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## **RUAEA CONVENTION MAY 21-29, 2006**

### **‘A CAPITAL EVENT’** **Washington DC**

Welcome to Washington, DC, the location for a fabulous week of Convention activities and sightseeing.

You will be staying at The Crystal City Marriott, in Arlington, VA, just minutes away from world class museums and art galleries.

After seeing the White House and the U.S. Capitol, most visitors like to visit the Smithsonian Museums; there are many of them!

The Smithsonian Museums are grouped around the National Mall, a wide expanse of lawns with ancient trees that stretch from the George Washington Monument to the U.S. Capitol.

On the Constitution Av. side of the Mall are located The National Museum of American History [Smithsonian Metro], The National Museum of Natural History, home of the Hope Diamond [Smithsonian Metro], the National Gallery of Art West & East Wings [Archives Metro].

On the Independence Av. side of the Mall are the Freer Galleries of Asian Art [L'Enfant Plaza Metro], the original Smithsonian Institution Building, known as The Castle [L'Enfant Plaza Metro], The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden [L'Enfant Plaza Metro], The National Air and Space Museum [L'Enfant Plaza Metro], also the National Museum of the American Indian [L'Enfant Plaza Metro] opened in 2004.

There is no entry fee to any of these museums, art galleries; the usual opening hours are from 10 am until 5:30 pm.

Most of the museums & art galleries have coffee shops, some offer cafeterias with complete meals.

All this is accessible from the Crystal City Metro located on the lower level of the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel.

The gift shops in the museums offer many fabulous items from around the world which can only be found in Washington, DC

I suggest that you save these front pages, as I will be introducing you to many wonderful things to see and do while you are in the Nation's Capitol. Much more information will be forthcoming!

We know that you will have a great time.

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# **GENERAL NEWS**

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **CORRECTION RE MEDICAL INSURANCE**

In the Aug. 2005 Newsletter I wrote an article about checking out other medical insurance plans & comparing them to the one you have at United. I stated, "If you decide to cancel what United offers you probably will not be able to rejoin." Linda Collier – WHQIN contacted me and clarified that a retiree can suspend his/her medical insurance & re-enroll at a later time.

A retiree may suspend his/her coverage & contributions then re-enroll as long as you can prove that you maintained continuous coverage in another employer sponsored health plan, TriCare, Medigap-"Plan J" or a Medicare HMO. Examples of proof of coverage include a Certificate of Creditable Coverage or letter from the plan.

When you re-enroll for United coverage, you must join the same United plan that you were enrolled in at the time you suspended your coverage

You may re-enroll in your United coverage only during an open enrollment period or after a qualifying family status change. A qualifying family status change is an event that results in the loss of coverage at your spouse's employer.

If you have any questions about this, please call the United Benefit Services Center at 1-888-825-0188.

I apologize for this. I am glad Linda contacted me & corrected this.

Marlin Lade  
President - RUAEA

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Many of you have been asking about our retirees in Louisiana & Mississippi who are impacted by the hurricanes. We have all read the newspapers with the devastating pictures, the television & radio reports. We all are truly interested & concerned about their well being.

There are 111 United Airlines retirees living in

the general area hit by the hurricanes. There are 17 living in the New Orleans, Gulfport & Biloxi areas. We are in the process of contacting all of them – both RUAEA members also non-RUAEA members. We are trying to find out how each is doing; what is their situation; what kind of help & support is needed.

We have a charitable fund organization established to provide temporary, immediate assistance to retirees in need. Remember back in the days we were working when each fall there was the Employee Charitable Contribution drive? We had a certain amount taken out of our paycheck for the charity of our choice. In March 2000 United Airlines added a new charitable fund - the Employee Relief Fund. The ERF is totally independent of United Airlines, managed by an independent Board of Directors representing retirees & every group of employees. (I have served on this Board since ERF was established.)

For the past five years many employees have designated their contributions go to this fund. The fund was established for employees, retirees & our eligible dependents. The fund provides confidential, timely, short-term, crisis relief for those in the United family needing basic assistance unavailable through other sources. The fund will be provided only to individuals whose needs stem directly from a natural disaster or personal tragedy. Naturally funds are limited and are awarded, based on need, up to a maximum amount of \$5,000.

