Cornet IV also will be viewed.

Following the Restoration Center visit, the group will adjourn to Arnie's Restaurant in Mukilteo, featuring "Pacific Northwest Favorites" for a no-host order-from-the-menu lunch. No reservations necessary. If you haven't signed up at an earlier luncheon, please do so in May.

Our Sunshine Lady, **Marlene Nelson**, is stepping down from that position and is asking for another volunteer to take over the job of sending cards when necessary.

Bob Howard (SEAHH)*** has announced the annual United Airlines Retiree Golf Tournament to be held Wednesday, June 26, at Foster Golf Course in Tukwila, WA. Registration forms were distributed with *Contrails*, the Seattle chapter newsletter. For additional information or registration forms, contact **Bob** at (253) 946-3462 or bohnhoward@gmail.com. A scramble format will be used and multiple prizes will be awarded in categories such as long drives for both men and women.

Retired Sous Chef **Otto Wieland** (SEAHH) was spotted in a KOMO TV segment showing him collecting food from restaurants at SEATAC Airport for delivery to a local food bank, a service he has performed three days a week for several years. What a great way to contribute!

May birthdays will be celebrated by **Richard Devereux**, **Bud Dice** (SEACG), **Tom Lucas** (SEACG), **John Luke** (SEAPV), **Mildred McGuire**, **Arlene Patterson**, and **Dennis Saxon** (SEASO).

Couples observing May wedding anniversaries include **Doug & Carol** (SEARR) **Christensen**, 26 years; Arizona residents **Armand & Barbara** (SEARR) **Johnson** – 36 years; **Fred** (SEAOO) & **Arlene Patterson** – 52 years; and **John** (SEAMM) & **Edna Paulson** - 52 years.

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman**, with help from **Bob Brumfield** (SEACS), introduced door prize winners as she read the lucky numbers. Taking home flowers and wine were **Phil Andersen** (SEACG), **Rosie Bittner**, **Helen Ebert**, **Edna Paulson**, **John Haferbecker** (SEARR), **Dave Jones**, **Noreen Krawczyk**, **Sid Reynolds**, **Ed Rouso** (SEACS), **Dolores Steger** (SEAHH), **Jackie Stenger**, **Norm Strange** (SEAPE), **Ruth Strange**, **Ken Walters** (SEAMM), and **Chuck Westpfahl**. Winners often send up their spouses to select a prize, complicating the reporting! **Ed Liesse**, who hadn't won the pot since his first meeting in Seattle, walked off with the 50/50 prize.

Dave & Linda Jones collected their packed-and-ready-to-go car from the parking lot as soon as the meeting was closed and headed south to Spring Training. They're longtime Oakland A's fans, but it may be time for them to convert – Go, Mariners!

In the meantime, the Easter Bunny will have delivered his eggs, the pranksters will have played their April Fool tricks, and the deadline for this column to be submitted to this national newsletter will have come and gone. As always, we're a day late and a dollar short. Er, make that two months late and two dollars short.

Calendar:

May 14 – Luncheon, Fairwood Golf and Country Club
Summer break until **September 10**



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As many of you may know, the 93 Memorial Chapel lost Bishop Alphonse Mascherino (Father Al) after a long illness. In his honor, National and several Chapters of Clipped Wings have and are sending donations to assist with the continued maintenance of the Chapel.

The active Flight Attendants are still having their new uniform fittings that were due to be worn in May. We are all anxiously awaiting the "new look" and we hope to have a viewing in some Clipped Wings Chapter meetings during the month of June.

Our membership continues to grow, numbering 1164, with 69 First Time members. Are any of you eligible to become Clipped Wings members? We would love to have you join us!

Updates:

- The manufacturing of the newly designed airplane scarf is delayed. The committee is now hoping for a late April delivery from the factory.
- The new Clipped Wings® brochure has been printed and will be available at the Flight Attendant Domiciles.
- The new website www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org is up and available for viewing. Check it out!

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

Frank Murdock, 1505 S. Roxbury Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84108-2844

As usual, Brigitte and I enjoyed reading the latest RUAEA NL (April 2013), and I found that its news still “connects” us to our old company and with one another. I recently turned 94; I am in good health for the age I

am in, and well taken care of by my wife. For my WWII vet checkups, I am looked after by the nearby VA facility's wonderful staff, when needed.

Today, I would like to mention two United Airlines ladies who have always given their very best to the company, to their RUAEA duties, as well as to me, when I acted as RUAEA's president so many years ago: my RUAEA secretary **Helen Cauwels** and my UAL PIT coworker **Jeri Juth**. Both were pictured on the back page of RUAEA's April NL - looking as friendly and cheerful as ever.

