



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER



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## **HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD!**



Grauman's Chinese Theater

When you attend the RUAEA Convention 2005 (dates are May 22-29, 2005) you will be within walking distance of many famous locations that you have seen in movies or viewed on television. Immediately adjacent to Hollywood and Highland is Grauman's Chinese Theater, reputed to be the most famous movie theater in the world. Millions of visitors flock here each year, drawn by its famous forecourt with its hands and footprints of many stars in cement. The theater, built in 1926, resembles a giant red Chinese pagoda, and features a huge dragon across the front with two stone lion-dogs guarding the main entrance. The theater itself has appeared in several movies, including "Singing in the Rain" starring Gene Kelly. Currently there are over 200 imprints of Hollywood Stars, a virtual "Who's Who" of Hollywood Legends. *Among the notables are:* Groucho Marx, Betty Grable, John Wayne, Al Jolson, Jimmy Durante and Whoopi Goldberg's hair braids. The theater is the location of many movie previews.

About a block to the west of the Chinese Theater lies the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. In 1929 the inaugural Academy Awards ceremony was held in the Blossom Room of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. You can walk through the lobby of the hotel and see a lot of memorabilia.

A short block to the east of Hollywood and Highland is the Hollywood Wax Museum. The Wax Museum contains wax statues of the likeness of many movie and TV stars, as well as the US Presidents, and also contains a "Chamber of Horrors" along with areas devoted to sports figures and super heroes. A very interesting place to visit.

On the south side of Hollywood and Highland is the old Max Factor building, which now houses the Hollywood Museum. This is the ultimate destination for movie fans, and has four floors with 5,000 exhibits of the most dazzling movie costumes, props, photos and other memorabilia ever assembled in one place.

There are **SO** many areas of interest within a few blocks in virtually any direction from the Renaissance Hotel and the Hollywood and Highland it boggles the mind. Yes, this is the film capital of the world with so much to see and do.

There will be much more information forthcoming in the future newsletters, so keep your eyes peeled & start making your plans for RUAEA Convention 2005. You know you will have a great time!

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# GENERAL NEWS

The Newsletter website is [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Every retiree group I meet asks about our pension. Most e-mails & letters I receive are about our pension. Newspapers are rife with items about United & the pension plans. There is a lot of information, misinformation, partial information, rumors, etc. I have shared what I know & my understanding about our pension with many individuals & groups. I'll try to briefly summarize what I know.

I am not going to get into: how much the pensions are under-funded; why United Airlines got into this position; the legal implications of United not making pension payments, etc. I will focus on a very narrow specific area: If the company's pension plans are terminated, how will that affect us who are already retired?

When a pension plan is terminated, all the assets of the plan are transferred to the Pension Benefits Guarantee Corporation - PBGC. The PBGC is then responsible for making pension payments under the "old" plan.

Anyone who retired in 1985 & prior would not be affected one iota. United purchased paid-up annuities for all pension liabilities as of that time. Retirees would continue to receive their pension payments from the insurance company; the PBGC would not be involved.

Anyone who retired after 1985 receives pension payments consisting of the 1985 annuity, plus accruals post-1985 from the pension trust fund.

United's pension plans are "defined benefit" plans. That means a specified monthly benefit is paid to you & me as long as we live; if you selected a contingent annuitant the option you selected is paid to that person as long as he/she lives. That benefit is guaranteed by the PBGC. United has paid premiums over the years to the PBGC to "insure" that benefit.

Benefits are paid to you and me whether the assets in the plan are sufficient or not - up to the maximum guaranteed by the PBGC. The guaranteed amount is based on your age on the date the

plan is terminated. For example, the guaranteed amount if your age is 70 is approximately \$72,000; age 67 approximately \$52,000; age 65 it is \$44,386, age 62 approximately \$35,000, age 60 approximately \$29,000 & age 55 approximately \$20,000. (Source: PBGC)

Many retirees would not experience any pension reduction at all. Retirees currently receiving payments above the guaranteed amount for their age would experience a reduction.

For more information check our website ([www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org)). For more detailed & specific information about the PBGC, check the PBGC website: ([PBGC.gov](http://PBGC.gov)).

Marlin Lade  
President - RUAEA



**ALLIANT.**  
credit union

*Financial tips and news from your credit union*

## **NEW ALLIANT COMPUTER SYSTEM UPGRADE DEBUTS IN NOVEMBER**

Halloween weekend marks official changeover dates for enhancing & expanding Alliant Credit Union's computer system. This upgrade includes expanding their Self Service Telephone (SST) & SkyBranch online banking. During this transition, they unavoidably had to limit some services starting Oct. 29. As a result, on Tues. Nov. 2, 7 a.m. CT, Alliant members will experience enriched online & on-phone convenience, designed to maximize member access to your accounts & provide new services.

### **REST ASSURED, MINIMAL SERVICE DISRUPTION DURING SYSTEM UPGRADE**

AVAILABLE FOR NORMAL USE,  
NO RESTRICTIONS:

- Charging with your VISA credit cards
- Check-writing with your checking account
- Website at [www.alliantcreditunion.org](http://www.alliantcreditunion.org)

## NOT AVAILABLE FOR USE

*Duration:* beginning 7 p.m.CT on Oct. 29 through 7:00 a..m. CT on Nov. 2

- Self Service Telephone (SST)
- SkyBranch & Bill Pay
- Convenience Cards

## AVAILABLE FOR USE, BUT WITH DAILY ACCESS LIMITS

*Duration:* beginning 9 a.m. CT Oct. 29 through 7:00 a.m. CT Nov. 2

- VISA ATM/Check Cards

<u>Trans. Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Daily Limits</u>
At an ATM	Withdrawing cash	Available savings or checking funds up to \$500
At a merchant check-out	Entering a PIN at a cash register or signing for the transaction	Available checking funds up to \$1,000

### Just So You Know...

Due to the computer system upgrade, Oct. statements will be generated for every member. In addition, a dividend payment for the month of Oct. will be reflected on this statement & payable to members of record as of Oct. 31, 2004. You will receive your dividends for the months of Nov. & Dec. at year-end.

### *Numerous Enhancements and New Services to Look Forward To:*

In addition to the functions available today, here's a few highlights of the new things you will soon be able to do thanks to Alliant's computer system upgrade.

- Apply for a loan online & receive approval in seconds.
- Opt to access & view your account statements online.
- View electronic images of your processed checks from your PC.
- Transfer advances from your home equity line of credit to your checking account for immediate use.
- Enjoy a new - and more timely - monthly loan coupon process.

- Make payments to your credit cards or loans via the telephone
- And much more.

In fact, the overall benefit of this computer enhancement is that it is built for growth & long-lived functionality, so Alliant can continue to quickly satisfy all your current needs & successfully anticipate your future needs also.

## **TICKETING FEES WILL BE WAIVED FOR EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT 20 TRAVEL PROGRAM**

Effective Sept. 17, employees, retirees & their travel eligibles who purchase revenue tickets for travel on United using the 20 percent off employee implemented ticketing fees.

As announced on Sept. 9, United recently began adding a \$10 fee to domestic & international tickets purchased at U.S. airport ticket counters & a \$5 fee to tickets purchased through United reservations centers for calls originating in the U.S. & Canada. Customers purchasing tickets through [united.com](http://united.com) do not incur the fee. Retirees who have purchased discount confirmed tickets since Sept. 9 will not receive a ticketing fee refund.

The ticketing fee is being waived because, at this time, retirees can only book revenue travel using the 20 percent discount through Reservations or airport Customer Service; however, United is working toward a future online purchase option for employees & retirees.

Industry Discount tickets (ID90, ID95, ID75), which are purchased for travel on other airlines, United Express or United, have been exempt from the ticketing fees since this fee policy was implemented.

The Employee Discount 20 Travel Program applies to confirmed pleasure travel only & is available to employees & retirees, who are eligible for travel benefits, & their immediate travel eligibles. Companions are not eligible to purchase tickets or travel on this discounted travel program.

For details on the Discount 20 Travel Program, visit the Travel section on SkyNet.

## **NONSTOP SERVICE BETWEEN SAN FRAN- CISCO & NAGOYA, JAPAN**

United announced plans to introduce daily, non-stop service between SFO & Nagoya, Japan, effective June 1, 2005. The service will begin at new Central Japan International Airport - opening in Feb. 2005 - where Star Alliance partner All Nippon Airways (ANA) plans to launch an additional 115 flights to destinations throughout the country, adding several new cities to United's route network.

Nagoya is Japan's third-largest city with a population of 20 million, also a strong & growing industrial economy. The home of worldwide brands such as Toyota, Noritake, Yamaha & Suzuki, Nagoya also offers strong potential as a cargo market for United.

## **UNITED ACCELERATES PLANS TO OPTI- MIZE WORLDWIDE NETWORK**

United is substantially accelerating the company's plan to expand its international leadership & reduce the size of its mainline fleet.

By March 2005, the company's fleet modifications will:

- Reallocate assets to more profitable routes, expanding & strengthening international routes, which will account for more than 40% of United's global capacity & 50% of mainline revenue when fully implemented, shifting some domestic routes to United Express.
- Reduce United's mainline fleet to 455 aircraft -- 68 fewer aircraft than United flew in Aug. 2004, & a reduction of 112 aircraft, or nearly 20% of the fleet since 2002.

These changes will result in international ASMs (available seat miles) increasing by 14% with United mainline U.S. Domestic ASMs declining 12% for a total systemwide ASM decline of 3%.

Steps the company has already taken:

- Launched 30 new international routes since Feb. 2002 --- 70% of those announced this year;
- United Express service has expanded to 21 new destinations;
- Ted now flies to 8 leisure markets from all 5 United hub airports.

## **Know Your Officers/Directors/Staff**

**Carol Faust - Midwest Region Director**, was employed by United Airlines 6/18/56 as a stenographer in the Publicity Dept. at Midway Airport in CHI. She held various positions at United, retired as a Reservations Sales & Service Representative in CHI. She received an Award of Merit in 1975. Carol has been very active in RUAEA - was Secretary of the Chicago Skyliners Chapter 10/99 - 10/02, President of the Chapter 10/02 - 10/04. She volunteers at the Greater Chicago Food Depository - packs food for soup kitchens & needy families, Chicago Cares (part of the UA team), helps paint Inner City Schools, & works on UA Christmas program (collecting gifts for needy families). She is an election judge for Cook County, also serves on several committees in her church.

Leisure (?) activities include skiing, camping, hiking, gardening "anything outdoors", plus, of course, traveling.

Carol & husband, Robert have 1 son, Tim, 3 stepsons, & 2 grandchildren.

We are very happy to have Carol as a member of the RUAEA Board of Directors.

**NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS:** Chapter reports for Dec. are due in DEN on Fri., Nov. 12, Jan. 2005 reports by Dec. 13, Feb. reports by Jan. 13, 2005. Reports may be sent to FAX. FAX number is #303-780-5667 - Attention: Jo Madden. Reports may also be sent by e-mail, [ruaea@aol.com](mailto:ruaea@aol.com). Please list Chapter name at top of each page. Also PLEASE use 12 point (pica) type - anything smaller is hard to read. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to: Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delays. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **The Swallow Takes Flight**



United retiree and RUAEA member, John Cooper, prepares for takeoff with EAA pilot, Ted Beckwith at the controls.

United Airlines Historical Foundation (UAHF) offered local United employees & retirees the opportunity to fly in a Swallow biplane, of the type United's predecessor, Varney Air Lines, flew on April 6, 1926 from Pasco, Wash., to Elko, NV., via Boise, marking the birth of our company. Through the generous financial support of UAHF, retired pilot, Clay Lacy, & others, the Experimental Aircraft Assn. (EAA) was able to restore their plane. On Sat., September 25 at the Aurora Airport in Sugar Grove, IL., the magnificently restored EAA Swallow took flight 17 times. Seventeen United active and retired employees, wearing a leather aviator jacket, helmet & goggles took to the air in this open cockpit biplane, received the thrill of a lifetime. They were all "wowed" by the experience & expressed their delight & gratitude after climbing out of the cockpit. Some were offering the next rider an opportunity to buy their ride so they could ride again! The sunshine, blue skies, the flawless smooth running engine & skillful EAA pilot, Ted Beckwith, added to the perfect day.

The following day, Sun., Sept. 26, UAHF participated in the Schaumburg, Ill., "Family Aviation Celebration" at Schaumburg Regional Airport. The Swallow was on static display along with exhibits tracing the flight of the original Swallow in 1926 in addition to an airmail pilot winter & summer flying suit - all provided by Barb Hanson, United's staff archivist who is on the UAHF board. United also set up its newly refurbished traveling history exhibit under one of the two large tents that UA occupied. UA retired pilot "Buck" Hilbert was the celebrity guest both at Aurora & Schaumburg where he spent the better part of each day signing autographed pictures. Buck restored a Swallow for UA's 50th anniversary 1976 & actually test flew the EAA's plane 28 years later. He had people lined up waiting for his autograph & a chance to chat about his career experiences. Many of those in line thought he was 1926 Varney pilot Leon Cuddeback!

Ted, UA's new low-cost airline, was represented with a brightly decorated table and giveaways compliments of our advertising dept. The World Headquarters "1200 Gift Shop" attracted many customers selling UA branded items. A retired pilot and two mechanics handed out UA aircraft trading cards. We also invited Southern Illinois and Lewis University, 2 Illinois aviation schools, to participate in a career awareness exhibit. The Clipped Wings Association drew much attention modeling vintage UA flight attendant uniforms & selling items to benefit their cause - Special Olympics.

The mission & motto of the United Airlines Historical Foundation is "Preserve the Past" and Inspire the Future" was certainly fulfilled at these events.

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*There are good ships, and there are bad ships, but the best ships are friendships...*

# LOCAL NEWS

## ARIZONA



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Our last 2 Coco's breakfast meetings have seen a slight decline in attendance. Could be because of the extended heat in this area. We have seen about 15 - 20 folks at each breakfast.

For those of you who are NOT on the regulars list & plan to attend the breakfast meetings at Coco's, you must call in advance. Please call Pat Butkiewicz before 5:00 p.m. on the Mon. prior to the breakfast; her number is 623 935-9235.

Unfortunately the local hospitals have been busy with our AZURE friends. Helen Stowell had a cancer operation. Mel Hofer went into the hospital with bladder problems & is still suffering with lower back pain. Bob Debelak had an artery operation. Chuck Sharp is now home from another colon cancer operation & is healing well. Ziggy Butkiewicz has had his ups & downs. He had an experience of a lifetime with a hole-in-one on the links in Aug.; however, it was more than his poor OLE heart could stand & had to have quadruple bypass surgery in Sept. He is home & doing great. Please continue to keep our friends in your thoughts & prayers.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our much loved member Tuffet Sharp. Tuffet succumbed to complications from bone cancer. A memorial service was held for Tuffet on 9/18/04. Many of you knew Tuffet as she served as the Azures secretary for many years. We will miss this lovely lady. Cards may be sent to Chuck, 19017 N. Welk Dr., Sun City, AZ 85373

On Sept. 14 several members attended the Tall Pines yearly picnic in Prescott. We thank the Tall Pines for extending an invitation to our members. They all had a very good time.

If there are any RUAEA members in the West Phoenix area that are not members of our local chapter & want to join the Azures please contact



me (Sherry) by e-mail (address above) or by phone 623 572-4828.

#### Calendar

**Nov. 13** - Luke AFB, Thanksgiving luncheon

**Dec. 11** - Luncheon, Briarwood Country Club

#### Arizona RUAEA members!!!

Roses are red

Violets are blue

Fall is coming

and cool weather too!!!

#### TALL PINES

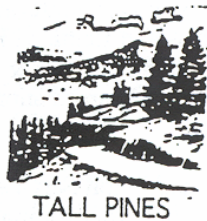
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Our annual All Arizona RUAEA Chapter picnic was held at Goldwater Lake on Sept. 14; as promised - there were blue skies, cool breezes and a lot of good conversation. 22 members were in attendance including members from the Phoenix Azures, Phoenix Metro Re-United & Tucson Roadrunners. Gordon Starr, of the Tucson Roadrunners spoke to our group in regards to RUAEA & the company's situation.

After our serious business, Earle Risdon, our head auctioneer & Annie Tomasic, his able assistant, held our annual White Elephant Auction. A lot of invaluable merchandise changed hands; everybody went home happy. We collected \$70 from our auction; these proceeds will go to a local charity that will be decided upon later.

The Tall Pines would like to wish all chapters a Very Happy Thanksgiving.

#### Calendar

**Nov.** - No meeting

**Dec. 9** - Christmas Party - Pine Cone Inn, 5:00 Happy Hour, 6:00 dinner

**Jan/Feb/Mar** - Plaza Café - 11:00 a.m.



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We had a pleasant luncheon at the Broadway Hilton on Sept. 16 with 27 in attendance. We were delighted to welcome new member Kay Heyman & look forward to seeing her at many of our upcoming adventures.

Gordon Starr, our Arizona Region Director, briefly explained that RUAEA is developing new by-laws allowing the organization to be not only a social club but also a voice for its members with United Airlines. On Oct 5, Gordon also mobilized his road cleaning crew & put them in harm's way cleaning our adopted road, a community project we do twice a year.

Oct. 21: a visit to Caterpillar Corporation to learn about their operations, see some huge equipment & have lunch. We've decided that this year's theme for the Christmas tree we put up annually at the Tucson zoo will be airplanes.

Happy 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Marj & Bill Tyndall. They were married on Oct. 16, 1946. Marj plays a mean concertina.

#### Calendar

**Dec. 6** - Christmas luncheon at the Oro Valley Country Club

#### ARKANSAS

#### "THE NATURALS"

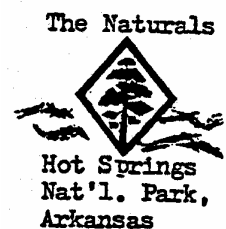
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In Oct. we gathered at Belvedere Country Club for a very nice lunch. Barbara Plattner brought her mother, Mable Pressly (Vic was interviewing for a part-time job to keep him busy). Our hostess, June O'Donnell, brought two relatives who were visiting her - Mary Kemper & Claire Henry. June has sold her house & is preparing to move to TX to be closer to her daughter. She is building a house on a lake near Dallas. We will miss her cheerful personality & boundless energy, but she promised to visit us in the near future.

We missed Ann Carson who fell & cracked a bone in her arm just below the shoulder. But that wasn't the reason she missed our lunch - it was really a previous bridge commitment. Likewise,

Diana Huffman went to a Cancer Benefit Lunch which fell on the same day. Bud Millard was not feeling well so he & June could not attend. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

#### Calendar

**Dec.** - Lo & Bob Piggott are planning our Christmas dinner at Pegasus DeSoto Club. Details later.

### CALIFORNIA

#### CENTRAL COASTERS



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The Central Coasters Christmas luncheon will be held on Dec. 15 at the Pelican Point Restaurant (formerly the Shore Cliff Restaurant) in Pismo Beach. Gary & Cathy Anderson (805) 481-8551, and Bill & Donna Long (805) 473-1664, will be the hosts. Details in flyer.

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#### SACRAMENTO



What a day - what a day!! Pardon me if I gloat, but it just doesn't get much better than this. Including our friends from the Sierra Roundup & the members of the band, there were 130 people enjoying the balmy 80 degrees day. As several people said, it was not too hot, not too cold, but just right.

Harry & Jean Caldwell hosted us at their foothill ranch in the Smithflat area of Placerville. They were ably assisted by many Gold Diggers and John Muir, who was pressed into service flipping burgers in place of Vic Drumheller, who stayed home as he wasn't feeling well.

The "Buckboard Bunch" the oldest Western Band in El Dorado County, entertained us with familiar standards as well as music composed by

band members. It was good stuff that makes you remember the fun of dancing.

We were glad to have the group from The Sierra Roundup, the Diehls, the Nagleys, the Parshalls, the Stephens & Elizabeth Hoss.

Other guests were: Ed Akin, the Mattos's, the Mosbachers, the Walls, Mary McConnell, the Mondays, Howard Homer, Wayne Osborne & their wives & Colleen and Harold Esola's nine-month-old grandson, Addison, Cy Hofer & Wilma Kensinger.

Socializing was the order of the day. A chuck wagon-style lunch of burgers & franks, with coleslaw & Jean's extra delicious barbecue beans was served.

No formal meeting was held but before lunch, Pres. Ron Bertacini passed along some important information.

At our Oct. meeting Marlin Lade, RUAEA Pres., was our guest. He is a great speaker & has good insights about United. He has established a liason between RUAEA & WHQ to keep the company aware of our concerns.

Also at the Oct. meeting the slate of officers for 2005 was presented.

One more important fact: To reach something other than a computer at the Benefits Center: dial 1-888-825-0188, when given the menu, press 2, when prompted, enter your file number then stay on the line through the menu choices & you will eventually be transferred to a REAL LIVE REPRESENTATIVE.

#### Calendar

**Nov.** - no meeting

**Dec. 8** - Beale Air Force Base, hosts Dick & Vi Robinson



Redwood  
Empire  
Retirees

#### REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIRES

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The Sept. meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Quail Inn at Oakmont. It was a beautiful sunny day; all enjoyed the spectacular view of the Valley of the Moon. Pres. Ron Huhn called the meeting to order. Thanks were

extended to Judy & Dan De Ford and Patrick Cad-den for the successful luncheon & decorations. Thanks to the others who assisted them. A moment of silence was kept in memory of the Sept. 11 tragedy. Our troops were included in this.

Ron said that it had been brought to his attention that some members needed clarification about the resolution concerning subsidizing luncheons from the General Fund. The resolution is as follows: (this will be item 4B in our by-laws). During each Oct. or Nov. meeting, the Officers shall direct that any & all surplus monies in our treasury over the bank's required minimum balance, be used to subsidize our Christmas luncheon. The Officers shall also maintain an additional sum of money that they deem appropriate for short term needs. This subsidy is for members only.

In order to avoid confusion in the future, Ron submitted the following: All resolutions that require a vote by the membership shall be submitted to the Pres. prior to a meeting. The Pres. will review it & discuss the proposed resolution with the maker, then read the proposed resolution during the meeting. The Sec'y will include the resolution in the meeting minutes. If any member has questions or comments concerning the resolution they will approach the Pres. & individual who brought the resolution forward.

V.P. Naomi Tolf introduced our guests. If you have a special charity you would like considered, submit the name to the Charity Committee. Maddy McKinnis has agreed to head this group. Sunshine Lady: Verda Burr reported that we had 12 birthdays; winner of the lunch was Matty Matschinegg. Cards were sent to Elsie Kuhl, LaDonna Eggert & Elaine Kristen.

Thought for the Day: *If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.*

#### Calendar

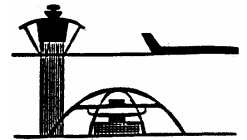
The next meeting will be at the Union Hotel in Occidental, hosts Gene & LaDonna Eggert and Bill & Pat Smith. The Eggerts are substituting for Marion Gaevert who had knee surgery 10/8. Good luck & a speedy recovery, Marion.

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*May all your tomorrows be filled with the warm memories of yesterday.*

#### ReLAXers

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Carolyn Nelson called to advise that her husband, Bob died on Sept. 2. Bob was the Ticket Sales Manager for a number of years (LAXTO) until he retired in 1980. But as I recall, he came down out of his home in Bear Valley Springs in the Tehachapi Hills in 1984 to help retire 11 of us (of a department of 63 people!) from LAXTO thanks to "the big buy-out". When they moved to B.V.S. he totally "retired" - we heard or saw very little of him once they settled into the country life. I am sure those of that LAXTO era will want to send condolences to Carolyn, their son & daughter - 30580 Rollingoak Dr., Tehachapi, CA 935161, phone 661-821-3849.

John Ippolito reported that Blanche had a hip replacement in Sept., advises she is doing quite well. Ray Ginocchio reports that Peggy also had a hip replacement in Sept. We're happy to hear that she, too, is doing very well.

A great LAXRR reunion was held at the Hacienda in El Segundo on the 25<sup>th</sup>, with over 100 attending. Linda Robbins did a TREMENDOUS job! It requires a great deal of work, so LAXRR retirees, give her a hand next year. Call her at 818-763-5749.

The LAXTR 60s-70 "class reunion" on the Carnival cruise line 4-nite cruise to Catalina & Mexico was a roaring success with over 80 attendees! I received great e-mail reports/stories from the organizer, Mike Fujimore, also from attendee Natalie Frayne, plus many comments from many more attendees.

The next big activity is the Fantasy Flight which will be conducted at the new Air Freight Building on Century Blvd. at Airport Bv. Decorating will be done on Fri. evening, Dec. 3 & the big party will be Sat. morning Dec. 4. Interested in helping? Call Jo Ann Briggs 310-830-8699 or [jad-briggs@yahoo.com](mailto:jad-briggs@yahoo.com).

Then, of course, following Fantasy Flight our



extra big activity is the 2005 RUAEA Convention. We had another productive meeting at the Renaissance Hotel. We are getting more familiar with the surroundings of the hotel. You might want to make a note of this: In the "Hollywood-Highland" shop/eat/play complex adjacent to the hotel is a L.A. Chamber of Commerce location (2<sup>nd</sup> level, next to escalators) where the folks are very friendly & helpful. By the way, did ya know, the Pres. & CEO of the C.O.C. is Mark Lieberman, retired UAL V.P.

GETTING TO & AROUND THE AREA of our convention hotel: Several of us on the convention committee are trying out public transportation - very economical & surprisingly convenient, considering the cost of gas & parking - so we can be as helpful as possible for convention attendees, both local & out-of-towners. There are 4 of us so far who meet & commute together to the meetings via the Metro Rail. We start out by allowing an extra hour so we can have lunch before our 1:00 p.m. meetings, thus checking out restaurants as well as transportation. We've checked out restaurant locations in & near the complex, have eaten in three so far, will test out another next month. Even though only committee members have to follow lunch with a meeting, any ReLAXers who would like to preview the area are invited to join us for lunch! Just give a call; I can help you with commuting directions. Then you can eat with us, check out the Highland complex and head on home. Try it - you'll be surprised - I'm sure you will like it! Already we have seen the Hollywood folks setting up the red carpets & cameras in front of the Kodak theater once for a preview and once for an installation of another star to the Walk of Fame. You just may see a *moovie star*!

Stay tuned & be sure to read Jim Ferrance's pre-convention Hollywood news on Page 1.

#### Calendar

**Dec. 2** - Christmas Luncheon on the Queen Mary

**Dec. 3 & 4** - Fantasy Flight preparation & party

**Feb. 10** - Luncheon



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It was a beautiful day for our annual picnic - not too hot & not too cold. We had a good turnout with 290 tickets sold. The steaks & food were excellent, thanks to all of our great cooks. We thank everyone who helped with the shopping, serving the food, also those who helped with the games. We couldn't have done it without them.

We were privileged to have as our guests RUAEA Pres. Marlin Lade & his wife Marilyn, who took time out of their busy schedules to join us. While we were waiting for the steaks to cook, Marlin gave us an update on the status of our pensions & answered some of the questions we have. We enjoyed having the Lades, hope they pay us a visit again. It was also good to see Brandy Branstetter from Grants Pass, OR, also "Rosie" & Zelma (Kibler) Rosenthal who now live in LAS. There may have been other visitors that I was unaware of. I'm sorry I missed you, but we are glad you came.

I sent a card to Nuriye Arslan who is having some health problems & is in Peninsula Hospital. Hope you are feeling better soon Nariye. I'm sorry to report that long time member, Dorothy Ackley, passed away Sept. 20. Send your condolences to her husband, Guy Ackley, 1957 Birch Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070.

We had a Chinese Luncheon at the Oct. meeting. We had one earlier in the year; it was so successful we decided to repeat it. Mike & Mirian Billo entertained us with singing & the guitar.

Travel info: Ginger Dahlberg is working on a Scandinavia/Russia cruise, roundtrip from Copenhagen with stops in Stockholm, Helsinki & St. Petersburg, among other places. If you are interested in this trip or other trips Ginger has planned call her 650-345-5548 or e-mail [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) for more info.

#### Calendar

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

Retirees General Meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**  
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A special birthday in Sept. - Tony Urso turned 75 on 9/10/04. (He is one of the few of us who will admit to these milestones!). We all agreed, he really looks great!

There were several couples celebrating anniversaries of over 50 years - Elaine & Vic Kristen (61), Don & Delores Burda (56), Jean & Clyde Jenkins (51) and Ralph & Adele Funston (56).

It was good to see Zelma & Rosie Rosenthal, who visited at the 9/24 meeting.

Bill & Rosemarie Reichard returned from a cruise from SFO through the Panama Canal to NY. Tony & Sally Urso went to DEN for their daughter's wedding. Barbara Farrell went to Pittsburgh, PA with her granddaughter & grandchildren.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Thea Suit (Sept. 14). The services were held on Sept. 22; many of our members attended. Our condolences to Lee.

Delores Burda has been very ill, is receiving radiation. Also Elaine Kirsten has been very ill, is at Sequoia Hospital. Our thoughts & prayers are with them.

The next two events we have coming up are the Christmas Luncheon, hosted by the officers, Dec. 1 at the Ramada Inn in Sunnyvale, also the Ladies Christmas Luncheon Dec. 7 at the Radisson in Sunnyvale. Please save these dates.

**Calendar**

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. morning at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m., meeting convenes 8:20 a.m. We welcome all fellow UA retirees to join us. Please contact our Pres. Bill Copley (408-725-8420), for more information.



**SAN JOAQUINERS**

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There are 2 outstanding occasions our chapter is treated to: i.e., the annual picnic at Pine Crest Lake, the buffet our expert culinary artist Dorothy Daniels prepares for us in early fall for which we thank her profusely along with her helper Beth. Then the Christmas Party. Doug Daniel's claim to fame is the fact that the Daniels' home in Sonora is named after the original Normandy Farms which is located in MA. The outcome of this property originated in France & has been in Doug's family & ancestors since the 1700s. Doug liked the name, also the history - hence Normandy Farms, West. We find the name intriguing & interesting.

Back to the meeting at hand - Guests were Betty Sayers, Mike & Mary Hanna, all from Victoria, Canada.

One of our long time members, Bud Dahl, passed Aug. 27, 2004, at Veterans Hospital in Napa, at age 81. He had worked in management for more than 40 years. He is well remembered.

George Gemberling reported a respectable balance in the Treasury & will be kept in check at least until Christmas time.

**AIRLINE HUMOR:**

- Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we will try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you. Nobody loves you, & your money, more than United Airlines
- As the plane landed at Washington National, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: Whoa big fella. Whoa!
- A flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing - We ask you to remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal.

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What if the El Diablos gave a luncheon & everyone came? Well - 40 of us did! Our Sept. meeting was attended by 40 members & guests. We enjoy being together, sharing information pertinent to our retiree status. It's good to be with those who have the same concerns, also fun to share all the good

memories. Howard & Jo Payne were on a trip to MI & were missed. Thanks to Vilma Patrick and Marilyn & Hoagy Harguth for doing extra duty. I will gladly relinquish the leadership position to Howard at our next luncheon.

This month 2 new retirees attended, which is always great - Pat Cadden who retired from SFOSS & Bill Kelly from SFORR. We received a call from Gene Young, a retiree from SFORR. He asked about everyone (amazing memory). He retired to Montana to be close to his 2 brothers & sends his regards. He loves everything in MT except the winters!

The PARK SFO is still a good deal for retirees, although the rate has gone up to \$8.75 per 24 hour period. I thought I would give you more details on location, etc. North Access Road exit from 101. Address is: 195 North Access Road - South San Francisco 94080 - toll free phone: 1-866-727-5736. E-mail [info@parksfo.com](mailto:info@parksfo.com), website [www.parksfo.com](http://www.parksfo.com). For those of you familiar with the area - it is just North of the MOC. Regular shuttle service to the terminal.

Just read that effective 2005, we will go to etickets for Companion travel. I'm sure more details will be mailed to us.

Our Oct. meeting was attended by 32 members & guests. It was good to see Manny Kessler & MJ Gordon back. Howard & Jo Payne returned, so I passed the torch of leadership!! (well, perhaps that is a bit dramatic).

This month we welcomed Pal Dahs, SFORR, to our meeting. She was a guest of Adeline Lee. Always good to see new faces.

Richard & Georgia Bouska gave a recap on a great Alaska cruise on Holland America; Diane told about her Alaska cruise one week later on Norwegian (also her helicopter ride to the glacier & adventures walking on it). The Bouskas are planning a trip next year to St. Petersburg, Russia - if anyone is interested, give them a call.

Just a reminder that in Dec. we will be having our annual Christmas Party & Toys for Tots collection. The Marine Corps always sends representatives; a good time is had by all. If you won't be able to attend in Dec., please bring your contributions to the Nov. meeting. We will be glad to hold them for you. Any ages (unwrapped please & new) from infants to teenagers. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at Marie Callendar's Restaurant - 2090 Diamond Blvd in Concord. Social time 11:30 - 12:00. Lunch orders are taken at 12:00. Also we will start conducting our business matters. No reservations needed. Ed Lewis will send a reminder via e-mail.

#### Calendar

**Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14**

#### COLORADO



#### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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Mile Highers' fall luncheon on Sept. 29 at the Old Neighborhood Restaurant was enjoyed by all attendees. First-timers were: Ladene & Bill Chambers, Gerry Rutherford & Kathleen Searles.

Oct 6 breakfast at Park Hill Golf Course was attended by 48. Three members returned their 50/50 winnings: Victor Amdreatta, Mary Ann Amend & Lois Dick. Elizabeth Hierzer donated some pictures of N.A.T. & United Airlines of 1920s & 1930s to the United Airlines Historical Foundation.

On Sept. 3 Tony & Sally Urso's (San Jose Chapt.) daughter Lisa married Guy "Doc" Donaldson in Tom & Nancy Goodyear's beautiful garden in DEN., 85 attended the wedding & reception. Lisa is a Technical Writer for the 757/767; Doc is a 737 Fleet Technical Instructor. Both are employed at United's Flight Training Center in DEN.

Mary Lou Dillner has been moved to an Assisted Living home for rehabilitation. She would enjoy receiving cards/notes. Mail to her: c/o Porter Place, 1001 E. Yale Av., Denver, CO 80210.

Ken Wilson recently had back surgery - now recuperating at home. Address: 13 N. Scott Dr., Broomfield, CO 80020. Walt Hansen fell off a ladder & broke a leg. Address: 419 S. Victor Way, Aurora, CO 80012-2488

Imme Barrows fell, skinned her legs, arm, and nose! Address: 7969 S. Algonquian Ct., Aurora, CO 80016.

Best wishes to these members for a speedy re-

turn to good health.

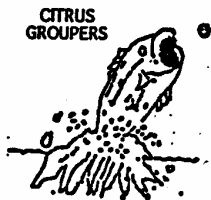
Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 7, Holiday Inn (Colorado Room), 455 S. Colorado Blvd. There is covered parking on the south side of hotel; north side has two levels of parking that has an elevator close by for the lobby area. Social hour, 11:00 a.m., beer & wine \$3.75, mixed drinks, \$4.00. Lunch 12 noon. Menu choices: herb roasted chicken, bourbon glazed pork loin or grilled salmon filet, includes salad, vegetable, potato, rolls, butter, coffee, iced tea & dessert. \$18.00 p/p inclusive. If bringing a guest, please provide name. Send checks payable to: RUAEA - Denver Chapter, mail to: Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211-1354. Phone 303-477-2918. Cut-off - Dec. 2. Please bring an unwrapped toy for Santa's Sleigh Ride. Toys should be for children 4 to 8 years old. If toys need batteries, please include.

#### Calendar

Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. ea. mo., 8:00 a.m. Park Hill Golf Course, 35<sup>th</sup> & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, #303-696-7001.

**Dec. 7** - Christmas luncheon - details in column.

#### FLORIDA



#### CITRUS GROUPERS

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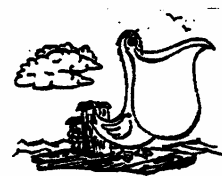
The Citrus Groupers met in Leesburg on Sept. 23, at the International Super Buffet, with 22 members & 2 guests in attendance. It seems that our members are very travel oriented. Don & Eva Dulan spent some time in Rochester, NY, complained about the cold weather. Marge Frazier spent some time in ME & AL. Fred & Leta Muir went to Scotland, enjoyed very much. Willie & Janice Willensen went to Niagara Falls for a military reunion. Bill & Mary Wimmer went to SEA & were lucky enough to escape the hurricanes. Oct. 14, Jo Beck will embark on a Gaither inspirational cruise. The Woods did not attend the meeting because Maxine just had surgery on her wrist. Paul Wiczorkowski was in the hospital with a viral infection. He feels a bit better but is supposed to take it easy for several

months.

Now on a brighter note, Joe Cantillo will be married to Elaine on Oct. 14. We wish them the best. For a honeymoon, they plan a seven-day cruise. We will combine our Nov. & Dec. meetings into a Christmas party on Dec. 9, at Jo Beck's house, 1717 Oak Forest Dr. in the Villages. As in past years, please bring a wrapped gift for a senior, marked male or female, what we collect will be distributed at a nursing home.

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There were 29 members including our speaker at Sabel Springs Golf & Racket Club for the first meeting of the season. Most members arrived about 11:00 a.m. or shortly afterwards. We had an hour of socializing. Most of the "talk" was about hurricane Charley. We were all affected by the storm one way or another. Some had much more damage than others, but we were all glad to see each other & chat. Marilyn & Tom McNabb had decorated the dining room with Halloween candy & scarecrow table decorations. It really looked like Halloween. They also brought many prizes to go along with the 50/50.

Harry Jacobs from American Protective Insurance Corporation was our speaker. Mr. Jacobs discussed Long Term Care Insurance, plus what Medicare & Medicaid cover. Ann Dillon, Fred Bauer, Linda Blair & Phillip Cook each won an American Protective Emergency Card.

Ann Miller, City Manager at RSW, will be our speaker for the Nov. meeting. Hopefully, John Dahl, former City Manager at RSW, now manager at Tampa, will also be available for the Nov. meeting. We will collect food for the Tice Elementary School at that time.

Ann Dillon had a bad fall in her garage. She has a shoulder separation with multiple bruises, including a black eye. Her arm is now in a sling.

Norman & Ethel McNeil were former members of the Pelican Drop-Ins. Norm passed away on Sept. 20; he was 90 years old. His memorial service

will be held in the Chicago area. Cards may be sent to Ethel McNeil, 12829 Waterford Cir., #207, Fort Myers, FL 33902.

#### Calendar

Luncheon meeting, first Fri. of the month, Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May). Guests are welcome...but reservations must be made. Breakfast meeting, Perkins Restaurant (June-Sept.). For more information call or e-mail: Marilyn McNabb (239) 482-3882 (Fort Myers) - [UALMKE@aol.com](mailto:UALMKE@aol.com); Joan Gilkison, (941) 637-9367 (Punta Gorda) - [jgilkison1@comcast.net](mailto:jgilkison1@comcast.net), or Carrie Bellluse (239) 481-1450 (Fort Myers) - [Tutupapa1@aol.com](mailto:Tutupapa1@aol.com).



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The Real McCoys met at the Golden Corral on Oct. 6, 1:00 p.m. Pres. Richard Llewellyn opened the meeting for the 42 members who were able to get together. After all the wind around here we were pleased that there were 42 still left in FL!

Sec'y, Norma Butchart commented on the last month's meeting & the cancellation of the fall picnic. We can thank Charlie, Francis, Ivan & Jeanne for that.

Charlotte Le Grand gave the treasurer's report. We were pleased to know that The Real McCoys are in a good financial position.

Pres. Lewellyn informed us that they are working on obtaining the Conway Methodist Church for our Christmas Party. It is accessible without steps & should be better for those of us who found climbing the many stairs so difficult.

There were NO anniversaries in Oct.

As the Real McCoy representative, Richard Armistead gave a report on the annual Convention held in SEA last May (he finally got back to do so after visiting everything west of the Mississippi & "hunkering down" during the hurricanes. Of course, by now everyone was already informed, but it was good to hear it "live".

May I take a moment to say a BIG THANK

YOU to Norma Butchart & especially Char Le Grand for pinch-hitting for me while I was away.

#### Calendar

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

**Dec. 1** - The Real McCoy's Christmas Party

**Dec. 4** - Southern Florida University Christmas Gala

**Jan. 8** - Broadway Dinner Theatre, *Victor Victoria*

**Apr. 11-22** - Eleven-night Panama Cruise from Ft. Lauderdale

Call Stan Halterman for details regarding these activities, (407) 852-6773 or e-mail him at [Sbhalter1234@cs.com](mailto:Sbhalter1234@cs.com)

#### TAMPA BAY

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Since our Chapter is left without a correspondent, I am back substituting. That is until we get a volunteer as permanent Sec'y & Correspondent.

We had a very nice day & turnout for the picnic/meeting 10/4 at Anderson Park. Terri Breslin reported the death of Elizabeth Hoffmaster 9/2/04 due to heart problems.

Mike Marvett is hosting our Annual West Coast Florida Luncheon, Monday, Jan. 17, 2005. Mike announced the cost will be \$17 incl. tip & tax. You have a choice of Prime Rib, Grouper fish, or Lamb Shanks. It will be held at Pappas Restaurant in Tarpon Springs by the famous sponge docks. We invite you all to mark your calendar & join us for a good time, especially you northerners. Fly down out of the snow & cold, have a good old time visiting your buddies in our FL sunshine. Reservations will be taken by Sadie Tuten, 8315 N. 46<sup>th</sup> St., Tampa, FL 33617, phone (813) 989-9606. Any questions call Sadie or Mike Marvett, phone (727) 532-2140 or e-mail [loretmarve@aol.com](mailto:loretmarve@aol.com). Reservation deadline Jan. 10, 2005. Be sure to state menu choice on the bottom of your check. If a Chapter wishes to sit together, we hope you plan to come early, send your

checks to Sadie in one envelope & Mike will do his best to have a table for you - but no promises! You may bring a friend or relative & if you need a hotel, try calling Holiday Inn, Marriott or others on their 800 number & ask for their nearest facility to Tarpon Springs. Hope to see you all there Jan 17. P.S NOTE: Our speaker will be RUAEA Pres. Marlin Lade!

Our Christmas Party will be Mon., Dec. 6 at Sparton Manor, same as last year. Price will be \$14.25 & the Hudson Middle School will entertain us. Have your reservation in to Terri Breslin, 7885 Cherrytree Lane, New Port Richey, FL 34653 - deadline Nov. 20.



### **TREASURE COAST**

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Hurricanes Frances & Jeanne apparently wanted to become members of our Treasure Coast group as they directly hit our area within 3 weeks of each other. Most folks faired pretty well. Bob & Chris Taylor lost their home & our Pres., Al Popek, incurred extensive damage. Many members had screen, pool & roof problems, not to mention being without electricity & phone service for many days. Thankfully, everyone is OK. The destruction was quick; repairs, cleanup will take months. Despite all, 13 members came to our Oct. 5 luncheon meeting at Johnny's. Everyone wanted to talk about the hurricanes, so not much business was accomplished. Good therapy for all. During all of this, Michael Hirjak was in the hospital for leg ulcers. He came home prior to Jeanne & is recuperating nicely. Hurry & get better, Michael. Michael & Mari also had damage to their home.

Elections were held for the new officers prior to the hurricanes. Results as follows:

Al Popek	Pres.
Paul Liebisch	V.P.
Diane Liebisch	Treas.
Helen Koerber	Sec'y

Much thanks to the past officers, Al Coradine & Mari Hirjak for their efforts in promoting the

Treasure Coast Chapter.

I think trivia questions are fun; how about these: When was coast to coast air travel possible? How much did it cost & how long did it take? Answers next month.

### **Calendar**

**Nov. 2** - 11:30, Johnny's

**Dec. 7** - Christmas Party

### **THE VILLAGES**

### **AIRLINE RETIREES' CLUB**

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Not much to report from The Villages, except we have weathered the hurricanes & came through with not much damage for four such severe storms. Some were without power for 24 hours. Some had tree damage with heavy rain & winds, but we are very thankful that we were favored.

Our past meeting was cancelled due to the on-coming hurricane. There was no meeting in Aug. as an outing was planned for a luncheon on board the boat on the Dead River.

### **GEORGIA**

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**DIXIE FLYERS**

28 Flyers & 6 guests were present for the picnic & meeting at Indian Springs hosted by Gene & Jeanne Barber. Stan & Marge Cebula brought their aunt & uncle, Liz & Don Lima. Gerry Topolnicki, Barbara Russy's sister from TN & Ruth Romin, Don Sullivan's sister also joined us. Our other guests were the Brodersens' granddaughter Hunter Wyatt & Nicole Clayton the granddaughter of Ron Clayton. It was good to have Bobby & Harriet Jones with us again after a long absence. We gathered together earlier than usual, played guessing



games, ring toss & musical chairs, etc. before lunch. Some of the members brought a fishing rod & went fishing. Everyone seemed to enjoy the extra time we had to visit & get to know each other. Ray & Mary Owen prepared and served the hot dogs & hamburgers, turkey hot dogs & turkey burgers for those watching their cholesterol. Ray is a master at the grill - always willing to cook for us. He did a great job as usual; we showed our appreciation; there were no leftovers. Members brought chips, salad, baked beans, slaw, potatoes & lots of desserts that we all shared. The Chapter provided the meat, buns & paper goods for the meal, also paid for the use of the picnic area. It was a beautiful day for a picnic; Indian Springs was a perfect location. We met in a large screened pavilion overlooking the lake. After lunch the meeting began; we took care of business, then played BINGO. Lots of prizes were awarded to the many winners of the games. Don Sullivan was proudly sporting his Capital Airlines watch that he had won at the Capital Picnic which was Capital Airlines last annual picnic.

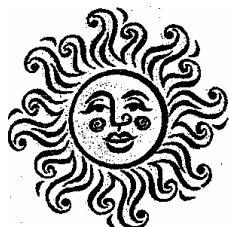
Pres. Bruce Brodersen opened the meeting & began by taking questions from the members. Most of the questions were concerning pension & medical benefits. There was much discussion as many had a lot of questions about the medical premiums, deductions & the new limits. Also discussed was what some had heard concerning the pension termination or changes to amount of retirement received. There is a vast amount of information available that our members are drawing from. It is hard to determine what is truth or rumor. Ron & Margaret Heider will host our next meeting on Nov. 3 at Ryan's Family Steak House in McDonough, GA. Election of Dixie Flyers 2005 officers will be held at the Dec. meeting. We urge all members to consider whom you would nominate. Nominations will be taken at the Nov. meeting.

Something to think about: *We cannot change the direction of the wind...but we can adjust our sails.*

## **HAWAII**

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Firehouse Restaurant in Hilo on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Sept. was a great place with plenty of room for the 25 members & 2 guests that we had on a beautiful Hawaiian day. We did have 2 new members, but only one was able to attend, Toshimitsu Kondo of Hilo. Pres. McMahon gave birthday wishes to Duke Kennedy & Claire Sherman.

Dick Chadwick was our 50/50 raffle winner; Art Chang won the "free lunch". We also had 8 lucky raffle winners this month. Congratulations to all of you. I am always looking for donations to our raffles; many thanks to those of you who are donating something to the cause!!

I gave the treasury report & mentioned we now have 41 members.

The Christmas party at Art & Maggie Chang's house was mentioned. We gave everyone the price for the meal they are planning for us, \$7.00 p/p, \$15.00 per couple. There will also be a gift exchange. If you want to bring a dessert or salad please feel free to do so.

We are looking for retirees who have retired from the "Big Island". Please give us a call, (808) 966-7886 or e-mail us at [djsmiley@ilhawaii.net](mailto:djsmiley@ilhawaii.net)....any RUAEA visitors are welcome too!

## **Calendar**

**Nov. 18** - Sandalwood, Naniloa Resort, Hilo

**Dec. 16** - Art & Maggie Chang's house, Kona

**Jan. 20** - Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Hilo

## **IDAHO**

### **BOISE GEMS**

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Pres. Ron Hamann updated the 23 attendees on UAL's problems - handing out samples of this & that to assist fellow GEMS. Included was a pleading letter written to Mr. Tilton. I have a copy, if anyone is interested. Ron also explained the new online check-in procedures for NRSAs. He then explained that the company he works for part-time, has asked him to become full-time. He has accepted. This means he won't be able to continue on

as our chapter president after Dec. 31. We'll need to reactivate a nominating committee & start looking for a replacement. We congratulate Floyd & Ann Rose on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Bud & Pat Peters were both absent. She was in TN for a family get-together with her sister who lives there, & her brother who flew in from CA. Pat flew Delta out of BOI to SLC, CVG & Johnson City. Bud meanwhile was working the Boise Open at the Hillcrest Country Club. He said he saw some great golf, & met many of the pros. Several told him the Boise Open was at the top of their list of tournaments on the Nationwide Tour.

David & Carol Adams who took the week-long Alaska Inland Passage cruise, including Glacier Bay & such ports as Juneau, Sitka & Ketchikan. They highly recommend the Holland America Line. Louise Duvall reports that "Thelma, Louise & Charlotte" were driven to Clarkston, WA, to take the jet-boat up the Snake River through Hell's Canyon -- an all-day beautiful trip. Ron & Denise Hamann road their mountain bikes over the "Trail of Couer d' Alene" & "Route of the Hiawatha". It took them 6 days, with rain every day, but they rode both trails for 170 miles. Marge Redford attended her granddaughter's wedding in CHI, but she said getting there & back was anything but easy. Roni Adams attended the Clipped Wings National Convention in Scottsdale, AZ. Her 24 members-at-large group boosted total attendance to more than 300 attendees. The agenda consisted of old & new business, a sharing of airline experiences with old "buddies", & making new friends.

Holbrook "Mike" Maslen is back from Reno, having again competed in the Reno Air Races. This involves flying around a short-course in a Formula One plane that flies 30 feet off the ground at 250 mph. The small aircraft weighs little more than 500 pounds & holds only 5 gallons of gas. Mike, a retired UAL captain, when asked why he does this said, "I'm 71. What else can I do?"

The people at the BOI Airport were a-buzz on Sept. 29. Seems an out-of town visitor upon returning her rental car at 6 a.m., became confused by the confusing instructions for returning car rentals. She drove up to the back door of the baggage claim area, the doors opened automatically, & she continued into the terminal proper, through the claim area, past a vehicle on display near the rotunda, & up to the car rental counter. Nothing was damaged,

nobody was hurt, & the woman who departed on a flight later in the morning, was not cited. The incident highlighted the need for barriers to block the door, said an airport spokeswoman. An airport employee later placed a large trash can outside the entrance, as a temporary security measure.

Madeline Jones, wife of retired F/O Bill Jones, passed away peacefully Oct. 13, after a long illness. Our deepest sympathies to Bill & the Jones family.

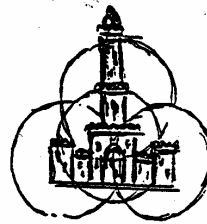
#### Calendar

**Dec. 6** - 7:30 a.m., Breakfast at the Holiday Inn on Vista Ave.

**Dec. 15** - Christmas Party & Dinner at the Holiday Inn in Boise.

**Aviation Truism:** Now I know what a dog feels like, watching TV. A DC-9 captain trainee attempting to check out on the "glass cockpit" of an A-320. (If you don't know what a glass cockpit is, log on [http://www.wordiq.com/definition/glass\\_cockpit](http://www.wordiq.com/definition/glass_cockpit)).

#### ILLINOIS



#### LOOP GROUP

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It was great to see a nice get-together for our Sept. luncheon. Surprise - the buffet was still \$8.00 until the end of Sept. a nice break. The luncheon was chatty, with lots of good will & delicious food. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Nov. for the last luncheon for 2004. Until then, all the best because winter is peeking & wondering how to attack!

#### Calendar

**Nov. 17** - Loop Group Luncheon, Palmer House, French Quarter, 11:30 a.m.

#### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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At the Northsiders Oct. breakfast we welcomed new members Jerry Horn who worked at WHQKX in the computer field service & Robert Judd who was a meteorologist at World Headquarters. Now that our summer vacations have passed, we look forward to seeing more retirees coming to our breakfasts. We look forward to newcomers; if you know someone who would enjoy our meetings, invite them to ride with you.

The Northsiders Breakfast Group will have their Food Pantry Collection at their next breakfast on Nov. 10. Paper products are on the list for the needy; canned goods are always welcomed.

Florence Constance is home from the hospital after surgery on her shoulder. She will be in rehab & her doctor advised her not to drive for 3 months. Cards & notes would help make her stay more comforting. Address is 5655 South Monitor Ave., Chicago, IL 60638.

Angie Malouhos who handles the Loop Group is at home with casts on both arms. She would welcome cards & letters, address is 1542 West Farwell Av., Chicago, IL 60626. Please no phone calls this time.

The Midway **"Gals and Guys"** celebrated the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of their annual luncheon the end of Sept. There were 75 people who gathered at Manzo's Banquet Room in Des Plaines to enjoy a family style dinner. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to a special retiree - Harold Weary, who celebrated his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. What is your secret, Harold?

On Nov. 10 & 11, in conjunction with the Dept. of Children & Family Services, employees will line up to select a foster child's wish list for the Holiday Season. Retired volunteers are needed to assist with the distribution of these wish lists, then later the acceptance of the gifts purchased by the employees. Volunteers will ensure that each employee returning gifts will have their names logged, to make sure that all gifts are received. Gifts are to be wrapped & returned on Wed., Dec. 9. This is a very rewarding & fun program that benefits children who would not otherwise receive gifts without caring & sharing. Last year, 2003, over 1600 kids gifts filled two semi-trailer trucks that left United to deliver the gifts to children! What a dazzling display of hundreds of colorful holiday-wrapped gifts filled our cafeteria.

During a time such as this, to see so many em-

ployees, family & friends care for those less fortunate was indeed moving & uplifting. "Thank you for sharing your time & resources to make last Christmas Holiday a record-breaking experience for children & families in need" said Debbie Bridges of Community Service at World Headquarters. Donations were received of everything from bikes, televisions, coats, toys & everything in between.

There has been an increase in the composing, printing & mailing out of the Chapter entertainment programs for the Chicago Skyliners Chapter. In the past we have been able to subsidize some of the cost, but with the increase in printing & mailing, the Planning Committee has agreed to increase the yearly dues to \$5.00 starting in Jan. 2005. The \$5.00 dues can be included with your payment for the Christmas Luncheon, or send separately if you are not attending the luncheon. Make your check payable to *"Chicago Skyliners"*, send to our treas., Ken Goetz, 722 Timothy Court, East Dundee, IL 60018. Remember to include your file number on the check. If you have any questions, Ken's phone number is (847) 836-5157. You will be receiving the Christmas Luncheon registration form in the near future.

The Octoberfest Luncheon was well attended & a good time was had by all. The oom-pa-pa band added excitement to the festivities.

New retirees attending the Southsiders brunch in Sept. were Ernie & Lydia Codilis, also Ed Heimberg, who was a lead at ORD. Bob & Agnes Pearson reported on their recent trip of 13-day Grand Circle Cruise on the Danube River. After a 3-night stay in Budapest, their group boarded a riverboat, sailed through Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria & Romania. At port cities, motor coaches drove them to many interesting places & to several home-hosted lunches. What fun they had on vacation.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers of our local chapter. The officers are: John Koehl, Pres.; Don Dramlich, V.P.; Jackie Sontheimer, re-elected as Sec'y & Ken Goetz reelected as Treas.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Carol Faust as past Pres. & Bob Jacobson as past V.P. for their work the past two years.

John Koehl graduated from Denver University in 1950, hired as an industrial engineer by Jack Watson & transferred to EXO in 1962 after the Capital merger. He held various assignments in or-

ganization & salary planning, transferred to SFOCS in 1970 as Station Planning Manager. He returned to CHI in 1974 for a special project & concluded service as Crew Accommodations Manager in 1988. John served as first V.P. of the SFO retirees & was a former member of the RUAEA board 1994-1999. John currently serves on the RUAEA site selection committee.

#### Calendar

Southside Brunch - breakfast at Grandma Sally's Pancake House (last Tues. of the month), 11:00 a.m., 8500 South Harlem Ave., Bridgeview, IL

Loop Group -Palmer House, French Quarter, 11:30 a.m., Downtown Chicago, (3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of the month)

Northside Breakfast - Artemis Restaurant (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month), 9:00 a.m., Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL

**Dec. 7 - Skyliners Christmas Luncheon**, Avalon Banquets, 1905 East Higgins Rd., at Oakton & Rt. 83, (less than a mile from World Headquarters), Elk Grove, IL, cocktails 11:00 a.m., lunch 12:00. Holiday entertainment will be featured.

**Special Notice:** ORDCS Retirees meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of every month at Higgins Char House, 800 E Higgins Rd., Elk Grove Village, IL, at noon. Everyone is welcome! Please join us.

#### MASSACHUSETTS



#### NOR'EASTERS

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On Sept. 14, a bus load of Nor'Easters took off for the day to Foxwoods Casino, in Connecticut. The morning commuter traffic was so bad, the bus was held an extra half hour to accommodate late arrivals. Ann & Frank Thornell pulled up as the bus took off & followed it to the casino. Thank God we retirees don't have to deal with traffic anymore! Don Simard, host on the bus, created games, providing lots of winners, rapidly changing the mood for the rest of the trip. No one admitted to being big casino winners, but everyone was smiling on the return bus ride. Couldn't have been bad.

At last plans have been finalized for our new golf/sweat shirts with the Nor'Easters logo. Order forms will be sent with the next meeting mailing.

Our newest member is Dick Mangino, BOSFF. Welcome Dick.

#### Calendar

**Nov. 9** - luncheon, Prince Leaning Tower, Saugus, MA

**Dec. 9** - Christmas luncheon, Spinelli's, Lynnfield, MA

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#### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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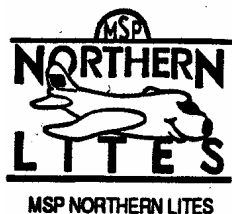


No meeting yet, so no Escapee News; however, several Escaped Loonies & Northern Lites joined the Loonies for 3 great days in Pequot Lakes, MN, hosted by Donna & Allan Olson. Terrific weather, unbelievable scenery, with the trees dressed in their autumn finest, delectable feed, the bestest camaraderie, plus great tours, all arranged by our hosts. We visited a young man that made his home into a ship museum, his childhood dreams come true. We also stopped by Precision Waterjet Concepts; where we witnessed several different types of material being cut to perfection by waterjets & air force. Each Loonie was presented a medallion with a Loon cut out of the middle. Most unbelievable was our visit to Pequot Lakes Library, completely restored & run on a volunteer basis, many hours were donated by Donna & Allan. We were glad to meet special guest, our Northwest Director, Carol Faust & hubby, Bob. Sister Joan & I spent a night going & a night on the return with Nellie Brawner, her 3 lovable pooches & 5 lamas, in Birchwood, WI. We returned through the UP of MI, found a B&B, just off Rt. 2; it may be called the President's Inn or Clyde's Cabin or Doris's Resort, some Loonie told us about it - it was delightful.

Our love & prayers this month to the families of Sharon Jacobs on the loss of her mom & to Rhea Jay on the loss of her dad, as both parents went to

their eternal homes. Also just heard that Robin "Candy" Robinson-Gillespie died after a lengthy illness. Concerns may be sent to: Jim Gillespie, 16880 Ilene, Detroit, MI 48221; Sharon at 411 Coledale Dr., White Lake, MI 48386-2827 & Rhea at 32316 W. 11 Mile Rd., Farmington, MI 48336-1118. Lastly, our love & prayers to Dru Sjodin's family on the loss of their beautiful talented daughter, such a waste. Lee Storlie, who worked with Sid, Dru's stepfather, introduced some of us Loonies to Sid, who shared some of Dru's beautiful moments on this earth.

