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Seattle is a Work of Art



You'll know that for sure when you come to the RUAEA 2004 Convention. Seattle has loads of Museums, Galleries, Music, Dance, Theater, Performing Arts, Literary Arts, Choral and Ensembles, Arts Organizations, Festivals and Film Festivals. Wow! Think of what you can do in your spare time. When you're not busy with Convention Functions that is. Check out <http://www.cityofseattle.net/html/visitor/arts.htm>. You will find a wealth of information there.

Speaking of the Arts, the convention will have its own art show. How exciting! **PAY ATTENTION ALL YOU ARTISTS, PAINTERS, SCULPTORS, WOOD CARVERS, NEEDLEWORKERS AND POTTERY MAKERS.** It is time once again to ask for your support in our annual **ART RAFFLE**. Get that pottery wheel going, heat up that kiln, sharpen your needles, carving knives, set up that easel and whistle while you work! **Start your projects now.**

Folks attending the convention will have the wonderful opportunity to visit our art gallery formed by your donated art. Your art also creates revenue. Please contact:

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Lloyd & Katherine will also need a short bio plus a small photo to affix to your artwork. If you save your receipts, they will arrange to reimburse all shipping charges. Just send them to Lloyd & Katherine. We are waiting to hear from you.

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RUAEA Convention 2004

GENERAL NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear RUAEA members:

Here is an update on the RUAEA website. Thanks to Jim Sommerfield, Bob Kalicki, our website managers and with the full cooperation of Spectrum Data, progress on the website is moving right along. The website benefits RUAEA by reducing printing and mailing cost of the newsletter, so we need your support. Sign up today.

With our on-line computer service you will be able to get precise information you need for the upcoming convention in Seattle next year and the most important events at United.

Jim Fauber
President, RUAEA

CORRECTION:

Last month under "Special Notice" we listed Linda Lister as the person to contact in WHQ regarding problems with travel charges. This was in error. Linda has the responsibility for travel benefits policies, but NOT travel charges.

Revenue Accounting is responsible for all billing and collecting of travel charges. The best way to resolve any problems is to e-mail: Employee-pass-invoice@ual.com. If you don't have access to e-mail, send a fax to: 1-847-700-1452 or send regular mail to:

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P.O. Box 66282
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Important to include in all communication is your Name, File Number & details of the flight.

STATUS PENSIONS

We have been receiving a lot of calls, e-mails & questions about United Airlines pension fund. With what you read in the newspapers, magazines and hear on the radio, TV and from other people, there is a lot of speculation and anxiety. Elizabeth Roch

of WHQPR wrote a comprehensive summary of the issues, United's position and action it is taking. It is the best summary of the situation that we have seen. Following is her letter:

(Note: In 1985 United Airlines purchased a paid up annuity for ALL pension liabilities as of that time. The Group Investment Trust with Northern Trust Bank of Chicago was established for pension accruals subsequent to 1985. Elizabeth's letter pertains to this Trust fund. Any retiree who retired in 1985 and prior to that is not affected. For all retirees who retired since 1985, their pension accruals up to 1985 is paid up in the annuity; accruals after 1985 are covered by The Group Investment Trust.)

Marlin Lade
Executive Vice-President RUAEA

U.S. Pension Key Points Final 9/9/03

1. Through the collective bargaining agreements it reached with U.S. based represented employees - and agreements with other employees - earlier this year, the Company has significantly reduced its on-going pension costs.

This did not resolve the most significant pension issue still facing the Company.

2. The most significant remaining pension issue facing United in the U.S. is the accelerated payments now needed to address the past underfunding of the Company's pension plans. This is required in part by pension law changes made by Congress in 1987 & 1994.

In 1987, Congress adopted the "deficit reduction contribution" (DRC) - a special funding surcharge assessed when a pension plan's funding status drops below 90% (or 80% in some cases).

This requires companies with under-funded pensions plans to make significant accelerated payments to improve the funding of their pension plans as quickly as possible.

In 1994, the DRC was tightened in several ways, including by requiring that the plan liabilities be measured based on even more

pessimistic interest rate assumptions and further shortening payment periods for any unfunded liability.

In face of the recent downturn, the DRC has proved onerous and inflexible, particularly for cyclical industries like the airline industry. If DRC did not exist, United would be able to meet all its pension and other obligations.

These accelerated payments come at a time when operating expenses and other obligations already place substantial demands on cash flow.

In the current economic environment, with pension plans affected negatively by historically low 30-year Treasury bond interest rates and the decline in stock market values, the accelerated payments required under law are having the unintended consequence of threatening the financial health of many companies - not just United - and their pension plans; however, this is a short-term problem, affecting United's ability to make payments in the next few years.

As recently as several years ago, United's pension plans were fully funded.

3. In United's case, the accelerated payments are creating a significant "cash crunch" that we must address in order to exit bankruptcy on a timely basis.

Making the payments would dramatically reduce cash flow in the near-term - threatening our ability to fund our business and complicating our exit financing, including our planned application for a loan guarantee from the ATSB.

4. We are going to fix this problem. There is not a single solution, but instead we must do a lot of hard work on a number of fronts to address United's short-term funding issues.

5. First, we've been working closely with other airlines, airline unions & the AFL-CIO in support of a pension reform proposal introduced by Reps. Dave Camp and Earl Pomeroy, specifically for our industry.

This proposal would allow affected airlines to defer certain accelerated pension funding contributions and would smooth out minimum funding requirements over a longer period of

time. This would help the airline industry get through this extreme and very unusual economic cycle.

This initiative will help United, also provide assistance to other airlines whose pension funds are underfunded.

By spreading out payments over time, the Company will be in better financial health, also will be able to pay these and its other obligations.

We are pursuing this initiative with labor and others because we know how important pensions are to our employees, to United and to the industry.

This legislation reform is our preferred course of action, but other initiatives (described below) would be very helpful to us.

6. Second, if Congress decides not to enact broader pension reform like the Camp-Pomeroy legislation this year, the Company is also advocating for legislation that (a) gives companies more time to make their accelerated payments on their past obligations and/or (b) re-set the rates which determine corporate funding requirements for these obligations.

A three-year suspension of the Deficit Reduction Contribution would help to resolve this underfunding issue for many companies, including United. The DRC requires accelerated payments when plans become underfunded, escalating pension payments in the short term.

The rate that determined current liability needs to be renewed or replaced. Congress needs to renew the temporary rate (based on 120% of Treasury Bond rates) - which expires at the end of the year - or replace it with a rate based on corporate bond rates. The latter would more accurately reflect the prevailing economic environment.

7. Third, United will apply to the IRS for waivers that would allow United to delay and reschedule over a five-year period, some payments for its pension plans.

We are applying to reschedule all payments to United's defined benefit pension plans.

These waivers would not affect existing

benefits or the payment of existing benefits.

8. The Company believes that this relief is achievable in time for us to exit bankruptcy in less time than our original estimate of 18 months. The most likely scenario in the first quarter of 2004.

9. These solutions would have no impact on pension benefits nor would they impose any additional costs on pension participants.

10. While we are primarily focused on achieving these three reasonable solutions, their outcome and timing is far from certain. As a result, we are actively exploring a range of additional options that may be required to ease our pension burdens.

11. Through the bankruptcy process, we have fixed a number of difficult problems, and we will fix this one.

Elizabeth Roch
United Airlines
WHQPR

U.S. SECURITY SERVICE FEE REINSTATED

On Oct. 1, 2003, the U.S. government reinstated its \$2.50 security fee for all airline travelers, including employees, retirees & companions, for each airline departure from a U.S. airport. Revenue customers will have a maximum security fee limit of \$10 per ticket; airline employees, retirees & companions will be charged \$2.50 for each segment traveled.

The passenger security fee was enacted by Congress to help offset security costs after the government took over passenger & baggage screening post 9/11/01. Congress then temporarily suspended the fee when the war in Iraq & increased government security mandates conspired to threaten the financial stability of many carriers.

All systems, including fare quote & ticketing, will be updated to include this fee. The U.S. government will apply the fee toward screening, construction of security projects & other important security functions at U.S. airports.

UNITED TO BEGIN FLIGHTS BETWEEN IAD & CANCUN

United announced that it will launch exclusive Sat.-only service to Cancun, Mexico from its East Coast hub at Washington Dulles International Airport on Feb. 14, 2004, pending U.S. & Mexican government approval.

The Cancun service complements United's other flights to the regional leisure destinations of Aruba, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

The new flights will be flown using Airbus A320 or similar aircraft with 138 seats, configured with 12 seats in United First & 126 seats in United Economy. The southbound flight will depart Washington Dulles on Sat. at 8:30 a.m. & arrive in Cancun at 11:09 a.m. The return flight will depart from Cancun 12:00 p.m. & arrive in Washington Dulles at 3:59 p.m.

UNITED WILL EVALUATE "BUY ON BOARD" CONCEPT

Why should customers buy fast food in the terminal when they can buy on board? On Oct.31, United began a 90-day trial period, providing reasonably priced, restaurant-quality food on board. Flight attendants & passengers in the United Economy on more than 200 daily CHI & DEN flights will participate in the evaluation.

Offering branded, restaurant-quality food on board provides our customers with additional choices, also helps eliminate the hassle for customers who may be struggling with a laptop, carry-on & a meal during boarding.

If the results are favorable, United is prepared to extend the "Buy on Board" concept to additional North American markets, which would reduce the current costs associated with providing free meals & shift the meal-expense risk to United's caterers.

United will conduct this evaluation in partnership with Gate Gourmet & LSG SkyChefs. Customers will be able to choose from signature meals, a-la-carte items from branded & well-known restaurants such as Hard Rock Café, Bennigan's & TGI Friday's. Sample meals include such TGI Friday's offerings as apple crumb cake, a ham-and-Swiss croissant, Southwestern Cobb salad, & a chicken pesto sandwich.

On flights 3.5 to 5 hours in length, customers in United Economy will have the option of either a complimentary snack or purchasing a meal on board. Breakfast will be offered for \$7.00, lunch & dinner for \$10.00. On shorter flights, 2.5 to 3.5 hours in length, which currently do not offer a meal service, customers will be able to purchase various a la carte items for less. Complimentary meals will continue to be offered in United First & United Business classes.

Based on feedback from previous tests, United flight attendants will have hand-held computers to expedite & allow for cash & credit-card transactions. At this time, cash will continue to be the only acceptable form of payment for alcoholic beverages.

Know Your Officers/Directors/Staff

HARRIET AHR, Membership Secretary, was employed by United Airlines 8/25/55 as a Teletype Operator in the Communications Dept. in DEN and retired as a Scheduler for DENC (Ramp) in Denver.

Harriet became active in RUAEA June 1986 when she was elected as Membership Secretary, served two years to June 1988. After that time Membership Secretaries were appointed by the RUAEA President each year. She returned to RUAEA as Membership Secretary in July 1991 and has been in this position since that time (and we hope - for many more years!)

She is Treasurer of the Denver Mile Highers Chapter, Treasurer of the United Retirees Golf Club, a very active Director of the Denver Mainliner Club, is a "Hands-on Denver" (clean-up program), enjoys gardening, walking, golf, watching or attending hockey, basketball, baseball & football games.

Harriet says, "I am a sports junkie." She enjoys spending time with her family & friends. Her husband, Robert K. Ahr, deceased 1976, also worked for United Airlines as a Lead in DEN Stores.

Harriet has one son & three granddaughters.

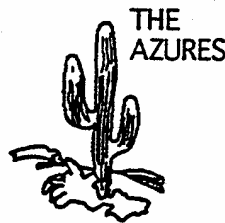
RUAEA is very happy and lucky to have Harriet Ahr as a member of our "Team"!

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS: Chapter

reports for Dec. are due in DEN by Thu. 11/6, Jan. reports by 12/5, Feb. reports by 1/6. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX number is 303-780-5667 - Attention: Jo Madden. If reports are more than one page, list chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail address to: Jo Madden, RUAEA, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delays; we cannot extend deadlines.

ARIZONA

LOCAL NEWS



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AZURES

PHOENIX AZURES

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What I hear is that the summer travel has ended, the snowbirds are returning to the Phoenix area & things are starting to pick up. My husband & I are leaving the Midwest in about 10 days. The fall colors should be at their peak by that time. It has gotten very cool here. The temps are about 18 degrees below normal, so it is time for us to head south. We are located on the water and the wind really churns up the whitecaps.

Had a nice conversation with Pat Paulson who is our program chairman. She tells me everyone is looking forward to the Octoberfest at Beardsly Park. The menu looked great, hope you all had a great time.

The Breakfast turnout has been great with 31 attending this past month. In Nov. the dates are the 11th and 25th. Contact Pat Butkiewicz at 935-9235 so she can give a count. Pat says that Nov. 8 will be our annual Thanksgiving dinner at Luke Air Force Base. Mark your calendars now for this great luncheon. I am sure you have had a call about it before this comes out.

Mildred Hofer & George Click are on the road to recovery. They have finished their radiation treatments and seem to be responding well. Keep them in your prayers.

Joan Aaronson reported that the Azures will be involved again in the Fantasy Flight out of Phoenix Airport. This is always a very beautiful venture.

The group in charge always needs everyone's full support. I do not know the exact date but if anyone has any questions, contact Joan at 935-2818.

Many thanks to all the people involved in running the Azures. They are doing a fantastic job! See you all soon. Keep up the communication, Bob.

PHOENIX METRO **RE-UNITED**

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All is quiet on the Southwestern front. We've had no illnesses or excitement reported. Hope everyone is gearing up for our Nov. luncheon & Dec. Christmas bash... dates as follows:

Calendar

Nov. 6 - Naples Ristorante at 888 W. Warner in Chandler, 11:30 a.m., hosted by Carol & Skip Ward

Dec. 9 - Palo Verde Country Club, 10801 E. Santan Blvd. in Sun Lakes, 11:30 - 12:30 cocktails, 12:30 lunch, hosted by Bonnie & Jim Fauber. We hope to see you all there!!!



TALL PINES

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Our Sept. meeting was held at Coco's with 16 members present. A short business meeting was held with Jeanie Risdon as facilitator. Discussion was centered around our annual Christmas Party which will be Dec. 10 at the newly remodeled "Pine Cone Supper Club". Jeanie will have flyers made up with choices of dinners, etc., at our next meeting. We also welcomed back "Beano" who spends his summers in Montana.

Our annual picnic was held Sept. 9 at Goldwater Lake which turned out to be rainy, windy very cool & damp - not our usual beautiful weather. The total number of brave souls who attended was very low (15) to be exact - we usually average 40/50 UAL retirees. Special kudos go to Jim & Bonnie Fauber and Gordon Starr for

attending. Jim spoke to us about United's situation in regards to UAL retirees; Gordon presented us a little pine tree arrangement that fits perfectly with our logo - "Tall Pines" - thank you both. Also, visiting from Anthem was newly retired Judie Preston & hubby - thanks for coming.

The Tall Pines would like to thank Frank Stout for his excellent reporting these past 2 years. Frank is signing off - so thank you Frank for the wonderful job you have done - I know I have some big shoes to fill!!

Calendar

Nov. - There will be no meeting due to Thanksgiving

Dec. 10 - Christmas Party, happy hour 5:00 p.m., dinner 6:00.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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The Tanque Guest Ranch was the place to be on Sept. 18; 31 Roadrunners enjoyed the great buffet the ranch serves daily. We had a short business meeting at which time we voted to adopt military families from Davis Monthan Air Force Base as we have done the past 2 years at Christmas time.

Ed Piper has been in the hospital again with pneumonia. He must know something about hospital food that the rest of us don't. He has been there a lot in the past few weeks. The Pipers will be leaving the Roadrunners & sunny AZ to live close to children in CO. Judy Hays is working at recovering from knee replacement surgery; she says it is not going real well. Our prayers are with both Ed & Judy for a speedy recovery to good health.

Barbara & Mac Dunlap were married 50 years ago on Oct. 17. On Oct. 16 Marj & Bill Tyndall will celebrate 57 years of marriage; they were married in 1946. Julie & Lou Hibbs will celebrate 56 years together; they were married Oct. 17, 1947.

Calendar

Nov. 20 - lunch at Copper Crest

Dec. 11 - Christmas luncheon at Oro Valley Country Club

CALIFORNIA



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Gary & Cathy Anderson (805) 481-8551, will host the Christmas luncheon & party on Dec. 17 at the Shore Cliff Restaurant, Pismo Beach. Details will be in flyer.

Art Price is home from a stay in the hospital; we wish him better health soon.

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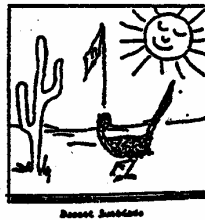
Francine & Andy Anderson hosted the Brazen Raisins' Sept. meeting. Francine reported that Bob Frost had been quite ill the past month & is now recuperating from colon surgery; when he has regained his strength, he will undergo bypass surgery.

Gil Gilbert brought several menu covers from United's first class service in "the good old days".

Elida & Reuben Rivas returned after a long absence, having traveled to TX, Mexico, SEA, Crater Lake & NY. Rivas's mention of Crater Lake inspired one of Curt Follansbee's humorous stories of his early flying days.

Nile Jones hosted the Brazen Raisins' Oct. meeting & decorated the meeting room lavishly in a Halloween motif. Pres. Bud Garcia gave an update on Bob Frost's colon surgery & bypass operation; he's doing very well for having gone through two such major operations in a short time. Donna Nessling announced that she will be a grandma for the first time next April -- possibly for twins. Francine & Andy Anderson were absent due to Francine's having the flu. Again, Curt Follansbee favored the group with some of his comical stories of his flying days.

Palm Springs Area



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We had 25 attendees for our Sept. 10 Mex luncheon in Banning hosted by Tom & Karen Tischler. They had a guest, Donna Dews.

Marie Slater had a great Alaskan cruise with a number of family participants. Johnnie & I had a super trip to MI where he & his cousin made a great effort to empty the local lakes, of which there are many, of fish. They catch blue gill, crappie & perch mainly out of those lakes. They even had to go back out again for a couple of hours the morning we had to leave for the airport to come home. We had a great one-day trip over to Dearborn to go through the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village. I've wanted to do that for years. Needed 2 days to see the whole thing but were grateful for what we did visit.

Louie Horvath missed this meeting as he's doing the Panama Canal tour. Shirley Sitarz says that her knees have finally given out & she bought an electric golf cart type car. She has wonderful shopping within easy reach of her residence using the cart. Mary Smith is having foot problems & is going to have some tests. She's expecting to be the great grandmother of twins early in 2004.

Roberta Craig wrote that she had just made her 10th trip on UAL since May 16 & had no trouble flying. Usually gets 1st class so gets a free drink with her pretzels & occasional food.

Marge Eastman e-mailed us to pass on the following bit of news: She had to go to MI for 3 weeks & still hasn't been billed for her July 22 trip. Since she has only 10 days to pay this bill and she can't get any info from any source at UAL, she feels that she's up a "creek". She wishes they'd cancel these charges until they can come up with a fair way of billing.

Merle Pool missed today's meeting. He'd had some major dental work done down in Mexicali. On his way home his car quit telling him anything - it did run okay, though. So he spent this morning at the auto repair place.

Billie White e-mailed us to let us know that Elmer is in hospital. He had a huge hematoma in

his groin. He's doing lots better now but his heart is bad - both valves - so needs open heart surgery. He will be home for about a month then has chosen to do the heart surgery. Will be a dangerous surgery for him but he may die at any time if the valve doesn't open. They spend the hot months in Gardnerville, NV in their RV.

Ron Aggson copied the Frank Sinatra CD that was given out at the convention for those of us who were interested.

Ray Silvestri won the free birthday lunch; Ron Lerg won the 50/50 drawing.

Our Nov. 12th meeting will be celebrating our 14th anniversary. We will each bring a door prize of a plastic item - the traditional 14th anniversary gift. Shouldn't be any problem finding that!

Also, our Annual Christmas Party is moved to Thurs., Dec. 11th vs. Wed., the 10th that I've been publishing. It will still be at the Monterey Country Club but some other group got there first for Wed. Please make a note on your calendars if anyone is interested in being a guest at this festive occasion

Calendar

Nov. 12 - 11:30 a.m., Miracle Springs Hotel in Desert Hot Springs, will be hosted by Maureen Williams (760) 251-8844

Dec. 11 - (Note the change!) Annual Christmas Party at the Monterey Country Club in Palm Desert hosted by Elaine & Ron Aggson (760) 340-9542

Jan. 14 - will be hosted by Roberta Craig - more on that next time.

SACRAMENTO **GOLD DIGGERS**

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The Sept. 24 luncheon meeting was held at Vic & Shirley Drumheller's V Bar S Ranch in rural Vacaville. It was a nice hot day & everyone enjoyed a delicious catered lunch. There were 77 Gold Diggers & 9 guests present. Hanna & Juergan Ploetz were guests of Ron Bertacini; Juanita & Al Weiderholt & Todd May were guests of Vic & Shirley Drumheller. Joyce & Don Temple from the RUAEA San Joaquiners and Marge & Matti Matschinegg from the RUAEA Redwood Empire

Retirees were also guests.

Pres. Forester Sinclair announced that there are 4 new members this month. New members Donna Phillips & Sheila Hejny were unable to attend, but new members Betty Tronson & Jack Hornfischer were present.

Dec. 10 is our luncheon meeting at Beale Air Force Base, as it has been for 23 years. Dick Robinson is our liaison with the base; the Bertacinis & the Cuffs will be hosting. As a side note, Ron mentioned that he used the new system on obtaining interline travel tickets, had great success. We are in need of a host for the Jan. luncheon meeting..

Sec'y Jeanette D'Amico reported that she had received an e-mail from the manager of volunteers that work in the information booths at the Sacramento airport. Members expressed interest so Jeanette is going to talk to Kelly Moon about it & have him give a presentation at one of our meetings. The airport publishes a flight schedule bi-monthly; they will be sending that to the group on a regular basis.

Sunshine Lady Marge Raynor stated that Ed Lamphiere had a 6-way bypass heart surgery & a valve replacement, now doing fine. One of the members reported that he had received word that Warren Lutz had passed away. Ron Berticini passed on word that Margaret Eggert will be having foot surgery later in the week. Dick Robinson advised that his wife Vi would be having back surgery in the near future.

RUAEA Director for Northern California & Nevada, Bob Cuff, was unable to attend the meeting as Bob's sister passed away. Bob reported by e-mail that he & Jo had traveled in Europe recently on SAS, had a good experience with standby interline travel. UAL was running like clockwork to & from London. UAL was #1 in on-time arrivals for the year.

Ginger Dahlberg, RUAEA Western Region Director, reported that RUAEA is working on getting members to do volunteer work at the airports to help out the company. Ginger has some trips in the making. She handed out a flyer on Holland America cruises, also spoke about the barge trips in France in July 2004, had a sign-up sheet for anyone that was interested. She also had flyers & sign-up sheets for a Canada Atlantic Coast trip in the fall of 2004.

Nominations for officers for the year of 2004 were discussed. All positions have been filled.

Bob & Eleanore Tibbetts celebrated their 60th anniversary Oct. 11.

Calendar

Nov. - No meeting

Dec. 10 - Luncheon meeting at Beale Air Force Base hosted by Ron & Barbara Bertacini and Bob & Jo Cuff



Redwood
Empire
Retirees

REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREEES

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The Sept. meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 11th at Los Robles Lodge in Santa Rosa on a very hot, un-fall like day. 54 members & guests enjoyed a very tasty meal.

Pres. Patrick Cadden called the meeting to order, and, because of this special day in our history, called for a moment of silence to remember the people & events of this day. He recalled how he & Donaldeen were on an airplane ready to come home when the Captain announced that there has been an "incident" in NY & the flight would be delayed; later it was cancelled. They watched the events unfolding on the TV in the terminal & finally made it home via Amtrak. We all have special memories of that horrible day, the moment of silence gave us time to pause & reflect.

Patrick thanked our hosts, Les & Joyce Carey plus co-hosts Clovis & Patricia Shem.

V.P. Ron Huhn introduced our guests: Elaine Loy, daughter of Ruth Loy; Neeltje & Arnold Lap, guests of Nick & Maria Van Kruining.

A hearty welcome to our new members, Lou & Del Clark and Sal Hernandez.

Treas. Nick Van Kruining is keeping our accounts in order. A reminder about the Charity box. We will soon be making donations to be given out in Dec. Toys will be collected at the Dec. meeting.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr was in her usual good form with some very good jokes. There were 12 birthdays & winner of the lunch was Patricia Shem. There were 8 anniversaries for a total of 312

years, an average of 39 years. George & Lois Schwind celebrated their 54th, will receive a gift at our next meeting. Cards were sent to Roger Casterline & Ruth Loy. We welcomed both of them back to the group. A card has been sent to Lou & Sheila Legnitto.

At the last meeting a motion to require the office of Pres. & V.P. to be held by a United retiree was tabled.

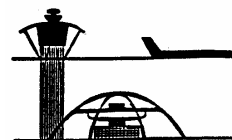
Ginger Dahlberg told us of a program in RUAEA to get volunteers to help UAL by assisting passengers in the terminal area. This is a way to promote United. There is also a program to have retirees visit travel agents for United promotions. You are encouraged to use the Easy Check-in consoles when traveling. They are very user friendly & make the check-in procedure almost enjoyable. There is an interactive program on Skynet where you can practice using Easy Check-in before you go to the airport.

Thought for the day: If a window of opportunity opens, don't pull down the shades.

The Hagens have agreed to deliver the Christmas presents collected at the Dec. Meeting to the Fire Department. Date & time will be arranged.

ReLAXers - Los Angeles

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Last month we advised that Jo Volcheff passed away, but had no next of kin information. Condolences can be sent to Nick & Lucille Volcheff, 7325 N. Del Norte Dr. Scottsdale, AZ 85238.

The LAXRR/TO reunion was held on 9/27 in El Segundo at the Hacienda. What a turnout! At last count it was close to 200 attendees. The choice of hotel was a good one as it made it possible for many out-of-towners to attend. They came from AZ, NV, OK, FL, TN, VA, CO, HI, PA, OH, WA, IL, NY, AR, OR, MA & SOUTH KOREA! Much work was done by Linda Robbins, Jim Ferrance & their helpers. The Klobes brought two of their photo albums; there were at least 6 wonderful photo-posters from all the res. offices beginning with LAXRR in (if I recall correctly) 1939 on the

mezzanine of the Pacific Mutual building at 6th & Olive in downtown L.A. After moving 2 blocks to Flower St. the P.M. space was occupied by Sales which was there when I moved to LAXTO in 1955.

At the reunion I had a chance to chat with Ernie LaMarre (who came from SEA with daughter Maureen) and reminisce about that era on "airline row" before it disbanded with the advent of the computer age and high downtown rents. One of the best parts of the party was the long pre-party socializing time of 2 ½ hours. Putting the event together was a lot of work; everyone involved is to be congratulated on a job very well done! We have quite a long list of new members each month. It would be nice to list all the new members' names, but there are so many in our area that there just isn't enough room in this column. But all are very welcome. We hope you not only attend meetings but also get to know each other by joining in trips & volunteering as officers when the election time comes around again.

Hints for everyone - "old" or "new" retirees - for keeping up with the company news. We all rely heavily upon and truly appreciate Jo's excellent selection of news items in this publication. But - remember? - also sign into "SkyNet - NewsReal" or sign up with Dale Harper who e-mails NewsReal daily (dtharper@inreach.com) to his long list. What? No computer: The 'phone, folks, the 'phone! Dial 1-800-EyeonUA daily! Then, there's local news sent out frequently to LAXRR computer-wired folks by Jim Ferrance. News tidbits of all LAX retirees printed by Donna Klobe on the bi-monthly meeting notices. And e-mails sent sporadically to ReLAXers & friends (I'll try to be more frequent) sent by me.

Calendar

Dec. 4 - Christmas luncheon on the Queen Mary

Feb. 12 - Luncheon meeting

Apt. 8 - Luncheon meeting.



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Our Christmas Party is on the schedule for Dec. 5 at Tom Ham's Restaurant on beautiful Mission

Bay. It will be a Buffet. We will have volunteers at the serving table to assist the folks, who may find it difficult to carry a plate to their table. Our White Elephant sale is again planned, also the 50/50 raffle.

The writer is planning a tour of Ireland in late April. Anyone who may be interested may request a flier at the above telephone number or contact me directly by e-mail at the above address. Ireland is a spectacular country to visit with friendly people & beautiful scenery.

Calendar

Dec. 5 - Christmas Party at Tom Ham's on the Bay.

April 2004 - Spring Fling.

UNITED AIRLINES RETIREES-SFO Area

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We did not have a Sept. meeting; instead we had our annual picnic at Flood Park. We had a great time, even if it was one of the hottest days of the year. The turnout was good with 183 tickets sold & was fun visiting with everyone. The food was excellent, as usual, and there was plenty of it. We had "horse" races before we ate and afterwards there were Bingo games. All in all - a good day.

Doris Livingston (774 Sequoia Ave. San Mateo, CA 94403) is recuperating after having gall bladder surgery. We were sorry to hear that Evelyn Smith (761 27th Ave., San Mateo CA 94403) broke her hip. We miss them both and wish them a speedy recovery. Bob Dinnsen had surgery on Oct. 14. You can send cards to him at 1363 Thornwall Lane, Hayward, CA 94545. We wish him well and hope he has a quick recovery. Bess Lehman, widow of Wilbur Lehman, is now living at Life Care Center of Cheyenne, 1330 Prairie Ave. #415. She is doing well, would enjoy cards & notes from her friends.

Travel info: Ginger Dahlberg, our travel coordinator has trips planned to Tahiti, Canada & French Barge trip. For more information you can contact her at 650-345-5548 or e-mail her at

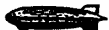
gingersfo@aol.com. Jo Milligan, our local day tour coordinator has a "Mystery Trip" planned for Nov.

Calendar

Singles Club - 1st Mon. ea. mo., Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce, 650-593-7328

Retirees General Meeting - 4th Mon., ea. mo. business meeting 11:30 a.m., at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.) Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404

SFO/SJC



SOUTH BAY RETIREES

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

SFO/SJC SOUTH BAY

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Our fall luncheon was held Sept. 17 at Fiorillo's, Santa Clara, CA with 48 present. Hostesses were Lois Rodriguez & Marion Gaevert. We welcomed United Retirees Bill & Rosemary Reichard, Werner & Myrtha Zuber, Janet Sough & Sharon Ramsey. Millie Nelson & Carol Dye were first time visitors. We hope to see them more often. Our long distance members Roy & Jean Rushton came from Rocklin, CA. Food was great & a good time was had by all.

We had several guests last month: Joe Bacheller, son of Lou & Nance Bacheller; Arlene & Jack Brownel, friends of Duane & Joan Dahl, also Genevieve & Harvey Chubbs, sister & brother-in-law of Rosie Rosenthal.

Our friend Lee Ferrell, who keeps track of all of us, our attendance, birthdays, anniversaries & gives our Pres. the latest news to be read to all of us every Fri., has been ill but was welcomed back after a couple of weeks off.

Wilma Sandy celebrated her 80th birthday on Sept. 16. Her husband took her on a driving trip to Northern CA & into OR. They had a great trip. Our friend Virginia Knight moved to MN to be near her daughter. Congratulations to Clyde & Jean Jenkins on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 15.

Calendar

Weekly breakfast meeting each Fri. morning at Holder's Country Inn, 998 DeAnza Blvd., San Jose,

CA, 7:30 a.m., meeting at 8:25 a.m. For more information contact Pres. George Sousa (408) 245-0498.

Dec. 3 - 11:00 a.m., Ladies Christmas Luncheon, Raddison Hotel, Sunnyvale, CA. Contact Alice Frisch (408) 245-1252 or Claire Eber (650) 948-5104

Dec. 5 - UAL Retirees Christmas luncheon, 11:00 a.m. at Ramada Hotel, Sunnyvale, CA. Contact Pres. George Souza, (408) 245-0498.

SAN JOAQUINERS

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It was a beautiful early fall day to drive through the countryside to get to the Coastal Oaks Country Club in Ione, how lucky we are. Luncheon was hosted by Joan & Fred Verbaere with 27 members attending.

At our end of the table the conversation was very much about knee & hip replacements. Doug Daniels was to go under the knife for hip - got along fine - can't wait to get out & stretch his legs. Dorothy Daniels is doing just fine from her cancer treatments. Regina Weber & Charlene Wood, with a few adjustments, are doing fine. Larry & Pat McGee had just returned from a 5-month motor trip through the US.

Good to see Bob & Dee Boelter after a long absence. Those who have ventured out on the airlines report success on getting seats - some even in 1st class.

Concord, CA
UA - EL DIABLOS



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The El Diablos of the East Bay substituted our regular Sept. luncheon with a tour of the NUUMI facility arranged by Ed Bingle. A group of 12 intrepid souls braved the traffic; a great time was had by all.

We haven't seen Art Read for a few meetings

due to his upcoming surgery. It should be held next week some time. We wish him well.

We have also written letters to 19 of the recent retirees in the East Bay. We hope to meet some or all of them at our next regular luncheon meeting. We meet at Baker's Square on Willow Pass Road in Concord, 11:30, the 2nd Mon. of each month. No reservations required - just come on down.

Calendar

Nov. 10

Dec. 8

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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Shirley Singleton joined the Mailing Team for the first time on 9/27. If you are interested in joining the Mailing Team, which usually is the last Sat. of each month, contact Lois Dick, phone #303-423-2946.

53 Mile Highers attended the Oct. breakfast. First-timers were Bill Sprague, Ken Shugg & Virgil Gooselaw. Executive V.P Marlin Lade & his wife Marilyn joined us. Marlin spoke on some of the happenings in United Airlines.

Howard Fluegel, Ken Larson & Bill Wilson returned their 50/50 winnings for the RUAEA stamp fund.

Remember to bring aluminum cans to the breakfast; our Chapter does not have dues.

Oct. 8 was a beautiful Indian summer day. Denver Mile Highers met for their fall luncheon at DeCicco's, a great Italian restaurant located in historical Old Arvada. 45 retirees enjoyed excellent Italian food.

Aggie Holcomb & Donna Miller were first-timers. Executive V.P. & his wife Marilyn joined us. Our thanks to Elaine Fluegel & Oma Green for hosting this luncheon.

Hal Grandchamp has had surgery recently, certainly could use some cheering-up messages. Address: 20591 E. Weaver Av., Aurora, CO 80016

Dean Moberg also has been a "hospital customer", is recuperating at home. His address is:

13743 E. Marina Dr., #B, Aurora, CO 80014-3776
- telephone #303-369-6021.

Sande Hacke recently had surgery - address: 5404 E. Caley Av., Littleton, CO 80121-3406.

Dorsey Cooper has been diagnosed with West Nile Virus. Send cards/notes to 1932 Fisher Way, Northglenn, CO 80233-2227.

Christmas Luncheon Dec. 8, Fresh Fish Company, 7800 E. Hampden Av., Denver. Social hour 11:00 a.m. (cash bar) with drink specials: Bloody Mary & Screwdrivers \$4.95, glass house wines \$3.95 plus tax. Lunch at 11:45 a.m. Menu choices: Mixed Grill, chef's choice of two different fish with sauce \$18.95, Chicken Picata \$16.40, Prime Rib \$22.75, Coconut Shrimp \$18.95, Lemon Caper Halibut \$20.20. Entrees include salad, potato, bread/butter, dessert (cheese cake), coffee, tea, or soda.

Check payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211 (Phone 303-477-2918). Reservations need to be made by Dec. 4. List menu choice on check. Please bring an unwrapped gift for Santa's Sleigh Ride, boy or girl ages 4-7. Include batteries if needed.

Calendar

Breakfast 1st Wed. ea. mo., 8:00 a.m., Aurora Elks Club, 11759 E. 14th Av., Aurora, CO. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, #303-696-7001.

Dec. 8 - Christmas Luncheon. Details in column.

FLORIDA

CITRUS GROUPERS



CITRUS GROUPEERS

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Sept. 25, we met at Tierra del Sol Restaurant, in The Villages, with 19 members in attendance.

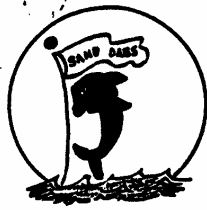
Maxine Wood, probably will come home tomorrow, from back surgery but will still require physical therapy. Willma Martin still has her arm in a cast & Nancy Henderson joined her. She also had surgery. Earl Clore had colon surgery a week ago.

We will not have a Nov. meeting, but we will combine Nov., & Dec. and will have our Christmas Party Dec. 4, at Katie Bell's Restaurant, 996 Del

Mar Dr., in the Villages. As in past years, instead of grab bag, we'll bring a wrapped gift, marked man or woman. These gifts will be taken to a nursing home.

Daytona Beach
SAND"DABS"

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Pres. Dick Coughlin opened our meeting 10/9 at the Red Lobster with 19 Sand"DABS" present. After our pledge to the flag & a prayer by John Rieck, the Prez introduced our guests Debbie & Bob Taylor from SAN. We still have so many members traveling it's difficult to keep up with them all. Bud & Karen Gammill will be back from their northern home soon. Birthday celebrant present was Marion Fazio Johnson. Anniversary celebrants are Nelson & Honeylou Funkhouser. Company anniversary is Steve Moddle, 38 years. It was good to see Ed Watson back with us again.

We gave praise to our resident author Bill Oliver on his publicity in the paper, winning 1st place in an intermediate photography award for his picture "Old Lantern On Fence". The Prez brought us up-to-date on latest company news. The 2004 companion tickets are available so you can call in for them now. Treas. Frieda Coughlin reports we are still in the black. We are to vote on charitable causes to gift at our Dec. meeting. V.P. Steve Moddle read us an article about those on military duty at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, DC during the Isabelle storm. As fierce as the storm was, those on duty wouldn't leave their post. That Tomb has been guarded since the 1930s. We praise our great & dedicated military.

Dick Coughlin gave us a complete description of his experience on the Mission Space ride at Disney World Epcot. It sounded like a neat experience - he urged us all to go and try it.

We have many recovering illnesses or operations. Bill Lowry had eye surgery, Anne Johnson had knee surgery, Steve Moddle broke a vertebra but is recovering nicely, Joe Veraca is still not well. We have sad news to report that our former member Capt. Myers passed away recently.

He was a friend of Nelson Funkhouser.

Catching up on things, Jane Kress brought in some pictures she took of those who went to the Cubs baseball game in Aug. Janet Horton & Steve Moddle attended their respective 50th High School class reunions. Gert & Pete Pavich welcomed a new grandbaby girl in NV. We won't be seeing Marion & Rick Johnson for awhile - they're taking a 51-day cruise to South America, Tahiti, Hawaii, ending up in SAN. Bon Voyage to them.

A motion was made, seconded & voted upon to keep the same officers for the year 2004. The vote was unanimous. Me thinks no one else wants da jobs! Talk was expressed to try to get a group together to go to the dinner & Hawaiian show in Daytona. Sounds like fun. We will be having our Christmas grab bag again. Don't exceed \$10 for gifts. If you are ever in need of "entertainment" for your group we hear that our own Dottie Jernigan & friends known as the Spruce Creek Crecketts have a little dancing show they do for charitable causes. If anyone is interested you can call her. If anyone is interested in a Sand"DABS" shirt the price is \$25 plus tax. For just the logo on your own shirt, price is \$7 plus tax.

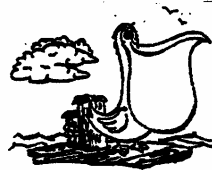
THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.

Calendar

Nov. 6 - 11:30, Red Lobster

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There were 34 Pelican Drop Ins & 2 guests at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club on Oct. 3 for our first luncheon meeting of the new season. Mary Ann Pilek, from CHI was a guest of Carrie Belluso. Russ Patasini, who retired from SFO, attended the luncheon for the first time & decided to become a member. Welcome Russ.

Carrie Belluso started the meeting with the singing of "God Bless America"; Sally Sciple

wished "Happy Birthday" to all the Oct. birthdays. Ruthann Swiatek, R.N., was the guest speaker. She is with the Senior Friendship Center of Lee County, discussed the types of elderly care available in the Fort Myers area including day care.

Ray Winterhalter has sold his home at Burnt Store Lakes in Punta Gorda and is now living at Burnt Store Marina until his new home is completed in Cape Coral.

Mel Volz spent the summer getting his new log cabin home started in MI. Construction has been delayed because of forest fires in British Columbia where the logs are being cut.

Calendar

1st Fri. of the month, luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-Apr.). Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant (Jun.-Sept.). For more information call or e-mail: Marilyn McNabb (239) 482-3882 (Fort Myers) - UALMKE@aol.com, Joan Gilkison (941) 637-9367 (Punta Gorda) - jgilkison1@comcast.net, Carrie Belluso (239) 481-1450 (Fort Myers) - Tutupapa1@aol.com

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Pres. Richard Llewellyn opened the meeting for 52 attendees on a rainy day in Orlando. He pointed out the art work available to purchase at the back, then introduced our new members, Alan & Nancy Jewby. We had one guest, Gary Mills' mother-in-law, Louise.

We had 2 birthdays this month, Joe Fitak on the 22nd & Matt Chandler on the 25th. As for anniversaries, our new members, Allan & Nancy celebrated on Sept. 30.

A new innovation "Let's Go, I'm Taking You to My Favorite Restaurant" was explained by Pres. Llewellyn as a get-together, no meeting, just visiting. The first "Let's Go" was scheduled for Oct. 15 at the High Tide Harry's restaurant on OBT & Oak Ridge. Flyers were handed out to others indicating interest in inviting "Let's Go"

participants.

Plans are in the making for our Christmas Party on Dec. 3 at 1:00 p.m. at The Plantation Gardens condo at Conway Road & Underhill. A map will be provided.

Richard Armistead thanked everyone for their well-wishes during his incapacitation. (Broken heels, nicely healing.)

Calendar

Nov. 5 - 1:00 p.m., monthly luncheon meeting, Golden Corral Restaurant, Semoran Blvd. (Rt. 436) 3 miles north of Airport, 1 mile south of Curry Ford Rd.

Jan. 10 - Orlando Broadway Theatre, *Nunsense Nutcracker Suite Christmas* tickets available for the dinner/theatre for \$38. Call Stan the MAN.

Oct 2004 - New England colors trip is in the works. Stand by for details.



Florida West Coast
THE SAND DOLLARS
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As of this writing we are still several days away from our first gathering of this season, so the news is yet to be reported.

To those of you new to the Sarasota-Bradenton area, it is our custom to meet for a monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd Thurs. of each month, Oct. through April. We usually meet at a different restaurant each month.

Our upcoming schedule of restaurants is still on the drawing boards but will be resolved within the next few days.

We are always happy to have guests join us, whether they be guests of our current members, guests from other RUAEA Chapters, or just fellow UALers, retired or otherwise. Just let me know who and how many so we can prepare a place for everyone.

Whether you're interested or just curious we invite you to join us. Come on by and have a good time but, above all, BE SAFE OUT THERE.

Calendar

To be determined.

TAMPA BAY

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Bob Taylor opened the Oct. meeting at Anderson Park with the Pledge of Allegiance; 60 happy picnickers were present with guests from The Villages & Ft. Myers. The minutes from the Sept. meeting were read & approved with one correction...that being that CR Smith's wife's name is Betty, not Ann as recorded in the minutes.

There were several visitors at the meeting: Clarence & Regina Hanshaw joined us from Ft. Myers along with James Stokes & Ray Winterhalter. Ed & Joanne Hufnagel along with Bob & Helen Newberg from DEN also attended the picnic as did Ida & Joseph Ghignone from NY.

Terri Breslin informed us that all details of the Christmas Luncheon will be in the Nov. Newsletter again. It will be held Dec. 8 at Spartan Manor beginning at 11 a.m. Total Sounds from Gulf High School will be providing the entertainment. Cost p/p is \$14. Cutoff date for reservations is Nov. 20. We are collecting, at each of our meetings, donations for the two charities we are supporting at the Christmas Luncheon; they are The Alzheimer's Association & Journey's End Animal Sanctuary.

Sadie again announced that Jo Madden will be our speaker at the West Coast Luncheon in Jan. to be held at Pappas Restaurant in Tarpon Springs. Cost p/p is \$15 for a choice of lamb shank, prime rib or chicken. Although the cut-off date is Jan 10, Sadie will take reservations up to the day before the luncheon. She has to give Pappas Restaurant a hard number by the afternoon of the 18th.

Mike Rice announced that there are presently 68 paid members. Membership goes from July 1 to June 30.

Dick Reidl announced that the Oct. paper was the first since June as there is no Aug. edition (the paper is published 5 times a year).

Terri Breslin welcomed Shirley & Larry Eppard back after a long absence due to illness of both. Get well cards were sent to Ruth Farley & Mary Ellen Pekar (who is a winter resident). She recently had heart surgery at Cleveland Clinic. Terri was sorry to report that one of our members, Otho Masterson from Largo, had died unexpectedly in CHI on Sept. 20. Burial was at the Abraham Lincoln

National Cemetery in CHI. Cards may be sent to Mrs. Joan Masterson, 10298 South Lake Dr., Largo, FL 33773. We were also asked to pray for Peggy Bogue's serious surgery.

The meeting was then closed; everyone visited & enjoyed the catered barbeque lunch.

Calendar

Nov. 3 - Monthly meeting at Buddy Freddy's, Hwy. 19 in Holiday at 10 a.m.

Dec. 1 - Monthly meeting at Buddy Freddy's, Hwy. 19 in Holiday at 10 a.m.

Dec. 8 - Christmas Luncheon at Spartan Manor - see newsletter for details.

Jan 19, 2004 - Florida West Coast Luncheon, Pappas Restaurant, Tarpon Springs.



TREASURE COAST

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I feel as if this year is just speeding by. It's not even Halloween; already they are showing Christmas items in the stores. At our meeting on 10/8 we had 14 members & 2 new members, Helen & John Koerber. Helen was a manger in flight operations in Miami & retired in Feb. They just moved into their home in the St. James community. Welcome aboard! The Coradinis went on another cruise; hopefully they will be back in Nov. Frank Wise's hand is OK now. Bob Taylor won the 50/50. Jorge Dias back home from Portugal; he has a home there, said that it was so hot that this year they had to use fans, no air conditioner available. There are 5 couples that intend to go to the Airline Christmas party in LAS, but we will all have to take different flights, just all meet at the hotel. Barbara & Gus Dodenhoff did not attend the meeting as they had guests from CT; today they are driving north to see Gus's mother. Diane Brodis had a medical procedure; we know she & Ron are enjoying their new home in Wellington, FL. At least when she cannot attend a meeting she either calls or sends an e-mail

My Westie Sir Mizou is hanging onto life; he has cancer of the bone around his eyes & nasal passage. The vet wanted to put him down in April,

but we said no, he takes phenobarbital twice a day, can't bark, but he sure can eat & drink. We just are taking care of him one day at a time.

Al & Janice Popek leaving for HWI for a one week vacation. My oh my we do hope they can get on a flight; all the flights seem to be full even in economy, especially in SFO & LAX.

It has been confirmed at this meeting our Christmas party will be held on Dec. 2 at Johnny's restaurant. Guests are invited. But we have not come up with costs as of this meeting, but will know at our meeting in Nov. Remember, bring an unwrapped gift for a child.

Calendar

Meeting 1st Tues. of the month, 11:30 a.m., Johnny's Restaurant, 1780 Federal Highway US 1, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952-7112. Phone 772-878-2626

THE VILLAGES AIRLINE RETIREES

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In lieu of the Sept. meeting a picnic was held at the Chatham facility. A large number of members participated. It took more tables to display the food than for the participants to eat. Well almost. However, being at the end of the line, most of it had disappeared. Isabel Buchanan & yours truly had a prior commitment, had to depart before the games began. By scanning the game table, a lot of excitement would be produced later.

There was no meeting in Oct.

From the point of planning, the group will meet at the usual place, Saddlebrook, for the Nov. meeting the 3rd Thurs. of the month at 7:00 p.m.

GEORGIA

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This will be a composite Sept. & Oct. report.

34 Flyers showed up for the meeting & lunch at the Hampton House in Hampton, GA. The lunch was served buffet style; the food was very good, as usual. Tom Wheeler one of our new members was present. Bill Carlson is ever faithful traveling some distance to attend the meetings. Ray Owen gave us information about camping & a possible place for an overnight trip at Fall Creek Falls State Resort Park, Route 3, Pikeville, TN, near Chattanooga.

It is always sad when we lose one of our good friends & fellow members. Frank Merkel passed away in Aug. after a long battle with illness. Many friends & fellow employees from all over the country remembered Frank as one of the nicest, kindest men they have known.

The Oct. 1 meeting was held at Indian Springs State Park in Flovilla, GA with 17 Flyers present plus 1 guest, Betty Pass, a retired Delta employee. The facilities were excellent, with a large screened-in picnic pavilion with ceiling fans & restrooms inside. The pavilion overlooked a large lake. Lunch was prepared by our own Grill Sergeant, Ray Owen; the food was excellent. The members brought side dishes & dessert. V.P. Sandy Lis conducted the meeting in the absence of Bruce Brodersen who was out of town. Nov. 5 meeting is scheduled at a new place for us at the Fire Mountain Restaurant and Grill in Newnan, GA. Plans are being made for the Christmas event Dec. 10. This meeting will be held at the Hopeful Community Center in Fayetteville, GA. Our new members are Tom Wheeler, ATLCG; Ralph Fadner, ORDFO & Jone Angell-Manley, LAXSW.

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BOISE GEMS

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Bud Peters opened the meeting, with 31 in attendance, by thanking Kirt Miller for his generous donation to our Warhawk Air Museum fund. Although he & his wife, Lynne aren't able to attend our meetings, he does read the Newsletter. It was there that Kirt learned the GEMS were contributing money at each of our monthly

meetings, to buy showcases for the UAL memorabilia that Don Behrendt and his crew have so studiously collected. Lots of material on display there already, & we could easily fill a couple more cases. *Thank you, Kirt!* Our Warhawk committee met at J.B.'s in Meridian, Oct. 13.

Bud then gave us a rundown on each of our members who are sidelined because of health. Al Cox had the misfortune of breaking his hip, has had a very rough time of it. Once hospitalized, they discovered he had pneumonia. He pulled out of that & the pain OK, followed by a successful hip replacement. Then he was transferred to the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital in Boise for physical therapy & rehab. There he developed a blood clot in his leg. Back to the hospital. After that he will return to Elks for a continuation of the rehab. Al would appreciate hearing from old friends. Hoping he will be home by the time you read this, here's his home address & phone number: 3883 S. Tumbleweed Pl., Boise, ID 83687, (208) 376-9193. Sadly, Al's wife, Jodie, who has Alzheimer's had to be placed in a nursing home.

Malcolm MacCoy is off his medication, but managed to attend a Rotary meeting the other day. He, too, has suffered much pain, & has ups and downs; however, he is bravely fighting a desperate battle with considerable courage. He missed this meeting, but has been with us regularly through thick & thin & never complains. Frank Schell is back in St. Alphonse's Regional Medical Center in Boise, but he promises to keep us apprised of his condition.

Bill & Madeline Jones' son-in-law, a major in the US Army special forces, was seriously wounded in Iraq in late Aug. He is currently in Walter Reed Army Medical Center, undergoing treatment. Bill says the prognosis is good.

We pray for all of these good people. Also our deepest sympathy to Sharon Nash & family, on the death of her husband, Harold "Red" Nash, a retired Boise Police Dept. captain.

Holbrook Maslen took first place in the Silver at the Reno Air Races this year! In fact he brought home 3 trophies. He won the Silver race in his Formula 1 aircraft, named Judy, with a speed of 223.908 mph. His newly-restored YAK was on display there. He couldn't attend our meeting on Oct. 6, but we will get him to celebrate on his

adventures at our Nov., meeting. As is normal for Holbrook, *he has been active!*

Want a job well done? Enlist a busy person - that's Bud Peters, our prez. When he's not calling on our members who are ailing, also those who are not, he's out helping to run a program for the Muscular Sclerosis Society. When he's not doing that, he is recruiting new members. When he's not doing that he is a volunteer walking scorekeeper at the Boise Open. "It's really a fun job," he tells us. "Not only are you inside the ropes, but you get to see how golf was meant to be played."

There was a meeting of the Christmas banquet committee immediately following our meeting. We'll have the particulars in time for next month's Newsletter. The basics are the date, time & place: Dec. 8, 6 p.m, Owyhee Plaza Hotel. Mark your calendars, folks.

Bud explained that, while we talked him into serving a second year, he is not available for a third year. He asked for volunteers to serve on a nominating committee, but no takers. With no other choice, he will name a nominating committee. Our chapter has grown from 45 to 98 members during his term. Bud has done a great job in 2 years & deserves to be set free to accomplish his other retirement goals. I for one am disappointed that more of the recent retirees from BOI station haven't joined RUAEA & turned out to support the GEMS chapter.

In the travel dept., we still have a few die-hards. Pete & Dorothy Trock just returned from the Bay Area where they visited their daughter, Julie Corten of SFOOV, and their new granddaughter. Dorothy is now getting ready for knee and shoulder surgery this month. Ted & Ann Pumphrey flew to Springfield, IL (via ORD & DEN) to see his 96-year-old aunt who is in a nursing home. Couldn't get on 2 flights ORD-DEN, thus missing the trip to BOI. This necessitated a 5-hour wait. Charley & Shirley Law attended Shirley's family reunion at Silver City, an old ID mining town; 76 relatives attended, ages 2 ½ months to 92 years of age, far outnumbering the population of Silver City.

We had 28 GEMS attend our evening out at the Café Ole in Boise Old Town. Food, service & atmosphere were excellent, as always.

Ron Hamman advises that his committee to find a new location for our monthly breakfast meetings will have a decision n/l/t our Dec. meeting. We will

meet at the new location on the first Mon. of each month starting Jan. 2004. *Many thanks, Ron.*

Calendar

Nov. 3 - Breakfast meeting at Perkin's on Franklin, 9:30 a.m.

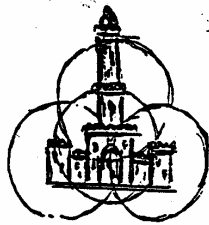
Dec. 1 - Breakfast at Perkin's on Franklin, 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 8 - Christmas party & banquet.

ILLINOIS

LOOP GROUP

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How nice to say "HELLO" again to old friends Ted & Anita Jung, Marge Nelson, Helen & Tony Stefanos, Ron Madsen. It's always a pleasure to greet Lillian & Roe Mallstrom, Mary Gray, Stefanie Simpson. Beverly Connor brought a lively guest. Naturally there was much laughter, talk more talk; the menu, delicious...of course. Helen Stefanos asked the manager when the lamb chops were to be served. Answer - soon.

Please note. The last Loop Group luncheon for 2003 has been changed; the new date is Wed., Nov. 5. Why? Because the French Quarter was booked for a special event by the hotel. It was decided not to meet on the 2nd Wed. because it would interfere with ARTEMIS Luncheon. Sooo, the first Wed., the 5th of Nov. was agreed upon.

Autumn is very inviting, so winter can't be far behind. Good wishes & good luck to United for flying the Friendly Skies. All the best & looking forward to seeing you in Nov.

Calendar

Nov. 5 - 11:30 a.m., French Quarter, Palmer House

CHICAGO SKYLINERS



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At our Northside Breakfast, in the crowd of over 75 retirees, we found two new bodies as first-

timers. They are Judy Kubon who worked in the Finance Dept. & the Credit Union (phone #847-382-0542) & Cas Paprocki who worked in ORDAM. His seniority date was 7-8-55. He lives at 635 E. Stark Dr., Palatine, IL 60074 (phone #847-358-5061). Also here for the first time in a long time was Evelyn Schmitt, EXORT, who retired 26 years ago & remembers Duane Vincent as her Supervisor.

Here is a little note for Georgya Schneider from Lynn M. Kmiecik who is wishing her a big get well message for a recovery from heart surgery. She hopes to see you soon.

Bob Pitts, who retired in Aug. '96 from ORDCG, is traveling to CA for the month of Oct. for a visit with friends of long acquaintance.

Al & Sherrie Hughes, 610 E. Granville, Roselle, 60172, in early June took a great cruise from England to St. Petersburg, Russia & return. They met a lot of British people, found not many U.S. people traveling. Enjoyed sailing the Grandeur of the Seas of Royal Caribbean Cruise Line. Then went to Australia for a cousin's wedding. After the wedding had a drive for several days between Brisbane & Sydney. Their flights on UAL were good.

Now read about Chuck Simons & his daughter Amy who went to England recently, spending 3 days in Cotswold - an area among the best preserved rural districts of England. Then from the airport took a bus to Oxford & a train to Mareton-in-Marsh, staying at a 16th century Manor House, now a hotel. They did many side trips. An interesting 3 days & very enjoyable. The remaining 4 days they spent in London doing the usual tourist sights.

We regret to report the sudden death of Otho Masterson at age 80. He was a resident of Matteson, but formerly of Park Forest. At United Airlines, he was a Senior Systems Analyst for 36 years. His military career included service as a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He was a WW II prisoner of war in Germany for 22 months. He is mourned by wife, Joan, 7 children, 13 grandchildren, & 5 great grandchildren.

At our Southside Brunch of 34 people, we heard about Esther & Al Broderson who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 5 with 70 guests in attendance at the Bohemian Crystal for a celebration dinner

Melvin Fisher just got back from AZ where it was 106 degrees in the shade. He stayed in Sun City with a sister who is 87 years old. A brother-in-law is 92 years old. He doesn't play golf like he used to - the weather was too hot. So they only play five holes on the greens.

We had one 1st-timer in the group - Wes Roak who worked in ORDFP for 25 years, phone #703-857-7493.

Calendar

Southside Brunch - Last Tues. of the month, 10:00 a.m., Grandma Sally's Pancake House, 8500 S. Harlem, Bridgeview, IL

Northside Breakfast - 2nd Wed. of the month, 9:00 a.m., Artemis Restaurant, Golf Rd. & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL

Dec. 9 - Christmas Luncheon, Itasca Country Club.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters currently has members from 5 of the 6 New England states, VT being the exception. However, we invite retirees from BTV (who haven't moved to FL), to join and make us a true New England chapter.

Our newest members are Donna Hanlon, ORDSW & Elizabeth Palmer, BOSOO. Welcome!

I received a call from Don Sullivan with the "Dixie Flyers", advising of the passing of Frank Merkel. Frank didn't join the Nor'Easters, because he moved south, but he was well known by everyone at Logan Airport. Also departed, is Dick Peshek, a past Nor'Easter member. Our condolences to both families.

My word processor of many years finally went caput. I am working with my first computer, a machine that makes one feel like a dummy. Needless to say, none of the programs are interchangeable, so I am creating all new formats. Chapter members will receive 2004 renewal early. Please, help your secretary, fill in & return ASAP. Some new formats will be based on this information.

Calendar

Dec. 9 - Christmas luncheon, Jimmy's Allenhurst, Route 114, Danvers, MA

MICHIGAN



Detroit, Michigan

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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16 Escapees plus guest Joan Langlois, guest of Debbie LeFebvre, gathered at Fishbone's on the East Side, on Oct. 2. Our host, Dollie Sellers, surprised all with early Halloween treats and we didn't even have to go begging, but brought back many memories of long ago.

Several Escapees joined the semi-annual Loonie rendezvous in TVC, Oct. 15-17.

Lastly, keep in your prayers Bill Merriweather plus all our hurting & recovering loved ones.

Calendar

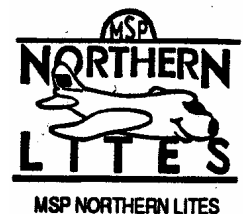
First Thurs. of month; location varies; please call or e-mail.

MINNESOTA

MSP/St. Paul

NORTHERN LITES

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A beautiful but windy Sept. day brought 31 Northern Lites to lunch plus new member Diane Lloyd of ORDSW who commuted for many years from the Twin Cities, & Marlene Overpeck, alumna from the days of MSP having a Reservations Office.

We are saddened to report the death of Bob "Pappy" Price, veteran of dealing with many a mechanical problem over the years. Condolences may be sent to his family at 1515 East 62nd St., Richfield, MN 55423. We were sorry to notice Ed Lewis's obituary in the Newsletter. He had moved

from the Twin Cities some years ago, but had been the Station Manger at MSP during the 70s.

The prayer chains are out for Al & Bonnie Gunderson; Al had hip replacement surgery, and Bonnie is battling cancer.

Nel Brawner received some new members to her family. She is the proud mama of 4 llamas, one of which will make her a grandma soon. She's having a ball with those critters! I think maybe Winston & Dexter (her dogs) have their noses out of joint a bit, though. They've had her all to themselves for a long time.

Due to the remodeling of the restaurant, we've been meeting at for several years, we've been forced to find a new location. After they're finished with their rehab, there would not be a meeting room large enough for our group. Thanks to the search efforts of Arlene Kelley, JoAnn Eichacker, Bette Briest, Jim Simon, Nel Brawner & others, it's been decided that we'd meet at the West St. Paul Old Country Buffet for the months of Nov., Dec. & Jan. Buffet dining, a meeting room & reasonable cost were the driving issues in that selection. We can assess it after Jan. whether we want to search further or stay in West St. Paul. Input from everyone is important; however, those who don't attend to find out if it's good or bad aren't eligible to complain.

Calendar

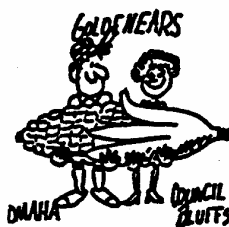
Lunch at Old Country Buffet, West St. Paul, at Hwy. 494 & So. Robert Street, 2nd Wed. of the month, 11:30 a.m.

NEBRASKA

Omaha

GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 38 at the Greek Islands. Thanks to Elaine Boner for hosting and also for treating us to her homemade baklava - delicious. It was great to have Mickey Koewler join us; I must say she looked great.

Helen Taylor had her 80th birthday on Aug. 30. Still looks like a teenager...Congratulations, Helen.

What one doesn't find around the house. Marianne Brown sent me an ad from the World-Herald dated Aug. 10, 1961 for Shaver's Market (remember them?) USDA choice Chuck Roasts - blade cut 39 cents a lb., arm cut 49 cents a lb. Swanson's TV dinners, all varieties 55 cents, Franks 2 lb. bag 69 cents, Armour Star bacon 59 cents lb.

Calendar

Dec. 2 - Anthony's, hosted by Ev & Shirley Payton and Dave & Teddy Letts.

NEVADA



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were quite a few new faces attending the Sept. meeting for which we are happy.

The Meeks, Jim & Ethel and the Wagners, Jim & Robarto are members of the Sacramento Gold Diggers and have joined our group. Pat Zaboki is a new member and has retired from SFO. Her husband John has been here since last spring & has supervised the construction of a new home. Pat is anxious to explore the by-ways of NV. There is a lot of space out there Pat, have fun.

Jeff Nimori attended for the first time since his wife Sara died. He has no plans to leave for a while. Our sympathy to him for the void he must feel. The Bachellors brought their granddaughter, Katrina Kellog, as a guest. She attends UNR.

Summer activities: The Nettles attended their 50th High School Reunion at Lake Tahoe. The McGuires attended reunions with their family & their 61st High School Reunion at Lake Havasu. Elizabeth Haws visited Louise Birch in Trinity Center, CA as well as attending 2 funerals & a wedding. The Wagners visited Grand Canyon for a second time; no one ever tires of that jewel. Congratulations to Tom & Brenda Pagni who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and Brenda's British friends said it would never last. Mary Withers, our secretary, is about to have dental surgery, get well soon Mary.

NEW JERSEY

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The regular meeting of the NJ Gardenstaters was held Sept. 24 at Snuffy's Restaurant, Scotch Plains, NJ, 60 members & spouses in attendance. Pres. Dick Confer held a moment of silence for 3 members who have passed away, Sidney Mc Neil, Tony Rusomano & Zeke Milhalik. He also mentioned that Norman Hills' wife is in the hospital. New member attending is Bob Fatovic & his wife Arlene. Vi Etler read the minutes from the July meeting & Aug. picnic - no corrections. An e-mail from Jeri Juth, Northwest Director for RUAEA received by Violet Etler was read in regards to volunteers helping out at the airport. Response was sent indicating that the Gardenstaters already volunteer in many activities held at the airport. John Deily indicated that pictures for the Newark Liberty Airport Career Day & from our picnic were on display. Pres. reported our picnic was a great success; it was a beautiful day; everyone participated in the activities.

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse was enjoyed by those attending. We would like to see more go to the next one. Charlie Prose is not only a comedian but an actor as well. No meeting in Nov.; it will be combined with the Dec. holiday meeting on Dec. 10.

The airport held a luncheon for all the volunteers that participated in the career day. The next career day will be May 12 & 13, 2004. We hope there will be more volunteers next year. United Retirees are the only ones that volunteer.

John Murphy suggested that we participate in the program "Toys for Tots" which is sponsored by the Marine Corp of Red Bank. Toys can be brought in at the Dec. meetings. No price limit, new & unwrapped. Motion was made to participate in the "Toys for Tots" program. All in favor.

Take your work seriously, but don't take yourself too seriously.

NEW YORK

GUYS AND DOLLS

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Early Oct. was a big vacation get-away for many of our members, so our luncheon on Oct. 7 was a small group of 13. Marlene Williamson, a recent JFKSW retiree was a 1st-time attendee.

Pres. Marge Segal opened the meeting welcoming our small group of which many had just returned from their travels. Roy Portelli, V.P., had just completed his trip with Jules & Rose Schneider to the Ozarks, Nashville & Memphis. He swears they saw Elvis leaving the building!! Diane Goldberg will be participating again with the Senior Action Committee to preserve Medicare coverage and pharmaceutical costs. Linda Lohelino just returned from London, Rose Rerucha from Italy, Jeanne Leo from Spain & Pam Jones from Scandinavia. Marlene Doran reports that she visited her elderly parents in Charles City, IA frequently.

It was good to see Jean Bartosek feeling good after a long absence.

Our holiday party will be Dec. 2. We expect a large attendance, so we must have your RSVP by Nov. 15!! There will be a charge of \$10 p/p to cover the cost of tapas & sangria. As in the past, we will order lunch from the menu & pay individually.

Calendar

Dec. 2 - 12 noon, 143 East 49th St., San Martin Restaurant (between 3rd & Lex Aves.). RSVP to Jeanne Leo (212) 753-6128, Marge Segal (212) 855-1788

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

The Oct. 1 meeting held at the Milleridge Inn was enjoyed by 50 members & 2 new retirees, Douglas Walsh & Al Vermillo. This report is being

submitted by Joe Totaro in the absence of Rose Schneider, our recording secretary, who, along with her husband, Julius & Roy Portelli are in Branson, MO attending Roy Portelli's Korean War Veterans Reunion.

The meeting was started with the pledge to the flag & a prayer for Martha Mongelli who passed away on Sept. 22 after a long battle with cancer. Martha was the heart & soul of the Metro New York Chapter. Martha who was not a retiree, but the spouse of Rocky Mongelli a long time United retiree was our "Social Director", Sunshine Lady" & handled the arrangements for our annual picnic & Christmas Banquet. Martha was the recipient of the "John Pucillo Award", "Arthur Shepherd Memorial Award" and the "Metro New York Presidents Award". Martha fought her illness all the way, never gave in to it. Martha had attended our Sept. meeting after a hospital stay, was very upbeat & started planning our Christmas Banquet. WE WILL ALL MISS YOU, MARTHA.

Our Oct. birthday list was headed by Daniel Duran & Joseph Musynski who celebrated their 87th birthday in Oct. Happy Birthday to all celebrating birthdays in Oct. Our Oct. anniversaries are headed by Patricia & Robert Gilson and Rose & Michael Maddi who celebrated their 51st and Elizabeth & Edward Smith who celebrated the 54th in Oct. Happy Anniversary to all who celebrated anniversaries in Oct.

Charlie Kaczinski brought us up-to-date on what is happening at United. Doug Walsh brought us up-to-date on the status of the retired IAM members, who were represented by District 141M which is no longer representing the United Airlines Maintenance personnel.

Joseph Totaro was re-elected Pres. & Rose Schneider was re-elected Recording Sec'y by acclimation of the membership. The membership selected a recipient for the "Arthur Shepherd Presidents Award" and the past recipients of the award selected the recipient of the "John Pucillo Award". Both recipients will be announced & honored at our Christmas Banquet.

Calendar

Nov. 5 - 12:00 noon - Milleridge Inn

Dec. 3 - 12:00 noon - Milleridge Inn

OHIO



BUCKEYES

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Oct. 8, The Ohio Buckeyes luncheon was held in Cleveland's Little Italy at Nido Italia on Mayfield Rd. The luncheon was hosted by Sharon Minelli. Thank you Sharon.

At our Sept. meeting we welcomed 5 new members. Our chapter membership is now approaching 246 members. We are growing in leaps & bounds. Welcome Aboard! We also acknowledged Aug. & Sept. birthdays & anniversaries. Cards were mailed to Joe Rowan, Frank Frink & Mary Ellen Pekar. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. Please no phone calls, but cards may be sent.

Our chapter is sponsoring a friend who is going to walk 26.2 miles in a marathon in Jan. for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by helping raise funds. So far she has raised \$2,000. Her goal is \$3,000. Donations will continue to be collected until Dec. 15. The Walk Of The World will take place on Jan. 11 in Orlando. There will be 16,000 participants involved in the 6 hr. walk. Donations will go to the Society not for the marathon expenses. If you would like to donate any amount, please send a check made out to: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Send the check to: Mrs. Carol Hacker, 16 Church St., Olmsted Township, OH 44138.

We are still looking for some volunteer(s) to fill the month of April 2004. If you know of a good restaurant or some adventurous place to go for our group, please contact one of the officers. We need to know ASAP.

Reiterating what Dolly Taucher, our Treas., said last month regarding Prescription Reimbursement. As of this publishing, the Fax # is 217-698-2883. The cover letter should read: Blue Cross Blue Shield of IL., Attn.: Claims. Subj.: Prescription Reimbursement. On the body write: Please process ASAP. Also, have claim forms & copy of labels.

Dolly also gave us information regarding: Will,

POA, Living Will & Medical POA. Have an attorney prepare a Transfer on Death Deed. This deed is not recorded. Keep this form at home. When a person expires take the Death Certificate along with Transfer of Death Deed, have name changed and have it recorded. This keeps it out of Probate Court. She also touched on credit card theft. Remember that there is a maximum personal liability of \$50. Also, remember when selling a vehicle, make sure that the title is changed, so that the seller is not liable. Thanks again, Dolly for your invaluable information.

The "Old Cleveland Gang" (CLEMM, GQ, PV, CG, JL, etc. guys) meet at Eat-n-Park in Medina for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on the 2nd Wed. of each month, except when the Buckeyes have their monthly meeting on the same day. If that happens "The Gang" meets for breakfast the following day. Please contact Vince Malena if you wish to attend. Also, Cleveland Customer Service Agents meet the last Wed. of every month at The Station in Berea at 12 noon.

I hope you enjoy this poem written by Catherine E. Berry.

A Season Of The Heart

The frost-tipped leaves now lie in drifts
On lane and city street,
Their scarlet beauty tinged to bronze;
And earth and sky now meet
On far horizons dimmed to gray
Foretelling winter's cold;
A blue mist shimmers on the hills
Swept clean of autumn's gold.,

The splendor of the harvest fills
The coffers of the land,
And grateful hearts give thanks for all
The bounty from God's hand.
The work of earth is finished now
And busy hands can rest;
Thanksgiving prayers are offered up
And every home is blessed.

But let us hold this thought before
November days depart...
Not just for now...Thanksgiving is
A season of the heart.

Calendar

Nov. 5 - Marcal's Of Middleburg Hts. Reservations only

Dec. 10 - **Annual Christmas Party** at Piper's Three Restaurant. Please note the date; this is the 2nd Wed. of the month. Reservations only. Deadline Nov. 28.

Jan. 2004 - No meeting in Jan.

Feb. 4 - Dimitri's Restaurant. More information to follow

FYI - The Annual Picnic will be held at Albin Woods on Pearl Rd., located in Strongsville.

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ERS

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As I write this our city is buzzing with soccer fever. The women's semi-finals are being held in PDX this weekend; everywhere you look there are groups from other countries. It is like being from the UAL family. So many of us have been fortunate to travel all over the world so we can appreciate what they are feeling.

There were exactly 100 members at the Sept. luncheon. Tina Lewis gave a report on the travel desk & thanked all of the volunteers who work diligently to make it a success. Regular volunteers are May Betler, Tom Harvey, Duane Heidegger, Rance Ishibashi, Ruth Larson, Tina Lewis, Inge Pempeit, Jim Psinos, Jim Riddelle, Joan Strickfaden, George Thomas & Dick Wahlberg. Susie Clack, Tony Farley, Darlene Jensen, Harvey Larkin, Carole Luyton, Frank Rippon & Don Rodgers are on call and fill in when necessary.

The report on illnesses for Sept. is as follows: Margaret Borbely had pneumonia but should be recovered by now; Ed Loewen fell & broke his nose; Harold Miller was in a motorcycle accident (that is all I know). The sunshine committee asked me to send good wishes to Hilton & Lenore Taylor.

Remember to bring your favorites dessert to the Thanksgiving luncheon.

The travel desk is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mon/Wed/Fri (503-249-4142 & 4143). Anyone

with UAL can avail themselves of these services and the staff is always willing to assist with information and listings.

Calendar

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR unless noted otherwise.

Nov. 12 - Thanksgiving luncheon

Dec. 10 - Christmas luncheon

Jan. 14 - TBA.



OUR CLUB

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Our appreciation to Bob & Ida Rodgers for hosting the Sept. luncheon at the Elks Club in Grants Pass with 28 members & guests attending. It seems so many of our members are traveling, we rarely have 100% attendance, so it was enjoyable to have folks in the area & catch up on news, events, trips.

Robert & Judy Machado who recently joined "Our Club" brought 2 guests, Jim & Sue Mattos. Jim retired from APU shop, SFO Maintenance Base, July 14, 2003. They moved from Newark, CA, now residing in Central Point, OR. Jim & Sue own a home in Pollock Pines, CA so plan to spend one-third of their time in CA and the rest in OR. We welcome Jim & Sue as our newest members.

Bob & Harriet Thibault brought their friends Mike & Kathleen Schiffke. They live in Springfield, OR, about 135 miles from Grants Pass so will not be members but hope to make lunches when in the area. Talk about traveling! Since retirement Mike & Kathleen have taken 17 international trips, & in between, several trips to HWI. They tell me the "most exotic were the Seychelles Islands and Bali, Hungary, Poland & Czech Republic were a surprise because they were beautiful & charming, not dreary & backward as one might expect."

This is the time of year we elect new officers. Bob Lindberg accepted nomination for Pres., & Lorraine Presley accepted nomination for Sec'y. Barbara Hickox will continue in position of Treas. for another year. Elections will be held at the next quarterly meeting.

Calendar

Dec. 5 is the next quarterly luncheon meeting hosted by Marilyn Sheldon. Location to be announced. Anyone wishing to attend can call me, 541-955-8538 or e-mail dla@terragon.com.

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia, PA

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Our committee met on Sept. 26 at Kathy & Al Edward's house. Al was kind enough to cook a delicious lunch for all of us. Attendees included: Pres. Bernie McNamee, Treas. Frank Eggles, Al & Kathy Edwards, Tom & Pat Lyons, Shirley Roberts & Dee Burrs.

Frank Eggles distributed an updated member list; we reviewed it for any corrections or additions.

We are sad to announce the death of Pete Kuzer & Thom Ross' wife, Christine. 3 of our members are very, very ill: Hank McGill, Steve Huber & Don Miller. They could use your prayers & support.

Receiving the RUAEA newsletter by e-mail was encouraged to help reduce costs. Some members felt they are not "computer literate" enough or do not have the ability to print or read online (with no printer).

Attention New Jersey members. To save some money coming to our meetings, if you are over age 65 you may purchase a senior book of bridge tickets for \$20.00. This gives you 20 coupons to go over the Ben Franklin, Walt Whitman or Barry Bridge. This \$1.00 per trip is quite a saving over the normal \$3.00 toll. You may pick up application at the Delaware River Bridge Authority during normal hours Mon-Fri or contact them at Box 1949, Camden, NJ 08101-1949, attn: Toll Accounting.



Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers

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I must start off the Nov. Newsletter by wishing

all my former Marines throughout the country a Happy Birthday (Nov. 10) "Semper FI".

Our Oct. trip to the races was sold out again - I'll let you know if we had any lucky winners next month.

Get well wishes to a great lady, Emma Sable, mother of Lois Varrenti who underwent major eye surgery. She's doing quite well. Our condolences to Phyliss Smith on the death of her mother recently. Her mother lived to the ripe old age of 97 and until recently Lena was quite active. She was an accomplished seamstress and very active in the community. Cards can be sent to Phyliss at 1672 Henrici Ave., Ambridge, PA 15003.

Just received word that Jenny Michalica passed away on Sept. 29. Jenny was a cleaner for Capital & United for many years. Our condolences to her family.

Also Ted & Bernie Zyzak want to express their thanks for all the prayers for Bernie's son who is recovering from leukemia. He seems to finally be on the road to recovery.

The Golden Girls will have met for their quarterly luncheon by this publication. Patti Ellis so kindly volunteered to chair the event. Thanks Patti.

Although Nov. is our "off" month, we'll soon be getting ready for our busy month of Dec. We start the month off by honoring the 2003 retirees and end up with the annual Christmas luncheon and our annual open house - brings us right into the New Year.

Don't forget any of you out there willing to volunteer to help our RUAEA on the national level - give me a call. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Calendar

Dec. 5 - Annual New Retirees Dinner, Beaver Lakes Country Club

Dec. 18 - Christmas Luncheon - election of officers, Peter's Place

Dec. 19 - Bernie & Jeri's annual open house.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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Hosts Jack & Sue Ferrell welcomed us to Cardin's Landing in Tellico Plaines, where they had arranged for a delicious sandwich for our luncheon meeting. All were delighted by the beautiful location next to the Tellico River in the Cherokee Mountains, the warm breeze & sunny weather. Jack offered grace & we ate hearty.

V.P. Jerry Barr, welcomed our visitor, Kay Innocenti, a former United employee stationed at TYS, now living in Chico, CA. Kay flew in on the red eye the night before our picnic. We were glad she included our picnic meeting in her plans.

Pres. Ed Valente welcomed all and offered information on United's low cost operations. The service will be initiated in DEN next year. He also spoke on the company's pension funding plans, as provided in the Sept. 5 Newsreel. Jerry Kozik later reported our pension is under-funded by \$46 billion. Ed reported on the statistic on the new Airbus 380 aircraft, double deck aircraft. The interest was so great that Ed will be putting together material for a more detail presentation later this year.

Jerry Barr's guests, Jerry & Joanie Kozik, were re-introduced. Jerry Kozik spoke on vital subjects of interest to us, based partly on a weekly conference call Pres. Tilton had initiated for management employees. Jerry discussed improved load factors vs. reduced schedule. Salary reductions are on-going. Bankruptcy plans & recovery were discussed. Jerry also reported on UAL's equipment and on the recent abandonment of the Auckland route.

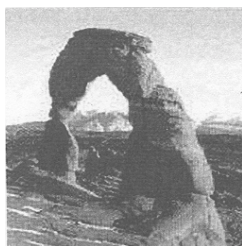
Treas. Dave Leonhard was in attendance after an absence due to Evelyn's illness and subsequent death.

Elections of new officers will be held at our Nov. meeting. The Nov. meeting will be a luncheon on Historic Rugby, with Cal & Maxine Anthony hosting.

Historian Jack Ferrell took group pictures before we departed an absolutely great summer picnic. Jack was congratulated on a terrific photo history he is keeping. After breaking up, about a third of the group ventured up into the mountains to visit Black River Falls.

Anyone can steer a ship when the sea is calm.

UTAH



THE SALT LAKERS

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On Sept. 17, 20 chapter members met for coffee and...dry bread! Our regular donut-person could not make it to the meeting, but a nearby baker had dropped off some tasty crusty baguette.

Our new chapter president Pete Loyola welcomed everyone & suggested that, at each chapter meeting, a few members might give a little talk regarding their UAL career. Today's volunteers for this recollection were: Pete (Jackie) Loyola, Hank (Mary) Bons, Bill (Shirley) Ottman whose collective United careers spanned a total of 113 years. (36-36-41, respectively).

The Loyolas just returned from a great European trip that included a visit to Spain's HQ of the "Society of Jesus" founded by Ignatius Loyola in 1539 (& approved in 1540 by Pope Paul III); today, it is best known as the "Order of Jesuits" -- The Ottmans, too, made their own odyssey that took them 6,000 miles, per car, through parts of Canada & across the US to the East Coast where Bill Ottman grew up. The chapter members were glad to see both parties return in good health.

We welcomed two new members: Doug Schwartz (from No. CA) & Dave Pearce (UT). We hope they will enjoy our meetings as we have enjoyed seeing them.

Something new was added to today's meeting: With everyone contributing a small amount, a name was drawn for the lucky winner of a *Nordstrom* gift card. Keith Tronier won!

Calendar

Nov. 19 - Coffee, 10 a.m., Murray Heritage Center
Dec. 10 - Christmas potluck, 12 noon, (new location!) Cornerstone Community Center, 10194 S. Cornerstone Dr., S. Jordan, UT

Good manners are free, but they are also priceless.

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Our regular monthly luncheon was cancelled because of hurricane Isabel, but in its place on Sept. 27 our group had a pig roast in Chesapeake at the Ruitan Club. Families & friends were invited. A big turnout. Former Capital & United people were delighted to see each other after so many years. After greeting each other we all went in for lunch. Connie McManus, our Pres., welcomed everyone & a luncheon prayer was given by Bob Riggs. The food was delicious. For refreshments some members baked cake, brought iced tea & soft drinks for beverages. Bob Collins told his usual funny jokes. Four \$20 raffles were drawn - these were the net profit from the pig roast. Our thanks to all who made this afternoon possible.

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Our annual Sept. luncheon, held Sept. 9 aboard the Royal Argosy ship in Elliot Bay had 60 Slickers aboard, plus 6 friends of the Rudzinskis' from the Tacoma Historical Museum. Most of them have joined us before. One of those ladies won a door prize that Hank Gosselin had still in its plastic wrap. She modeled a beautiful denim jacket that had raised denim on the back saying "Shuttle" and an outline of a plane flying. The buffet could not have been better.

Ken Wagner a recent SEARR retiree joined our group and enjoyed the ship. Jean Watson, SEARR, also joined us. Vilou Gray brought her sister Marilou who was visiting from Clearwater, FL. Again more oohs & aahs for the ship, weather & food.

Guy Lamond put together a reunion of his

military outfit in RNO at Circus Circus in Sept.

Lyle Myers attended his military reunion in Lex in Sept.

Sandy Getty is recovering nicely from hip surgery & hopes to join us soon. She is excited about RUAEA next May and doing some volunteer work.

Hank Gosselin has put together a diversity of chairman for different functions of the convention. We appreciate the help from our RUAEA advisors, also the help of the Double Tree Inn. You will be pleasantly surprised at the tours Ken Rudzinski is working on. Hank is also taking names and phone numbers of volunteers for committees.

For your travel plans, now & future, don't forget our travel desk is available Mon/Tue/Wed/Thur, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (206) 433-4218. You will get a live, friendly voice to help with your plans and check loads. We will be open during convention next year too.

Calendar

Nov. 11 - Luncheon at Golden Steer in Kent

Nov. 16 - Navy Band Concert in Keyport, WA, bus ride & dinner

Jan. 13 - Luncheon at Fairwood C&G

Feb. 10 - Luncheon at Maxi's on the fifth floor of the Double Tree Inn.

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Our Oct. get-together was hosted by Paul & Marlene Bennett. It was held at the Chewelah Casino in Chewelah, WA, just north of Spokane on Oct. 4. It was the 1st get-together Lance & I have missed since I can't remember when. They had a good time in spite of our absence. Glad & George Press are back from Newfoundland & will stay home for the winter except for the occasional United trip to visit their children & grandson.

It has been a long time since we had seen Dale & Terry Burgess. They attended the Harvester in Sept. It was good to see Terry up and about again after her long bout with physical therapy after her

back surgery. She looked somewhat thinner but just as pretty as ever.

On Oct. 1 many of us joined in the celebration of life of yet another of our retirees. Norb (Norm) Goedde passed away Sept. 27, survived by Penny, his wife of 35 years, as well as children, grandchildren, sisters & brothers. He was 81 years young. He had worked for United for 45 years and had served in the Marine Corp. He was a mechanic when I met him in 1965. Rather than move his family he transferred to Air Freight before retiring.

Even though the circumstances were not to our liking, it was nice to see Harvey & Margaret Bouland at the service. It has been a long time since most of us have seen them; they looked great.

I received a call from Dutch Wagner last week. He & Peg were in town visiting their daughter & family. He said to say "Hello" to one & all. He is having a problem with a knee. He discussed knees with Lance to compare procedures. It seems as we get to those golden years we have a lot to talk about, pills, surgeries, vitamin supplements, exercise and on and on. Oh well! Exercise reminds me of Lance's & my success with weight loss. Lance is at 50 plus pounds of weight loss & I am at 30 plus since March 15. It has made a difference in the discomfort we used to have in the hips & knees. It has given us a lifestyle change that we can live with. We are very close to our goal.

I will not have an excuse not to attend the convention next year as it is driving distance. I am looking forward to the May 2004 convention.

Dave & Teresa Reisenhauer went to LAS to have a little fun at the casinos. Dave somehow got involved with a urinary tract infection that went into the bloodstream, ended up in the luxury suite at a local Vegas Hilton hospital where he spent a few days before returning home. That isn't my idea of a good time away from home & I'm sure Dave & Theresa agree. He is doing fine now. By the way, David shaved his head but still has a beard very neatly groomed.

Wes & Laura Nearing made the drive to Spangle to the Harvester for the Sept. dinner. Paul & Marlene Bennett whom we had not seen recently graciously agreed to host the Oct. event. They too will be heading south for the winter & we hope to have them as guests in Palm Springs along with Bob & Edie Clark who say they are headed south. Willie & Frank Storey & Jerry & Edna Tefft all

made it to the Harvester. Vera tells us Les is getting ready to go hunting. He has his camp site already set up.

Pauline Miller's daughter is doing well with the chemotherapy

Lance & I returned from Fairmont Hot Springs, BC the 30th of Sept. We had spent a week there. Weather was high 70s. Lance was able to golf 3 times. The Hillside Resort where we stayed sets at the headwaters of the Columbia River. The scenery is spectacular; we were close enough to deer to pet them. They also had a sign in the club house that a cougar was spotted nearby; luckily we didn't meet him on one of our walks.

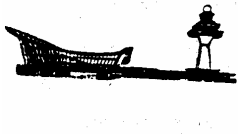
The Christmas party will be held at the Chic-A-Ria hosted by Les & Vera Graham, Dec. 13. The time will be given to you when the Grahams call you. Remember, that everyone brings a gift for exchange (2 people attending bring 2 gifts). Also remember that dues for 2004 will be collected at the Christmas party. If you cannot attend, please mail a check to my home as Lance & I leave for Palm Springs the 1st week in Jan.

Lance & I will host the Nov. event. It will be at the Olive Garden in downtown Spokane on Nov. 2. It is such a popular place with our retirees that we were able to get a private space only on Sun., not the usual Sat. The time will be approximately 3:30 p.m. We will give you an exact time when we call you.

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Dulles Loungers breaks all records for attendance!! Sept. 10 the Dulles Loungers broke all records for attendance, hosted 91 members & guests for lunch at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. It was a beautiful late summer day and the membership turned out to hear Keith Meurlin, Airport Manager of Dulles Airport speak to the membership about current events at Dulles. Mr. Muerlin spoke of many improvements currently underway at Dulles. He took a question & answer

period at the end of his remarks. An enthusiastic crowd showed their appreciation with a round of applause, also he was thanked by Chapter Pres. David Cox.

The official beginning of the "Loungers" year has commenced; dues of \$5.00 are now due. Please send your check for \$5.00 payable to David Cox, 8902 Sudley Rd., Manassas, VA 20110. We are seeking suggestions & ideas for monthly speakers. Please contact David Cox at 703-368-7696 or call Lucy Chatelain.

The winner of the 50/50 was Don Perry; he took home \$43.00. Also, the basket of goodies was won by Marie Libby, well done!

Calendar

Nov. 12 - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral, Manassas, VA

Dec. 10 - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral, Manassas, VA

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LETTERS

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

Manning and Maerlene Manning, Herb Minnig, Evelyn Conde, Mona Walter, Ray Welch, Robert Coxhead, Pedro & Lidia Franco and Tsutomu Otsuka.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

Bill Zoller, 1922 SE 32nd St., Cape Coral, FL 33904

Also a quick note. Yesterday a retired US Airways pilot, (friend of mind) showed me a FAX he had just received from the Attorney the US

Airways retired pilots have retained to file a class action lawsuit against the airline for canceled pension funds.

In the FAX was a paragraph saying that the United Airlines Bankruptcy Trustee advised that all United retiree pension plans would have to be canceled if Congress does not pass into law the Airline Retirement pension Bill.

Have you heard anything on this? At any rate we all keep positive attitude for the final outcome.

Many thanks to you & the gang for keeping the Newsletter going.

Jim Gerrity, 707 Slemmons Dr. at Courtney Pl., Columbus, OH 43235

I was saddened to learn about the passing of Jim Maxted of CHI. Jim was a good friend & a wonderful United personnel representative. Our condolences to his wife Mary.

On another note, Quentin Morgan Coyle suffered a stroke a few years ago & through rehabilitation is making a comeback. He worked at OMA, SFO (twice) & DEN. His address is 2043 Potomac Way, San Mateo, CA 94403.

His daughter & her husband are caring for him at his home.

Quent known for his humor & frequent attempts to imitate old style "Knuckles" O'Toole on the piano during many of the social hours he led would enjoy hearing from his friends.

Finally, the Judge's decision to permit the plaintiffs the right to sue UA, AA, Boeing & others for the 9/11/01 tragedy was totally wrong. UAL was correct in planning an appeal. As always, thanks for a great newsletter.

Valerie Alexander, 131 Madison Ave., Masontown, PA 15461

Since I retired & moved back to Hometown USA, the newsletter is my lifeline to UAL & friends. Thank you for keeping us informed, other than via computer, it is our only connection to UAL in these trying times. I especially enjoy reading the "Dulles Loungers" news. Much thanks to "Lucy" for the column. Good work!

Louise Appy, 1409 Walnut Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Here's my check for RUAEA dues for another year. Wonder why when I don't even know anyone

in the obits any more! However, it was great to see an old familiar name, Wayne Sableman. I started in SFOPE 7-31-42 with Joe Eberly as Personnel Manager & Betty Honeyman as Supvr. of PE Records where I typed Kardexes. Worked 16 years at SFO & LAX, still keep in touch with several ladies with whom I worked and played. Fun days! Thanks for the Newsletter.

Harold McCray, 901 Haverhill Dr., Modesto, CA 95356-1823

Thanks for all of your staff for keeping us informed. I've been retired for 28 years. I hope to get a few more years in before I quit sending in my dues. I enjoy reading about friends from the past. I started in Cheyenne, WY, Mar. 27, 1942 & retired Dec. 31, 1974.

Lynn Hales, 2033 Foxswallow Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94566-5537

The monthly newsletter is better than getting the U.S New & World Report. Good, factual, current, reliable & unbiased reports from good reliable sources. What a pleasure to read about those we know & worked with. We express our appreciation to the crew who puts it all together.

Jean & I are doing fine. We have our share of ups & downs, but we regroup & move on. We took a delightful cruise down the Mexican Riviera in April (Holland America). We are planning a Caribbean cruise in Oct. In between, we took 2 driving trips to Utah to visit friends & relatives over the Labor Day weekend. We went on a "fun" ten-day camping trip to Leevining, CA with 15 of our children & grandchildren. We caught lots of fish. I still enjoy golfing -- my handicap isn't getting worse!.

Nel Brawner, 2978 27 1/4 St. Birchwood, WI 54817

I was diagnosed with breast cancer in Feb. Am almost finished with chemo & the 5 weeks of radiation. I have been very lucky in that my reaction to the chemo has been minimal. My hair was short before, but it's really short now.

Helen Webber, 1201 Broadway Ave., Apt. 2001, Millbrae, CA 94030-1960

My husband & I have enjoyed your newsletter for 26 years, when I became a member of RUAEA

on early retirement. Thank you so much; your crew is fantastic!

Sadly, my husband Howard died on March 18, 2003. He also was a UAL employee, first in CHI then transferred to SFO where we met.

I moved to a Senior Retirement Center. My new address is above.

Edward A. Erickson, 1021 Calle Tulipan, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Please forgive a shameless display of family pride. My son, Chris, was just appointed a Director of Engineering in Boeing's Space Rocket and Shuttle Division. Because United & Boeing are so intertwined and have an early history of affiliation, I feel a special bond with both.

It seems like I've become an unpaid lobbyist for both airline and space & for their strong support in Congress. How we can fund some of the most inane pork in our national "out of control" budget and leave the airline and space exploration, the very backbone of our economy and future floundering, is criminal.

I've been privileged to serve as a Marine in World War II, work for United in the glory days before deregulation & have a son who represents what I hope is the future.

As a Viking I always thought when Valhalla beckoned I'd go out on an ice floe. I've opted since for seat 1A on a United Boeing 777 when they retire the best airplane in the sky.

John van Reenen, 2803 SE Balboa Dr., Vancouver, WA 98683

The past year was another good year. I am not running like a Cheetah anymore but I get around reasonably well, so does my wife. We made several trips this year with the motor home which I enjoy very much. To come down off the important part of this note is to thank you all very much for the effort & dedication you put into producing the Newsletter, which is of great importance to many, if not all, of the retirees.

Ron Baker, 624 S. Walnut, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

I am reminded again, as is Arnold Palmer, that this is my birthday month & you good people are due some cash. Like all good volunteers, our salary doesn't change much, does it?

Pat & I are still going strong in Arlington Heights. We have our hopes up for the Cubbies. I volunteer about once a week for Barbara Hanson at the Archives in the bowels of WHQ. It is amazing the things that she has collected over the years. I help with the inventory of new merchandise and input the cataloged items into the database.

We play a lot of golf with our golfing friends, thoroughly enjoy that opportunity. Many of the group are retirees of UAL or were previously employed at UAL.

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Dick Harper. Pat & I had both known him from Midway days in the 1950s. He was a great guy who marched to his own drum section, but always stayed in step. We will miss him. Our thoughts to Sally & Jason.

Keep up the good work. Your fans all greatly appreciate your efforts.

Sharon & Bill Simonton, P.O. Box 2257, Paradise, CA 95867

Thank you for the great newsletter. My husband & I both retired from UAL in Feb. 2003. Bill had 36 years & I had 35 years. We always enjoy the names of former friends & employees, also the information.

There truly is a town called Paradise!!

Geri Wimshurst, 22757 Sheridan, Dearborn, MI 48128

Thank you for the great newsletter. This is my first year of retirement & I'm thoroughly enjoying my neat freedom, filling my days with visiting friends, grandchildren, travel, yoga, tai chi, plus long walks in the afternoon.

The newsletter is my connection to the UAL family. Thank you to all the volunteers who make it possible.

Lawrence Wayne Wood, 2575 Sundown Cir., Bullhead City, AZ 86442

On the move again. Our third (& last I hope) since I retired from SFOMP in 1990.

Pat & I had a nice visit with Dottie & Alan Robbins and Jeanne & Al Barkmann this summer when we bowled in the national tournament in Knoxville.

Bill Bennett, 2161 W. Williams Ave., PMB 223,

Fallon, NV 89406-2612

Well, I hit a milestone this month - the three-quarter century mark! Turned 75 on Sept. 6, so no more traipsing up the trail to the top of Yosemite Falls & (east about a mile to Yosemite Point) - haven't done that for a number of years. It used to be a favorite hike of mine, along with the Sierra Buttes & a variety of trails in the Sierras. Ah, those days are gone, but I can still start my day with a brisk walk in the neighborhood. I put a few scenes of the Fallon area at www.phonewave.net~fallbill. Enjoy the newsletter, really appreciate the work that goes into it.

Chuck Lamas, 74-401 Hovley Lane East, #113, Palm Desert, CA 92260-1703

Last year at this time, I promised myself that I would "beat you to the punch" in sending my dues. But, typically, I didn't get around to it until I saw the "Red Stamp" reminder on the Sept. Newsletter.

Thank you for the job you do in keeping us retirees connected. It's been almost 14 years since I retired; I look forward to receiving the Newsletter each month, checking for names that I recognize, & sneaking a peek at the "Obits" list to make sure my name is not there.

Last Sept I had a "nose" job. To be truthful, the doctor removed some polyps & corrected my deviated septum. Since the "job" did not include straightening my nose, I have given up any aspirations for a career in the movies. So, I moved to Palm Desert in Feb. New address above.

My general health is pretty good, except for my lower back, which affects my golf. I still play, just not as often, nor as well.

I'm planning a trip to Cooperstown (Baseball Hall of Fame). It's been a lifelong dream to visit there.

Add my name to the list of those retirees who know that UAL will be back, stronger than ever, in the near future.

Von Gemeny, 1314 S. New Wilke Rd., #2A, Arlington Heights, IL 60005-3428

Thank you so much for your hard work & dedication. The Newsletter gets better all the time. Enjoyed seeing many of our members at the Convention in CHI.

Edith Crawford McCree Dobbins, PMB 210,

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As a new member, (retired Feb.'02) this is my first letter. I took my time to think carefully about what I wanted to tell you all. As a flight attendant for 35 years, I spent most of my time working with other flight attendants. I had a chance to see many of you only in passing. It is wonderful now to have the time to get to know the person behind the face I could only smile & wave to as I rushed to my next flight. So many of you write about enjoying seeing old friends, but I am enjoying making new ones.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making my career with United such a pleasure. Without all of you doing your jobs so well, I would never routinely have had safe, clean, properly supplied airplanes on which to work. Our customers arrived at our aircraft door none the worse for wear from their trip from curb to plane. It made my job so easy; for that, I thank you all.

It will be great to be on tours with airline people (Chicago Convention) everyone was ready for the bus at every stop at least five minutes before departure time. Old habits of "on time awareness" never die.

I always looked forward to retirement so I could stay home. But I married a few months before retiring (no one knows me as Dobbins so I included other names at the top) to a man that never had the opportunity to travel very much. As you can guess, I spend no more time at home now than I did working. But this will give us great memories when we are unable to get out and about. Thanks also to RUAEA Newsletter for all the information that makes travel easier in these changing times.

Tyler C. Knighten, P.O. Box 6868, Folsom, CA 95763
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I just reached my 92nd birthday and had my Drivers License renewed for another 5 years. You can't get any luckier than that. As a Lifer it's time to make a contribution to the Postage Fund to keep Jo & her great team in business. Thanks for keeping us informed.

Charles Johnston, 2201 W. 25th St., #5, San Pedro, CA 97032
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Thanks for the timely reminder that ANOTHER year has gone by and we're still here to enjoy it all. We appreciate all the time and effort that you put

into producing this great refresher since it is a unique source of information concerning the company and its people.

We miss seeing our old LAXSS sales colleagues because they are scattered to the four winds. They all seem to be functioning; however, since their names haven't appeared in the obituaries that's good. If any of them would like to contact Margie or me, our e-mail address is above.

Our lives consist of taking care of the grandchildren & traveling, pretty much like all the rest of the retiree group. Our next adventure will be a cruise on RCCL from Boston to Quebec with a group of friends. Each summer we have been exchanging homes with people from other parts of the world; this time we were in Austria & Switzerland where they couldn't care less about the U.S. It makes it nice to get away from all the politics...on EVERY level.

Ed Barrett, 308 S. Brainard Ave., La Grange, IL 60525

Here's my annual thanks to you and your staff for the newsletter. I always look forward to reading it.

I'm still building & flying remote controlled model airplanes, but find that I was a better USAF pilot than an R/C pilot. Have had two crashes in the last year. Our chapter members are starting to come up with new nicknames for me. etbarrettsr@cs.com.

H. Darby Hench, 6240 Wilson Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80919-3596

Sorry this is late. Babysitting our 2-year-old grandson for a week threw me all off kilter. Boy, had I forgotten what caring for a 2-year-old is like!

Les & I went back to MA for my family reunion with his 1956 seniority and my 1963 date, we were bumped several times. Happy to see [paying passengers fill](#) the aircraft, however! Surely hope UAL remains viable.

Many thanks for all your work with the newsletter.

Doris Vormestrand, P.O. Box 1357, Milton, VA 98354-1357

A note of thanks! You are the thread that knots us together. "The mighty oak was once a little nut that held its ground." Let's hope UAL holds its

ground.

Barbara P. Fiske, 2293 E. 129th Ave., Thornton, CO 80241

Sorry to see Mary Ann leave. I miss seeing everyone at mailing. Had a rollover accident in July. Doing OK. I still work at Share Colorado & distribution is usually the same Sat. as mailing. I start at 3 a.m., work till noon or 1 p.m.

Anne Jones, 3445 Clay St., San Francisco, CA 94118 greenghia7@yahoo.com

Planes, trains & even boats, I've been on all this past year. Thanksgiving Sat. was so busy from LAX to SFO I ended up getting a "senior discount" on Greyhound.

But went 1st class SFO-TYO-BKK (& return), then onto Vietnam. My nephew is living there in the lovely coastal city of Nha Trang with his Vietnamese wife & new baby. So I decided to visit. What a great trip it was, hope to return for "Tet", the New Year celebration in late Jan. I'm even taking a Vietnamese language class at the community college here.

Took a short but enjoyable sail on a Princess ship from SFO to YUR, just two days, sailed right out under the Golden Gate Bridge. About 25 UAL people on board; most of them had just been furloughed or "forcibly retired" from Res. & the Ticket Offices.

I'm off to the Catskills now. I've rediscovered the town where I was born, even got to spend time in the house where I lived when I was about 5 years old. I had not been back in over 40 years, knew nobody there but met people who knew my older sisters and filled in many blanks in memories I had from that early age.

After being retired over six years now, the newsletter is a great way to keep up with the activities of old friends.

Edward J. McDonald, 621 Via Monte D'Oro, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Sincere thanks to the Newsletter staff for their dedicated work in keeping us up-to-date on the UAL of today, also the people who got us here. I have been retired 23 years -- have enjoyed all of them. Our travel has been pretty much scaled down to visits with our family, most recently a visit to our daughter & son-in-law's new home & fishing lodge

on the Snake River near Idaho Falls, ID

Although the number is dwindling, I still see some familiar names of former co-workers.

Jack Hersh, 212 Beverly Dr., San Carlos, CA 94070

As usual, this time of year I am at my cabin in British Columbia, Canada. The last few days have seen a change in the weather with rain & much cooler temperature which has helped the drastic fire situation we had.

Earlier this year, I spent a week on Heron Island on the Great Barrier Reef, 3 weeks in Sydney & Brisbane, Australia. In July & Aug. I had two very successful fishing trips off the west & east coasts of Vancouver Island, Canada.

I have been retired 22 years since I took early retirement I find it hard to believe the number of new members listed as retirees in the last few editions of the newsletter. What is more unbelievable is I don't recognize any of the names.

Many kudos to the Newsletter crew for the great job they do.

Santina (Sandy) Russo, 157 Opal Ave., Redwood City, CA 94062-2139

Thanks again for the reminder "Dues Time"!

I appreciate all the work put into getting the Newsletter to me & all the other retired UALers. My husband Vincent & I read it from front to back. I am enjoying retirement for 11 years. We keep very busy, travel a bit, meet with local seniors - having a nice time. We are blessed with good health.

S.P. Rice, Jr., 4137 Mill Creek Rd., Haymarket, VA 20169

The old red stamp caught me napping, but here's my chack for another year of dues. Keep that newsletter coming. I enjoy reading it, frequently seeing names of those I worked with in the almost 41 years of service. The stations I worked in or had responsibility in include DCA, IAD, SFO, EXO, ATL, MCO, MIA, PHL & CLE.

Joe Glydon, 88 Dartmouth Ave., Avenel, NJ 07001

I retired from United in 1980, and about three years later I built a weather vane loosely in the style of a United aircraft. It stayed in place for

about 20 years, until hurricane Isabel blew it from its perch, sending it crashing into shrubbery. It had been supported by a half inch wooden dowel which weakened over time and snapped in the wind.

Well I rebuilt it stronger than the original; it will not break again. I hope it symbolizes the resurrection of United, and, as a renewed airline will come back stronger than before and last longer than the original.

Lorraine & Walt Boyd, 17615 Foothills Dr., Sun City, AZ 85373

We have been married 17 years and I have been retired that long. Our home is now in Sun City, AZ. We're active in golf & community activities. We're both in good health. Took a cruise around HWI over the holidays. Otherwise our travel has been back to CHI to visit old friends. Thanks to all for the Newsletter.

David & Marilyn Halt, 2427 Sam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32216-5050

This year we beat the red stamp reminder for dues but not by much. Next year I'll red marker our calendar in Sept.!

Dave & I are enjoying Jacksonville, FL more & more every day. We miss our Las Vegas Gamblers Chapter.

"Hi" to all of our friends there, wish there was a RUAEA chapter here or some place nearby. We enjoyed our 5-week vacation "back home" to the U.P. of Michigan & around the 2 great lakes (Mich. & Superior) visiting relatives & friends. We wanted to drive the trip one more time but from now on we will fly the "Friendly Skies" of United Airlines.

Frank H. Thomson, 784 Spur Dr. South, Bay Shore, NY 11706

This is just a note to express how much I look forward to each month's newsletter. This is truly an employee newsletter. My 40 years with United flew by & ended all too soon (07-19-1955) to 10-31-1995). I really enjoyed working with United all those years (at LGA & JFK GQ). Thanks to all of you in DEN for your dedication.

Hal Zerbock, 900 E. Bay Dr., A-406, Olympia, WA 98506 HaraldZer@msn.com

Turned 73 last Sun., 11 years retired, went

sailing with friends, came home to a surprise birthday party given by friends & neighbors: 20 people between 20 months & 85 years.

Have done my usual amount of traveling, 6 trips to Europe in the last 12 months. Spent much of the summer on friend's boat again, Rhine, Moselle, Saone. It was a hot summer over there. Off to Paris for 2 weeks next.

Attended a great reunion in PHL in April, visit children & grandchildren from 2-24 in age. Still working the travel desk in SEA, many calls from all over, even Australia & Europe, many from Hawaii from seeking info on loads to come home.

The ranks are thinning, losing many friends & old associates. Many good memories. Your good efforts let us stay in touch. Thanks so very much.

Elizabeth J. Bean, 3510 S. Johns Rd., Des Moines, IA 50312

Now, more than ever we need to stick together - management,, active employees & especially retirees, to that end. The Newsletter can help us to be informed & responsive to the plight of United Airlines. Your work is greatly appreciated.

Al Wiese, 3401 Sunridge Ct., Carson City, NV 89705

Just quick note as another year passes. Doesn't seem like 5 years have passed since I retired and I and my wife Joyce moved to Carson City, NV. The Newsletter lets me keep in touch. Was good to see letters from Joe Vacero as I remember working for him at the terminal & Bob Lutzinger in Inspection. Was fun working in Tucson with Dick Kaddenhead also. I'm sad to see the company in the straits it is in. Hope to see it recover to the viable entity I remember. I love retirement but miss all the people I worked with.

My wife & I are both in reasonable health, looking forward to visits from our kids & friends. I have managed to keep in touch with friends via e-mail & the local retirees chapter here in NV. I keep busy with fly fishing & making furniture in my shop. Joyce is involved with the quilt guild in the area.

My thanks to all my friends at UAL who made my career such a pleasure.

Myrtle Poggensee, 342 Marshall Rd., Bensenville, IL 60106-1451

Receiving the newsletters is something I look

forward to.

My days working at United were very pleasant; the people I worked with in the Tax Department were always very congenial. Your staff does a wonderful job. I thank you for it.

Chris McCarthy, 6969 Peterson Rd., Petaluma, CA 94952

Another birthday, another "thank you" to newsletter gang. What does one say to appreciate your dedication that has not been said? The U.S. Navy had a phrase for it "Well Done". It is well deserved by you all.

Many memories awakened & friends recalled make our dues well spent. I am grateful for having the chance to spend all of 52 years among such a great company. Best to all UALers.

Phyllis Singer, 9346 Landings Ln., Apt. 301, Des Plaines, IA 60016

Another year went by much too fast , but thanks goodness am here to send in my dues.

Did a few cruises & am looking forward to our next one on American West out of Portland, doing the Columbia, Snake River on a sternwheeler. Should be interesting & historic.

Thank you for your good work in keeping the newsletter going. It's our link to the United family.

E.K. Leder, 10 Colburn Rd., Reading , MA 01867

We enjoy receiving our copy of the retirees newsletter. My husband spent 40 year with United in BOS. I spent 6 years, 4 in SFO & 2 in BOS.

My husband is ill & on dialysis. He doesn't complain which I think is marvelous. Many thanks for all the work that goes into publishing the newsletter.

Bob Lea, 37 Greenwood Bay Dr., Tiburon, CA 94920

This has been a good year, took a 72-day cruise around South America. It was fabulous. I became a first time great grandfather, and bought a new car. Other than that it has been quiet.

The web sight is great, and is a source of news that we don't get any other place except the Redwood Empire Retirees.

Peter Bilsich, 2825 Moss Hollow Dr., San Jose,

CA 96121

Sending my check for \$20 even though I am a "life member". I have a feeling of not doing my part for the good of the order.

I worked 30 years from 9/8/50 at SFOOV as a line mechanic (lead).

Marilyn Rinehart, 25961 Stafford Canyon Rd., Unit D, Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381-1528

Here is my first annual dues payment after joining. Retirement is wonderful! I really enjoy the monthly newsletter with all the United news. Thank you.

Allan E. Snook, 8296 E. Tempest Ridge Cir., Parker, CO 80134-5854

I really appreciate receiving the association newsletter. Almost hesitant to get the newsletter on my e-mail, so kind of glad that this month is still on "real paper". I also appreciate the work that is involved in getting the newsletter together & sent out.

I am always saddened when I see one of our members who has passed away, but I was especially saddened at the passing of Jim Doty. He was a man among men, and will be missed, but the passing of any one of our members takes something from each of us.

Herbert Kirchner, 2023 Kings Ln., San Mateo, CA 94402

Thank you for your "Happy Birthday" greetings. I'm sorry to be late in answering.

I enjoy reading the newsletter each month & searching for news of people I have worked with throughout the 36 years I spent with United. I keep thinking they all know one another because I know them. But like the song from "Porgy & Bess" says... "It Ain't Necessarily So." I enjoy keeping in contact with some through e-mail.

My wife Barbara & I have been putting off our trip to Germany to visit relatives because of my health problem, but I seem to have it under control enough to go later this month. We did drive up to Ashland, OR with my daughter & granddaughter, met our son & family in Vancouver, WA to see a Shakespeare play, also to celebrate our 61st wedding anniversary. We get together for dinner regularly with others that I have worked with at SFO.

Lucille H. Garton, 6726 Hopewell Ave.,

Springfield, VA 22151

I do not own a computer so I hope you are still printing the Newsletter.

Ken Skare, 127 Emperado Way, Hot Springs, AR 71909

I was diagnosed with lung cancer the first week in Sept. with x-rays, CT scans, PET scan & every other scan you can imagine. I had my first round of chemo the middle of Sept. with no serious side effects, started my 2nd round Oct. 8.

Thanks again to Jo & her staff for the great job they do.

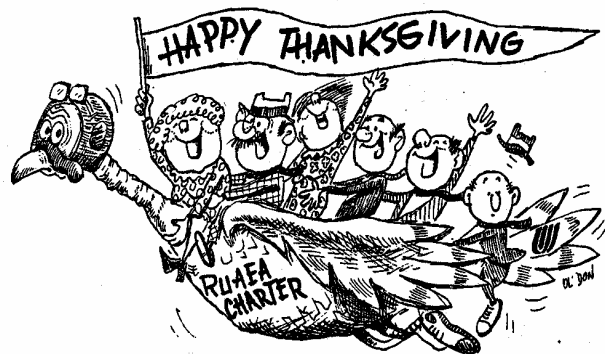
Lee Moirano, 10100 Cypress Cove Dr., Apt. 255, Fort Myers, FL 33908-7656

I'm so sorry we forgot to mail our annual dues on Hugo's birthday 7/5/03. I am doing all the bookwork as Hugo has a loss of memory.

Betty Winchester, 555 Ashland St., Hoffman Est., IL 60194

I take care of my 3-year-old great grandson. He keeps me young & is a handful. We had a big wedding in our family (my grandson)/

My husband & I are doing fine keeping in shape with walking 4 miles each day. Thanks to you people in DEN for keeping us informed on what is going on.



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