Best regards to all our UAL friends.

Beulah Barber, 1364 Camellia Dr., East Palo Alto, CA 94303

Thank you for keeping me and all of the retirees up to date on all the changes that UAL has made and the changes that are happening daily. It is hard to keep up.

I can't believe that I have been retired for 21 years. Where has the time gone?

I will be 82 years old or young this year.

Warren and I have been married for 63 years on July 18, 2013, happily!

Carol Cersosimo, 23490 E. Roxbury Dr. # 302, Aurora, CO 80016

Thank you so much for continuing to publish the quality RUAEA Newsletter that we retirees receive.

I retired from HNLRR in October 2001, but I started my UAL career in LAXPE and LAXRR back in 1969.

My husband and I have just moved to Colorado and we love it. We will start going to the Denver breakfasts soon.

I appreciated all of you who keep us in touch with the latest information and what is happening around the country.

Elaine Dore, 410 N Barrington Rd. Apt #38, Wauconda, IL 60084

I retired in 1994 from WHQFJ (Petroleum Administration - Ed Tolle) and this year I will be celebrating my 80th birthday and our 60th wedding anniversary. Our last "big" trip was last year when we flew to Kauai and spent a week with two of our children and their spouses. The trip was first class on Alaska Airlines due to the generosity of one of our daughters. I guess all those years struggling to raise five children, getting them through college, etc. were not in vain. All five are remarkable, generous adults. We enrolled a son and daughter-in law as "friends" and they travel a lot more than we do. Last year, they took 6 trips and had to do "creative routing" on only one trip which was to San Francisco, and even that wasn't too inconvenient. This should encourage other "friends" to take advantage of one of our remaining "perks". It took a little while to get used to the new listing process, but looking back, it really wasn't a big deal.

Alice D'Souza, 5390 Beneva Woods Cir. Sarasota, FL 34233-4117

Thanking you for all the work you do. Your help and information has been wonderful. I don't know if I would have ever been able to use my passes without all of your explanations.

Without RUAEA, the new retirees lose a wonderful connection to the place they have spent a lifetime. They lose touch with people and events. We all have to keep trying to reach out to them, and let them know that RUAEA can be a big help.

I have been retired 15 years now. I don't know where the time has gone. I am still travelling, seeing friends I once worked with and enjoying life.

Joyce Hendricks, 2543 Arborwood Dr., Valrico, FL 33596-5736

Before the month slips away, thank you for the reminder I'm getting older. I'm thankful that my life is full and busy and I hardly realize how fast time is passing. I still enjoy reading paper print, newspapers, books etc. The Newsletter keeps me up to date with UAL, however, it's not the UAL I knew from 1964 to 1997. Oh how I wish I could just make one phone call to EXO Benefits and change something with a paper trail to follow. I've tried to remove my husband's middle initial from all UAL records and it's been impossible. His passport and other legal docs like license etc. do not show his middle initial and every time he gets ready to fly on UAL, it's like he's an imposter. If anyone knows how to fix this out there in retirement land, please email me or call me. The old EXO doesn't exit and ETC, if you can reach them, doesn't seem to know what to do or just don't return my emails or calls. I bet **Barbara Smith**, LAXTO could tell me what to do!

On the brighter side, we were happy to have **Carolyn & Clarence Tabor** from LAX/LASSW join us to celebrate Kennedy's 75th Birthday! Wow, did we have a great time. Thank you CT. Other than that, all is well

with Kennedy and me here in Florida. Hello to all my friends in the Los Angeles area. Have not forgotten the Lakers but, Go Miami Heat!

Once again, thank you RUAEA for your outstanding job.

Mary Howard, 2001 W. Radasill Rd. Apt. 7301, Tucson, AZ 85704

This letter came in response to an article which we wrote several months ago about "Ivy" Iverson ~ MAG

We, too, knew "Ivy: Iverson. He lived at "The Fountains at La Cholla" here in Tucson, AZ, where my husband Bill and I live. He loved to play bingo, but he was so hard of hearing that a friend, Florence who sat with him, always had to help him. Florence is also deceased.

My husband and I have lived here for 3 years and love it. We have a 2-bdrm apartment (3rd floor) in the Independent Living section, overlooking the city of Tucson from our patio. We believe Tucson has the best year-round weather of anywhere in the country. We get excellent meals from menus downstairs in the Dining room. Also available are exercise classes, watercolor painting, bingo and other board games. Occasionally outside bands provide music for dancing. There are free up-to-date and old movies on our in-house channel as well as all the other channels. We have free transportation to medical and dental appointments. They provide us with free transportation to the local Casino, and horse-racing track. (The bets are on your own.) Also transportation is provided to some local churches, in addition to having a church service here Sunday afternoons.

We also have an in-house nurse on duty, who can provide your prescribed medications, if you wish. We have 24-hour Security personnel outside and inside the building. The Maintenance Crew is always available to fix anything you may need. Across the street is the Assisted Living Building. There are several other buildings in this complex. So, anyone looking for a great place to live in Tucson, we think THIS IS IT! (Maybe I should work for the local Chamber of Commerce).

I was originally from PA, 30 miles north of Pittsburgh in Evans City. After high school graduation, moved to Pittsburgh and graduated from Business College in Pittsburgh. After I married my first husband, we moved to Inglewood, CA, where we raised 3 boys and 1 girl. They graduated from the local schools. We then moved to Torrance CA, where I graduated from El Camino College with a degree in Real Estate. I worked in real estate several years with my first husband for a local broker. My children all graduated from college in Torrance also.

My oldest son lives in Tucson, my 2 other sons and 1 daughter and her 2 children live in Southern CA. We do keep in touch.

After several years working at Parker Aircraft, for a vice president, I decided to go to work for United Airlines in Torrance, as a Credit Union Officer. (I loved loaning all that money to other employees).

A few years after my first husband passed away, I met my husband Bill Howard from Boise, ID. We were introduced by mutual friends and have been married 21 years now. He was an aircraft mechanic in Boise. His wife had also passed away. He has 2 grown sons and their families in Boise.

I went to work at United Airlines for the travel benefits, so we have traveled all over the world and taken our children on many trips. I remember a very rocky ride on a camel in Egypt, and so many other wonderful experiences.

It's been such a wonderful life and I have met so many wonderful people. Hello to all the great people I knew at United.

Herb Ingram, 7373 E 29th St. North #E-318, Wichita, KS 76226

I am writing to advise the many friends of my wife, Norma Ingram (retired from EXOPZ) of her untimely death.

On February 19, she entered a hospital emergency room to check on "a bit of a pain in the tummy". She was immediately admitted to the hospital and had an appendectomy which turned out very well. But, in the course of the routine blood work prior to the surgery, they discovered that she had leukemia.

Norma was put on a seven day course of continual chemo therapy. The next fourteen days were expected to show, thru bone marrow tests, the effectiveness of the chemo and the destroyed white cells were expected to return. The malignant cells were gone but the white cells never really returned as expected and she grew weaker and weaker.

There were secondary complications and she finally succumbed on March 14.

James Lundy Sr., 63 East Ave., Apt 4D, Courtland, NY 13045

I enjoy reading the newsletter, although I don't see many names I recognize any more.

I am 89 and Wilma is 88. We will celebrate our 70th wedding anniversary on 12/19/2013.

We see our son, James Jr. and grandson from Maryland a couple of times a year.

James Pelletier, 924 Peltier Dr., Cary, NC 27519-6338

I read the newsletter front to back looking for co-workers and friends from SFO.

It has been almost 13 years since retirement in 2000. I turned 70 but don't feel that old yet!

Keep up the great job you all do! I am still in North Carolina and loving it.

Georgia Phillips, 825 Redwood Dr., Cary, IL 60013-1676

Thanks to all of you hardworking dedicated people who get the newsletter to us every month.

I had back surgery in October. I was in a rehab facility for 5½ weeks and I am still having physical therapy 3 times a week.

I had to learn how to walk all over again. I use a walker now and I am not able to do stairs yet. I am also being treated for arthritis in one of my knees. I am not able to travel but thankfully I can still drive the short distance to the physical therapy facility.

I was hired as an accountant for the Employees Credit Union in October 1956. That was when it was fun to fly. I usually got first class on my many flights to Hawaii, with great discounts at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. I am glad that I worked for UAL during the happy years. I retired in January 1990.

This January I turned 85 and I am looking forward to many more years of being healthy again.

Beth Raphael, 75-261 Malulani Dr., Kailua Kona, HI 96740

Again it has been a great year. We had a wonderful trip to New Zealand. It is so beautiful.

I am still working at Onizuka Space Center and doing taxes for AARP.

I recently flew from Kona to Dulles and was wondering why at the merger, we weren't called Continental Airlines! Oh well.

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

Kudos, once again, for doing such a great job of keeping us informed of what is going on in the airline world and UAL.

All of those great people that I worked with in my 36 years at UAL, I hope you are well. If you have time drop me a line.

Thomas Teets, 7734 Rosina Dr., Fairview, PA 16415-1018

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Please keep them coming!*



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Mother's
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Marvin Berryman - from the "Mainliner Flight Plan".

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