We are informing our affected retirees of the ERF and giving them the details how they may apply for this assistance.

As we find out and learn more from these retirees, we will keep you informed.

Marlin Lade  
President - RUAEA

## **FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICE**

Just a short note from the Membership office. For some reason our office is still receiving new members, who are using the "Old" Membership application. A new application was developed and approved at our last convention in LAX. This application will help our potential new members have a better understanding of our organization and the cost structure. It also helps our secretaries to

complete their job with less hassle.

At the convention all the directors were given copies of the new form. A new policy at UAL, all new retirees would not be receiving a retirement package as in the past. At present all new retirees will now get this information via **SkyNet**. They can also print an application from SkyNet when they wish to join RUAEA. Then send it via U.S. mail to our office. The reason they should not e-mail it as the application needs to have a check enclosed for their dues.

I would appreciate all our chapter members no longer use the old application form. If someone would like to join who doesn't have access to SkyNet you should be able to get a new application from your local chapter President or your Regional Director. The Directors are listed on the back of every newsletter.

We would like to request again, when sending in correspondence, and/or your yearly dues, please include your **"file number"**. This is the only way we can positively identify you individually. Some may think that your name is unusual, but it may very well not be. There are now over 37,000 UAL retirees; looking through a list this long is very time consuming for our secretaries.

Just as a reminder, our office is not open every day. Our operation is Mon., Wed., & Thurs., 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You can reach us via e-mail at [ruaea@aol.com](mailto:ruaea@aol.com). This is a much better way to communicate with our office, however, if you do not have a computer give us a call at the office.

Thank all of you for your cooperation with the above requests.

Howard Tress  
Membership / Support Manager

### **RUAEA NEEDS YOU**

With a growing membership we need people who are willing to participate in leading RUAEA in the future. Next April you will be asked to elect 5 officers & 5 new regional directors. The entire executive committee will be up for election. This includes the RUAEA President, Executive V.P., Treasurer, V.P. Conventions, & Secretary. Five regional board of directors will need to be replaced or re-elected. They are: N.Calif/Nev Region - S. Calif. Region - Western Region - Midwest Region - Southeast Region.

With United scheduled to exit from chapter 11 early next year now is the time to get involved with this great organization. We will continue to have challenges in the future; we need volunteers at the national level to continue the work of RUAEA. To participate is very rewarding in knowing that you are helping the people who have helped you during your working time with United.

It is not too early to contact the RUAEA director in your region to advise him or her of your interest in becoming a volunteer at the national level. They will forward to you a biographical form to be completed & returned to them. You may also contact one of the nominating committee members. Jim Fauber (480) 895 9697, Gordon Starr (520) 529 2001, or Helen Cauwells (847) 358 8634.

Thank you in advance for any willingness to serve.

Jim Fauber  
Chair- Nomination Committee

### **UNITED AIRLINES HISTORICAL FOUNDATION**



We all received our 1<sup>st</sup> year service pin after one year of employment, it was silver. The next pin was a gold pin after 5 years of service. Upon completion of 10 years of service you received a gold pin with one diamond in the left star, 15 years of service you received a gold pin with 2 diamonds in the left stars, after 20 years of service you received a gold pin with 3 diamonds in the left stars, after 25 years of service you received a gold pin with diamonds in each star. After 30 years of service you received a pin with one large diamond above the wings. From 35 years to 50 years, for every 5 years of service you received one small diamond in the stars left to right.

The best service pin or necklace is the retirement pin. A round pin or necklace which has a black background & 4 stars which represents the 4 predecessor companies with a center of red white & blue, with wings also a 3 bladed propeller. The

first retirement pins and necklace were issued in 1980.

For retirees wishing to order replacement pins & would like information and price, contact:

Gardner & Geldmacher Inc.  
UAL Recognition Team  
960 Maplewood Drive  
Itasca, IL 60143-3209  
Phone: (630) 775-0059  
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Tom Goodyear

### **CHANGES TO WINTER SCHEDULE**

Effective Oct. 28, 2005, 1 of 2 roundtrip flights between New York John F. Kennedy & London Heathrow was discontinued. United will continue to serve London Heathrow with a total of 10 daily roundtrip flights, including the remaining NY flight, as well as flights to & from SFO, LAX, Chicago O'Hare & Washington Dulles.

The SFO-Paris route was discontinued. United will continue to serve Paris from both Chicago O'Hare & Washington Dulles.

There also will be seasonal suspensions of the SFO-Seoul & CHI-Amsterdam service, with both to be reinstated during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2006.

Service increases include frequency boosts, & reinstated or new service between:

- Washington Dulles & Sao Paulo, beginning Nov. 1
- CHI & Buenos Aires, beginning Dec. 15
- LAX & Sydney, beginning Dec. 15

In addition, United is adding several new "sun markets" this winter, including Denver-Cozumel, Mexico; Chicago O'Hare-Los Cabos, Mexico; & Chicago-Liberia, Costa Rica (Guanacaste). Including routes between Washington Dulles & Nassau, Bahamas; Montego Bay, Jamaica; Punta Cana, Dominican Republic; & St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles.

### **MEDICARE SUBSIDIZED PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN - OCT. 6, 2005 (Summary compiled by Bob Cuff)**

The federal government has released cost & coverage details of the new Medicare prescription drug insurance plans. More than 50 companies are

now authorized to advertise their plans starting Oct. 1. Beginning Nov. 15 Medicare beneficiaries can sign up for the plans which are voluntary.

RUAEA members will have a number of options for subscribing to the new benefit which varies not only by each company but also by the state in which you reside. Following are just a few of the companies offering plans:

Aetna Inc., Medco Health Solutions Inc. Humana Inc.—Blue Cross and Blue Shield - Well Care Health plans Inc, which has a co branding arrangement with Walgreen Co. - United Health Group Inc. - Cigna Corp. and Pacific Care Health Systems Inc. plan to sell three different drug plans in all 50 states etc.

Health insurers are aiming for high enrollment numbers when the drug benefits begin Jan. 1, 2006. Many companies that also sell Medicare Advantage plans are hoping that over time they will lure more customers to those options, which have higher profit margins.

Many advocates for the elderly & even the drug-plan sponsors themselves are concerned about the possibility that some beneficiaries will be overwhelmed by the range of choices & not sign up for voluntary coverage.

The elderly have never had much choice in the basic Medicare coverage they get for hospitals & doctors. But Congress chose a different approach for the Medicare prescription - drug benefit; To harness the benefits of competition, it set out to encourage as many private insurers & other companies as it could to offer the federally-subsidized drug policies. In most locations, seniors will be able to find plans for less than \$20 a month. Humana is offering plans for less than \$6 a month to seniors who live in CA or NY.

With a few notable exceptions, the government requires Medicare-eligible people to sign up for a plan by May 15, 2006, or face a penalty of higher premiums if they later decide to join. People can begin signing up Nov. 15, 2005. Again, the plan goes into effect Jan. 1 next year. People who already have comparable drug coverage, such as through an employer's retiree plan, aren't subject to the penalty if they join a Medicare plan down the road. For those who would face a penalty, signing up on time will at least get them on board; they can switch plans later if their needs change.

So what should RUAEA members do to keep

abreast of these fast developing opportunities: Following are a few suggestions:

- a) Companies providing plans will be advertising them in each state---watch for & review each of the plans.
- b) Review the Medicare website, [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov), that will allow beneficiaries to see how much they would pay for their medications under various plans.
- c) Review the Medicare website, [www.cms.hhs.gov/map/map.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/map/map.asp), that will allow beneficiaries to get a state-by-state breakdown of plans where they live.
- d) Call Medicare at (1-800-633-4227) to help you choose the plan that meets your needs.
- e) You can get free personalized counseling from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), & other local community-based organizations. Call 1-800-MEDICARE to get the telephone number of the SHIP nearest you.
- f) In the fall you will get the "Medicare & You 2006" handbook in the mail. It will list the Medicare prescription drug plans available in your area.

Finally check into our web site, [www.ruae.org](http://www.ruae.org) or our monthly newsletter for additional timely information.

### **WITHHOLDING TAX FROM PENSIONS**

Some of us affected by the take over of our pensions by the PBGC may notice there is no withholding tax taken out. If you are affected, and desire to have taxes withheld from your pension you must contact the PBGC and request that tax be withheld. You can call the PBGC Customer Contact Center at 1 (800) 400-7242 to initiate the request. Or, you may establish an online account with the PBGC by going to the PBGC web site at [www.pbgc.gov](http://www.pbgc.gov), click on **WORKERS & RETIREES** and follow the instructions.

If you need to contact MetLife, their customer service department can be reached at 1 (800) 638-2432.

Other institutions will have their phone numbers on documents you have received. Be sure and have your Social Security number handy when you make the call. You also need to decide how much you want to have withheld prior to making

the call as they may be able to accommodate your request at the time of your call. If not, they will send you a form to fill out and return.

### **INFORMATION RE: LETTERS COLUMN**

We appreciate the letters we receive from the membership. The membership appreciates reading them, learning the whereabouts & happenings of people we know & used to work with. When submitting a letter for the Letters Column, it would be helpful if the name, address, & file number are included. If the letter is selected for publication, only the name & address will be printed.

When you send letters by e-mail, send them Attn. Jo Madden, Editor. To help us in this process, we prefer that you send them via e-mail in a MS Word format, if possible. If not, use e-mail plain text. If you do not have the ability to send them by e-mail, send them by Fax or U.S. Mail. If you send them by U.S. Mail, please type or print.

### **KNOW YOUR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, STAFF**

Hank Gosselin, Director Northwest Region was employed by United Airlines 3/16/60 as a Team Leader in SEAMM. He received an Award of Merit for a 767 project & another Award of Merit for the Hong Kong - Narita start-up.

Hank served as V.P. of the SEA City Slickers Chapter of RUAEA, was Chairman of the SEA Convention - 2004, also served on the Site Selection Committee. He is also Co-Chairman of the 2006 RUAEA Convention to be held in Washington, DC.

Volunteer involvement - Trustee for Auburn Eagles 2298 - Leisure activities include fishing and visiting his granddaughter.

He has 3 children - 2 boys, 1 girl - all grown & successful. Son Allan - DENMM Management & Lead Coordinator for United Airlines.

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

### **NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS**

Chapter reports for Dec. are due in DEN by Fri. Nov. 4, Jan. reports by 12/6, Feb. report by 1/6. Reports may be sent by e-mail [ruaea@aol.com](mailto:ruaea@aol.com) or



by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667 - Attention - Jo Madden. Please list Chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO - 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend deadline.

## LOCAL NEWS

### ARIZONA



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If you are attending the breakfast meetings please call Pat at (623) 935-9235 before 5 PM the Mon. before the breakfast. Those of you that are on our regulars list (and you know who you are) need to call when you won't be there. Any questions call Pat or Sherry.

Everyone seems to be in good health. Fall is here, the weather is great. It was really nice seeing so many out for our Sept. 27 breakfast meeting. Welcome back to all you snowbirds.

We are getting calls & e-mail from retirees interested in joining our local chapter. With our snowbirds beginning to arrive back in the valley things are getting busy.

Our attendance at both breakfast & luncheons will be increasing. We have a callers group coordinated by Pat Butkiewicz. These ladies will call you when finalizing the head count for the luncheons. Please respond to these callers, when necessary, please return their call.

A complete schedule of events for 2005 -2006 is being distributed at the Breakfast meetings, & via US Mail. We are beginning to collect dues for this same period. The rate is \$5.00 per person. Checks are to be made out to the AZURES & mailed to Sally Illingworth, 12522 Prospect Sun City West, AZ 85375.

"Storms make trees take deeper roots" – Claude McDonald

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings: Location – 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell road

**Nov. 8** - Azures

Fall/Winter Luncheons:

**Nov. 12** - Luke AFB Luncheon

**Dec. 10** – Briarwood Country Club

### PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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### PHOENIX METRO



The Re-Uniteds met for breakfast, Sept. 21 at Ollie's Omelettes. Hank Falk presented an option for the group to attend a Coyote hockey game. Group tickets are available for groups of 15 or more for about \$10 P/P. Anyone interested contact Hank.

Peg Homfeldt & Irma Furtney attended the first meeting for the Fantasy Flight committee. The Fantasy Flight will be held for 100-120 5 & 6 year olds from Thomas J. Pappas Elementary School. Plans were discussed to have face painting, the fire department bomb sniffing dogs, a box lunch & a bag of gifts for each child. Target is one of the sponsors. It is scheduled for Fri., Dec. 2. Additional planning meeting Nov. 8 - 10am.

Roger Veillette is recovering from prostate surgery. Chester Kamensky is undergoing treatment for kidney problems. Rich Lang had back surgery & is doing well.

### Calendar:

**Nov. 2** - Luncheon Meeting - Location unknown at printing

**Nov. 19** - Breakfast Meeting - 9am - Grumpy Fred's Café (formerly Ollie 's Omelettes)

**Dec. 13** - Holiday Luncheon - Palo Verde Country Club, Sun Lakes



TALL PINES

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The Tall Pines Chapter held its Annual All AZ

Chapter Picnic on Sept. 13 at Goldwater Lake. As usual, the weather was perfect. We welcomed Betty & Arni Schaetzke from the AZ Metros & their friends Nancy & Bob Adams. We thank them for making the trip & spending some time with our group.

The White Elephant Auction turned out to be huge success. We want to thank everyone who participated. Under the able eye of Earle Risdon - auctioneer extraordinaire - we collected \$375 which was donated to the American Red Cross for the victims of Katrina. Again, thank you all so much - you are great!

#### Calendar:

**Nov.** - No Meeting

**Dec. 6** - Christmas Party - Hassayampa Inn - 5:00-6:00 PM - Cocktails, 6:00 Dinner

**Jan. 24** - Luncheon - Lone Spur Restaurant - 11:00 AM

#### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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The Aug. outing to the White Mountains was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Howard Hunter & the Starrs for their help in putting the trip together also to Alice Belzer for taking reservations.

The Sept. lunch was held at the Giuseppe Italian Restaurant.

Bob Wood & his wife Jean were Roadrunner members for several years. We have been informed that Bob passed away on July 17.

Congratulations to Marj & Bill Tyndall who celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary Oct. 16.



#### ARKANSAS



#### "THE NATURALS"

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On 9/19 a small group met for dinner at the Last Chance Lakeside Café. (This replaced our Aug. meeting.) We were pleased to welcome 4 new residents of our Village: Norma Ross (SFOSW) & husband, Lowell, Gwen Whitfield (DTWRR) & husband Charles.

Norma worked as a flight attendant for UA for 31 years before retiring in 1982. She then went back to school & trained as a medical transcriptionist, went to work at a small hospital in Marin County, CA for 2 years then the PDX area for 10 years. She retired again, they moved to ID, then CA & back to southern OR. They discovered our Village through an article in a retirement book, checked us out on the Internet; read this column in the RUAEA newsletter, & emailed us. We had some material sent to them on our Village describing some of our amenities. They ended up buying a house & moved in 3 days prior to our meeting. We welcome them as new members.

Gwen Whitfield (DTWRR) & husband Charles also joined us for dinner to get acquainted. Gwen started with UA in 1994, worked in Detroit Reservations until she retired July 1, 2005. They wanted to retire somewhere other than on one of the coasts. They owned property in Savannah Lakes, GA, but found the development too small & remote from many of the activities they wanted (it only had 2 golf courses). When they decided to divest themselves of the property in Savannah Lakes, the developer sent them to other communities in TN & AR, offering to trade their lot in GA for one in the other developments. This led them to Hot Springs Village. They are most interested in our 9 beautiful golf courses, 8 lakes, plus all of the other amenities we have. They built a house high on one of our hills, are enjoying the views of the 26,014 acres of wooded, rolling terrain which comprises our Village.

#### Calendar:

**Dec. 3** - Annual Christmas dinner on Sat. evening, 6PM, at Pegasus at the DeSoto Club.

Contact me via email or telephone if you are going to be in the Village and are interested in attending one of our meetings.

## **CALIFORNIA**

### **CENTRAL COASTERS**

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The Central Coasters Christmas luncheon will be held on Dec. 21 at the Pelican Point Restaurant in Pismo Beach. The hosts will be John & Barbara Stilwell (805) 550-7716. Details will be in the flyer.

For chapter info, contact Pres. Bob Stanger (805) 929-2901.

### **BRAZEN RAISINS**

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Pat & Gil Gilbert hosted the Brazen Raisin's Sept. meeting. Pam Hartman livened the meeting with her description of Denmark's females - large bosoms & terrible teeth; she said Jack noticed only two things - they weren't the teeth! Pres. Peggy Oakshott read part of a letter from Bob Cuff about United, Elida Rivas read part of a newspaper article about employee stock settlement; these articles were passed around for members to read. Pam Hartman described her & Jack's cruise to England, Scotland, Denmark & Ireland last month. Bob Frost recited one of his many poems. Jokes were contributed by Don Nessling, Jack Hartman & Elida Rivas. Elida told about her & Reuben's trip to NY & attending 2 days of U.S. Tennis Open, a Mets/Phillies baseball game & two plays.

Lincoln Jones, without help from wife, Nile, but assisted by guest Bill Chandler, brother of Jean Starnes, hosted the Brazen Raisins' Oct. meeting.

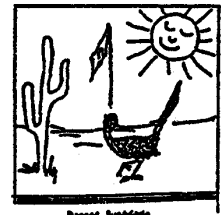
Another loss for the Brazen Raisins, Bob

McCulloch had informed that he had moved to San Marcos, CA. The (now traditional) discussion of United's emerging from bankruptcy & the pension situation erupted; also, there was considerable discussion of United's out-sourcing of maintenance & other services formerly handled by United employees.

The 2005 Christmas party was discussed briefly, as were officers for 2006. There was another discussion of World War II; Don Nessling brought up the subject of Billy Mitchell using the Air Corps to bomb battleships. Then, of course, jokes!

### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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*This report is submitted by Elaine Aggson:*

On a day when temperatures finally fell below 100, 25 Desert Sunbirds gathered at the Manhattan in the Desert Restaurant in Palm Springs. Hosts Fred & Jan Kellerhals arranged for members to make selections from the extensive menu. Portions were so large that most left with "white boxes".

Mike Bailardo returned looking great after his recent surgery. It was also good to see Ron Napier attending his 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting since joining the group. Many of our members were busy traveling to escape the heat. Mary Frank was in FL visiting family while Mary Butler spent several weeks in OH & NC. Maureen Williams enjoyed a 12-day luxury cruise to AK - a birthday gift from her family. Gil & Marianne Patterson left their summer home in CT for a vacation in HWI.

Ray Silvestri was the free birthday lunch winner. Ron Lerg didn't win the birthday lunch but had the last laugh by winning the 50/50!

We were all saddened by the loss of Wally Schmidt. Wally passed away suddenly from a head injury after a fall while in WI where he & Karen spend their summers. We shall miss Wally's smiling face, cheery disposition & positive outlook. Cards may be sent to Karen at 33661 Westchester Blvd., Thousand Palms, CA 92276.

Our Newsletter Editor was in the process of



packing & unable to attend the Sept. meeting. She & John have sold their home of many years so are moving into an apartment in a Senior Complex. Miriam is looking to no more cooking as they will have two meals a day included. She has also sold her computer - says we will have to contact her "the old fashioned way".

#### Calendar:

**Nov. 16** - Mission Lakes Country Club in Desert Hot Springs. Call or email Mary Frank at (760) 329-1870 or [mbfrank@adelphia.net](mailto:mbfrank@adelphia.net)



#### **THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**

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Aug. meeting was held at the Sierra Country Club with 96 members & 4 guests in attendance. Pres. Harold Esola thanked Francis & Veronica Domaratius for hosting the luncheon.

After discussions with Ron Bertacini, Bob Cuff & Forrester Sinclair, also due to a change in security that has raised the prices, it has been decided that the Christmas luncheon will not be at Beale Air Force Base. Ron has booked Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley - Dec. 8. Price will be \$14.50 - the Treasury will kick in \$2.00 P/P making the cost \$12.50

Guests were: Karla Moss guest of Jean & Forrester Sinclair, Tom & Betty Stadnick guests of Martha & Charles Szekretar plus Scott Esola, grandson of Harold and Colleen Esola.

VP Jeanette D'Amico reported sponsors for the coming luncheons:

- Nov. - No luncheon
- Dec. - Alta Sierra Country Club
- We have sponsors for Jan. thru April Anniversaries for Aug.:
- Al & Geneva Lockwood - 60 years
- Jim & Ethel Meek - 55 years

There were more anniversaries of 40 years or less. Also, I still am looking for many anniversaries of members where I have the month but not the day and/or the year. Please contact me if you may think you may be one of the above members.

#### RUAEA Regional Director Bob Cuff:

"How many of you have received the pay information form 701? It is a form from the PBGC to retirees stating that they were taking over your pension payments Oct. 1 & to please provide information. After you fill the form out & return it they will determine what your pension benefit will be. You will continue to receive the same payments until your file is reviewed. After receiving your information the PBGC will advise you, under current law, the amount you will receive. The most you can receive is \$45,000 per year. If you have an annuity, like most of us do, you will receive two payments a month. One from the PBGC & one from Met Life."

A motion from the floor that the Chapter donate \$100 to the Red Cross to support the relief effort in New Orleans. Motion was passed.

#### Changes of address:

- Lorene Senn moved to: 4877 Travis Court, Klamath Falls, OR. 97603
- Jim & Joan Fulcomer: 1775 Andover Lane, Lincoln, CA. 95648
- Greg Miller, 9161 Madison Ave. #4, Orangevale, CA. 95662
- Al & Geneva Lockwood: P.O. Box 416, Hearld, CA. 95638
- Laurie Jordan, 1062 Thelma Way, Grants Pass, OR

Margaret Eggert is recovering from shoulder surgery.

RUAEA Regional Director Bob Cuff gave a detailed report of when the PBGC will start sending out checks. PBGC will not withhold state income taxes.

#### **REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES**

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The Sept. meeting was held at La Gare in Santa Rosa, hosted by Ruth Loy with the assistance of Norm & Ann Burnett. The food, as usual, was great. Pres. Les Carey thanked them all.

VP Norm Burnett introduced the guests: Dan & Valerie Hulsey, guests of Grover Blackburn and

Cindy Hiroshima, guest of Joan Sheahan. He introduced new member, Ann Sullivan. She spoke briefly about her career with United that took her to SFO, OAK, Larkspur, Corte Madera & Boulder.

Treas. Oscar Chambers reported the status of our finances. The Charity Fund is below where it was last year at this time.

Sunshine Lady Verda Burr announced the Sept. birthdays; Ann Burnett was the birthday luncheon winner. Get Well cards were sent to the Casterlines & Nick Van Kruining. Nick is recovering from triple-bypass surgery.

Naomi Tolf has moved into her own condo. She is very happy there, although she misses everyone here. Naomi has the same phone number and her new address is: 1510A Kent Av., Montrose, CO 81401.

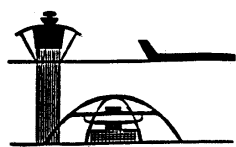
Thought for the month:

WHEN I WAS YOUNG I WAS CALLED A RUGGED INDIVIDUAL. WHEN I WAS IN MY FIFTIES I WAS CONSIDERED ECCENTRIC. HERE I AM DOING AND SAYING SAME OLD, SAME OLD, & I AM LABELED SENILE. (George Burns)

#### Calendar:

**Nov. 10** - Josef's - Santa Rosa - Brandon & Pat Maus

**Dec. 8** - Quail Inn - Oakmont - 2005 Officers



#### Re-LAX-ers

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This is a short report month. I have heard nothing from all those who were ailing, so I sincerely hope they are doing very well. The folks on tours & cruises are still at it or comfortably at home, I presume.

Palm Springs overnighter Fabulous Follies tour in late March or early April. Soon as I finalize it with the tour operator, we'll email and/or mail flyers. We'll be using a downtown/center-of-town hotel in PSP this time, within walking distance of the famous Fabulous Follies theater. Some of you missed this tour at the very beginning of the '05 convention – now is your chance to see it. We'll

add a dinner & a visit to the very popular Living Desert museum the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Out of towners interested – you'll need to come to LAX the day before (or try for the crack of dawn arrivals). I can research the best nearby LAX hotel deal for you.

If YOU have news of health, travels, family milestones, etc., PLEASE let me know by phone or email, for which I thank you very much.

#### Calendar:

**Dec. 1** – Christmas Party on the Queen Mary.

**Feb.** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. Luncheon

**March** - PSP tour – exact date t.b.a.

**April** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. Luncheon

#### UNITED AIRLINES

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Sept. 26 was the day of our Annual Picnic. It turned out to be a beautiful day with sunshine, slight breeze & perfect temperature. We had horse and/or pig races & yours truly even won a little money. In case you are wondering, this is a board game – we didn't have horses or pigs wandering around!

The steaks were good & there was plenty of food. A big Thank You to all our cooks & servers & everyone else who helped make a successful picnic. There were too many to name here.

We were honored to have as our special guests RUAEA Pres., Marlin Lade & Western Regional Director Howard Payne. They were well received by our members & spoke to us about what is happening with RUAEA & how it is working with the management of UAL. Both men answered questions as they visited with our members. It was good to have them with us.

We missed John "Brandy" Branstetter, former picnic director, who has attended every picnic since he moved to Grants Pass, OR. He was having back problems & couldn't make the trip this year. We hope he is feeling better & will be able to join us next year or sooner. I am sorry to announce that Warren Noe passed away July 28. The last address I have for him is 4756 Clayton Rd. #228, Concord,

CA 94521.

Our Charity Chairman, Harriet Kunze, will be collecting "Shoe Boxes for Kids" again this year. We fill the shoeboxes with assorted small toys, combs, brushes, books, crayons, etc. to give to the children at Shelter Network in San Mateo. If you would rather, you can donate a stuffed animal or a package of diapers, which are always needed.

Travel info.: Some of us recently returned from a Baltic Cruise with tour coordinator, Ginger Dahlberg, we had a great time. The weather cooperated (no rain), the tours were good. St. Petersburg is a beautiful city as were Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen & more.

Sept. 22 to Oct. 7, 2006 Ginger is planning another cruise from Copenhagen to NY with stops in Dover England, Ireland, Scotland, Iceland, Greenland & St. Johns Newfoundland, ending in New York City. If you are interested in a flyer call Ginger at 650 224-1865, email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

Ginger has another cruise planned June 22 -28, 2006 from SEA to Princess Louisa back to SEA, with stops in between. Call Ginger as soon as possible if you would like to join her on these trips. And, there is one more. Ginger has a trip planned to Branson Missouri from Dec. 6 to Dec.11, 2005. Shows include the Mickey Gilley Theatre, Andy Williams, Jim Stafford Theater, Yakov Smirnoff & Shoji Tabuchi. It also includes a cruise on the Branson Belle Showboat. Sounds like fun.

Betty Garner has several local trips planned, one of them is "Pumpkins & Ghost on the Coast" on Oct. 26, 2005 & another is the Christmas lights of San Francisco & So. San Francisco in Dec. You can reach Betty at (650) 355-4195, email [garnerbee@yahoo.com](mailto:garnerbee@yahoo.com) for these & other trips. I am sorry to announce that Betty's New Years Mississippi Riverboat Cruise has been canceled due to the hurricanes in New Orleans & Mississippi. