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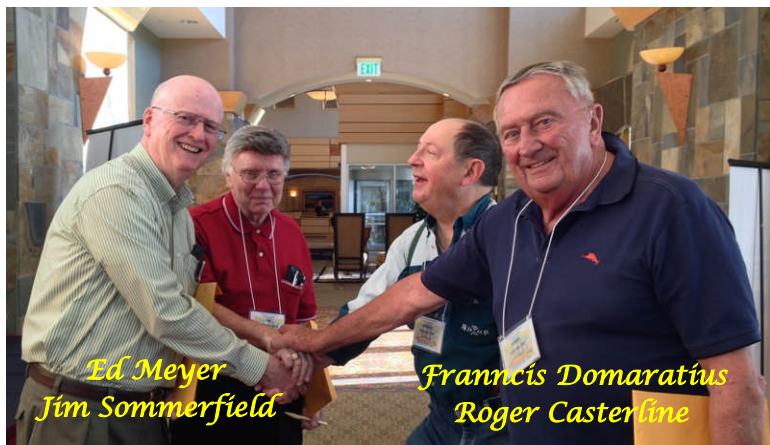


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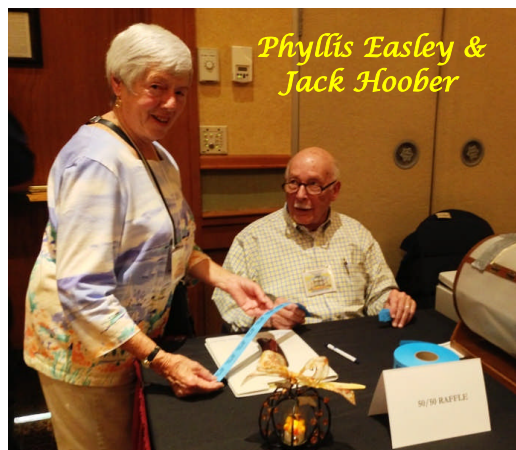
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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hello Fellow Retirees, I really hope all who attended the Convention in Denver enjoyed it, as I did. **Marilyn Marcy** and her team did an outstanding job. Next year, San Diego will be another great venue for our convention. Stand by for news in future issues.

The next major issue with United is our medical plans, and changes are coming. The United Airlines Benefits Center will be ready to answer questions about the 2014 medical plans starting November 4th, which is the start of the annual enrollment for retirees. I caution everyone to study carefully once you receive the information on your medical plan choices. Then, if you have questions, call the Benefits Center at 1-800-651-1007. You can also call Aetna at 1-800-334-0110. You can also go to www.aetna.com/united to see if your provider is in the network.

Retirees and their family members who are transitioning coverage to Aetna in 2014 may be eligible for "Transition of Care" benefits:

- ❖ "Transition of care" benefits support those in treatment.
- ❖ If you are currently being treated by a doctor who is not in the Aetna network for certain conditions, you may be eligible for "transition of care" benefits. Transition of care benefits let you continue being treated by your current non-network doctor and receive in-network benefits through June 30, 2014.
- ❖ To determine if you are eligible for transition of care benefits, you need to contact Aetna at 1-800-334-0110 before January 1, 2014. If you decide to stay with your current non-network doctor when the transition period ends and you are enrolled in a plan with out-of-network coverage, your care will be covered at out-of-network benefit levels.

Hopefully, this preliminary information will help. We will pass on information as we receive it. Use the help numbers, read the info carefully, go to the website. As always, change is difficult at best. Let us know of any problems you incur if you can't get the answers you need.

We at RUAEA were not involved in the decisions for change, however as always; we will help where we can.

Hank Gosselin
President – RUAEA

Convention Update



The 2013 Denver convention is now a wonderful memory. For **Marilyn Marcy** and her committee members, it was especially memorable because of its unique challenges. Fortunately, to the

best of our knowledge, none of our members were severely impacted by the terrible Colorado floods. However, the floods did create problems relating to the prearranged tours.

On top of that came the government shutdown, with its effect on all our National Parks. So many issues were up in the air and changing from day to day.

Having spent years working in the airline industry, committee members were used to being flexible and having an alternate plan. They were able to deal with all the issues and welcome the members to Denver. We were awed by the beauty of the Rocky Mountains. Tours were enjoyed by all. The first time ever, Beer & Brats Night was a huge success. All in all, the goal of renewing old friendships and making new friendships was achieved.

On behalf of all the members, the newsletter staff thanks **Marilyn Marcy** and the committee for the joyful time we had at the convention.

We look forward to getting together again next year. For those of you who could not attend this year, we hope to see you in 2014 in San Diego, California.

2014 Annual Enrollment November 4 – 15



This year, it's more important than ever to look at the medical options you have available and make a selection that's right for you. Only you understand the health care needs you and

your family might have in 2014, so don't take a chance on being automatically enrolled into new coverage that might not fit your needs. Remember, choosing the right benefits is important. Use the available resources to make decisions about your benefits.

For details about all of the benefits updates and enhancements to our 2014 benefits, you can:

- ✓ Review the enrollment issue of the ***Benefit – it's your life*** magazine, mailed to your home late October. You may also visit **Flying Together > Employee Services > Benefits, under the 2014 Annual Enrollment magazines** to see an online copy of the magazine.
- ✓ Explore the tools available through Aetna, our new medical plan administrator for most plans, by visiting www.aetna.com/united or call 1-800-334-0110.
- ✓ Call the **United Airlines Benefits Center beginning November 4** at 1-800-651-1007, Monday –

Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central Time to enroll or speak with a benefits representative.

**For information on “transition of care” benefits, read the President’s Letter in this issue.

New Insurance Carrier for Group Universal Life (GUL) Insurance Program

MINNESOTA LIFE **A Securian Company**

Effective January 1, 2014, Minnesota Life Insurance Company will be the new carrier for UAL’s Group Universal Life (GUL) insurance programs. Minnesota Life will mail a letter to the homes of all current GUL retiree participants in November 2013, with instructions for how to log on to the LifeBenefits.com website and manage coverage and beneficiaries.

There is no action required by you at this time. Your existing coverage amounts and any cash value for GUL participants will transition to Minnesota Life automatically. In early 2014, Minnesota Life will mail an updated certificate of coverage to all GUL participants with all of the policy information and details. This certificate should be kept for reference.

Current beneficiaries will be transitioned automatically to Minnesota Life. Once your beneficiary is entered in the system, you will receive a paper confirmation of your beneficiary mailed to your home.

If you have any questions about your retiree Voluntary GUL, please contact Minnesota Life at 1-866-887-1043, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. Central Time during your annual enrollment period November 4 – November 15.

Paying RUAEA Membership with Credit Cards



RUAEA is now accepting online credit card payment of dues for current and new members. The cards that may be used are Visa, MasterCard and Discover. The system is functional through the RUAEA website at www.ruaea.org. Go to the Home Page and click on the icon “Pay your dues online, current and new members”. This will take you to the online pay form. If you are a current member, you will be prompted to enter your file number and when entered, your information (that we have on file) will appear. You will be prompted to make any corrections/additions to bring your membership record up to date. If you are a new member or returning from a long absence you will have to fill out the form. The next step will move you to the “Shopping Cart”. Here you may select your payment options. Please notice there is a selection for contributions/postage fund. RUAEA members have been generous with contributing a little extra, please continue as the cost of producing the Newsletter and maintaining the organization is always present. Next include your credit card information and when prompted, submit and you are paid up.

The online payment feature is a step in the right direc-

tion as many of us already use the convenience of online payment for paying bills, purchasing goods and etc. The system utilizes the same high level of security that is commonly used with online payment transactions and any information submitted is strictly used for RUAEA membership purposes. Information submitted is not given to third parties. This has always been RUAEA’s policy and will continue.

Regards,

Virgil Gooselaw
Membership Manager

Notifying United of an address change for retirees



For those members who are not aware, retirees cannot update their USPS mailing address online or by USPS mail. However, they can update the information by calling the United Benefits Center at 800-651-1007.

Thank you to **Jim Morehead**, RUAEA/RUPA for the information.

Don’t risk deportation and fines - carry the correct travel documents



United has seen a 120 percent increase over the past year in the number of pass riders who have arrived at international destinations without proper travel documents. Arriving abroad improperly documented may result in being deported back to the origin country and a fine being imposed against United. Co-workers, retirees and early out participants are responsible for ensuring that they and their pass riders are properly documented before international travel occurs.

There are special conditions for international pass travel as it relates to space-available travel. All ePasses, zonal employee discounts (ZED) and industry discounts (ID90, ID75, etc.) are not confirmed tickets but are for space-available pass travel. Countries require certain citizens transiting through their territory on their way to another country to hold confirmed onward tickets as a condition of transiting without a visa (TWOV). In such cases, pass riders using ePasses, ZED and ID tickets must hold a valid visa to transit through that country because these are space-available, not confirmed, tickets. Alternatively, the pass rider could purchase a confirmed ticket for travel from the transit country to their destination country in order to avoid having to obtain a transit visa.

For complete policy details refer to the Travel tab > Travel Policies > Documents Required for Pass Travel. Help “Fund the Future” by ensuring you and your pass riders are properly documented.

Flip-flops may keep you off the plane

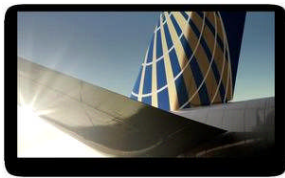


Which of the following is acceptable to wear when you're pass traveling: rubber flip-flops, pajamas, swimsuits, short shorts/miniskirts or clothing that reveals your midriff? We hope you answered "none of the

above"; however, the Employee Travel Center continues to receive reports about pass riders attempting to board in inappropriate clothing.

United's policy—which applies to buddy pass riders, too - requires pass riders' overall appearance to be well-groomed, clean and in good taste. Looking neat and professional, even in casual clothing, shows respect for Airport Operations and Inflight Services co-workers as well as United's customers. For complete policy details refer to the Travel tab > Travel Policies > Attire.

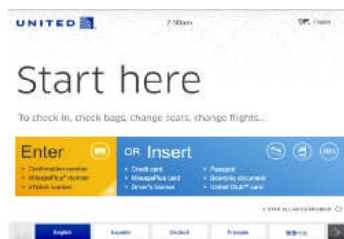
The time is right for United's new ad campaign



What are you doing this weekend? Chances are, you'll see one of United's new "fly the friendly skies" ads. Starting September 22nd, you'll see the new campaign on the Emmys, NFL football games, during the PGA tournament, on popular websites, on the radio, on billboards and in major newspapers in United's hub markets. All of the co-workers shown are actual United employees. The new advertising was shot in Houston, Los Angeles and locations around the world. You can see a behind-the-scenes video on Flying Together, along with United's TV commercials and print ads.

The time is right to tell the world about today's United. United made big investments in its products and its people. The company's reliability stacks up well against its competitors. And customer satisfaction keeps going up.

Beta test of new kiosk design launched



Millions of customers interact with United's digital channels every week, and these customers told the company that they wanted an updated experience.

In September, United updated a handful of airport check-in kiosk screens in DEN, IAH, AUS (Austin, Texas) and CLE with a completely new look. United will add more in the coming weeks, with the goal of updating all kiosks systemwide by mid-October. Customers who use one of the updated kiosks will see a modern, simplified design that should make the check-in process faster and more intuitive. These redesigned airport check-in kiosk screens are the first step of an overall redesign of United's

digital channels—including mobile app and website—that will come to life in the next several months and continue throughout 2014. Helpful technology that makes it easy for customers to do business with United—that's flyer-friendly.

United introduced new, signature seat design



United unveiled a new, signature seat design with a sophisticated, modern look. United will deploy the new design on hundreds of aircraft that fly within the U.S., Canada, Central America

and the Caribbean.

The new design includes:

- ➔ Bold elements, such as multi-tonal leather seat covers, distinctive double-stitch patterns, sculpted contouring and a new United-branded tag.
- ➔ More ergonomic and supportive cushioning and additional seat-back storage space in United Economy Plus and United Economy.
- ➔ Technology that makes the seats more environmentally friendly by reducing seat weight and volume, contributing to less fuel burn.

United introduced the new design with a Bombardier CRJ700 operated by United Express carrier SkyWest Airlines. The company expects to deploy this look on its domestic mainline aircraft and on regional aircraft operated by United Express carriers. United plans to have the new design on more than 60,000 seats on more than 500 aircraft, including approximately 400 aircraft by 2015. *"Our customers will see a distinctive, consistent look on our aircraft that underscores our modern fleet and our onboard investments to make their travels more user-friendly,"* said Marketing, Technology and Strategy EVP Jeff Foland. The new seat design on the CRJ700 aircraft will enable an additional row of four seats. On the Airbus 319s and 320s and Boeing 737s, they will enable an additional row of six seats.

United expects to complete the CRJ700s by spring 2014 and the Airbus fleet by October 2014. All new 737 deliveries beginning in January 2014 will have the new seat design, and the company will also begin to retrofit existing 737s in 2014. All new deliveries of ERJ175s will also have the new design.

Torgy's Travel Tips

One of the odd things about the change in our pass travel benefits after the merger with Continental is the nomenclature – the system of names used to identify pass types and the rules associated with those terms. Although we are all retired, we all receive Vacation Passes. I thought I was on vacation all the time! Nevertheless, those vacation passes have some pretty awesome advantages that make them more powerful than I had originally thought. In this



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month's column, I'd like to tell you about some important benefits that are inherent in Vacation Passes.

1. Each January, 8 Vacation Passes are deposited into your Pass Balance Account
2. Boarding priority is highest when Vacation Passes are used
3. Each pass is valid for 5 years
4. Each pass is valid for a one-way journey (i.e. a round trip requires 2 passes)
5. Unused passes from the previous year roll over to the next year
6. Oldest passes are automatically used first, EXCEPT if an enrolled friend is flying. Current year passes are required for enrolled friends.
7. An enroute stopover of up to 72 hours is allowed in the following hub cities eliminating the need to use up an extra Vacation Pass:
 - ❖ Chicago - ORD
 - ❖ Cleveland - CLE
 - ❖ Denver - DEN
 - ❖ Guam - GUM
 - ❖ Houston - IAH
 - ❖ Newark - EWR
 - ❖ San Francisco - SFO
 - ❖ Tokyo - NRT
 - ❖ Wash Dulles - IAD

So, on your way to Europe you could stop for a couple of days in Washington DC, and still get by with 1 Vacation Pass if your stopover is under 72 hours.

8. Only 1 Vacation Pass is deducted if you and your eligibles travel together on the same flights to your destination. **AND**, if someone in your party must originate in a different city and meets you at the connection point, still only 1 Vacation Pass will be deducted!

Example: You and your spouse fly from Denver to Rome via Washington Dulles. Your enrolled friends begin in Indianapolis and join you in Washington for the flight to Rome. Only 1 Vacation Pass will be deducted for all of these flights. The portion between Indianapolis and Washington flown without the retiree will lower the boarding priority for the enrolled friends to reflect the fact that they are unaccompanied (SA3V). Once they meet up with you their boarding priority raises to SA0V, the same as yours.

In order to qualify for this split city scenario it is mandatory that you build your listing using the Custom Routing option inside of Quick Links.

Go to flyingtogether.ual.com>EmpRes>QuickLinks>Custom Routing. You will indicate the cities for which you need

availability and you may easily view each segment in order to match up flight schedules. Once you decide which flights you need, select the flights and then click customize to assign the appropriate flights to each traveler. It sounds complicated but it is easy. The end result will be 2 separate PNRs but only 1 Vacation Pass will be deducted!

Happy Travels!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Egges



Rumors, don't believe what you hear! Someone is circulating the rumor that the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel is up for sale. Don't believe it. The chapel is under the protection of the church and cannot be sold. Repeat, the chapel is now under the church. Its property is owned by the church for its protection and future existence. The chapel is alive and doing well. A new roof has just been completed and updates are being made to the interior.

To donate to the chapel, make check payable to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank J. Egges, 3405 West Chester Pike, B307. Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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.

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Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratius at ruaeane newsletter@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!

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

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Thursday, September 19, found 17 UAL Retirees in the Cubi Bar Café in the NAS Pensacola National Aviation museum having a great time visiting and eating. Those attending were: **Nancy Aldrich, Jim & Penny Alston, George & Jean Dobison, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Rick & Carol Herrick, Ray & My Owens, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra** and **Ed Southworth**.

We were thrilled to have **Herb & Carol Wilbanks** from the Birmingham Sweet Home Alabama Chapter visiting with us. They were in Gulf Shores, AL on vacation at the beach and decided to come visit our group. **Herb & Carol** helped start our group 3 years ago with the help of **Paul Brown**. We look forward to them visiting us again in the future.

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order at 12:45 PM after we had finished lunch. The sad news was given to everyone regarding the death of our dear friend, **Paul Brown**, our RUEA Regional Director. A moment of silence was held in his memory. A motion was made to donate \$50.00 to the American Cancer Society in his memory. It passed with a unanimous vote. It will be so hard knowing that we do not have Paul to call on when we have questions. He was such a great help to our group and we all admired him so very much.

Bill Hayden & Barbara Serra sold raffle tickets to everyone. Our winner was **My Owens**. Congratulations! Tickets were then drawn for the 8 extra delicious cookies. Winners were **Barbara Serra, Jean Dobison, Conrad Hamilton, Rick Herrick, Bob Schwartz, Ed Southworth, George Dobison** and **Conrad Hamilton** actually won a second one! How lucky can one guy be?

The Minutes and Financial Report were approved as emailed with no corrections.

An email was read from **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** regarding their absence. She had to have a medical procedure done and was not feeling up to her usual perky self and **Steve** stayed home to nurse her back to health. Our meetings are never the same when those two are missing. **Yvonne Schwartz**, Secretary, passed a Get Well card around for everyone to sign to send to her. Get well, **Annie**! We also had **Park & Billie Learned** missing. They were in Tuscaloosa to see the Alabama game with Colorado State. **Park** graduated from Colorado State and they were

able to get tickets to the game. We hope they had a nice trip, even if their team did not win.

Our September birthday people were **Patty Southworth** (9th), **Conrad Hamilton** (10th), **Norm Reinoehl** (11th), **Bill Hayden** (16th), **Barbara Serra** (16th), and **Bev Heinrich** (21st). A special belated Happy Birthday was given to **Bill Hayden**, Vice-President, and **Barbara Serra**, Treasurer, who celebrated their birthdays just 3 days before our meeting on the very same day. What a coincidence!

Our October birthdays are **Ray Owens** (1st), **My Owens** (8th), **Billie Learned** (10th), **Ann Delavan** (11th), **Jim Alston** (22nd), **Bill Delavan** (23rd), and **George Atteberry** (27th). Happy Birthday to all of you!

Ed Southworth brought a book and some pictures showing the history of United Airlines. He told us about some of the items in it and then passed it around. Very interesting! **Bill Hayden** brought a book that was given to UAL employees in 1962 titled, "High Horizons". Lots of discussion followed. One interesting article told how UAL pilots volunteered to fly to the Aleutian Islands during WWII to help the war effort. Lots of stories followed regarding UAL. What a history! **Herb Wilbanks**, our visitor, told us he has lots of info on Capital Airlines and will send some to us to read.

Barbara Serra told us she had heard that Southwest will start flying from Pensacola, FL to Nashville and Houston and we might be able to get some low cost flights since there is no way to fly stand-by from Pensacola.

Ed Southworth told us of his vacation trip he just took using the 80% fare. Had he tried to fly stand-by, he would not have gotten on any of the several flights he took. He said all the flights were full. This is something all retirees are finding out as they try to fly stand-by. **Nancy Aldrich** told us she will be taking a Trans-Atlantic cruise in November. We all envy her as the different ports sound interesting. Have fun, Nancy!

Our chapter continues to meet on the third Thursday of each month and we meet in the Cubi Bar Café in the fantastic National Naval Aviation Museum at NAS Pensacola, FL. We always welcome visitors who are in the area to our meetings. If you live in our area (Panama Beach, FL-East to Mississippi border-West), please come join us.

Calendar

October 17 - 11:30 AM

November 21 - This date may change

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We met on September 9th at the Kobe Japanese Restaurant on 280 and had an enjoyable lunch. Those attending were: **Jim & Donna Gooch, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Bobby & Jean Cox, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Charlotte**

Gibson and Joe & Jane Jones. Some concern over the change from Blue Cross Illinois to Aetna was discussed, mostly over the choice of physicians in their network.

The only travel stories from the group was **Beverly Yeager** flying (on Southwest, I might add!) out to Dallas to visit her daughter and family who recently moved.

Our next meeting will be October 14th at the lovely home of **Charlotte Gibson** in Trussville, and will begin at 11am. As always, we invite all retirees to join us, for further information, call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or **Bobby Cox** at (205) 833-0655.

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Aah! October, beautiful weather in the West Valley, still a little hot at times but the nights are cool and clear! After “chilling” (NOT) inside the house all summer, we’re finally happy to get outside and have visits on our patios or take a nice leisurely strolls in the morning.

We will report on the attendance and “good time was had by all” at the Beardsley Park picnic on October 26 in the December newsletter. We’re a little late but better than never. We were waiting for some news about our new Aetna insurance plans from **Mike Richards** who attended the RUAEA convention in Denver.

We were saddened by the passing of **Ed Murphy** on September 10. A mass was held on September 19 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Goodyear, AZ. Condolences should be sent to **June Murphy**, 15324 West Picadilly Road, Goodyear, AZ 85395. The Azures sent a donation in Ed’s behalf to the Barrows Neurological Institute in Phoenix, AZ.

Curt & Linette Stenberg have joined the “Arizonans” and moved here permanently in late June to be close to their daughter. They will probably be regulars at the Coco’s breakfasts. And, a big congratulations to both Curt & Linette on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 29 with a family dinner. **Vivian Klick** is “dolling up” her house with all new kitchen appliances. She’s been investigating different brands and is very excited about her pick. She said, “finally”!

Vic & Carol Liltz have been busy with their house, also ... outside painted, inside painted, some new furniture, new wall hangings ... and guests from Elmwood Park, IL Busy September and October. Plus, Carol went back for Palatine’s homecoming for a couple of grandkids’ football games and cheering ... “getting tired, real tired!” but “love those kids”.

September, October and November Birthdays ~ **Donna Maloney** (9/26); **Carol Liltz** (9/27); **A. D. Cline** (9/1); **Lynn Cline** (9/13); **Phil Derbas** (11/15); **Pat Neal** (11/16);

Laura Ehas (11/16); **Lisa Hopkins** (11/24).

September, October and November Anniversaries ~ **Bob & Donna Maloney** (56 years on 9/28); **Joe & Lisa Hopkins** (10/3); **Ken & Pat Paulson** (54 years on 10/28); **Phil & Joan Derbas** (11/9); **Vic & Carol Liltz** (11/30).

It’s not too late to contact **Joan Aaronson** with your donations for the Fantasy Flight, i.e. blankets, soaps, lotions, socks. United is donating stuffed teddy bears. The children really appreciate those gifts and it’s such a wonderful day for all attending or volunteering. Joan’s phone is (623) 935-2818.

Our breakfasts continue at Coco’s, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City West, AZ at 0800 every other Tuesday. Please call **Jim Bechtold**, 465-5423 or **Sherry Muoio**, 572-4828 for reservations.

Calendar

November 16 - Briarwood C.C., Sun City West - Our annual Thanksgiving feast/meeting.

December 14 - Arizona Broadway Theatre, 7701 West Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ – “The Sound of Music”

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We’re happy that our “Snowbirds” are coming back to sunny Arizona, and we’re looking forward to a new calendar of events which have been planned for everyone’s pleasure. We hope many will join us for our upcoming Breakfasts each month plus our Luncheons, which will all be a lot of fun. Everyone always has a good time visiting with each other and keeping up on things that are going on at United Airlines. If you’re new to the area, or just haven’t come to any of our meetings for one reason or another for a long time, please make a point to join us at one of our breakfasts or luncheons. We’re open to anyone who has ever worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time, and is 55 years old or older. We look forward to seeing everyone each month.

We had 14 at our breakfast in September; but, it will definitely pick up next month when more people are back from their vacations and the snowbirds come flying in. Our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, updated our group with the Fantasy Flight, which is scheduled for Friday morning, Dec. 6th at the airport. We’re selling raffle tickets to help fund the flight. Tickets are \$5 each. The grand prize is two round trip tickets to Hawaii or \$500 in cash. There are also 10 Gift Certificates. So, if you would like to purchase some tickets or even start selling them yourselves, get in contact with **Peg Snowdall** or **Rich Vehring**, and they will be more than happy to see that you get the number of tickets you want. If you would like to help decorate for the Fantasy Flight, they will be doing so on November 5th at Gate C and D, starting at 10:00 a.m.

We heard from a former member, **Paul Weatherford**, recently, who gave us an update on his health situation, after an accident in his driveway due to black ice, causing him to fall and injure his right leg. He went through so much as a result of that fall and is finally healing and getting better. The fall was in early January of this year. He lives near Tulsa, OK.

We also heard that **Jim Pappas** passed away September 12th in Sun Lakes, AZ. His wife, **Dorothy**, was a retiree from United, and they both were active until recently. If you would like to send a sympathy card to **Dorothy**; her address is 23602 S. Desert Burst Ct., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Our deepest sympathy goes out to **Dorothy** and her family!

We're still in need of items for the children involved in the Fantasy Flight. They need individual blankets, cuddly stuffed animals, socks, mittens, plus any small soaps, shampoo, and lotions. The children are in Kindergarten or first grade, so keep that in mind when you're out shopping.

We will be reporting on the **RUAEA** Convention in Denver in next month's newsletter.

Our November 6th Luncheon will be held at the Golden Coral Restaurant in Gilbert, AZ, hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**. If you have any questions or need to make your reservation with **Ginny**, contact her at (480) 655-1419, or by e-mail at bvrock@cox.net. We hope many will be able to attend.

Our Breakfast in November will be on Friday, November 22nd, starting at 9:15 AM at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, AZ. Contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by November 20th at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. Thanksgiving is the following week.

We'll soon have to start thinking about Christmas and the Holidays. It sure comes up fast, doesn't it?

We have a number of November Birthdays in our chapter. They are: **Mary McLain** (11/6), **Don Burns** (11/12), **Ed Rheam** (11/12), **Bob Rowan** (11/12), **Jan Eiken** (11/16), **Pam Gerstung** (11/22), **JoAnne Gaudio** (11/24), **Lyn Walter** (11/26), **Ed Dawes** (11/27), and **Buzz Nicholaisen** (11/29). Happy Birthday to each one of you!

We have three couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this month. They are **Carol & Skip Ward** (50 years on 11/2), way to go! We also have **Rose & Ed Rheam** celebrating 61 years on 11/22. Wow! Another couple celebrating in November is **Doreen & Harry Cloud** (11/11/72). Happy Anniversary to all the couples!

Calendar:

November 6 – Luncheon at the Golden Coral Restaurant in Gilbert, hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**. More details to come.

November 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 AM. Contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by November 20th at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

December 4 – Christmas Luncheon at Palo Verde Clubhouse in Sun Lakes, AZ, hosted by **Carol & Skip Ward**.

December 20 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner.



TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pines Chapter!

Our September luncheon drew a whopping eight members. It was quite intimate and very enjoyable.

We are not meeting in November and December. The January 2014 meeting will be announced at a later date.

Don't forget to contact **Jeannie Risdon** for the Fantasy Flight raffle tickets. The Fantasy Flight is a very exciting experience for underprivileged children, plus, there are many great prizes for the winning raffle tickets.

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Our thanks go to **Ron & Shirley Robertson** for hosting our September luncheon. The food was delicious, so were the Bloody Mary's. There were 15 members present and 2 guests. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Ed Kokot** and **John Bennetts** was the lucky recipient of a bottle of wine, compliments of the **Robertsons**.

Our next stop in October will be Shlomo & Vito's Delicatessen on October 17th. **Ed Kokot** will be hosting the luncheon. Please contact **Ed** (520) 229-2059 by the 14th if you are planning to attend. The delicatessen is located at 2870 E. Skyline Dr., also known as the southwest corner of Skyline and Campbell. We will be ordering from the menu. Please plan on arriving at 11:30AM.

Plans for the November 21 luncheon are still in the planning stage. Our neighbors in Green Valley have a tentative plan but until this is confirmed, stay tuned.

Since Christmas is sneaking up on us rather quickly, here is the plan for the Roadrunners. Our luncheon will be held on December 12th at the Tanque Verde Ranch. The buffet luncheon will be held in the Mexican Room from noon until 1:30PM. The Roadrunners chapter will be contributing to the luncheon, reducing the cost to \$11.00 per person for chapter members. As always, guests are welcome to join us. The cost of their lunch will be \$21.00. **Rich & Pat DiLallo** will be our hosts. This luncheon is prepaid. Your check for \$11/\$21 per person should be made out and sent to **Pat DiLallo** at 14740 N. Palmwood Dr.; Oro Valley, AZ 85755 by no later than December 6th. Tanque Verde Ranch is located at 14301 E. Speedway in Tucson. Take Speedway East to the end of the road and turn left to the ranch.

It is with great sadness that we learned that **Charlie Williams** passed away on September 25th. **Charlie** was a

mechanic in the Air Force from 1957 thru 1962. He joined United Airlines at O'Hare as an R&E in 1962 moving on to Lead Mechanic until retiring in October of 2000, 38 years later. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Our prayers go out to **Erika Williams** and her family.

Calendar:

October 17 - Shlomo & Vito's Delicatessen hosted by **Ed Kokot**

November 21 - Stay tuned details will be coming from our friends in Green Valley

December 12 - Tanque Verde Ranch hosted by **Pat & Rich DiLallo**

CALIFORNIA

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We did not meet during September. I received a phone message from **Bob Wagner**. He went in for a heart procedure that went well. I will get more information from him when we meet again in October. Otherwise, all is quiet from other members so I'm assuming we will get-together next month.

Our next meeting will be on October 16 hosted by **Bob & Marcia Stanger**.

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The Brazen Raisins had their usual Halloween Potluck at the beautiful home of **Lincoln & Nile Jones**. Nile & Lincoln barbecued chicken, ribs and hot links and others brought salads and desserts.

After enjoying all of the good food and drinks, President **Elida Rivas** called a short meeting to order. Discussion was mainly about whether we still qualified for United's \$10,000 life insurance policy. Only **Dick Hayes** qualified for it, because he chose it rather than United's health insurance.

No jokes were told, but **Dick Shryock** was making snoring noises. He was ready to go home for his nap. He lit up though, when he won the 50/50 raffle. **John Oakshott** and **Reuben Rivas** won wine. **Virginia Van Patten** and **Dick Hayes** won designer sunglasses.

There were three birthdays for October: **Hazel Hayes** (1st), **Gil Gilbert** (13th) and **Charlie Barnett** (20th).

We were also happy to see **Jim Van Patten** at the pot-

luck. Our Sunshine Lady, **Hazel Hayes** wasn't feeling well enough to come to the potluck. Hope you will be feeling well soon, Hazel!

Thanks again for another great potluck Lincoln & Nile!



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Yours truly was the host for the Desert Sunbirds' September Luncheon. We dined at the Restaurant in the Palm Desert Greens, my home for the last 9½ years. **Marji Gomez** assisted me with the check-in, and thirty two members and guests were all present and accounted for a half hour before lunch began. Must be some kind of a record!

Same menu as the Luncheon 2 years ago: Choices of Cobb Salad, Asian Chicken Salad, Deli Sandwich Board, Burger Bar, and a Quesadilla. Good stuff! **Mary Frank** brought her friend **Dick Milford**, as the only other guest.

Congratulations to our Anniversary celebrants: **Ron & Barbara Napier** (50 years on 10/26); **Bill & Lia Schultz** (52 years on 10/28); **Sean & Marilyn Foley** (55 years on 10/13).

Patti Sica, filling in for President Mike, led the group in a moment of silence, as this was 9/11. Very moving for everyone!

Good news concerning **Jerry Waiss**. Jerry is recovering nicely after heart surgery in September - a leaky valve. **Sheryll** says that Jerry received a "cow" valve to replace his leaky aortic valve. Just reporting the facts. Moo-o-o-o!

The Birthday winner was ~ me. It's only fair! **Brad Zittel** won \$30.00 in the 50/0. Marji and I supplied four small calculators to add to the raffle; won by **Jan Kellerhals**, **Mary Frank**, **Patti Sica**, and **Elaine Aggson**. The **Kellerhals** also brought a large bag of limes to share with the group.

Lastly, by the time you read this, Marji Gomez will be Mrs. Chuck Lamas. The happy event will be October 26th.

Calendar:

November 13 - Hosted by **John & Maureen Schultz**

December 11 - Hosts ~ TBA

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SACRAMENTO



Thank you to **Alice McPeak** for taking minutes for me today. The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on September 25 at Commodore Park at Lake Wildwood in Penn Valley.

This was hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**. We had 43 Gold Diggers attending. Our Chapter President, **Hank Wikstad**, welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Nortons for providing a lovely setting and delicious meal.

Officers' Reports:

President ~ **Hank Wikstad** asked the officers to give their reports.

Vice President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** said he is in need of hosts for next year for all months except February. Please let him know when you would like to host a luncheon.

Substitute Secretary ~ **Alice McPeak** announce Anniversaries for September. Those 50 years and over: **Roger & Mary Ann Burgess** – 53 years; **Ken & Stephanie Norton** – 52 years; and **Ronnie & Judie King** – 50 years. The anniversary song was sung spontaneously.

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

Sunshine ~ **Alice McPeak** said that no cards were sent this past month. She said that on entering United Intranet website, she had been warned that their web certificate was not correct and not to continue to the site. This has happened in the past and we should ignore this warning and continue to the site. They have not renewed the certificate as they should. After the luncheon, we heard that **Darryll Stroud** passed away on the afternoon of September 25th. Cards may be sent to **Dorothy Stroud** at 11524 Mikado Court, Auburn, CA 95602.

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

Roster Chairman ~ **Jack Raynor** had nothing to report.

RUAEA ~ Director of Northern California & Nevada, **John Zoboli** said that the long awaited retiree ID Badge is now available. It has to be ordered on the UAL computer site. It requires a "passport" type photo and the charge of \$35.00 can only be paid using PAYPAL which is accessible thru the UAL sign up form. The entire request is done online.

Retiree parking has been relocated at the MOC. The new location is in the S.W. Area of the W. Lot. Highly recommend checking with security on exact location, 21 days maximum.

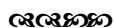
Annual Benefits Enrollment begins November 4th thru 15th. A message was sent by HR explaining the changes. Monday 9/24 daily bulletin had a web connection to access the Aetna website to check the coverage by zip code, www.aetna.com/united. United has started a recall of furloughed pilots due to retirements and increasing flying schedule.

Calendar:

October 30 - Combined luncheon with the Solano Flyers in Vacaville

November 27 – No luncheon

December 11 – Christmas luncheon at Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley hosted by **Dale & Dorothy Volker** and **Hank & Rose Wikstad**



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Well, how did you do with the chopsticks? No doubt forks were available, but some folks actually know how to use chopsticks! With a great selection of dishes from the Golden Dragon Restaurant, I am sure that all the Miners in attendance were full when they were done. A heartfelt "Thank You" to **Joe & Lynda Lima** for setting up this luncheon for us.

A survey of the room found that three members have a birthday in September, **Jeanette D'Amico**, **Bob Ames** and **Lynda Lima** all get to celebrate their birthdays this month. Happy Birthday to each of you!

President ~ See below for Rudy's information.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** did not have a report this month.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** was not present. I want to say "Thank You" to **Rosemary Heier** for taking notes for me.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny**, our wonderful, tenacious treasurer was finally able to report, officially, that we have been granted our non-profit status from the IRS! Yip-pee! We have our tax identification number and written approval. Tom will probably have to file a form 990-N at tax time, but there is not supposed to be any charge for this. Tom also reported that, after adding in the cash from the Drawing Of Opportunity, our checking balance stands at \$1,470.61.

Sunshine ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** did not report anything new.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** brought the great, updated albums to share. It is fun to look back over the years and the "Memory Book" is very touching.

Old Business ~ Rudy covered items in the last issue of RUAEA Newsletter: Life insurance, Annual Benefits Enrollment, Torgy's Travel Tips, United load factor.

Rudy closed our meeting and our Drawing Of Opportunity began. **Mary Lou Wagner** was the winner of the donor's prize. Our appreciation goes to: Lima - basket; Dinette - wine; Blazius - wine; Heier - reed diffuser; Buschman - wine; Akin - plant; Czapkay - cheese balls; Fitzpatrick - wine; Ames - wine; Kenny - polo shirt/book; Kenney - candle and dish; Wagner - chop genie; Somplack - basket. Thanks to all for your generosity.

Now, October luncheon will take us to the Red Hawk Casino! Bring your appetites! There's always something that you will love and/or something new for you to try! See you next month.



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28 members signed up but due to illness, only 26 members and guests enjoyed the fabulous luncheon at La Gare on September 12. President **George** and his wife **Lois Schwind** were celebrating their 64th Anniversary in Mendocino this week so Vice President **Brandon Maus** took over. Brandon welcomed everyone and thanked **Jan Blackburn** and **Valerie Hulsey** for hosting. A big thank you to **Jerry & Barbara Underhill** for selling Raffle Tickets.

Brandon introduced our guests **Jan Baty**, guest of **Helen Furber** and **Nina Matlock**, guest of **Charlie Anderson**. We observed a moment of silence in memory of **Matty Matchinegg**. We will all remember his wonderful sense of humor and his dedication to this chapter. There was a Celebration of Life on September 26, 1:00 – 4:00 at the Berger Center in Oakmont.

November will feature Tony Castle, a one-man speaker re: Golden Age Radio/TV. Please invite your friends to join us for lunch and to hear an interesting talk.

Treasurer **Jan Blackburn** reported we are still in the black. The total balance as of 8/9/13 was \$855.46 of which \$342.25 is in the general account and we have \$513.21 in the Charity Fund.

Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** stated it looks like we will have good representation at the Convention in Denver this year as several members are going.

Our Sunshine Lady Verda announced that **Nick van Kruining**, **Delbert Clark**, **Lou Legnitto**, **Lois Schwind**, **Zelma Kibler**, **Norma Davis** and **Richard Hanna** had birthdays this month. **Matty Matchinegg** also was born in September. The lucky winner was **Richard Hanna**. None of the Anniversary folks, **George & Lois Schwind**, **Larry & Madalynn Schmidt** and **Larry & Mary Wilson**, were present but we sang to everyone anyway.

Verda read a fun saying called "I've been In". If you would like to read it the URL is: <http://yogadeva.com/2012/02/12/another-great-poem-ive-been-in/>

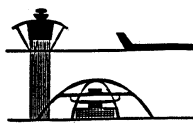
Joanne Huhn announced there was a list of charities we had previously supported on the check in table and she asked that everyone stop by and take a look as decisions would be made in November. Money is always donated to the Earl Baum Center for the Blind in honor of **Zepha O'Kelly** but the others will be voted on.

Jerry Underhill announced the "Family Day" at the SFO Maintenance Base. The raffle was lots of fun and there were many winners of wine and candy.

George asked me to remind everyone we need volunteers to assume office in this chapter in January. The election should be held no later than the November meeting on November 14th. Please let George know if you are willing to serve.

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Oh, what a lovely lunch at the Hacienda, for the LAXRR get together. We dined on Lasagna and braised vegetables with dessert of tiramisu. All guests are either ReLAXers or RUAEA members and it gives us another opportunity to enjoy each others company. **Jim Ferrance** does all the hard work, organizing and mailing invitations, and we had a small group of 21. We were so pleased to see **Linda & Richard Smith** from San Diego. Linda just joined RUAEA this year after finally retiring! **Marge Snyder** had very good luck flying in from Kailua, Hawaii. **Ken Teebken** drove up from beautiful Laguna Woods to have lunch with us. Those with shorter commutes were **Frankie Tschirhart** (without hubby, Al), **Irma Minikle**, **Dick Pendleton**, **Beverly McAlister**, and **Patti Launder**s all the way from Pismo Beach. We loved visiting with **Caryl Mindlin** and **John Ferguson**, both first timers to our get-together; and both asked to join the ReLAXers.

As time goes on, we find ourselves saying to one another "*Oh you know—what's his name?*" and seeing one another helps refresh our memories.

We have a few new members to the ReLAXers, we would like to welcome and encourage them to attend our next luncheon. They are **Glen Winn**, **Diane Cannon**, **Barbara Thomas**, and **Selwyn Alexander**, who just rejoined our group after a long recovery period.

We've had an opportunity to chat with **John Ippolito** and **Bob Schmiedeke** recently and both are doing well. We just don't get to see them and their wives at the luncheons anymore since both now have vision problems and can no longer drive. We do miss their company!

We have some good news to report. **Howard Lackey**, our VP and RUAEA So. Cal Director, is due for a short visit to LA with his sister Luann and brother-in-law, Bill. They will be checking out Drs and assisted living programs. They plan on attending our next luncheon at the Proud Bird and we are welcoming them with open arms. It's been a long time without our dear friend, Howard.

I just called my dear friend, **Eleanor Jones** in Texas, to coax her into coming to the next luncheon. Eleanor, if you recall, used to work in the Mainliner Store for many years. She said, "*She just might come*", but she said that I might not recognize her because now she's a blonde. She said she got tired of all that "old gray stuff". I said "Me too", do we still look like sisters? We used to call each other "Big sister" and "Little sister", when we worked in the Mainliner store together. Oh, we had such fun.

Calendar

December 5 - Proud Bird restaurant (verified with Catering Mgr). They will be open for catered events.

December 7 - Fantasy Flight (Come party with the children)

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Everyone here is still cruising through summer with a few still out travelling and visiting. We did have a good turn out of twenty five for our monthly breakfast.

I gave a report on a tour of the new UA facilities at Terminal Two at Lindbergh Field. **Stephanie Sullivan**, one of our Supervisors helped me organize a tour for those interested in seeing the new facilities. They are quite extensive, very modern in design, nice shops and a food court. We all enjoyed seeing the new facility, a good two hour tour. Stephanie had some snacks behind the ticket counter for us and we had time for a good visit and catch up on all the news and stories about the move to the new terminal.

Al & Helen Soderberg were celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary and their great grandson was celebrating his birthday on the same day. I am sure breakfast was just the start of the celebration!

We discussed ideas and plans for our Christmas Lunch and will have more information on that next month.

Calendar

November 7 - Monthly breakfast at the Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226 0255.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

The South Bay RUAEA chapter enjoyed their Fall luncheon at the Blue Pheasant in Cupertino. It was hosted by **Sally & Tony Urso**, **Alex & Margie Klaus**, **Jean Jenkins** and **Alice Rostirolla**. The room was decorated with an Oktoberfest and Fall theme. The food was delicious, the company superb, and the raffle brought in \$300 for our chapter. It was nice to see **Wilma Sandy**, **Joanne Saso**, and the **Underhills** joining us.

Sally & Tony Urso will be celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary this month and will be cruising to Hawaii. We wish them a wonderful trip.

Dave & Nancy Walb joined friends at Niagara Falls. Their hotel was close to the falls so they had a spectacular view. Twenty of our group attended the convention in Denver. It's always enjoyable to meet up with former co-workers and friends from UNITED.

Some of our members have been under the weather, **Elfriede Grossman**, **Marion Gaevert**, **Jack Jenkins**, **Ben Scales**, **Ella Sousa**, and **Jerome Underhill**. We hope they will be feeling better soon.

Ceramic artist **Barbara Brown**, the wife of retiree **Charlie Brown**, was featured in our local paper recently. Pottery is her pleasure, and as the international ambassador for the Association of Clay and Glass Artists of California, she has traveled to 70 countries to collect many impressive pieces.

"Laugh when you can, apologize when you should, and let go of what you can't change. Life's too short to be anything ... but happy."

We meet every Friday morning at 8 A.M. at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in Cupertino/San Jose, followed by a short meeting at 9 A.M. Please join us.

Calendar

December 3 - Christmas Holiday Lunch at Mariani's Inn & Restaurant in Santa Clara, CA. Contact President **Bill Reichard** at (408) 257-9170 for reservations. If you have any items for our silent auction, please contact **Cheri Scales** at (408) 226-7855.

January 2014 - Winter Ladies' Lunch, TBA

SAN JOAQUINERS

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Our meeting scheduled for September 12 was, regretfully, canceled at the last moment, as the owner/chef of the restaurant was hospitalized.

Our members are from Contra Costa, Sonoma, San Joaquin, Merced and many counties in between (or adjacent). If you want to try us out, please call for meeting information. We are a funny, varied and interesting group and would welcome visitors as well as new members. If you are unable to reach **Jack Walls** (he is traveling), please contact **Nancy Buddington** (209) 588-1073, **Rudy Reyna** (209) 599-9420 or **Don Nesja** (209) 295-2104.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month and we would love to have visitors or new members join us. For information concerning the meeting, call **Jack Walls** (209) 984-5672, or **Nancy Buddington** (209) 588-1073.

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Our September meeting at the Concord Sizzler had 24 attendees, slightly less than most months, but as usual, a

good time was had by all. Many thanks to **Jan Nichols** who has volunteered to be one of our cashiers. She performed admirably on her first day. It is not an easy task and we appreciate her offer to help out. Also thanks to **Liz Griffiths** who ably assisted with names and "crowd control". What a team!

If you live in the East Bay and haven't stopped by for one of our luncheons, give it a try. We would be pleased to have you visit.

We welcomed **Cheryl Kinkead** as a member as she is now retired as a United Flight Attendant. She had already attended several meetings as a guest of her father, **Lou Kinkead**. Lou is a long time retiree and member of the East Bay Diablos.

We are happy to report that we have 10-12 members at next month's Denver Convention and have moved our October luncheon to October 21st to avoid any conflict.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. In December we will meet again at the Back Forty restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We would also like to see current active employees.

We have an ongoing book and magazine exchange. The leftover books are donated to either hospice or libraries and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. In addition, we accept new and used greeting cards. **Carol Parks** has kindly offered to pass them on to **Emma Lou Olson**.

Calendar:

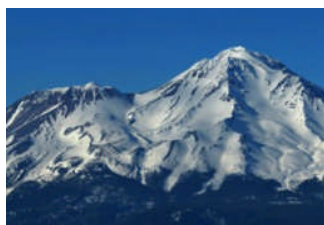
October 21

November 11

December 9 - Annual Toys for Tots and Christmas Party

CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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We are back! Yes, our September Northstaters meeting/luncheon brought us back to the wonderful Lake Anderson River Park by the Sacramento River. It was a little windy but 28 retirees, spouses and guests enjoyed a great BBQ lunch. **Merritt Odor**, our President and **Leo Nacar** cooked great hamburgers, hot dogs, and polish sausage brought by **Richard Skeliy**, our Vice President. Lots of great dishes were brought by everyone else. We had some of the best desserts ever! We always enjoy picnic time together. **Merritt Odor** welcomed our visitors: **Walt & Frannie Grunherr** who are friends of **John & Cris Isbell** and **Margo Browne** and **Jane Wheeler** who are nieces of **Charlotte Puryear**. Also, **John Zoboli**, our Regional Director,

was able to make today's festivities. Merritt thanked our secretary, **Sharon Simonton**, for setting up the picnic and sending out flyers, etc.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **John Zoboli** celebrated his birthday and **Klaren Odor** will be celebrating her birthday at the end of September. **Richard & Raejean Skeliy** celebrated 51 years of marriage and **Bill & Sharon Simonton** will be celebrating 21 years in October.

It is always so nice to have **John Zoboli** with us to give us new information. Lots of questions were asked about the retiree change in the medical insurance. He talked about the Annual Benefit Enrollment beginning November 4th thru the 15th for retirees to apply. Retirees who have Blue/Cross/Blue Shield as a supplement will be asked to change to Aetna. There is a website www.aetna.com/united for any further information; **John** also spoke about the upcoming convention and the recall of the pilots.

Our profile this month is **Bill Simonton** ~ Bill was twenty years old when hired as a Ramp Serviceman in March, 1967. His intention at the time was to continue a college education and pursue a different career after graduation or within a five year time frame. After five years in the Bay area, he wanted to go back to his home town Boise, Idaho. He put in a transfer and was accepted as a customer service agent. At that time, he owed the credit union \$1800, didn't want to go into further debt, so he turned down the transfer. SFO had lots of overtime available. How time flies; United, San Francisco was his home for 36 years.

Ramp Service offered a large variety of jobs and different shifts. He worked ramp, food run, air freight, mail, zip crew and sometimes the bag room/transfer bags. The bag room was his least favorite. Runner on the ramp for him was the best along with food run. He never went hungry assigned to food run, but of course scrounging food was not allowed. He remembers the first time he loaded a DC-8 engine on a pallet with the big Hyster fork lift. Scary! Working the DC-8 cargo liners and the 727 quick change aircraft was fun.

Time passed and about the time he thought "what am I doing here!" he was offered a chance to be a Ramp On the Job Trainer which led to Station Trainer. These were some of the best times because he was exposed to what was happening around the system and became friends with trainers from other stations. Line and Hub station management, Line Quality Assurance as well as EXO, at times referred to as "Fort Fumble".

When United began taking over some of Pan Am's routes, things really started to grow at UA. He was in the right place at the right time and with wide body aircraft knowledge, was offered a position as system wide trainer. He learned towing/brake ride, APU operation and a lot of other line station responsibilities. His Fuel Training background at SFO worked into System Wide Fuel Trainer, responsible for fuel training curriculum and testing qualification. Needless to say he had lots of help. With the startup of many new routes, he did a lot of training/travel system wide. In those days, his department Line Quality and station OZ's supported what were called

Fueling Forums attended by Station Trainers, contract Trainers, Maintenance Trainers, and station operation folks from around the system. Not his show, but he helped plan those get-togethers and worked with some of the most dedicated leaders at UA. Fond memories for sure.

Over the years, as was the case with many UA personnel, he saw the Convair, DC6, 727, DC10, 747-100/238B/SP, L-1011 retired and the introduction of the 767, 757, 747-400, Airbus, and 777, someone said there is now a new aircraft; imagine that!

So a lot of "stuff" but through all the experiences, good times, stressful times at UA, and fun times with his family and the best thing that happened for him he says, was to marry a person many at UA know as his wife, Sharon.

Ken Jorgensen won the 50/50 raffle. **John Isbell** won the \$15.00 lunch gift certificate.

The next meeting will be December 5th back in the Chico area. **Sharon Simonton** volunteered to contact our previous restaurant, the Pour House, for accommodations.

Calendar:

December 5 - 11:30 AM, Chico at the Pour House Restaurant. Come join us! And have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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On October 5, the Mile Highers held their monthly breakfast at United's Flight Training Center. The morning was a beautiful fall day and 52 folks attended. **Don & Sharon Burbank** brought their granddaughter, **Charlotte Paul**, whose mother is a flight attendant for United. **Tom Goodyear** reported that nobody passed away or was sick this month. Tom also reported the Mile High chapter has \$1,420 in the treasury as of last month. We made \$25 last month.

Virgil Gooselaw announced that RUAEA was now taking credit cards on line at www.ruaea.org and explained that the file number used by RUAEA is the one to be used. If you don't know, look at your mailing label and the number located above your name on the left side is the number to use. Virgil also said that **Cas Spokas** was primarily responsible for getting credit cards online. He has spent many hours working with our Web Master programming the RUAEA data base. A hearty round of applause was given to Cas for a job well done!

The Christmas luncheon will be held at the Holiday Inn Denver – Cherry Creek, 455 South Colorado Blvd. on December 4. Happy hour is at 11 AM, lunch at 12 noon.

The menu is your choice of grilled salmon, roast pork loin, stuffed chicken Florentine, salad, fresh vegetable with fresh corn, baked potato and a choice of dessert which is

pumpkin or pecan pie. All this for \$19.50. Please place guest name and menu choice on check. Mail to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211-1354. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child age 4 to 8.

The following retirees returned their winnings to the chapter, **Charlie Hassler**, **Paul Fluegel**, **Matt Orr**, (won twice), **Ray Shoults** and **Jim Spate**.

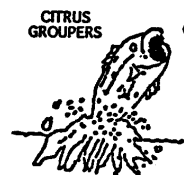
Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on November 2nd 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. Do not forget your aluminum cans. Bring a fellow retiree to the breakfast to share our good time.

FLORIDA

VILLAGE CITRUS GROUPERS

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After our summer break, the Citrus Groupers met on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at our regular meeting place which is the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages Florida. After our tasty lunch, President **Don Nellans** called our meeting to order and we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Don informed everyone that we had lost a great supporter of our chapter with the passing of **Paul Brown**. Paul was our Regional Director, and we will all miss him. Don also informed us that **Lydia Wirth** had fallen and the fall resulted in a severe broken leg which resulted in her hospitalization. We wish her a speedy recovery. Long time members **Bill & Mary Wimmer** have left us to move to Wisconsin, and they will be missed, but we wish them all of the best as they return to their home state. Maybe they will come and visit us in warm and sunny Florida after re-experiencing a Wisconsin winter for a while.

Don said that retiree badges were available through our flyingtogether.ual.com site for a onetime charge of \$35.00 and there is not an expiration date on them. These badges are only available online. Don wanted us to start thinking of who we would like for officers next year as there will be an election in January. We were also reminded that the RUAEA National Convention was at Denver, CO in October.

Claus Brinnitzer was our lucky winner in the 50/50 drawing. We discussed what we would like to do in November and December and will finalize those plans at our October meeting, which will be Thursday, October 31 at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages, Florida. If you are in the area, please join us. We start at 11:30

AM with lunch followed by a brief business meeting.

As coincidences sometime happen, an all airline retired flight attendant meeting was being held in another room at our location, and several flight attendants retired from United found us and said they would love to join our group, and they will see us at our next meeting. We are very pleased to have them.

If you need any information on the Citrus Groupers, you may contact our President **Don Nellans** at nellans-don@aol.com or (352) 861-8486.



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Pres. **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting with 20 Sand'DABS in attendance. After our usual flag salute and prayer, we had a moment of silence in remembrance of **Paul Brown**, RUAEA Regional Director, who passed away, and a short prayer for comfort for his family in their loss.

Bud & Karen Gammill expect to be leaving WI in about a week and then will be back with us again. **Nelson Funkhouser** is adjusting to his new facility, as was mentioned last month. He would enjoy a call (386) 523-7865. If you send a note, send it to **Honeylou** at 5412 Daylilly St. Port Orange, FL 32128 and she'll get it to him. **Nancy Thomas**, former member, is still having problems with the healing of her hip. Because of other circumstances, doctors cannot operate as she cannot be put under anesthesia. She lives with pain. **Marion & Rick Johnson** were off on another cruise north into Canada, taking 25 days and ending in Ft. Lauderdale. Sounds heavenly!

No birthdays this month, but **Honeylou & Nelson Funkhouser** celebrate 59 years married. Company anniversaries are **Steve Moddle** (48 years) and **Lowell Johnston** (53 years). **Ken Carpenter**, friend of **Nita Ritt**, became a member with us.

After taking a break for lunch, the meeting resumed. We voted to give a donation to the Cancer Society in memory of **Paul Brown**. Also it was voted to make donations to Every Soldier Fund, and the Wounded Warrior Project. Each does so much for our military personnel.

Please note our December meeting date will be changed to December 12, and will be at the Red Lobster this year. There was no real news of the company, and very scant information of any insurance changes. We'll be waiting for some firm news about any changes there.

Herb & Molly Gardner returned from a 16 day trip to Europe started from Daytona to Atlanta and then on to the Netherlands, connecting with a ship that took them all through the northern countries. It all sounded very interesting. **Larry & Janet Horton** returned from a 2 week trip to Russia and told about the different places they visited and their impression of all the things they saw and observed

there. They visited Moscow, Red Square, the Kremlin, saw 2 Orthodox churches, had a river cruise on the canals at St. Petersburg, visited a Russian home and chatted with the people living there. They remarked at how beautiful the gardens were and how unexpected that was. They noticed that the clothing was not as dark and drab as expected and not many Russian cars were sighted, but many of various other countries. This trip sounded very interesting also.

Prez. Dick left us with a computer link if interested, Paperwarplanes.com. On that note, our meeting ended. I have heard that a lie will go around the world while the truth is still putting its boots on.

Calendar

November 7 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

December 12 - 11:30 - Red Lobster - note date change

January 2 - TBA

THE ORLANDO

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Well, we got off to a crazy start - where's Pres Rich and lovely wife, Cathy? A call and a, "*Oops, just got home from CLE! We'll be right there!*". But, we had a great crowd, including the CG group of **Chris Hess**, **Bob Duszynski**, **Jim Feeney**, **George Cisneros** and **John Wiseman** and lots of lively conversation.

On September 10th, **Paul Brown**, RUAEA FL Regional Director for many years, lost his courageous battle with cancer. Paul was an active member of the Real McCoys and held several positions over the years, including President; 25 members of the Real McCoys' chapter paid their deepest respects and heart-felt sympathy to his wife, Helga, and sons Clay and David, at his memorial service on September 21st. At the family's request, a contribution in Paul's memory was sent to the American Cancer Society from our chapter. Family address: 4124 Teriwood Ave., Orlando, FL 32812.

Treasurer Char has reported that the coffers are a bit down from the last few years but we will be having our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Bonefish Grill and the chapter will subsidize the ticket price for our members as in previous years.

To RSVP, make your check payable to **Charlotte LeGrand** in the amount of \$15.00/pp for a member & spouse or member & 1 guest and mail it to: 1719 Branchwater Trail, Orlando, FL 32825 by December 3rd.

If you are not a member of the Real McCoys, but would like to join us for lunch, please send \$20.00/pp. Questions? Call Charlotte at (407) 273-3013 or email charlegan@cfl.rr.com.

Menu selections include fish, chicken, sirloin and pork chop entrees ordered tableside. We will also be selecting

charities for our annual donations at the December lunch, so please join us to help those less fortunate.

October Birthday Balloons & High Fives to: **Chris Hess** (12th), **Al Fields** (17th), **Betty Davidson** (19th), **Joe Fitak** (22nd), **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** (24th), **Mack Chandler** (25th), **Cheryl Vosges** (26th) and **Lois Fields** (30th)! And Congrats & Anniversary Wishes to **Elaine & Joe Mannella**, 7 years on Oct. 26th, and November couples, **Stan & Barb Halterman**, 54 years on Nov. 21st and **Charlie & Sharon Ringer**, 21 years on Nov. 11th.

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month

November 5 - Luncheon/Meeting at 1:30pm - Golden Corral on S. Semoran Blvd

December 10 - Christmas Lunch - Bonefish Grill 12:00 Noon, RSVP required by 12/3



SW FLORIDA PELICAN DROP-INS

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The Pelican Drop-Ins held our first luncheon meeting of the fall season on Friday, October 4th at Fletchers Grille and Spirits in Cape Coral. President **Bill Burg** welcomed everyone. There were 14 members and two guests present. Our agenda was the election of officers for the coming year and collection of the yearly dues (\$10). **Bill Burg** will continue as President, **Ed Clarke** will assume the Treasurer's position, **Marge Burg** volunteered to be the new Newsletter Editor, **John Dainus** continues as Vice President..

Ed Clarke distributed an exhibit from the United website on 2014 United Benefits Contacts. A discussion followed on the many changes affecting retirees in particular. It was noted a couple law suits have been raised to date, but the outcome is unknown. Medical insurance is a hot topic for seniors all across the US.

Our guests were **Tom Burg**, Bill Burg's son, who was visiting in Ft. Myers on his way back home to Thailand and **John Dainus's** fiancée **Laney Evans**. They will wed in Hawaii on October 15th. Congratulations were offered to John and his bride-to-be!

Our monthly 50/50 raffle was won by **Ed/Judy Clarke**! Practically everyone at the luncheon (**Mel & Linda Volz**, **Sally Sciple**, **Wanda Schmoyer**, **Nancy Kopp**, **Diane Roberts**, **Sandy & Jerry Pryde**, **Ray Winterhalter**, **Marge Burg**, **John Dainus**) went home with a prize - either a bottle of wine, candy, and/or a Lottery ticket! There's been no word received that anyone won the lottery over the weekend!

The Pelican Drop-Ins will meet at Fletchers Grille and Spirits, 627 Cape Coral Parkway West on November 1 in Cape Coral FL. Join us if any of you readers are in the area then.

Calendar

Luncheon meeting, 1st Friday of October – April

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Meeting called to order by President **Bob Lindstrom**. Everyone stood for the pledge of Allegiance. There were no minutes for June, July and August. **Lillian Sawyer** gave treasurer's report. **Fran Klingensmith** was our guest.

Birthdays ~ July – Pat, August – Helena, September – Jan, Mary, John and Audrey. Hope everyone had a special happy birthday.

Several people went on trips this summer. Some were good and some not so good. The bad first ~ **Jim & Pat Hottel** flew to Portland with no trouble but were stranded 3 days returning because of the plane crash in San Francisco. **Loretta Mawett** went to Cleveland, Houston and Boston. She told how to custom route your listing, which is good to know. **Helena Kocovar** took a car trip to the Villages. **Bob & Jan Lindstrom** took a motor home trip to Chicago to visit their family. They told of the many places they stopped. Marty flew on discounted ticket to Minnesota. Volrie & Don flew to Las Vegas on designated flights even though Volrie was not listed going, and Don was not listed from Chicago to Tampa. We had our confirmation from computer but had to call the "special number" to get us listed again. The agents could not help us.

Jim Hottel has taken care of arrangements for our barbecue October 7 at Anderson Park, shelter #1, 11:00. Hope to see everyone there. Terri will email everyone for a reminder.

Committees ~ Terri sent get well cards to **Les Manuel** and **Dick Riedl**. **Mary Martin** will have new list of members at our next meeting.



TREASURE COAST

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Well, even though we only had a total of 9 members plus one guest, this didn't cause for any concern, for the meeting was A-rated. You never have to underestimate our group for support and interest for what is being discussed.

Our guest was **Constantinos Xifaras'** sister in law from Columbia who is visiting him for a short time to discuss her moving here to Florida, her name is Aura Cecilia

Ortiz-Munoz and what a delightful lady. She doesn't speak very much English and has Dinos working hard to have her learn English as quickly as possible. We all wish her good luck in her move to Florida with her family.

Before the meeting started, a few thoughts about **Paul Brown** and his recent death and the sadness that his family has to endure for such a fine person. He is truly missed by our chapter since he and his wife joined us at our Christmas Party a few years ago and joined our meeting several times. What a wonderful person, may he rest in peace.

Needless to say, after we ate our wonderful lunch, **Al Popek** banged on the meat club and got the meeting to order when the conversation immediately went to our Health Insurance, adjusted seniority and of course, our upcoming Christmas Holiday Party.

Our Holiday Party will be held on December 12 at Wahoo's and it will be a sit down dinner. There will be a cocktail hour from 6PM to 7PM and dinner will be served at 7PM. Please note the usual Luncheon/Meeting on December 3 **will not be held**. All the information regarding the December 12 Party will be mailed to each member and of course, friends etc are welcome. It also was decided by all that the grab bag gift idea should continue since so much fun was had by all.

The 50/50 was won by **Bob Langevin** and the Progressive was won by **Barbara Blauschild** but since she was not in attendance, it will be sent back for next month's drawing and added to the present total.

The 10 Treasure Coast Members heading for the Denver Convention this month have lots of questions for different categories. Safe and pleasant trip to all! Hope to see all at the November meeting at which time everyone should be back from their vacations and Denver Convention.

Just a reminder that our 2014 Membership dues should be paid no later than December 1.

Happy Birthday to **Michael Carragher** (10/6), **Merrill Wetherington** (10/22), **Arnold Lakso** (10/25) and **Sharon Kirk** (11/1). Happy Anniversary to **Merrill & Mary Kay Wetherington** (10/29).

Remember today is a present even though it is not gift wrapped. Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking.

Calendar

November 5 - Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

December 3 - No meeting

December 12 - Holiday Christmas Party 6PM, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

January 7, 2014 - Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL



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Written by Janice Carter (daughter of Ronald Heider)

Atlanta Dixie Flyers met at 2 PM at the Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, GA. **Fred Cron** led the gathering with the Blessing of the meal, along with The Pledge of Allegiance. We conducted the 50/50 raffle which was won by **Sam Mace** who donated his \$12.50 to our local Ladies in Distress. Some of our Flyers also donated paper goods and feminine items collected by **Judi Elk** and **Sandy Lis**, and delivered to them by the Elks.

Don Shelly had a complete shoulder replacement and is recuperating at home. The operation went well, he still has both shoulders!

On a sadder note, former ATL/TPA RSM, **Earl Clore's** wife **Grace** took her final flight into the Friendly skies. Our prayers are with Earl and his family.

Birthday list, here it goes! **Bob Balas** (10/7), **Willie Foles** (10/2), **Barney Knotts** (10/28), **Art Qwynn** (10/21). Retirements ~ **Bob Balas** (10/2002), **Stan Cebula** (9/1993), **Bill Elk** (10/2001), **Barney Knotts** (10/1993), **Don Sullivan** (10/1991).

The consensus of the group of our new pass policy is not the greatest compared with what we retired with. The self-listing and boarding priorities leave many at a disadvantage.

Big thanks to **Sandy Lis** for a book of stamps for flyers mailing of the newsletter.

And a brief Thank you to **Veronica Domaratius**, who showed much concern during my dad and mom's hospitalizations. My dad spent almost a full month in 2 hospitals, and then my mother was admitted, but if you know my dad, he keeps on ticking. We love you; it's not your time for that last flight!

Calendar

November 6 - Meeting at the Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, 2PM.

HAWAII

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet regularly for lunch. If you are interested in

joining us, send us your email address to HNLROA@gmail.com and we will email you the details. All retirees are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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A very special occasion for the Boise Gems is our September potluck meeting each year. Aside from being a time of fellowship, our Memorial Picnic is a time to honor those former members who are no longer with us. A table display of names takes us back to the early year of our group. Also available were several albums from way back - fun!

The weather could not have been any nicer at the park's picnic shelter. We celebrated the life of **Nellie (Ned) Ketcham Yundt**. By now many of you may know that she and Bob, also a former UAL employee, were the ones who brought into being the Boise Gems. Nellie served us well as president for nearly 20 years. She also served five Mountain West states as regional director of the Retired United Employees Association.

What else comes immediately to mind when thinking of Ned? Music, especially her gift in playing piano and organ. She learned to play by ear on the home pump organ at a very young age. The music playing before her service was recorded by Nellie at an earlier time in her life. Besides playing at churches, Ned shared her gift by entertaining folks at retirement and assisted-living homes. A little United background: In 1957, Robert and Nellie moved to the San Francisco Bay area where both were employed UAL. Nellie first worked in reservations, and later air freight, receiving many awards and recognitions. Retirement came in 1984. We were honored that Ned's daughter, Marie Kinkaid could join us at our picnic.

Other participants at the meeting: **Gloria Hubbert, Louise Duvail, Susan Wallace, Marilyn Taylor, Steve & Hol Hill, Bud & Pat Peters, Marlene Crogan, Frec & Annie Rose, Denny Snyder, Roni Adams, Charles & Shirley Perkins, and David & Carol Adams.**

Gloria enjoyed a 12-day Alaskan cruise tour. She reported great weather, although "McKinley" was on vacation! She'll be leaving for a 16 day tour of Japan in early October. The Hills' vacation took them to Xian, China, to visit the Terra Cotta Soldiers.

Bud & Pat visited friends in California (coming home to 105-degrees weather). They also enjoyed driving along the Lochsa River in Montana.

David & Carol are leaving in late September for a 3-week driving trip (grateful for the new Subaru!) that will take us as far east as Hannibal, MO. We are planning to be at the Denver Convention.

Calendar:

November 12 - Lunch at Jerry's State Court Café, 6767 Fairview, Boise at 11:30 A.M

December 10 - Annual Christmas Party at Jakers in Meridian at 1:30 P.M.

January 14 - Lunch at Jerry's State Court Café

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Sweet November. Holidays include Veterans Day, Thanksgiving (the 28th), beginning of Advent, All Saint's Day, the day after all that frolicking on Halloween. Time to take down the purple and orange lights from the balcony, and get out the red, green and white ones for Christmas. Yes, folks, that final holiday of the year, Christmas. But we have a month to think about that one. Other observances are COPD, Alzheimer's, Diabetes, Crohn's. Epilepsy, and Prostate Cancer Awareness month. Also, it's also Sweet Potato month. Fun days are Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, my favorite and Beaujolais nouveau is released, for all you "Fans of the Grape". And the leaves are gone from the trees; it gets windy and real cold. Brrrr! Time for snuggies and snuggling.

Our new North side breakfast restaurant, Elly's was a big hit. About 40 people came to enjoy the bright, airy, new surroundings. Food is great, and even better, they offer seniors a 10% discount from 6:00 to 9:00 A.M. and from 2:00-4:00 p.m., every day, not just for UAL'ers. So you can visit them anytime, and get a good deal. Feel free to join us on the 13th, we'll leave a light on for 'ya. **Al Broderon** brought his late wife, **Esther's**, cousin, **Ellie Needham**, from LAX, to meet us. **Al LaRoche**, EXORA, was joined by his daughter-in-law, **Rita**, from Florida. **Candy Stec**, CHIRR, and her husband, traveled to Budapest with friends. **Darlene Marsiglia**, ORDSW, traveled to HNL.

Our Fall Luncheon at the Diplomat was attended by about 175 retirees, some new faces enjoying the "plentiful pork chop" that they're famous for. Many little piglets made our day a success, and our tummies full. Everybody walked out with a white Styrofoam box. Attending was our Amazing Mr. **Hal Weary**, who was celebrating his 105th birthday in October. He looks wonderful, and still full of smiles and very outgoing. You know that old saying, Old age is not for sissies? That is NOT Hal! Also seen there was our little TV star, **Pat Muha**, CHIRR, who is in a commercial for her Senior Retirement Village. Watch out Hollywood! Many of our retirees do volunteer work at local hospitals and nursing homes. Our **Angie Halama**, animal

lover extraordinaire, volunteers at the Buddy Foundation, every Sunday morning, from 6:00 to noon. She feeds the dogs, takes care of their needs, and loves every one of them. But when she gets home, her own little baby, Sophie, looks at her, with her questioning black eyes, almost saying, "I know you've been with someone else. Is it serious?" A nice juicy bone usually satisfies her doubts. That's for Sophie, not **Angie**. **Nick & Angie Romeo** were at the luncheon, they are celebrating their 69th anniversary this month. Their daughter's name is Juliet. No, she doesn't live in Verona or Romeoville.

Our South side breakfast was very quiet. Only eight people attended. **Marge Caliendo** gathered the news since I was in Duluth with the Loonies. **Gwen & Bill Brookins**, went to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard for a week, with their Senior Club. Over 100 people went in two buses. They visited the JFK Museum, and took a tour of the upper and lower crust of the Cape. **Barb Wesemann**, traveled to COS in September, to celebrate her great nephew, Scott's, 15th birthday. **Margaret Schmitt**, will be visiting her 93 year old sister, in LaCrosse, WI, whom she hasn't seen in several years. No raffle was held.

The Loonies trip was most enjoyable in Duluth, MN. The Chicago group included **Al Broderson**, **Helen Cauwels**, OPBSP, **Bob & Carol Faust**, CHIRR, **Sharon Gaffor**, **Norm Pearson**, **Charlene & John Roberts**, EXOKF, **Mary Szabo**, EXOIN, **Ginny Vlach**, and **Jan Gawenda**. We were joined by the Newsletter's editors, **Veronica & Francis Domaratius**, SFO, who were doing a cross country family/friends car trip. How wonderful to finally meet the couple who put this informative Newsletter together for all of us retirees to read and enjoy. And they are a fun couple, to boot! Don't think they'll forget us soon. Sites of interest were the beautiful Glensheen Estate Mansion, built in the early 1900's, a ride on the Vista Queen Boat in the Lake Superior harbor, and the Hawk Ridge bird migration area. Learned lots about birds, raptors, predators and smaller birds, and how they travel over this area to mate from the South to the North every year. Couldn't they just stay at the local Aviary Motel and mate there for a few months? It's warm, they could find new friends, and, this place has room service. Seems like an awful lot of flapping of wings for a little nooky. What do I know? Guess I'm just lazy. Our Welcome dinner was at our hotel in the revolving restaurant showing the fabulous sites of Duluth. A long ride, but we do fly there, and worth a look. They have lots of micro-breweries there. Our Farewell dinner was at Tycoon's, the City Hall in days gone by. The basement was the jail, which is now a bar. It was very dark and musty smelling. We expected Dracula or Vampire to appear any minute. We must thank our hosts, **Connie & Rich Glattly** for a beautifully planned view of their city. Rich said, "*Connie planned it all. The only help I gave her was to stay out of her way*".

The **Fausts** came to DLH straight from their condo in Dillon, CO. They kept busy for months hiking, visiting family and friends, and hosting the "refreshment" bar at their local Senior Club. Bob & Carol are planning the next

Loonie's get together in Baraboo, WI, from May 6-8. A letter will go out early next year with all the particulars. Baraboo is the home of the Ringling Circus Museum, as is the University of Wisconsin, referred to as, Boo-U, by the residents.

And for the sad news, from CHIRR, **Carmen & John Frankiewicz's** 20 year old grandson, Kyle, died. He had a double lung transplant 10 years ago, but needed new ones. Their address is 4416 E. Kings Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85032. **Tom Wojcik**, husband of **Kathy**, Int'l Rate Desk, her address is 19 Crestwood, Streamwood, IL 60107. He had Leukemia. **Earl Brown**, husband of **Pat**, Int'l Desk, passed away after a long illness. Her address is 1355 Hemlock Rd., Huntley, IL 60142. **Phil Snowdall**, husband of **Peg Homfeldt Snowdall**, CHIRR, passed away in August. Peg's address is 7947 E. Natal Ave. Mesa, AZ 85209-64165. From ORDMM, a dear friend, **Charlie Williams**, a gentleman with a great smile and sense of humor, passed away in September. Cards may be sent to his son, **Joe Williams**. 634 Balboa Ct., Schaumburg, IL 60193.

The Aloha Reunion at Chandler's is over. The response was overwhelming. Old friends from across the system came, even a man from Dubai! It was a wonderful party. It was so good to see people from a lifetime ago. What times we had in Res, ORD and other offices, the days before Unimatic and Apollo. The camaraderie and ambience in that room will last some of us the rest of our natural life. And who knows, maybe longer, because, it was heaven. Rumor has it, there will be another one next year. Plan ahead, make reservations early, because the list filled up very quickly. Thank you **Mary Gagnon**, **Joann Calabrese** and **Jeff Hughes** for a most memorable afternoon!!

Calendar

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**November 13**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**October 26**) Last Tuesday of the month.

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

LOOP GROUP

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There were 6 retirees meeting for lunch on a beautiful sunny and warm 81 degree September day in Chicago. This was our first time dining in the newly remodeled "Great Street" Restaurant located in the Renaissance Hotel. The room has changed from a two level dining room to now being on one level which opens up the room to pano-

ramic views of downtown Chicago. There is a new menu which is creative with interesting selections. Service is outstanding and separate checks are provided.

Our small intimate group consisted of **Ted & Agneta Jung, Kay McClure, Mary Szabo** and **Norm Pearson** who all engaged in lively conversation about travel and memorable days at the old UAL.

Ted & Agneta Jung traveled to Germany and Sweden for two weddings in June via UAL from O'Hare to Frankfurt. They traveled on a Tuesday and would have been seated in first class if the earlier flight hadn't been canceled so they were happy to get two coach seats.

They traveled between Germany and Sweden on a Lufthansa ZED fare with no problems. Their return to O'Hare on UAL was on a Saturday during the long July 4th week end and they were seated in first class. **Ted & Agneta** celebrated their 52nd Anniversary on October 21st which is a very good reason to celebrate!

Mary Szabo and **Norm Pearson** joined the Loonies for the Northwoods trip to Duluth, MN September 24-27. There will be a detailed description of their trip in a future Loonie Newsletter.

As detailed in the October Newsletter, our next and last luncheon was to be on November 20th. However, a decision was made to **cancel** the November 20th Luncheon. Therefore, the September luncheon terminated the Loop Group luncheons as it now exists.

This ends 16 years of the Loop Group with many memories of past fun and interesting luncheons with UAL retirees who contributed to making the old UAL a great airline!

Calendar:

November 20 – Luncheon CANCELLED

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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It's Toys for Tots Time. At our November 12th meeting, each Indy Racer is being asked to donate a new toy to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program which provides Christmas presents to low and moderate income families with children. This year's Indy Racer Toys for Tots chairman is **Charles Theiss** (pictured) who placed a "donation box" at our monthly meeting place, Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, in October so that restaurant customers could donate toys

and help us brighten the holidays for Central Indiana children in need. Indy Racers have been supporting this worthwhile project for several years under the leadership of **Ray Brabo**. We look forward to exceeding our donation goals again this year.

Also at our November 12th meeting, we will be learning more about our state's Medicare and health insurance coverage for seniors. Susan Spilly-Lee from the Indiana Health Insurance Assistance program will join us to answer questions about the rapidly changing health insurance landscape for Hoosiers.

Just a reminder, our Christmas Party will be at the Milano Inn in Indianapolis on Tuesday, December 10th from 1 PM to 4 PM. We'll enjoy good food, great conversation, and, for those who want to participate, there will be a Secret Santa gift exchange with the value of the gifts not to exceed \$15.00.

At our September 10th meeting, we welcomed **Ed Duffey**, who retired from CLEMK in 1980. **Ed**, who is the father of United retiree **Bob Duffey**, joined the group after the meeting and looks forward to being an active participant in the Indy Racer organization.

Under New Business, the group agreed to hold officer elections at the October meeting and discussed adding additional quarterly social activities for members to enjoy. VP **Wanda Bryce**, who chaired the meeting, distributed a list of potential activities and day trips, and we will determine levels of support and enthusiasm for these activities at future meetings.

The organization's Bylaws will be reviewed by **Jim Gibson, Wanda Bryce** and **Shary Johnston**, and recommendations for changes, if any, will be made prior to the end of the year.

Eighteen members attended the September meeting. They were: **Ralph "Bud" & Elly Barnett, Hannelore Brabo, Wanda Bryce, Jack & Carol Conway, Bob Duffey, Ed Duffey, Bob Duty, Jim Gibson, Ed Loftus, Mike Matlak, Frank & Rita Prins, Dimple Rihel, Charles Theiss**, and **Tony & Barb Urbanovic**. Congratulations to **Hannelore Brabo** for winning the 50/50 drawing, and special thanks to dedicated member **Rita Prins** who attended the meeting wearing an eye patch. She had undergone cataract surgery that morning and still made the meeting.

We wish Happy Birthday to our members celebrating in November. They are: **Myrtle Duty** (11/14); **Melanie Hall**, (11/23); and **Jim Gibson** and **Concisa Loftus** (11/30).

Happy Anniversary to **Dennis & Melanie Hall** who will be celebrating (11/8).

Calendar:

November 12 - Emmy's Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 PM and the business meeting begins at 2:30 PM.

December 10 – Christmas Party at the Milano Inn in Indianapolis from 1 PM to 4 PM. For additional information, call **Chris Johnston**, (317)-694-4406.

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We just canceled our second luncheon meeting in thirteen months, for lack of participation. We only got response from nine members out of 136. Three members sent their reply after the RSVP date. Lack of interest? Got me! I did receive calls and emails from members advising they had other commitments. Here's a novel idea, how about your commitment to your chapter, the Nor'Easters. The officers who do all the planning and preparations, are disappointed in the total lack of response. We have decided to publish 2014 meeting dates in early January. Members will have ample knowledge and time to plan accordingly, I hope with interest. Again, I will send a questionnaire asking what and where the members want in a meeting. Note that prior questionnaires garnered dismal response. I know that one may not be able to make all meetings, but fellow Nor'Easters, this is your chapter! Time to take action.

I had tried to talk up an overnighter for years. One, a hotel, train ride and sit down dinner, all inclusive, in northern New Hampshire. We never do dinner, because no one wants to drive in the dark, myself included. This would be a good and reasonably priced venue, but I didn't get enough response to follow through. However, at our summer picnic, a fellow retiree heard about this, although never responding to my original email, and took over. Well, I find they had 18 Nor'Easters and friends participate, got the same package deal and all had an excellent time. Did I do something wrong? Time for a new secretary?

Jayne & John Regan planned to be cruising to Bermuda this month. Jayne advised she went to our United Travel discount page and got a good rate thru Interline Travel Vacations. However, Jayne's brother, living in MCO passed away. I don't know how it will affect their travel plans. **Marie Dwyer** has torn tendons in both arms and had surgery late September. This involves a long slow recovery, no pushing, pulling or driving. So sorry Marie!

The Hangtown Miners reported the passing of **Jimmy Sawyer** in October's Newsletter. Jim worked at BOSCS before transferring to SJC and SFO. Jim was a good friend and coworker. Jim was liked by all and will be missed.

Correction from last month ~ I quoted **Joan & Ron Twing** who will become snow birds looking to relocate between FL and NE. It should have been N.E. (New England). Sorry Nebraska!

November's birthdays ~ **Robert DePippo, Joseph Duda, Marcia Kilpatrick** and **Richard Woodworth**.

November's anniversaries ~ **Edward & Kathleen Aldorsio** (13 years), **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** (32 years) and **Paul & Mary Ward** (50 years).

Calendar:

December 4 - Christmas Luncheon, Angelica's Restaurant, Middleton, MA

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES



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22 Escapees gathered at Pages in Farmington Hills on October 3, hosted by **Joni O'Brien** and **Gwen Schwendenmann**. First timers this year were **Joan Benoit, Carol Breneau, Gay Givens** and **Suzie Castora**. We all sang Happy Birthday to **Helen Venn**, our honorary and most faithful Escapee (hardly misses a meeting), who is celebrating her 99th Birthday on October 15th. She can hardly wait for 2014 when we told her we are all going to Disney Land to celebrate her 100th.

Sharon Jacob and **Marie Cook** had another wonderful time at the Northwood's Loonies semi-annual affair in DLH, hosted by **Rich & Connie Glattly**. We took the northern route through the UP and the colors were spectacular around the DLH areas; God sure makes some beautiful 3D post cards. I was delighted to meet our Newsletter Manger; **Francis Domaratus** and his lovely wife, **Veronica**. It's nice to put a face to the voice I was hearing almost every month due to my some-himers.

Several Escapees are looking forward to our Up-North Reunion on Wednesday, October 16 at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, MI at 1 pm, a great way to see the color change and get together with old friends. It is a fun day trip. Please RSVP to **Linda Ward** @ (248) 790-3008 or email lin-daward48220@yahoo.com or Rick & Gwen @ (248) 667-9258 or bigwheel1981@sbcglobal.net.

Continued prayers for **George Cook, Bobbette's** husband, @ 18010 Griggs, Detroit, MI 48221, who I hear is back in the hospital.

Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call

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September seems to be the month where we see our colleagues who have been among the missing for awhile. This time we were really blown away to see **Ray &**

Yvonne Thoreson show up, having ridden with **Al & Mary Kilian**. It had been way too long since we'd had a chance to visit with them. Our pal, **Janet Meyer** had been busy on the phone calling some of those we hadn't seen in a long time and the result was **Tessa Leseberg's** smiling face. **Donna Krogman** was in attendance, as well as **Janet & Dave Wiley** (he deigned to bring her this time). Of course, the hard core folks who almost always come are the legs of the chapter. We wouldn't be able to continue without you.

There were several Lites in attendance who had called the Company about the Life Insurance issue which has arisen in the last few months. Their results were all over the place! Some got differing responses from UA when calling a second time and those who were told they have insurance, had different amounts of life insurance available to their beneficiaries. One had \$10,000, another \$6,000, another \$3,500. One was told he has nothing. The moral to THAT story is, call if you haven't already to find out if you have a policy and if so, how much is the face value. Have available the Social Security number and date of birth of your beneficiary and your password for access to FlyingTogether.ual.com. Then make a 2nd call to verify it. Insist on a written acknowledgement, too.

We were hit pretty hard this summer with the loss of four of our group, so we observed a moment of silence in memory of our friends who passed on: **Joe Eyestone, Jack Doke, Era Hoffmeyer** and **Darrell Schueler**. Another of the MSP bunch now dealing with some pretty serious stuff is **Frank Ehr**. His status at this writing is very tenuous. Keep those prayers coming!

We'd like to mention the loss of two of the Northwoods Loonies as well. **Don Hayden**, one of the charter members of the group, passed away just 3 days before the Loonies' autumn event. It was a stunning shock to the group's members who had come to know and admire him. Condolences may be sent to his wife, **Hope**, and their family at 5700 Hayden Drive, East Jordan, MI 49727. **Joan Petry**, the sister of **Marie Cook** (correspondent for the Great Lakes Escapees) passed away suddenly this summer. We missed her low-key presence, smiling face and quirky collection of teddy bears at the Loonies' fall fling.

Thanks to **Steve Mayo** for sitting in at the Presidents' meeting at the RUAEA convention for **Lee Storlie**. **Ida Mayo** may have sat in at the Correspondents' breakfast, as well, but as of this writing I don't know if I was successful in convincing her to get up that early.

Another donation to the Flight 93 Memorial Fund was discussed and the decision made to continue funding it. The members present voted to donate \$100.

There were five members present with birthdays in September, so we had the roll of the dice to determine who received the \$5 prize. **Joe Balogh** was the lucky winner. The last two meetings, he has sat in what has been **Sonja Gunderson's** usual chair and during the 50/50 raffle, he was given notice that she'd put a hex on that chair for the duration of his bottom sitting in it. It must have worked, because he wasn't a winner in the raffle. However, we're

going to have to quarantine **Joe Kelley's** usual chair, because that rascal won again!

The week after our meeting, 26 Lites met at Taylor's Falls, MN to take a paddlewheel boat cruise on the St. Croix River, one of the nation's Wild & Scenic Rivers and the border between Wisconsin & Minnesota. Although the weather could have been better (the rain poured down and the river valley was misty), we nevertheless enjoyed ourselves. Afterward we adjourned to Dresser, WI for lunch at the Village Pizzeria, a great place to eat with lots of choices (not JUST pizza!). Thanks to **Jo & Bud Ayres** for making the arrangements.

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

NEBRASKA



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It had to be one of the nicest days we have ever had at Manawa – cool and a nice breeze off the lake. There were 43 who enjoyed the food prepared by our hosts **Larry & Sharon Farrell**. Our thanks to the **Farrells**; to those who brought the great desserts, and to the **Weaks** for bringing all the Rotellas buns and breads. Sharon had her usual fishing game and gave out many goodie sacks to the lucky winners. We all sang Happy Birthday to **Patty Shook** who was celebrating her 75th birthday.

The winners of the 25/25/50 were **Barb Soseman** and **Dick Weak**, each receiving \$18.00. **Dick Weak** brought 6 golf hats that were given out as prizes.

Jim & Elaine Schreiber moved to 9461 Brentwood Drive, Apt. 70, La Vista, NE 68128. Please change your roster to reflect their new address.

Helen Taylor wants to thank everyone for acknowledging her 90th birthday. You sure don't look 90 **Helen**. We hope God gives you many more birthdays to enjoy.

October birthdays ~ **Lorraine Stanfield** (10/3); **Sandy Bender** (10/3); **Margie Stiles** (10/9); **Judy Nekonchuk** (10/13); **Kathy Faust** (10/15); **Mike Stiles** (10/19); **Ken Bender** (10/21); **Barb Soseman** (10/25) and **Bob Faust** (10/27).

How about that – we have 3 couples celebrating their birthdays in October, pretty nice!

I talked to **Betty Hall** to see how she was doing since **Bob** passed away. She said she has been really busy with taking some of her grandkids to school, plus all the duties keeping a house and a big yard. We hope to see her at one of our luncheons soon.

We haven't heard from **Ken & Sandy Bender** for a very long time so I called them. **Sandy** said they were going to try and come back (even bought a new car to make the trip), but she is taking a medication to keep her cancer

from returning and it is making her really weak and tired. They have been in Hemet, CA for 7 years and, to my knowledge, haven't been back since they left. I also talked to **Ken** and he plays golf nearly every day. We hope they can make it back next Spring.

Calendar:

November 6 - Bohemian Café, (Wednesday), hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

December 3 - Anthony's Christmas Dinner, hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

NEVADA

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 18 members plus 2 guests at our September meeting. Attending as guests were **John & Fatima Kaluska**. **John** had worked at the Maintenance Base in SFO with several of our chapter members. They spend their retirement traveling around to various parts of the US, including our August picnic.

The August picnic at Sand Harbor was a success due to all of the efforts of the Picnic Committee chaired by **Barbara Leusing**. The chefs, **Duncan** and **Norm**, once again proved men can master fire. We had no problems with the politicians attending the other function at Sand Harbor, but we did have lots of heavy duty security around.

September birthdays were celebrated by **John Brown**, **Joan Baillie**, **Jeff Nimori** and **John Zoboli**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **Bill Royal**.

The date for the Christmas party is Monday, December 2, at Tamarack Junction.

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Our meeting opened with a flag salute led by **John Deily**. After lunch, at our business meeting, John talked about the declining attendance at our meetings. We all know the consequences if we don't increase our presence so this is an urgent plea for all of us to come together and even bring guests. What good are all our memories if we have no one to share them with? As the old saying goes "one cloud is enough to eclipse the sun."

John also wants to have our October 30th meeting dedicated to our veterans and is asking all our members to wear service hats, if they have them, in their honor.

We were also visited by **Rich Creighton** from local 914. He reported on the continuing negotiations with United in regards to the Ramp and Stores and Customer Services Contracts. By the latest information, it appears that there has been an agreement pending a Union Vote. Rich also reported on an IAM Program for Retirees, called the Retiree's Assistance Program. You can contact the IAM at (301) 967-3433. **Charlie Micallef** or **Lenore Windsor** at lwindsor@iamaw.org.

John Murphy gave his outstanding treasury report and by some miracle we are still afloat. **Rich Creighton** won our 50/50.

**Laughter is still the best medicine of life.*

Calendar:

October 30 – Meeting at Snuffy's at 12 PM. Bring a friend.

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Guys and Dolls Oct meeting was canceled due to various illnesses and travelling.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 10th. It's our holiday luncheon, 12noon at San Martin.

Calendar:

December 10 - 12noon - San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** at (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** at (212) 799-8061.

NEW YORK METROS

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We are on a winning streak with absolutely gorgeous weather here in NY. There were 39 in attendance for our luncheon, including **Mary & Mike Carragher** and **Kitty McSweeney**, kin to the **Richardsons**.

Just last month, we celebrated **Charlie Kaczinski's** 90th birthday, but he has since been hospitalized and is now in rehab at Huntington Hills Rehab, suffering from spinal arthritis. **Frank Ferrara** and I believe that **Ed Ellis** went to visit him after our meeting, and I hope we will have good news when we see them again. Charlie was hoping to return home soon, we do too, Charlie! Our prayers and good wishes to you!

Dee Talochino is taking count for our Christmas luncheon, which is always well attended, so please let her know if you will be attending. Email Dee at deelee62@aol.com or call (516) 623-8825.

Winners of the 50/50 were **Pete Krause** (twice), **Iggy Blanda** and **Kathy Corrente**, who also won last month. That's our lucky table.

Rosemary Totaro was back with us after recovering from two strokes and looking good. You can't keep a sweet lady down! We're happy to have Rosemary back.

I'm sure the Sand"Dab" missed **Marion & Rick Johnson** this month but it was my pleasure to have them as guests for a week, with a chance for them to meet up with some UAL friends from LGA/JFK and a trip to Mohegan Sun Casino and Empire City Casino. They had a glorious day to set sail from NY harbor up the East Coast as far as Halifax, Quebec, etc. and then back home on the same ship. They'll see you in 25 days, wow! The Fall foliage will be an extra bonus for them. I almost tagged along.

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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Once again, the autumn gathering of the Loonies was a fun-filled few days with friends, old and new in Duluth, MN on the shore of Lake Superior. Lots of good food, interesting things to see and do, new beverages to try and best of all, catching up with everyone!

We were pleased to have our newsletter editors, **Francis & Veronica Domaratus**, join us for the first time. **Joe & Arlene Kelley** from the Northern Lites were also newcomers to the group. Hopefully, the time you spent with us will spur you all to join us again.

The revolving restaurant atop our hotel gave the group a great view of the Duluth-Superior harbor and the Lift Bridge which is fully operational after 108 years. The bridge roadway is perfectly balanced and ascends to allow ocean-going-sized ships to enter and exit the harbor. With

this year's unusual weather patterns, the normal autumn colors had barely begun to manifest themselves, so the hillside behind the hotel weren't a riot of color. However, seeing the hills of Minnesota's "Little San Francisco" was a surprise to many. A common question was, "How do they navigate those hills in the winter?"



The National Weather Service and the local meteorologists had forecast a sunny, bright day for Wednesday ~ maybe a little fog in the morning (another SFO-like phenomenon) ~ but we were assured of a nice day for our outdoor activities. Mother Nature once again proved that she has the upper hand and it was foggy all day. No matter, the naturalist up on Hawk Ridge provided a wonderful program about the migration of the raptors (hawks, eagles, ospreys, etc.) and one of the groups released a sharp-shinned hawk which had been captured to be banded.

Later in the afternoon (after the fog had REALLY settled in), the narrator on the tour boat Vista Queen told us all about the shipping which is handled by the ports of Duluth and Superior, WI. Cargo from all over the world comes in and products and grain from the upper Midwest flow out to the East and the world through the chain of Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway. We enjoyed all this to the mournful sound of the fog horn.

Thursday was a tour through the mansion of the wealthy Chester Congdon family of Duluth's mining and logging era of the early 1900's. They spared no cost on the construction of the house and the home is almost completely furnished with the original items from the time the Congdons lived there. Since the day was beautiful, we were able to enjoy the estate's gardens as well.

Some of the group toured the Lake Superior Maritime Museum which is packed with pictures, displays and artifacts of the early Twin Ports, the shipping, the shipwrecks and the life of the area. Another big draw was the Railroad Museum which contained train cars from as far back as the turn of 1900 and exhibits about the immigrants from Europe who entered the country through the port of Duluth.

On Friday ~ Goodbye Day ~ the hugs and wishes for safe travels were exchanged and promises to try hard to make the next meeting scheduled for Baraboo, WI May 6-9, 2014. A few of us stayed over to take the North Shore Scenic Railroad up the coast of the Lake to Two Harbors, MN, another port about 30 miles away

We greatly missed the ones who weren't able to make it this time. (Were your ears ringing?) We look forward to seeing them and any retiree of United Airlines at the next meeting in spring!



OHIO



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Hello to all! I must say it is a great feeling to hear from many of you and I do appreciate the kind words. Of course, we are on to another great place to have a luncheon, especially this month. October is noted for all its celebrations and one of the nicest in this area is "Donaushwaben's German-American Cultural Center with an excellent menu, a large facility and servers who are happy to take care of all 93 of us Ohio Buckeyes out to enjoy our own Oktoberfest.

We are very happy and proud to say that our numbers are growing and it is great for so many of the Retirees who come and find that there may be someone attending that day that they haven't seen or talked with for some time. Somehow keeping up contact with old friends really makes us all feel just a bit better!

Dolly Taucher, our president opened the meeting with a Great Big Thank You to **Joe & Shirley Moses** for hosting our luncheon and organizing and doing all the things that need to be done in order to have a luncheon for 93 people go smoothly! Thanks Again!

We have some visitors that we would like to welcome: **Don & Pearl Park** moved from PA and are back in the area. **Sam Bennett** from FLA with daughter **Beverly Smith**. Guests **Susan & Mike Frost** (daughter & son-in-law of **Andy & Mary Streigl** who are back with us. **Ray & Cheryl Knazik** here from FLA with friends **Penny Clark** and **Denise Voss**.

We have one more new member who has joined us and believe it or not, he is a "first" for the Buckeyes! **Ed Allen** and his wife **Alene** have joined our Ohio Buckeye chapter. What makes it special for us is that **Ed** is the First Continental retiree to join our Chapter! Welcome to all!

Dolly went over a few things with the group and asked if there were any questions. She introduced our Vice-President **Arlene Taylor** who will lead us in saying grace and giving thanks before our meals are served. Our meals were served shortly thereafter and all enjoyed their desserts.

Happy Birthday to all of our members especially those who are unable to join us at this time! Joining us today to celebrate their special day we had the following members: **Florence Alexander**, **Dave Cleary**, **Mary Ann Friedel**, **Marty Hassel**, **Jean Hughes**, **Len Luffler**, **Joe Moses**, **Cathy Pytel**, **Arlene Taylor**, **Earl Taylor** and **Nancy Yost**. We all know they just could not wait to hear Happy Birthday sung by our full choir!

For our Anniversary couples, we wish them all the very best in their life together. Four couples are spending their day with us and they are: **Bob & Florence Alexander** (57yrs), **Joe & Shirley Moses** (56yrs), **Gene & Jackie**

Craig (51yrs), and **Leo & Doris Schueler** (53yrs). Wish we could have had all of our Anniversary couples here, but we send our congratulations and best wishes to all.

Thank You to **Dave & Marie Placko** for their handling our Fifty-Fifty

* Don't forget our website and you may just catch an old friend or two!

* *Blaming your faults on your nature doesn't change the nature of your faults.*

Calendar:

November 6 - Tony K's, hosted by **Tom & Helen Hockett**

December 4 - Williams on the Lake, hosted by **Earl & Arleen Taylor**

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ER'S

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There were 74 members at our September meeting. The table decorations by **Louise Robillard** were yellow chrysanthemums in colorful containers and they were won by someone at each table. **Paul Russell**, in honor and memory of 9/11, read off the names of crew members on Flights 93 and 175.

Shirley Walker brought old photos she has kept for many years and asked everyone present to look through them and take what they wanted. It was like a trip down memory lane to see so many faces that are no longer with us.

September anniversaries are as follows: **Betty & Joe Alff** (5 yrs), **Bob & Jean Edwards** (52 yrs), **Chuck & Mary Lou Falbo**, **Sam & Bill French** (43 yrs), **Jack & Nancy Hooper** (36 yrs), **Harvey & Irma Larkin** (63 yrs), **Dave & Pat Smith** (47 yrs). Congratulations! September birthdays are as follows: **Lloyd Baker** (78), **Joyce Charon** (83), **Jane Futrell** (86), **Jack Hooper** (80), **Freida Marley**, **Harold Miller** (77), **Charlie Stemper** (75), and **Helen Stinnett** (90). Happy!

Drawing winners for September are as follows: Door Prize ~ **Sam French**, Man's birthday ~ **Bobbie Bills** 85, Woman's birthday ~ **Barbara Martin**, 50/50 ~ **Patty Cox**.

Kathy Russell underwent surgery on October 2 and she is home and doing fine. **Merle Pitman** is hospitalized and being treated for reoccurring problems.

I am sorry to report two deaths in our UAL family in Portland. **Arliss Rolph**, wife of **Ken**, PDXCS passed away on September 16th and **Don Rodgers** PDXCS died on September 23rd. Our condolences go out to both families.

At our November meeting Scott Burns, a professor of Geology at Portland State University will give a talk on "Earthquakes in Oregon: Are we ready for the Big One?"

This should be an interesting presentation for all of us living in the area. We will also have our Thanksgiving luncheon and hope our members will bring delicious desserts to go along with the meal.

Calendar:

All meetings are scheduled at Colwood Golf Club, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd in Portland

November 13 - Thanksgiving luncheon

December 11 - Christmas party & luncheon

January 8, 2014 - Social

PENNSYLVANIA

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All enjoyed the RSVP band in September. Those seniors still have it! **Marge Bastian** won the 50/50 and **Walt Sonderman** won the free lunch. The only downside was the attendance of only 24.

We are so glad that **Al Edwards** was released from the hospital after a two week stay.

We sold all 20 the tickets for the November 7th performance of the Christmas show at the AMT in Lancaster. We know we will have a great lunch at the Cracker-barrel at noon followed by the show at 3pm.

I will report on the Ronald McDonald house dinner preparation on October 28th next month. The RUAEA newsletter deadline does not always correspond with our meetings. So, sorry for the delay.

All meetings are the second Monday of the month at the Clarion Hotel in Essington at 12:30. The price is \$12.00. Bring a friend along.

A favorite holiday! Thanksgiving! I am thankful for each one of you.

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Thanksgiving was first celebrated to give thanks for a good harvest by the colonists of Plymouth Plantation and members of the Wampanoage Indians tribe in 1622. Wouldn't it have been fun to be part of that famous Thanksgiving feast? There is nothing like enjoying turkey and pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving, the oldest American holiday with nostalgic memories of family gatherings around the dining room table.

Daylight savings time ends November 3. Time falls back one hour, don't forget to turn your clocks back. November 5 is Election Day, get out and make your vote count.

November 11 is Veterans Day; let us not forget our veterans on this special day. November 28, Thanksgiving Day and first day of Hanukkah. Happy Birthday to the United States Marine Corps.

The Pit Stoppers picnic was held September 11. Twenty nine people enjoyed the day with horse racing game, (we missed you **Kay Yauch**) corn toss, the camaraderie and delicious food. Thanks to **Jeri Juth, Phyllis Smith, Lorraine Keith** and **Treatie** for the wonderful desserts. The door prizes were won by **Lillian Lapcevich** and **Mitch Abbas**.

The 50/50 was won by **Treatie**. **Bill & Ruth Redfern** took the non perishable food to the West Hills Food Bank. A big thank you to **Bill & Ruth** for doing this great deed. The regulars that were not at the picnic for one reason or another, **Carl & Dee Chiocchi, Ed & Kay Yauch, Jack & Betty Tinney, Barb & Mac Seaholm, Harry Shirley** and **Ken Wolfe**. We missed all of you and hoping you are well. **Marlene Mootsey** stopped by for a short visit.

Bill & Verna Alex's grand daughter **Emily Spencer** was awarded a soccer scholarship to Dominican School of Ohio. Their other grand daughter **Amand Spencer** was also awarded a soccer scholarship to Longwood University in Virginia. **Bill & Verna** are very proud of these two girls.

Ed & Kay Ike have become great great-grandparents. They are living in Boynton Beach, FL to be near their family. They miss coming to the Pit-Stoppers functions and we miss having them.

David Detwiller is receiving treatment for his pre-cancer cells on his face. We wish you well **Dave** and hope soon your treatments will be over.

Joan Maden PITCS, daughter-in-law, **Linda** passed away September 2013. Cards may be sent to **Joan** 194 Rosemont Dr. Moon Twp., PA 15108. **Sandy Burns** PITSS sister, **Sallie M. Bargerstock**, 76, died unexpectedly on Saturday September 7, 2013. **Sandy's** mother **Vera Fye Burns**, age 102, passed away 3 weeks later. Cards may be sent to **Sandy** at 5920 Victor Circle, Aliquippa, Pa. 15001. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family **Sandy**.

I just learned that **Ken Wolfe** is having surgery on the 16 of this month. The doctor is going to remove the toes on his left foot. The reason is he has no circulation below the calf on his foot. We wish you well Ken.

Topaz birthdays ~ **Hank Ciansiosi** (2), **Rose Mary Lavelle** (5), **Lou Ragona** (5), **Karen Moliterno** (15) and **Lillian Lapcevich** (22). Happy birthday to all of you!

Happy anniversary to **Bob & Pat Wagner** (19) and **Jim & Diane Weber** (24). Wishing all of you an enjoyable and happy Thanksgiving Day!

It feels great to let people know how thankful you are for them no matter what day it is.



TENNESSEE

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We had a good turnout of 25 members and guests at the Tellico Village Tanasi Clubhouse. Our hosts were **Noreene Koan** and **Ray Perry**. We welcomed two new guests/members to our group. **Pollie & Terry Klosky** have recently moved into Tellico Village. Both are former UAL employees. We are looking forward to seeing them at future meetings and getting to know them.

We talked about the change to Aetna instead of Blue Cross/Blue Shield for our insurance provider. At this time, details of the switch were not available. **Mary Gilbert** talked about a new (non-United) Medigap Insurance that she recently came across which was quite a bit cheaper than her old carrier. Anyone interested in this coverage can contact her directly for details.

Herman and I won't be available for our breakfast on October 17th, but if those who can attend will contact us, we will make the reservations the night before.

Bob Rotisky is considering moving into the assisted living facility. His wife is already in the Alzheimer's unit there.

We reminded everyone that our November meeting is election month for officers. **Mike Chapin** has agreed to continue as treasurer and **Betty Shipe** said she would continue as Vice President. Therefore, we need a new President and Secretary (and someone to do the newsletter - usually the president or secretary).

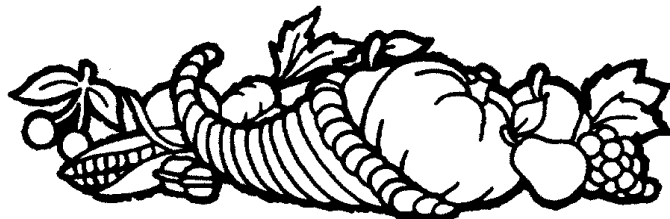
The 50/50 was won by **Ray Perry**. The flower centerpieces provided by our hosts were won by **Ione Thompson**, **Carol Anderson**, **Dave Leonhardt** and **Terri Taylor**. Mike also reminded everyone that our dues are now due. They continue to be \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per couple. You can send a check made out to him at his home address.

We thank our hosts for setting up lunch at the Tanasi Clubhouse.

Calendar

November 14 – Hosted by Betty Shipe and it will be at the Lakeside Tavern at the Concord Marina at 12:30 PM. **Note this is a change of date and is the second Thursday of November.**

December 19 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant in the Turkey Creek Shopping Center.



WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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President **David Jones** welcomed Emerald City Slickers to our first meeting of the new season on second Tuesday, September 10, at our regular meeting place, Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton. Before lunch, **Dave** introduced a contest between tables, answering multiple choice questions on the history of United Airlines. **Linda Jones** had distributed the questionnaires to each place around the room, but advance study didn't help many of us.

After lunch, **Dave** called the meeting to order and shared the answers to questions on the UAL History quiz, requesting that a representative at each table report the number of correct answers from that group. Answers were greeted by moans and groans. Diners at new member **Gordon McKinzie's** table were runaway winners with 10 out of 15 correct answers. Their knowledge (and memories) were rewarded with Starbucks gift cards.

In the absence of Secretary **Carol Soffel** due to an unwieldy brace on an ailing knee, **Gay Liesse** took notes on the afternoon's events. Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** recognized those members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month before she and **Bob Brumfield**, wearing shorts to show off his classy United Airlines socks (bright stripes of red, orange, and blue around the cuffs), called the winning numbers for door prizes and the 50/50 prize.

Door prizes went to **Vivian Anderson**, **Mike Bratovich**, **Richard Devereux**, **James Hafterson**, **Marion Hafterson**, **Corky Ives**, **Kay Johnson**, **Noreen Krawczyk**, **Ed Liesse**, **Lyle Lindblad**, **Anita Malco**, **Gordon McKinzie**, **John Paulson**, **Rita Reynolds**, **Doris Spence**, and **Ken Storey**. Lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing was **John Luke**.

A big thank you to **Tom Holford**, who has volunteered to take over the job of accepting reservations for this and future luncheons. He replaces long-time member **Sydney Reed**, whose experiences in selling her and **John's** Washington home and settling in Bend, Oregon, were mentioned in a note she had sent to Treasurer **Helen Stanger**.

Chapter Past President **Evalena Hatcher** was missed, as she deals with ongoing health issues. **Phyllis Bowman** underwent emergency surgery two weeks after the meeting. Healing wishes to both gals.

We regret the passing of **David Braun**, retired pilot and resident of Vashon Island, where he enjoyed hobbies such as restoring antique cars and raising farm animals.

Capt. **Rex May** succumbed to lung cancer in September, though he had not smoked since 1969.

Kimberly Seaburg, daughter of the late **Vern Seaburg**, is taking over her father's membership in the Emer-

ald City Slickers though she still works as a flight attendant (Continental).

November birthday greetings to **Jo Ann Bernovich, Warren Brown, Doug Christenson, Adelaide Haferbecker, Barbara Johnson, Leonard Lind, Marlene Nelson, Sidney Reynolds, James Small, and Jackie Stenger.**

Congratulations to Slicker couples celebrating November anniversaries: **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen**, 51 years, and **Ernie & Marlene Nelson**, 64 years.

The October meeting of the Seattle Chapter will be/was (depending on your perspective) held the day before the opening of the RUAEA convention in Denver and this correspondent will be MIA but looking forward to meeting other contributors. Chapter members are eagerly awaiting reports from the convention's Benefits Panel discussion, as well as information from the company on developing insurance changes.

Calendar

November 12 – Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton, WA

December – No Meeting

January 2014 – Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton, WA

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

A very large group assembled for lunch on September 11 at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas, VA. President **Linda Scriven** made some thoughtful remarks and we had a moment of silence as we remembered our crew members and passengers who died on 9/11/01.

At least 70 members and guests gathered after the summer break and some brought photos to share of their summer travels.

President **Linda Scriven** brought us news of the switchover from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to Aetna medical coverage effective January 1, 2014. More details will be available when Linda returns from Convention and in the RUAEA Newsletter.

Our Dulles Loungers member **Arnold Fleek** (IADCS) took the "trip of a lifetime" in February 2013 when he traveled to Tanzania to join a safari. Arnold was with a group of nine and they traveled in 2 Jeeps, moving on each day and establishing a new camp site. Two chefs traveled with the party and prepared delectable meals including full English breakfasts, complete with fresh flowers on the table. One of the many highlights was a one and a half hour balloon ride and they saw giraffes and elephants and many other species from the air. Another highlight was a visit to

a Maasai village and it included time spent at a local orphanage. The memories of Mount Kilimangaro and the Serengeti plains will stay with Arnold for ever. Arnold finished up his vacation with a weeks stay in the Seychelles Islands, a beautiful destination in the Indian Ocean, off the coast of Tanzania.

Please note that due to conflicting events, our "Toys for Tots" Holiday Luncheon will be held Wednesday, November 13 at 1130 AM.

Calendar

November 13 – 1130 AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

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CLIPPED WINGS

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- ❖ Several of our Clipped Wings members attended the service for Flight 93 in Shanksville, PA.
- ❖ We have the airline scarves for sale. Do you have yours? Contact Cheryl Jensen at RJensen148@aol.com.
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We are all wishing you a great RUAEA Convention in Denver!

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Retiree – **Moritz, Ardith J.**, on 8/29/2013, LAXOZ, wife of Kendall Moritz, 5442 S. Caliente St., Las Vegas, NV 89119

Correction to obituary of **Murray, Sidney E.** in the September 2013 issue. Date of death should be 5/27/2013 instead of 6/27/2013. We apologize for the error.

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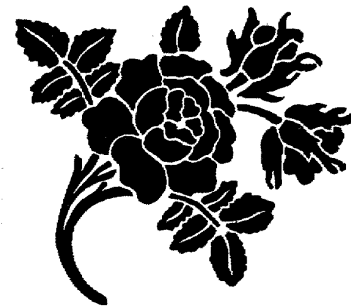
Spouse – **Reed, Ramona I.**, on 9/19/2012, wife of Benjamin F. Reed, SFOOV, 773 Oakmeade Dr., Vacaville, CA 95687

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Retiree – **Wait Jr., James J.**, on 8/23/2013, SFOCS, husband of Maura O'Doherty Wait, SFOMG (Deceased) 508 Middlesex Rd., Belmont, CA 94002



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.

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

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Jeanne Clark, 290 W. Oak Glenn Dr., Bartlett, IL 60103

I am sad to share the news of the sudden death of my husband, **Stanley Clark**. Stan and I met in Newark, NJ in 1963 when he was a passenger agent and I was a flight attendant. A great romance began, and we were married in Malibu, CA in 1967.

Our married life of 45½ years produced three children and three grandchildren.

Stan loved recalling old memories of United Airlines, working with good fellow employees at the ticket counter, writing out tickets in long hand, and spending

fun weekends on the Jersey Shore.

Stan was proud to have served in the United States Army, stationed at Camp Peary in Williamsburg, VA. He also served as the Bartlett, IL Police Commissioner for 20 years, and was honored with a police escort for his funeral procession.

Emmett Landrum, 141 Yorkshire Ct., San Bruno, CA 94066-3728

Well it is that time again; with another birthday and another candle on the cake. It has been a very good year for the Landrums. We are having pretty good health for our ages. In May, we flew to Connecticut. Gloria stayed a week with son Jeffery while Emmett worked on the USS Slater DE 766 docked at Albany, NY. This was the 14th year we have done this. Gloria says this is the last year; but we will see!

At home, Emmett is still working on aircraft. In June, he got rid of the Lockheed 10 that flew around the world in 1994 to complete what Amelia Earhart did not finish in 1937. He pulled the right engine and right landing gear for repairs, which took about a year to finish. The plane is now going to land up in Seattle, WA and be in the air museum at Boeing Field. It is painted in the same colors and same "N" number as Amelia's plane was back in 1937. No doubt it will carry Amelia's and Lynda Finch's names on the info panel. We had to remove the large bladder fuel tank from the fuselage so as to be able to walk through the fuselage. My friend, Fred, who had flown the plane from Arizona to Novato, CA, is big and had to enter the plane by the left wing and the hatch over the cockpit. I never saw how he did it though! Even now, I had to do all the jobs in the cockpit with the two big fuel tanks left in the fuselage as it is a tight fit even for me; and I only weigh 132 lb.

I am now helping Fred with a 1920's Bellanca Pace-maker. We are doing repairs on a set of wooden wings made some years ago, with lots of sanding and gluing! The wings will go up to Washington State to be mated to a fuselage that is being built there. Then we will get the wings back so we can cover and paint them. The plane will have a 50 ft. wing and will be 24 ft. long and will be on floats when finished. Lindbergh in 1927, wanted to fly a Pacemaker on his flight to Paris. Bellanca wanted his pilot to fly the plane with Lindbergh; but that did not happen. As you know, Lindbergh flew solo in the Spirit of St. Louis. Shortly later the Pace-maker did fly the Atlantic and went all the way to Berlin Germany with two men aboard.

I have been retired over 25 years now and still can not get away from working on airplanes or ships! Guess I will keep on doing it as I like it! On September 1st I will be 88 years old. On September 9th we are flying to Albany, NY for a Destroyer Escort Convention at the Slater. I served 14 months on a DE in the South Pacific

in 1943-44. I have only 4 shipmates alive that I can find but I have a lot of new ones, I work with on the Slater.

Lloyd Norton, 2551 Cryer St., Hayward, CA 94545-3019

Thanks for all the work that goes into the Newsletter.

I've made it another year; I am now 93 year old and to celebrate the big event, I renewed my Drivers License for another 5 years. Don't we live in a crazy world?

Juanita and I still live alone and are in pretty good health. We stay close to home most of the time. We made a car trip to Santa Barbara for our grandson's graduation from UC. We also had a granddaughter graduate from Virginia Tech. That gets all of the grand kids through College.

We still have our home in the Mountains and are able to spend a few weeks a year up there.

I enjoy the Newsletter although there are fewer and fewer names that I know, as I have been retired for 32 years.

John Riecss, 11452 Merganser Way, New Port Richey, FL34654-5066

I just celebrated 15 years of retirement on July 31, 2013.

I was also placed under Hospice care because of my congestive heart failure on June 12th. Please keep me in your prayers.

Keep up your good work with the newsletter.

I am a member of the Tampa Bay Chapter in FL and the Chicago Skyliners.

Donna Wade, 1271 Carswell Ave., Elk Grove, IL 60007

Thanks for all that you do to keep us connected and informed.

I flew out to Sacramento, CA in July to visit my older son and his family. This was a little challenging for me after recovering from a stroke and heart attack, the year before. I also lost my husband in the same year.

I bought a ticket on UAL and was glad to be able to attend a baby shower for my granddaughter. I was also able to see another granddaughter and her husband before they left for teaching in Indonesia for two years.

I was surprised with a birthday party, and was able to see my grandson and his family.



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For flight information and to list or change listing Password for ePass Line—your birthday, mmddyy \$25 fee to create new booking 1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

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The cabin consisted of a "main-deck" cargo compartment, coat-rooms with pull-out rods (for ease of

hanging) & two lavatories. The cabin included a compact buffet and located at the rear was an "attractive passenger lounge".

The buffet was located between the forward and aft sections and "saved steps" by the Stewardesses.

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