## MINNESOTA



### NORTHERN LITES

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Our fall meetings have been well attended. 26 retirees & Donna Gray's mother, as a guest, enjoyed a luncheon cruise on the St. Croix River for our Oct. gathering. The fall colors were at their peak, eagles were sighted; it was an enjoyable afternoon despite the drizzly cool day.

After the most recent hurricanes, Chuck & Jo Ann Eichacker are back in FL for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in a month. Time is spent picking up the pieces & doing repair on their home in Jensen Beach. Jack Doke, in Winter Haven, weathered the storms with a lot of rain & wind, but no significant damage.

Lyle Gunderson spoke with Glenda Morton. Mort had surgery on his knee at Mayo Clinic & is again battling Valley Fever. Get well wishes were sent to Mort & our prayers for his recovery as well.

Lee & Diane Storlie, Rich & Connie Glattly, Nel Brawner, Jim Simon & guest Myra, Jim & Mary Brennan, and Donna Gray joined the "Loonies" at their fall outing at Pequot Lakes, MN in mid-Oct.. Allan & Donna Olson hosted the event. Fellowship at their home & a cruise on the lake were highlights on a 75 degree day. The colors were at their peak. Tours of two local enterprises & the new Pequot Lakes library the next day were also very interesting. Local restaurants got raves for their prime rib, walleye, & apple dumplings. Thank you Allan & Donna for the hospitality you showed our group. Before leaving Fri. morning we had a

visit from Sid Walker, who now lives in the area. He was a UAL employee 'way back when MSP still had a Res. office. Old times were remembered with fondness & laughter.

Carol Faust, the Midwest Region Director of RUAEA & her husband, Bob, were also at the "Loonies" gathering. Carol will attend our MSP Nov. 10 meeting. Please attend, call a retiree who hasn't joined us recently & invite them to ride with you. We miss seeing them & would like them to be a part of our fellowship.

### Calendar

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month, 11:15 a.m., lunch at Old Country Buffet, north of Highway #110 on Robert St. in West St. Paul.

## NEBRASKA

### GOLDEN'EARS

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With rain in the forecast for our picnic at Chalco Hills, we felt very fortunate that it stayed away until everyone was gone. Actually it was quite nice on the hill as we were in the shelter house. We had 60 in attendance including Dick & Patti Seitz, who now live in Bella Vista, AR & Don Behrendt from ID.

Kathy & Bob Faust will be moving to FL the first of Oct. They have their home sold & are ready to go. Their new address will be 2170 Jasper Way, The Villages, FL 32162.

Mel Harrison treated us with a nice cake at the picnic in honor of Bill's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday which was Sept. 16. Bill plays golf a couple of times a week & seems to be enjoying life. 'Way to go, Bill.

I talked to Bill Slaughter a couple of weeks ago; he had one hip replacement 6 months ago & is due for another anytime. But, on Aug. 19 he had surgery for carpal tunnel on his right hand. Guess his hip will come next. Shirley Slaughter was in the hospital for 8 days with congestive heart failure. They certainly are having their problems. We hope things will be looking up for them soon.

Keith Cornish visited Charlie Millington at the University Hospital. Keith said Charlie is very ill. According to Joan, he continues to run a fever &

the doctors are concerned about the status of his heart. We are wishing Charlie & Joan our very best. Cards may be sent to Charlie at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, 5<sup>th</sup> Fl., Emile at 42<sup>nd</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68105

#### Calendar

**Nov. 2** - Old Country Buffet

**Dec. 7** - Anthony's, hosted by Ev & Shirley Payton

### NEVADA



#### RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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Sept. 16, the Sierra Roundup had 26 members, including new member Melanie Palmer, at our meeting at The Red Lobster. Melanie is a retired flight attendant - welcome to Reno! Sylvia Pendleton's guest, Ed Williams, was introduced & welcomed to the gathering.

Joe Robinson acted as interim Pres. & Mary Withers covered the secretarial position while John & Pat Zoboli cruised the Caribbean. Thanks to both.

We are sad to report the passing of one of the founding members of the Sierra Roundup - Dorothy McHughes. Dorothy passed away on Sept. 19. Dorothy is survived by her son, daughter-in-law, 4 grandchildren & 7 great-grandchildren.

Our newest roster was handed out to members present at the meeting. Copies will be mailed with the newsletter. Please advise me of any changes/corrections. (see phone number and e-mail address below)

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### NEW JERSEY

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The meeting of the Gardenstater was held on Sept. 29 at Snuffy's Restaurant in Scotch Plain, NJ. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting with a moment of silence for our departed & ill members. 71 members attended. Visiting us from VA was Bill Hafer, his wife Marion & sister-in-law Louise.

Jerry Confer explained the Toys for Tots program that UAL retirees are going to participate in for the 2004 Christmas season. Toys will be collected at the Dec. meeting. Toys for tots merchandise was given out to the members, i.e., golf balls, tee shirts, magnets, rulers & pencils. Pres. Richard Confer reviewed the medical & pension funding plan.

There will be no meeting in Nov. due to being so close to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

#### Calendar

**Dec. 15** - Meeting, instead of the last Wed. of the month

### NEW YORK

#### BUFFALO CHIPS

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The Ebenezer Onion, Ebenezer, (West Seneca) NY was the location Sept. 15 of the Buffalo Chips quarterly dinner with 35 Chips & guests in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the buffet dinner, especially the homemade Apple Crisp dessert served with real whipped cream. For one night it was a case of carbs be damned.

No program was planned; after a long, rainy summer everyone was in the mood to just talk.

Welcomed to the group were Doug & Gail Dannebrock from Apollo Beach, FL. They were spending the summer in Ft. Erie, Ontario & avoided hurricanes Charley & Frances. Phone calls home have revealed no damage. They head south the first of the week to see if "Ivan the Terrible" had any impact. It would appear only rain & moderate wind was in their area.

Ralph Loffert was welcomed back after a long winter & summer of health problems. He has recovered, showing no ill effects, now is back on the



golf course.

Mike Keller was saying his goodbyes as he gets ready for his winter excursion to Corpus Christi.

The next get-together will be Dec. 1 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens for the fantastic Christmas display & dinner.

## **GUYS AND DOLLS**

New York, NY

*Submitted by Marge Segal*

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Our Oct. 5 luncheon meeting brought 19 Guys & Dolls to San Martin's Restaurant on a beautiful chilly fall day. Correspondent, Jeanne Leo, had left the day before for Iowa to be with her seriously ill twin sister, Celine. Our prayers are with them. Jan Nonamaker had a guest, Janet Dybell Matson, who is retired from In Flight & is now living in Auckland.

Some of our attendees were recently home from their world travels & enlightened us with their tales of exciting experiences. Roy Portelli, Rose & Julius Schneider, visited Norfolk & Washington. They were very impressed with the new World War II memorial in Washington, DC. Alice O'Hagan graced Ireland & Italy, also was thrilled with the opera in Verona. Hiroko Kekucis Wright & husband Don loved Newfoundland even though they had problems refueling the private plane. Pam Jones was delighted with her trip to Sicily. They made you feel like leaving the luncheon & getting on an airplane to "somewhere"!

The next meeting scheduled for Dec. 7 will be our holiday party. There is a charge of \$10.00 p/p to cover tapas & sangria before lunch. Lunch, as always, is ordered & paid for on an individual basis. Treas. Pam Jones will accept checks (preferred) or cash upon arrival. We must have confirmations by Nov. 30!

## **Calendar**

**Dec. 7** - Holiday luncheon at San Martin. RSVP Jeanne Leo, 212-753-6128 or Marge Segal, 212-355-1788.



## **NEW YORK METROS**

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Once again we opened our monthly meeting with a moment of silence for another member in long standing with United Airlines & the New York Metros. Michael (Mike) Cardacino passed away in late Sept. He was a WWII Army Veteran having served in Burma as a medic in the OSS. He was a graduate from the Academy of Aeronautics, worked for United at Kennedy Airport as an A&E mechanic, later as an inspector. Mike was a quiet, friendly, unassuming man who leaves his wife Marian of 56 years, 2 children & 2 grandchildren. We'll miss Mike. Our prayers & thoughts are with the Cardacino family.

Joe Totaro announced the loss of Lou Teichener, another A/C mechanic/inspector at JFK. Lou wrote a column for the local IAM Lodge 1322 newspaper before retiring to the SFO Bay area. Our condolences to Annette, Lou's wife.

The couple of the month was Joan & Dave Curtin, celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of this month. The Chapter had a beautiful anniversary cake in their honor, also a bottle of champagne. Enjoy!

Anthony Manfre recovery from surgery, 718-461-2379; Dolores Kaczinski home, 631-427-4537; Mabel Bittar fell & hurt her back, 718-238-2984.

We had 77 members & guests for this month's meeting at the Millerridge Inn. Anita Fox was a guest of Fran Trella. Nadine Cordes drove her aunt Yvonne Guella from Brooklyn to attend. Werner Buck had Bob Witmeier as a guest. New members are Sharron Ozaki, Joann Haft & Marilyn Wright-clarke, all customer service retirees from LGA. Welcome all!

Good seeing Walter Stobe, Tom Joy & Bill Schuler again. They let us know they're still around. Also, Terry & Frank Zabaruskas who disappear to their Pocono retreat for the summer.

Roy Portelli & the Schneiders drove to Norfolk, VA for an Army reunion with Roy's Korean War outfit. They loved the harbor tour, also the visit to the permanent site for the Battleship Wisconsin. On the way home they made a stop at the WWII Me-

morial in Washington, D.C. They were not disappointed.

The recipient for the Arthur Shepherd Award will be announced at the Christmas Luncheon, as well as the John Pacillo Award.

The nominations for the next V.P. & Treas. was unanimous for Charlie Kazcinski & Paul Cohen respectively. If it's not broken, why change it?

The Christmas luncheon will be on Dec., 1 at 12 noon. The price for dues paid members is \$15.00 p/p. Guests & unpaid dues will be \$20.00. Make sure that Rosemary Totaro knows in advance that you are attending the luncheon. Last year we had to turn members away.

Don't forget to bring in toys and/or money for the Marathon School Christmas Party in Dec.

#### Calendar

**Nov. 3** - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

**Dec. 1** - Christmas luncheon, 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

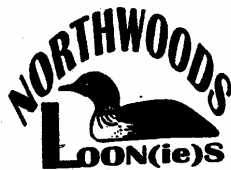
**Dec. 16** - Marathon School Christmas Party

**Jan. 5, 2005** - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

### NORTHWOODS

#### NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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The Loonies experienced excellent fall weather as they gathered at the home of Allan & Donna Olson in the beautiful north country of MN. We welcomed members of the Great Lakes Escapees, Northern Lites. Carol Faust, our Midwest Regional Director & her husband, Bob. Mother Nature's fall colors were on full display & did not disappoint anyone. There were 32 of us enjoying good fellowship, good food & interesting tours of local Pequot Lakes. First up was a tour of Precision Water Jet Concepts, a company owned by Seth Jackson, a good friend of Allan & Donna's. His machinery cuts almost any kind of material from plastic to granite to steel using water & an abrasive sand under 60,000 pounds of pressure. We were given a demonstration of the machine in action which was fascinating to watch. Each couple was presented

with a medallion with a loon cutout.

Next up was a tour of the new Pequot Lakes Library, which was just established this summer with donated money & books, is being staffed & operated entirely by volunteers. Donna is working many, many hours getting books cataloged and ready for the shelves. The group made a generous donation to the Library, which is greatly appreciated. The Library's art display this month just happened to be a collection of paintings by Dru Sjodin. This really meant a lot to several of the Northern Lites who had once worked in MSP with Dru's stepfather Sid Walker. Sid was able to come to the hotel Fri. morning to meet with us before we all departed for home.

The last tour was to the home of another good friend, Tim Leagjeld, who has a large collection of artifacts from several ocean going ships, including place settings, menus, fixtures, etc. Tim also has several scale models of passenger liners on display which he has built, some as long as six feet.

The day was capped off with dinner at the Northwoods Inn, home of Bill's famous prime rib; everyone left thoroughly stuffed. Even though the restaurant was tucked back in the woods, we all got there & back without losing anyone; we also avoided several deer. A great time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be in Mackinac City, MI, hosted by Don & Hope Hayden on May 11, 12, 13, 2005. We look forward to another fun time in the Spring.

### OHIO

#### BUCKEYES

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Vince & Norma Malena hosted the Ohio Buckeyes 1<sup>st</sup> Pig Roast held at The Old SchoolHouse Restaurant in Litchfield. The weather was beautiful but unfortunately our group was unable to sit outside. I hear tell that the bees had invaded the area. Thanks Vince & Norma for a great job! There were 79 attendees.

We acknowledged Oct. birthdays & anniversa-

ries. We had quite a few anniversaries but the Rowans were married the longest (59 years). Congratulations to every one of you. We also acknowledged Bill Gatesman's friend Joyce Matsuda visiting from DEN. Glad you were able to join us.

I was unable to attend the Pig Roast & would like to thank my husband, Bernie for a great job of taking notes. As many of you know I broke my wrist last month (you'd never believe how I did it) & have had to depend on Bernie as my right hand man. He is doing a Great job. I thank all of you for your phone calls & cards.

Charlie & Nellie Beers attended the luncheon. I am happy to report that she is doing great after her hip surgery. Welcome back! Cards were sent to Emily & Dave Robinson, Perry & Judy McKnight, Carol & Bob Flickinger & Shirley Springer. Bernie spoke with Perry McKnight; he is being treated for a medical problem but is progressing very well. I am sending cards to Mark Gatesman & Bill Boodie. Our thoughts & prayers are with you & your loved ones.

### FOR THIS MOMENT

Bless these next few, short moments in my day,  
before the next  
Problem arises. And may I remember, in all my  
busy--ness,  
That the best time to seek you is always the same:  
now, right now.

We just learned that Jim & Nan Multeri would be returning to CHI. They just recently joined our group. It was nice having them at our functions. You will be missed. Keep in touch.

The Ohio Buckeyes would like to wish all of you Happy Thanksgiving.

### Grace for Our Feast

We gather around this feasting table, humbled by  
our bounty,  
Lord of abundant life; we have so much more than  
we need.  
We confess that we are poised, fork in hand, ready  
to overdo.  
Help us learn better how to live as grateful, if over-  
stuffed.  
Children---delighted, surprised, and generous with

the  
Sharing of our good fortune. Bless us now as we  
enjoy it  
Amidst food, friends and family. We give the  
heartiest  
Thanks for your diligent, steadfast care.

### Calendar

**Nov. 3** - Marcal's of Middleburg Hts. @ 1:00 p.m.  
Restaurant opens at 11:30 a.m. \$15.00 pre-paid

**Dec. 8** - Pippin's Three @ 1:00 p.m. Doors open at  
12:00 p.m. Note this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month.  
\$15 prepaid. Annual Christmas Party

**Jan. 2005** - NO MEETING

### OREGON

#### OREGON DEW-ERS

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I can't pass up bragging about our beautiful Oct. weather, cool crisp mornings & 70s in the afternoon. On top of that, Mt. St. Helens is spewing steam & volcanic rock, a glowing lava dome that grows bigger every day plus scientists reporting it will soon "blow" again, but not like the eruption in 1980. It is an interesting time to be living in the Northwest.

Our meeting in Oct. was election of officers for the next two years and revising the chapter by-laws (which passed) and our every popular ice cream social. The new officers are as follows:

Dave Smith	Pres.
John Donaldson	V.P.
Shirley Walker	Sec'y
Diane Holten	Treas.
Bill Shaw was reelected to his position on the board. Congratulations!	

Only one person on the "disabled" list this month, Laquita Bloom who had a knee replacement.

Remember to bring your favorite dessert to the Thanksgiving luncheon. In honor of Veteran's Day, Leo Correia & Eric Brotherton will reminisce with

us about their WWII experiences. There has been a lot of publicity about how many WWII veterans are dying each week so the opportunity to hear their stories should be an incentive to attend the meeting.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mon/Wed/Fri - tel# (503) 249 4142 and 249 4143 to assist you with listing & load information.

#### Calendar

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Av., Portland, OR unless noted otherwise.

**Nov. 10** - Thanksgiving Luncheon

**Dec. 8** - Christmas Luncheon & Diane Larsen Singers

**Jan. 12** - TBA

### PENNSYLVANIA

#### THE INDEPENDENTS

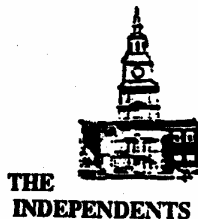
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The executive committee met at Kathy & Al Edwards' house Sept. 27 at noon. In attendance were: Kathy & Al; Pres., Bernie McNamee; Treas., Frank Eggles & his wife, Marge; Ways & Means Committee chairman, Joe Brad; Betty & Al Pyle; Tom & Pat Lyons, Shirley Roberts & myself, Dee Burrs. Joe provided the hors d' oeuvres. Pat & Tom provided lunch. Betty Mudd Pyle made desserts.

After lunch, Bernie called the meeting to order. Tom Lyons reported on the Sept. 13 golf outing. There were 73 people in attendance. Several of Ron Lindenmuth's family members attended a ceremony to honor Ron. A Japanese Bell Blossom tree was planted & dedicated in his memory. Ron & Joyce were active members. Bernie read a thank you note from Joyce.

John Houser is ill & would appreciate cards. His address is: 315 Country Club Apts., Dallas, PA 18612-9188.

Dues are due in Nov. For the Nov. meeting, uniform of the day is something patriotic or, if you are a vet, bring or wear something from your days in the military.

We had a great turnout for Oct. meeting at the Ramada Inn luncheon. There were 54 attendees. The weather cooperated; we had a beautiful day.

Pres. Bernie McNamee opened the meeting & announced that the cost of the luncheon will remain at \$10 p/p. No increase for 2004. We all enjoyed a delicious buffet.

On our sick list is: Dottie Thurman, Dick Ems & John Hauser. We were happy to see Lew Myers after his bicycle accident. He looked very hardy after a broken shoulder, cracked ribs & other injuries. It was good to see Jim Vogel up & around again. We also welcomed Joyce Lindenmuth. So glad you could join us. Bernie announced that Ray Allen PH LCS (ret) died on Sept. 22 after a long illness.

Our speaker, Dan White of the National Advisors to Seniors, LLC, certainly held our attention. This was his second invitation to our group as we all enjoyed his talk so much last March. He gave an excellent presentation on how to preserve your assets in this environment, gave an alternative to probate & how to simplify the inheritance for your heirs. He also paid for our lunch today. Thank you Dan!

Joe Ryan will be our speaker on Nov. 8. He will discuss how to prevent senior fraud.

We have 2 vacancies for the upcoming year of 2005. Bernie McNamee & Frank Eggles are relinquishing their positions (after only 14 years of service) Pres. & Sec'y/Treas. Anyone interested, please let us know; we will place your name on the ballot for the upcoming elections at the Nov., meeting.

Our Nov. theme is "Veterans Day". Wear Red, White & Blue, also bring your clothing & toiletries for the Veterans Home.

#### Calendar

**Nov. 11** - luncheon 1 p.m. at the Ramada Inn PHL Airport

**Dec. 13** - sit-down Christmas party - reservations required.

#### PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Let me start off by wishing all former & active Marines a Happy Birthday! This is a special birthday since my better half & I are both marine Corps alumni (even though I out-ranked him).

I am going to dedicate most of this month's news to our report from Patti Ellis who attended the farewell picnic for Capital Airlines. Patti writes: "On Sept. 19, over 600 'Capitaliners' landed in Washington for their 23<sup>rd</sup> & final reunion. It was a beautiful 72° day. Peggy Frank, along with her officers & directors did their usual fantastic job in welcoming us from all over the country, including Alaska & HWI. The food was plentiful & delicious. Attending from PIT were Patti Ellis, Treatie Karwoski, Mitch & Doris Abbas, Harry and Betty Shirley, former Pit-Stoppers; Jim & Vivian Rotella, Don "Sully" Sullivan, Al Shearer & Glen Farley.

Anita (Pineapple Princess) Pawlack, despite the hurricanes made the trip from Orlando specifically to see our #1 flight attendant, Joy Geddes. Anita was Joy's sec'y in PIT prior to the UA/CA merger. The business meeting concluded with a vote to disband Capair Assoc. Money, failing health, loss of members, being the reasons.

The war stories were abundant. Love filled the air, along with tears & smiles, as we bid Aloha to our lifelong pals. Thanks to everyone for the wonderful memories." Thanks, Patti.

#### Calendar

**Dec. 3** - New Retirees Dinner

**Dec. 10** - Annual Christmas Luncheon

### TENNESSEE

#### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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*Submitted by Mary Lou Barr*



Since the Tennessee Rocky Tops is the only retired United Airlines group in TN, some of us have quite a way to drive; but drive they did, from as far away as Murfreesboro & Fairfield Glade. 24 of us from E. Tennessee had a delicious buffet luncheon at Ramsey's Restaurant in North Knox-

ville. Tom & Betty Shipe were our hosts. The room was decorated in orange & white, as everything is arrayed here in University of Tennessee's Volunteer land, especially during football season.

We were glad to welcome Cal & Maxine Anthony, who lost their daughter to cancer recently. Many Rocky Tops voiced an interest in donating to Jill's memorial garden at Georgia's Calloway Gardens. We were also glad to see Tom Shipe feeling fit again after surgery. Cal Anthony celebrated a milestone birthday, but Tom beat him out by 7 years!

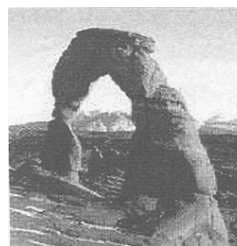
There was a lively (and scary) discussion of United's financial position, including their choosing not to make the last payment on the pension funds. Some of our union members were shocked at the raise in health insurance premiums, now equalized with that of our salaried & management retirees. We all enjoyed hearing each of our fellow retirees tell a little about their careers with United. What varied careers they were - all over the United map.

We're looking into another breakfast spot, at the request of many who are tired of Cracker Barrel. Wherever we meet, it's always a pure pleasure.

#### Calendar

**Nov. 18** - 12:00 p.m. EST, luncheon to be hosted by Don & Jackye Jeacock at *Miss Olivia's Table* in Maryville. (Jeacocks' number is 865-995-9367.)

**Dec. 16** - 10 a.m., breakfast to be announced.



### UTAH

#### THE SALT LAKERS

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On Sept. 15, 19 chapter members met for coffee & donuts at the Murray Heritage Center. George Dalton donated 7 doz. delicious Krispy Kreme donuts. Thanks, George!

Chapter Pres. Pete Loyola advised that the Christmas party at Lila Maughan's beautiful condo complex will be catered by Darline & Vern Loyola (\$10 p/p). Former chapter Pres. Marge Ringer, turned 90 on 9/7/04; daughter Frankie Armstead, SFO F/A, flew in to host a BD party at Cottonwood

Ck. Ret. Comm. for her mother's friends & some of our local members wished her well with cards & visits.

We missed Kiyoko Olsen, Tony/Dorothy Brown, Darlene Cantonwine, & we welcomed Bud & Bev Farrington, Lila Straley, Doug Roberts as well as Aletha Cannon & daughter Shirlene Kohnlein. Our group would also like to thank Aletha for postage fund contributions to the local as well as the RUAEA treasuries! Betty Davis, too, donated extra money to the local fund. Thanks, Betty!

Frank Murdock just returned from his annual fishing trip. He sorely misses the Old Gang who started the adventure in 1972. Bud Priutt was the originator of the Alaska expedition, & the group enjoyed many years of fishing & storytelling - mostly about "Who caught the biggest fish!"

Brigitte was invited to join the "Candy Bomber", USAF Col. Gail S. Halvorsen (ret.), on his visit to West Pt. (UT) Elem. School where he "wow'ed" the youngsters with his Cold War stories about America's 1948/49 humanitarian efforts in the airlift aid to the City of Berlin/Germany. As UAL retirees have a number of BER Airlift veterans among them, this info might interest them (Jim Vaughn, Tom Harvey come to mind).

**Down Memory Lane:** Was it only 33 years ago that UAL got its first DC-10? It was announced with great fanfare in the Aug., 1971 UAL employees' newsletter *SHIELD*. Under Pres. Eddy Carlson's leadership, the initial DC-10 Friend Ship (correct spelling) flights featured Trader Vic's culinary service. Today, all of this is only a memory; UAL sold its DC-10s, to be replaced with even larger planes, & the eccentric restaurateur Trader Vic is no longer with us. This correspondent has fond memories of early B-747s/DC-10s; she was assigned in-flight supervisory duties on UAL's jumbos.

#### Calendar

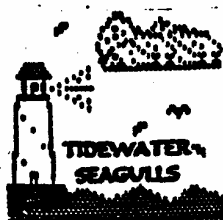
**Nov. 17** - lunch, 2 p.m., Jumbo Buffet, 6930 S. State St., Murray

**Dec. 8** - Christmas lunch, 12:00 noon, Community Ctr., 10194 S. Cornerstone Dr., S. Jordan

### VIRGINIA

#### **TIDEWATER SEAGULLS**

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Back from summer hiatus, Seagulls met at Lockspoint Restaurant Sept. 16 with 20 members attending, including 2 guests with Don & Diana Bishop, plus 1 guest with Jane Williams. Claire Harrison conducted the meeting in the absence of Pres. Bob Riggs. Reports were given from members about summer vacations. Claire passed around the RUAEA news in hopes to get members to join. Discussions were open about health issues & retirement. Dick Temale to send out cards asking for membership dues to be send to Vi Hildebrand. Photos to be shown at next meeting of old Capital Airlines and discussed alumni meeting to be held soon. Tony Washington is recuperating from hernia repair. Don Bishop is to have prostate procedure done soon. Bishop is still involved with construction of Homes for Humanity. Mgr. of restaurant greeted everyone. 50/50 chance won by Hank Gilbert and Zeke Draniem. Table floral decoration won by Sunny Quaglietta and 2 by Temples.

Jokes then by Bob Collins & Mario Quaglietta.

Meet every third Thurs.. If interested in attending call (757) 490-7320.

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The luncheon Oct. 12 at Maxi's in the Double Tree Hotel had 89 Slickers enjoying a wonderful meal & service. Guy Lamond hosted the event. A lot of door prizes were given, including 5 door prizes worth \$20 each for Starbucks Coffee.

Bob Brumfield brought us up-to-date on new boarding procedure, as well as answering questions.

Don Speckhals is recovering very nicely after having a heart defibrillator implanted in his chest. Vi Gray is improving from lupus but not well enough to attend a function yet. She is at home. No one has heard how Betty Hanson, wife of Don, is doing. After several unanswered & unreturned calls, I sent her a cheer card.

Dorothy McHughes, orig. from RNO,



PDX,SFO & SEARR, passed away at her home in LAS of a heart attack. Her husband. Rollie had been Station Mgr. in RNO before being drafted into the military. UAL kept their promise about returning to work at RNO. He died of cancer in his early forties, before Dorothy came on board.

Eddie & Charlotte Rouso returned from Athens, Greece after a long 16-hour flight on Delta with one change of planes in NYC. They attended the opening ceremony of the Para Olympics to see their oldest grandson, Justin Fleming. Justin improved his speed by swimming events of Class 58 races. No medal, but he is now 7<sup>th</sup> best in the world in this class. He told his grandparents & 9 others that followed him that he is looking forward to the Beijing races in 4 years. Justin returned to IAD 1 day late on a chartered UAL plane. He returned Oct. 17 to DCA along with all the other U.S. athletes of both regular and Para Olympics to meet with Pres. Bush at the White House Oct. 18. This has been a special year & travel for this 16-year-old.

Thanks to donations from RUAEA Seattle and many of our members, we were able to host a luncheon on Sept. 24 for Travel Desk volunteers to thank them for the many hours they have devoted to this function. The Travel Desk was open 191 days in the past 12 months. We had 965 people wanting just information. We listed 686 retirees for a total of 1,651 transactions. Of these transactions, 12.5% were from out-of-town/state/country. Our furthest call came from Sydney, Australia. Our most unusual call came from a cruise ship off Catalina Island.

Our most frequent calls were from SFO, PDX, PHX, LAX, SMF, SAN, HNL, KOA, OGG & RNO. We were pleased to be able to help these travelers & look forward to being of service in the future. We appreciate the help we get from all our volunteers, the support we get from RUAEA-Seattle & its members. Thanks also to Rita Reynolds & Bob Brumfield for his dedication in managing the Travel Desk & keeping all of our members updated on the many changes that have taken place with our travel & other benefits. He is a gem.

#### Calendar

**Nov. 9** - Monthly luncheon at Best Western - South Center

**Dec.** - No activity planned, but wish all Happy

Holidays in Nov. & Dec.

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Our Sept. dinner was hosted by Skip O'Halleron. We had a great turnout at the newest north side Prospector's Bar & Grill. No one would have a reason to leave hungry as the portions are generous & the food was excellent. Thank you Skip for your help in getting us together.

October's event was held at the Olive Gardens in downtown Spokane. It was hosted by Lance & Dottie Higgins. You will be notified of our Nov. dinner as soon as it is available.

One of our newest members, Elaine (Laney) Student underwent surgery on 10/5/04 for colon cancer. She became ill 2 months ago & was being treated for all sorts of stomach problems. 2 weeks ago it was diagnosed as colon cancer. She has lost a lot of weight & is very sick. As I am writing this I just got a call that Elaine passed away yesterday, Oct. 10, without being able to have the surgery. She leaves her husband, Rick. Rick & Elaine (Laney) had just started attending our get-togethers. It is with much sadness that we will not be able to have known her better.

It was nice to see Bill & Lois Stookey as well as Jerry & Edna Tefft from Hayden Lake, ID. Roger & Barbara Tompkins joined us as did Ken & Myrtle Stoop, Dave & Theresa Reisenhauer. Pauline Miller just lost her sister this past week. We send our condolences to Pauline & her family. We were able to enjoy Warren & Fran Smith's company; however, Les & Vera Graham had to cancel at the last minute. I understand they are in TUS for a visit with Les's military PBY group. With Les's luck of getting on airplanes, we might not see him until Christmas!! Les's wife Vera just lost her brother to cancer on Sept. 12. Soon thereafter Les & Vera left for Olympia, WA to visit Les's 98-year-young mother. The longevity sure runs in his family. Ed Meadows was also visiting out-of-town relatives.

We will all be grateful when the political ads

will be over Nov. 2. Maybe the politicians can get back to some of the people's business that they were sent to Washington to attempt to do.

Glad & George Press are back in town. It was nice to see them for the first time in many months. Wes & Laura Nearing bought a motor home, drove it to CA, drove it home & sold it. Wes is finally retiring from driving school bus in his hometown. Maybe he can relax & enjoy life if he realizes he doesn't have to work to have fun.

Del Toppol's mother is not doing well. Del has had to travel between Spokane & Canada. His mom is in her 90s. His wife Donna recently lost her step mom at the age of 99. They truly have long life spans in their families too.

Willie Storey is keeping busy golfing as well as a lot of volunteer work at their church. Her husband, Frank, has had good results with the treatment of his cancer.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Oct. 13, the Dulles Loungers welcomed Master Police Officer, Robyn L. Jones of the Fairfax County Police Dept., Crime Prevention Unit. Officer Jones addressed her remarks to approximately 90 members & guests at the monthly luncheon held at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas, VA. We were advised of the many safety tips that we could apply to our homes, offices & automobiles. The theme of the talk was "Identity Theft" a fast growing "white collar crime" that is affecting all levels of society. Officer Jones took questions from the group & had brochures to hand out. Pres. David Cox thanked her for taking the time to come to speak to us.

Our "Dulles Loungers" have been traveling recently. Pamela Hussey (formerly IADRR) visited Paris with her daughter Janine, where they enjoyed 8 rain free days! They stayed on the left bank near the Moulin Rouge & several flea markets! They visited all the popular places, including Versailles, Giverny, Chartres Cathedral & spent many happy

hours in the Louvre! The weather was delightful, in the upper 60s. Pamela & Janine enjoyed business class & first class air travel, had a memorable vacation.

Another "Dulles Lounger" Shirley Gallagher (formerly IADRR) & her husband Bob Keir recently returned from an 11-day cruise to Canada & New England aboard Celebrity Cruises "Galaxy". Due to the presence of Hurricane Ivan it was not possible to dock at Boston; however, the "Galaxy" sailed directly from Baltimore to Halifax, Nova Scotia, which was an interesting waterfront, with many shops & restaurants, also the well known "Maritime Museum of the Atlantic". This museum houses the TITANIC exhibit & shows the important role that Halifax played in the disaster with local ships assisting in the recovery of the victims. The highlight of the trip was Quebec City. Shirley & Bob enjoyed visiting the world famous Hotel Chateau Frontenac & the Notre American continent. Another highlight was the Montmorency Falls; at 272 ft. it is 1 ½ times higher than Niagara Falls, offers a spectacular lookout over the St. Lawrence River. Shirley & Bob enjoyed every aspect of the cruise, wonderful food & fabulous entertainment.

Our Pres. David Cox advised us that Fred Bena is not well; please send him a card; we wish him well.

The 50/50 was won by Dan Eary; he is \$42 richer! The basket of Halloween treats was won by Charlotte Philipoom; it looked terrific; we hear it was heavy!

#### Calendar

**Nov. 10** - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral, Travel Show

### NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO RUEA! We hope you will enjoy the activities and camaraderie. The organization would appreciate hearing from you on your birthday.

**Dec. 8** - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral

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Retiree-**CLAYPOOL, Edward B.**, DEN, on 9/29/04

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Spouse-**HOFFMASTER, Elizabeth**, on 9/30/04, wife of Ralph (deceased), mother of Judy Delp, 1002 Charlton Pl., Herndon, VA 20170

Retiree-**McHUGHES, Dorothy A.**, SEA, on 9/19/04.

Retiree-**PARTAIN, Kenneth L.**, DEN, on 9/2/04, husband of Margaret, 5487-A Paseo Del Lago W, Laguna Woods, CA 92653

Retiree-**SANDERS, Richard M.**, SFO, on 9/9/04,

domestic partner of Francisco H. Avitia, 18849 Times Ave., San Lorenzo, CA 94580

Retiree-**SMILEY, Lee A.**, SFO, on 9/26/04, husband of Elizabeth, 2350 Redwood Rd., Apt. 324, Napa, CA 94558

Spouse-**SMITH, David C.**, on 6/6/04, husband of Joy, SFOTO, 3872 S. Calle del Escudo, Green Valley, AZ 85614

Spouse-**STENSTROM, Judith M.**, on 8/25/04, wife of Arvid, SFO, 744 W. Rushwood Dr., Tucson, AZ 85704

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## LETTERS

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

James C.) Hale, Nel Brawner, Bill Williams, Marie Kimberlin, Kim Davison, Von Gemeny, Ken Mullane, Patrick Byrne, Emmett Goff, Jr., Elenore Lindquist, Edie (Crawford, McCree) Dobbins, Warner B. Hinkle, Willy Reichmuth, Lorraine Presley, Felix & Donna Cicco, Betty Vickrey, Charlotte Adams, Patti & Wayne Wood, Joe & Mary Garcia, Charles Starr, Doris Vormestrand, Dave Kolakowski, Jim Gerrity, L.G. Smith, Bob Andersen, Walt Brauer, Ernestine F. Manzo, Rod Jackson, Louise Appy, Gerry Thompson, Pete Kraus, Bill Ryan, Frank McAnulty, Wanda Hornewer, Georgianna Tonne, Loren Adcock, R.C. Cerveney, Rosemary Milyko, Dan G. Gillian, Joan C. Murphy, P. Langhart, Marilyn Johansen, Harry Caldwell and Marie Winn.

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**Harry & Shirley 186 Cranberry Rd., Lot 22, Grove City, PA 16127-4661**

Moving in old age is a real workout trying to cover all bases, especially doing things we have forgotten. My new address is above.

RUAEA news is something we look forward to, especially with the talent all of you put into it.

**Janice Anderson D'Arco, 88 Willow Rd. Tequesta, FL 33489**

Just a note to let you know of my name change - after 14 years decided to get married last Sept.

Well we weathered storm Francis OK but were without power for 8 days & phones 4, water 2 days; then we had to boil it, lost all our food, no gas station open, restaurant & stores closed. We ate a lot of tuna, beans, canned soups, used our grill. Lots of people much worse. My 92-year-old friend is staying with us a/c she lost her roof. All in all, things are OK here, but I sure would rather be living in HWI. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that we will still be able to get there via UAL. Thanks for all the good work.

**Dee & Chuck Carr, 11446 E. Arkansas Ave., Aurora, CO 80012 ddeeCarr@msn.com**

Thanks for all of your prayers & cards. Chuck is doing well after his stroke in Feb. We recently went back to PGH for a few days. Chuck would love to hear from old friends. He can't write too well as the stroke affected his right side. Our e-mail address is above.

**Bill Zoller, 1922 SE 32<sup>nd</sup> St., Cape Coral, FL 33904**

Just a quick note to thank all of you who work so diligently to get the Newsletter out. I'm sure you have received many comments from those who went through the hurricanes this past month. We were lucky to suffer only minor damage. The Lord was good to us.

**Geryl Levelle, 11436 SE 208<sup>th</sup> St, Spc. 135, Kent, WA 98031-4135**

Thanks to all of you in DEN providing us with up-to-date news of United & our problems. I'm celebrating #80 this year. My children are taking me on a cruise.

Herb passed on in 1986 after 37 years of proud times with United. I'm still waving the flag of United & praying for their return to #1 in the air.

**Chris McCarthy, 6969 Petersen Rd., Petaluma, CA 94952 maco3016@aol.com**

Thanks again for your continued excellent publication without which we would be hard-pressed to know what is going on at United. I join in the lament as to the condition of the airline & loss of promised benefits. We continue to hope that there is sufficient leadership to get this ship underway again & make it a viable & energetic image of what we retirees helped to shape into a great airline. If

there is anything positive we can do as retirees toward this goal, let us hear the ideas & join in to make it happen. Meanwhile enjoy your retirement.

**Jeanne Garcia, 747 Sycamore Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066-3319**

It is always a publication to look forward to. There is so much interesting information - both happy & sad; however, many who have moved from the area are not lost; we're able to keep in touch through your newsletters. Thanks again.

**Alana Lucas, 7715 Tera Manor, Fair Oak Ranch, TX 78015**

Thanks for all you do to keep the retirees informed. I appreciate it; it seems the need for communication only increases as we see our former employees struggle more each day. I'm grateful for the "good years" that I was part of a great company & a little fearful of the future.

**Calvin Anthony, 118 Morris Lane, Fairfield Glade, TN 38558**

I'm writing this on the eve of my birthday; we plan to attend the Rocky Tops luncheon tomorrow. This will be the first time we have been able to attend for an extended period of time.

Our daughter, Jill Thornhill, has been fighting cancer for 3 years, and we have been in Atlanta much of the time in the last year helping the family. Jill left us on July 31. This has been a terrible loss for Maxine & me, her husband & 2 young sons. We thank all for their prayers, cards & calls.

The news from United is bad & uncertain; however, as I write this with the news on, Ivan, the hurricane just nearing the FL panhandle is terrible. We certainly feel sorry for the persons that will be affected.

**Charles & Anne Becker, 405 Vicksburg Ave., Kerrville, TX 78028-2779**

Our 21<sup>st</sup> year of retirement. We are beginning to have a few health problems - not too bad. Still volunteer at hospital.

We made our first air flight since '01 in March to Kona, our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Had no problem departing from S.A. to DEN, all flights full to SFO, so went through L.A. to Kona. Made 1<sup>st</sup> entire trip.

We appreciate being kept posted about the go-

ing on at UAL. This is such a great newsletter. We thank you for all your hard work.

**Emmett B. Landrum, Jr., 141 Yorkshire Ct., San Bruno, CA 94066 eblmgl@aol.com**

Hello. Well, here it is dues time again! That means I am another year older (79) and another year of retirement (16)!! But, I ask myself, am I really retired? At present I am tearing apart a 1930s airplane that crashed in Alaska in the 50s. Parts of it are at the Hayward, CA airport and the good parts will go to Boise, ID where a new Fairchild Pilgrim is being built. I am also doing routine maintenance on a 1946 FUNK, which I have been flying the last couple of years, also a new 2004 Cessna 172SP used for flight training at Gness Field, Novato, CA.

Also for the last 5 years, I have journeyed to Albany, NY the first week of May where I am helping restore a 1944 Destroyer Escort along with group of OLD DE sailors from Michigan. We give the local NY volunteers a week off while we live & work aboard. A week of climbing ladders on the ship will either make or break our OLD knees for sure. So far, our group seems to be doing very well!! We keep going back year after year.

Gloria & I still work at the Western Aerospace Museum on Sat. at the Oakland, CA airport, when we are home. She, in the gift shop, me in the hangar, where we have all the old fabric covered planes on display, where I am restoring a Lockheed L 10 like the one Amelia Earhart disappeared in somewhere in the Pacific. We must enjoy it as I have been there 11 years, Gloria 6 years.

Last Jan. we took a cruise with some UAL retirees to Tahiti & other islands. Finally got to set foot on Bora Bora. Had been there on a ship in 1943 on the way to the South Pacific but didn't get ashore. In 1993 was on a cruise from HWI to Tahiti. Ship had electrical trouble at the equator & bypassed Bora Bora to get to Tahiti for repairs. Finally, 2004, got to go ashore & visit Bora Bora. While on Tahiti visited a museum about the author of "Mutiny on the Bounty". He had been a flyer in WW I. Had a room with lots of photos from that time. Very interesting, as I liked those old planes.

Sept. 26 will fly to Cincinnati (we hope!!) to attend a DE ship reunion & convention across the river in KY. Will see old 1943 shipmates from the USS Bebas DE 10 & friends from the USS Slater DE 766 at Albany, NY.



Hope any of you near Albany will visit the ship. It is open for tours up until the river starts to get icy when it is moved down & across the Hudson.

THANKS to all of you for keeping us in the know. Love reading the other Chapters also.

**J. Preston Rice, Jr., 4137 Mill Creek Rd., Haymarket, VA 20169-1938**

Did not see the red stamp, but I know it's time for renewal of our great newsletter. Keep them coming. I enjoy each one & depend on it to keep current with what is happening re the bankruptcy & former co-workers' activities. I've read & enjoyed 125 newsletters so far. My wife claims I still have all of them.

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

The year started with taking the Snow Train from SFO to RNO & back in Feb. with lots of snow in the mountains. In March, we flew to DFW to be with our teen-age granddaughters while the parents went to HWI to celebrate a wedding anniversary. May we were in Berlin, Germany spending time with relatives, getting back just in time to do laundry & off to SEA a few days before the convention to spend time with Ray & Jan Jeffery before the 4 of us went to the convention. In June to PDX to visit our son & family. Back to DFW in Sept. to help a granddaughter celebrate her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. In Nov. it will be CHI for a family wedding. In between trips we have had visitor & even squeezed in an operation.

So you could say that we are still healthy & enjoying life. My only regret at this time is that my golf game has gone down the chute. I enjoy reading the RUAEA Newsletter.

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

It is that time of year again to pay my dues and do a little reminiscing. It has been 23 years since I took early retirement from United. I don't think I would recognize the company if I went to work there today. I started in 1948 working on DC3s, retired in 1981 when the 747s were the latest planes. United's only trip out of the USA was to Vancouver & Toronto in Canada.

Since retiring I have lived a fantasy life. I started my retirement helping set up United Parcel

Services airline. After that I worked as a consultant in many states & 25 countries on six continents only missing Antarctica. I visited many of these countries several times; sometimes I lived in them for several months at a time. It was always a surprise for me to see United planes in all corners of the world.

When 9/11 took place, the consulting almost came to a complete stop. Since then I have been occupying my time by upgrading my home & my cabin in British Columbia where I am now. Have also taken vacations in Alaska, Australia, New Zealand, France & England.

**Cathy Gardner, 97 Coco Plum Dr., Marathon, FL 33050 catgardner@mindspring.com**

Thank you for all your work & dedication to retired United employees. I am in the group of 2500 recently retired Flight Attendants who thought that by retiring we would be insuring our benefits. Consequently, I ended up leaving the airline at least 2 years sooner than I had planned. So I really appreciate your efforts at becoming a proactive organization...these are tough times. Had I known our benefits were in jeopardy I never would have quit working. Retirement has been a sort of "hold your breath" situation for me, but I'm trying to live one day at a time & enjoy it while it lasts.

Since retiring in 2003 I have kept busy with part-time work, volunteer work & hobbies. My husband & I live on our boat at a dock-o-minium with 2 Jack Russell Terriers, in the Florida Keys. We enjoy scuba diving, small boat racing, kayaking & walking our dogs. Since my husband still works full time I have been substitute teaching, mentoring high school students, also working part-time in a dress boutique where I also sell beaded jewelry that I make.

We've used our pass travel strictly to visit family. We're glad to have the passes so we can visit them often. While passes are a great benefit, now that we're aging the medical has become all important, then pension, with passes a distant third.

We have been more fortunate than other FL residents & have been spared damage from hurricanes in the Keys this season. While we have had to evacuate & prep for the numerous storms, we are nevertheless grateful.

**Geri Wimshurst, 22757 Sheridan, Dearborn, MI**

**48128**

I hate to be the stereotypical "Blonde" by forgetting my RUAEA dues. Just having too much fun, I guess. I wish I had a little peace of mind, in these chaotic times.

Hopefully, the powers that be will remember all the little people who built this airline. In the meantime, I look forward to my copy of the newsletter. You folks certainly help, by keeping us informed on the many changes occurring at UAL. Thank you.

**Lloyd & Juanita Norton, 2551 Cryer St., Hayward, CA 94545-3019**      **NORTONSON-CRYER@aol.com**

Just had another birthday, 84 years & counting. I've beat the retirement program out of 23 years.

Juanita & I are both in fairly good health. I have a pacemaker, also have had cataracts removed from both eyes. What great progress in medicine.

Have only taken one trip on UAL in the past 5 years. Flew to Dulles last Thanksgiving, made first-class both ways.

We are still living in the same house as when working. It gets more valuable every year. We still have our home in Arnold, CA up in the Big Trees. Hope UAL survives.

**Ken Mullane, 7610 SE 171<sup>st</sup> Horseshoe Lane, The Villages, FL 32162-5324**      **kenmullane@juno.com**

Greetings from the sometimes Sunshine state!

I just read the Oct. newsletter online & read the note under my name which said I forgot to send in my dues in Aug. I am so sorry but hurricanes have been the thing most on my mind. There is too much good information in this Newsletter to let it go.

**Carole Nelson, 201 N. Flora Pkwy., Addison, IL 80101-2112**

I really appreciate receiving the newsletter & give a hearty thanks to everyone involved in getting it to me! I remember someone saying, "Getting old is not for sissies." I really know what they mean now. I'm thankful for the things I can do - only wish the body could do what my mind wants to do! But really all and all I'm extremely thankful for what I can do. A sincere hello to all the people in "EXOKF and KU".

**Joanne LoPresti, 1487 Circle Ct., Elk Grove Vlg., IL 60007-2834**

I travel often & really appreciate the privilege of flying. Don't mind paying a little to help United get back on track. I only hope we are not forgotten, when United is doing well & we get our benefits back that we worked 25+ years for.

I will continue to fly to see my relatives all over the states. I meet a lot of interesting people in my travels. Just sitting at the airport & watching people is a show in itself. One I will never forget is a man I met on the bus to the Training Center. I thought chivalry was dead but it isn't. He helped me with my luggage off the bus & all the way to my car. He was a real gentleman. It was really appreciated. I always bring back a lot more than I leave with.

Thank you. There are not enough thank you's to let you know how much your newsletters are appreciated.

**Inara Witt, 421 Hillsdale Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409**

I am impressed how you put together the newsletter so efficiently every month. I went to the RUAEA Convention in SEA & was in awe of the efficiency of our people to organize such an event so thoroughly. This is just another example of what excellent people work in our Company. That was my first convention, am already looking forward to the next one, had such a wonderful time.

We are moving to Oakmont, a retirement community in Santa Rosa; my new address is at the top of this letter. My new phone # is 707-539-7446

**Caliope Polimus, 3242 SW 58<sup>th</sup> Ave., Miami, FL 33155**

Here we go again...it's time to "Get Together" for Miami, Ft. Lauderdale & West Palm. Twice a year retirees "Get Together" & hash out what's new on Sept 30, weather or not hurricane is in season... at Pine Island Ridge Country Club we had an early dinner. Thanks to Harold Phillips for finding this pleasant place. We welcome any retirees from these 3 towns to a next function. Send us your address.

**John Witt, 8704 W. Elephant Rock Rd., Hayward, WI 54843-5150**

Thanks to everyone who puts this great newsletter together.

It's been 15 years since I retired. We are still very active. Mary with hospice work & does home health care for the County. She also spends a great deal of time working with our township, many projects. I am working at the Hayward Airport 3 days a week & care take an estate. Also on our township fire dept., so we both are on the go.

I am very saddened with UAL & their attempt to reduce our medical & retirement benefits. Now at our age when we need the help they want to take it away. I feel management of today could care less about those who worked a lifetime for the Company. Never felt I would feel this way. It's sad.

**Robert J. Ahrens, 3914 Christian Dr., Belmont, CA 94002-1232**

Check-in time. I now have joined the Octogenarian Club. My wife Virginia & I are still moving forward a few steps at a time. Our travel last year was the American Queen from Min. St. Paul to St. Louis. This year we will board the Mississippi Queen at St. Louis to New Orleans.

**Jayne Kertes, 2333 NE 105<sup>th</sup>, Seattle, WA 98125**

Thanks for all you folks do at the RUAEA office - putting out the news to us. A big job, but it is truly appreciated.

Many thank you's to those folks who wrote in stories about all our times at UAL. I really enjoy reading them. Wishing the best for all of us.

**Ed Arnold, 213 Anita Rd., Apt. 3, Burlingame, CA 94010-3050**

Retired from SFO. Had a birthday this July (2004). 94 candles on the cake this time! Recently more great grandkids have been added to the growing list. There are 13 now! Two of them are now playing Little League ball. Back in 1979, David, one of my grandkids played on the Campbell Little League All Stars. (Campbell was the California team.) They won the U.S. Championship & then lost to Taiwan. 1-2, in the World Series. I'm looking forward to a repeat!

**Dolores Movnihan, 510 Hawthorne Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066-4131**

I am so grateful to Jo Madden & her crew for the wonderful work they do in providing the retirees with the newsletter, also keeping us up-to-date with United news.

I am so happy that I worked at United when it was such a great company. I pray it will return to a profitable organization.

**Jay Cacioppo, 3215 Cheshire Dr., San Jose, CA 95118**

I realize this sounds like a cliché, but it's hard to believe I've been retired 3 years now. Recently I was asked about time management in retirement. My first response was, "Don't expect all projects & short term goals to be done during the first year. The more interests you have the longer things will take." After all, there are tons of routine things we do now that we did not do while working.

**Frances Nakahara, 2620 Apapane St., LiHue, HI 96766-9613**

Congratulations to all of you for the exceptional job you do compiling the Newsletter, for your efficient & timely manner in mailing the Newsletter to all of us. It is sincerely appreciated! Thank you for your work & for being so unselfish with your time & energy in preparing & sharing the Newsletter with all of us.

**Harriet H. Miller, 1430 Mariner Blvd., Spring Hill, FL 34609**

This has been quite a year for me, so far. After returning from spending the holidays with my son in Santa Fe, I was diagnosed with cancer - what a shock! I had surgery on Jan. 27; since then have had 4 chemo treatments - week at a time & then 3 weeks off. I have 4 doctors checking on me & they will for the next 5 years, so this is quite a lifestyle change for me. The good news is, that my son, Rob, has come to live with me & it is just wonderful to have him here. We had quite a bit of work to do sorting through everything to make room for him & his 2 cats. Now everything is done & we love our new look - it's "Southwestern/Antique". He is such a big help - does everything for me - also is great company. I've come through the chemo very well - no side effects except for feeling tired most of the time & losing some of my hair, but I consider myself pretty lucky.

**Cecelia P. "Papee" Mossman, P.O. Box 238, Kaaawa, HI 96730**

Mahalo for the red stamp reminder. And especially Mahalo nui loa for the most informative

newsletter there is.

What great memories we must each have as we walk through that "Lane". I was hired July '63 to open the Red Carpet Club in Honolulu that Aug. - there I stayed til 1993 when I retired!

**Cathy Vita, 1747 W. Crystal Ln., Unit 308C, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056**

Another year of retirement & because of the great work you do, I can keep track of what is going on throughout the system.

It's really amazing that the RUAEA group is such a close-knit organization. I enjoy our CHI luncheons & get to see many that I would otherwise have lost touch with.

Many thanks to all of you who work so hard to keep us up-to-date.

**Liz Perschon, 701 Franklin Ct., Colleyville, TX 76034**

I'm just getting the "hang" of this retirement business & am late with my dues. Hopefully I'll get better as I age!

We have changed addresses (above). This is a down-size for us - but I brought too much stuff and will have to "downsize" again.

I have a new career - an event planner for a culinary school. It's almost like being a flight attendant, but the party is "on the ground" instead of "in the air". You're doing a great job. Thanks for the updates.

**Roger Dunworth, 3117 Silva St., Lakewood, CA 90712**

No red stamp, but remembered anyway., I'm retired 7 years now and very busy. I had to give up Senior Softball due to DVT, so surgeon suggested kayaking. I go 3 times a week and then spend the rest of the time in the gym, mowing lawn & washing cars. Love to jet-ski and water ski with the family.

Keep up the great newsletter; we look forward to next May "Hooray for Hollywood".

**Mike Blasco, 2209 Westview Pl., SE, Mandan, ND 58554-5089**

I am pleased with the changed in the RUAEA Bylaws, its mission to include the concerns of the UAL retirees & work more closely with United.

Congratulations to our new RUAEA officers.

Thanks to all the newsletter staff & the great effort put forth to produce an informative newsletter. You are our link to other retirees. A special thanks to Jo & a very warm welcome back. We missed you at the convention!

The convention was exceptionally well organized; hospitality was great. The "Prop Wash Party" was a huge success & lots of fun. Many thanks for all the teamwork by a dedicated convention crew. Because of your efforts everything went smoothly. I saw & visited with many of my former partners & associates. Sorry to have missed those who could not attend, look forward to seeing you next year in Hollywood. Good health & blessings to all.

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

Started with United in Cheyenne 3/27/42, moved to West Coast 1947. I retired 12/31/74. Enjoy reading the monthly newsletter. I need to check up to see if I will find any news about old friends.

**Liz Smentkowski, 21141 Ponderosa, Mission Viejo, CA 92692**

I enjoy the newsletter immensely. Every once in a while I recognize a name & that is fun.

The letters & well wishing are so upbeat; I always get a lift when I read them. Thank you for keeping us informed on different issues & all the reunions.

**Millie Nelson, 1801 Newell Rd., Palo Alto, CA 94303-2953**

Thanks for all your work in keeping the newsletter going!

I have had several nice trips on United - round trip 1<sup>st</sup> C. SFO/HNL. My kids live in HNL so my prayers are w/UAL to keep us flying. Missed the SEA Convention as I had plans for a July reunion in my old neighborhood, Lynwood, WA. Since my hubby, Ken, retired in March, 1977; he didn't have much pension; I have NONE - so really cuts down on my travels. I know it's difficult for later retirees to understand why we old-timers are NOT flying all the time. We have the TIME but not the where-withal. I must say the current "gate personnel" & flight attendants have been especially caring & helpful.

"Hello" to all of Ken's former co-workers in SFO/IQ.

**Ron Baker, 624 S. Walnut Ave., Arlington Hts., IL  
60005-2304**

I'm doing fine. Golf, volunteer work and a lot praying that UAL will get its act together. Thanks for everyone's effort to get the newsletter out. It's really a thing of beauty. Best wishes to you.

**Ronald Bloom, 10132 Jenrich Ave., Garden Grove,  
CA 92843-4628**

Just a sincere word of thanks to all involved in producing the Newsletter. As many others, I look forward to receiving it each month. Your hard work and dedication are much appreciated. Keep it up.

**Tarina (Falls) Murray, 7619 S. Victoria Ave.,  
Inglewood, CA 90305**

When I knew Sept. was approaching, I knew I was going to receive my RUAEA Newsletter with the RED STAMP! So here I am sending off a note, (which I thought would be so simple). Almost 2 years have passed since I have retired from LAXTO and like everyone else I have wondered how I ever had time to work. My husband Charles & I are still raising 2 of our grandchildren, Althane age 16 and Anna-"Banana" age 9. Life got a little rough as we expect certain things in life but we don't expect to lose our children. I lost my oldest daughter Debrina Hodge at age 39 in an auto accident in April of this year. Those of you who worked with me years ago at CHIRR would remember her.

We did not make our annual trip to Jamaica this year which is very unusual for us! I feel that I spend more time in hospital surgical suites than hotel suites! We are looking forward to 2005, travel & otherwise! I would love to hear from any of my old friends from Chicago & California (LAXRR too).

**Marie McDonald, 101 Hunter Dr., West  
Hartford, CT 06106-1018**  
**mmacdonald@cptv.org**

Thanks so much to all of you in the RUAEA office for making our organization what it is today. It takes a lot of effort & coordination. It's really appreciated.

With the new emphasis on keeping all of our members informed & united, RUAEA has become more important than in the years before Chapter 11. The actions that have been taken by the company that have had such a deep effect on what we

we thought were promises that would never be broken.

I'm enjoying a second career with Connecticut Public Broadcasting (both radio & television) and can tell you that benefits are being reduced at some of my client companies as well.

I've been fortunate to get on the airplanes I've listed for...even roundtrip first class for myself & companion to LHR for a cruise through the Scandinavian countries, Russia & Estonia in May.

Again, thanks for keeping us UNITED.

**Charles & Marjorie Johnston, 2201 W. 25th St.,  
Unit 5, San Pedro, CA 90732**  
**marge-charles@cox.net**

Thanks for the reminder about another year having passed. Margie & I have had a wonderful year, taking advantage of our travel benefits & sharing our great advantages with our relatives & friends through the companion ticket privilege.

We keep in touch with our United family with the e-mail magic, even though we can't always get together in person. Our actual family is nearby. We are enjoying the grandchildren as they change & grow. Cruising has become a very happy part of our lives. The United interline travel offerings have been a great source for some wonderful trips. through the contacts that we have made while traveling, we have visited many different countries & have had personal tour guides as a result. Our address book on the computer has really grown.

With United's new service to Vietnam, we are looking forward to visiting relatives who are building golf courses there, one more instance of the marvelous benefits of having worked for this great company. Let's be optimistic & hope for the best with the restructuring & in the meantime, take advantage of your opportunities.

**Joseph Kollar, 330 Hillside Ave., Nutley, NJ  
07110**

Thank you for the timely information you pass on to your readers. To collect, condense & print the articles takes much time & effort, which I appreciate very much.

I expected to have a log cabin in upstate NY constructed by this time, but two military events and the death of my best friend precluded the start of building. Oh well! Next Year!

Keep up the Good Work.

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Lewis Long	1986 – 1988*
Elizabeth Ashton	1988 – 1990
William Moore	1990 – 1992
Jim Doty	1992.- 1994*
Ed Piper	1994.-.1996
Howard Pollard	1996.-.1998
Zelma Kibler	1998.-.2000
Frank Murdock	2000.-.2002
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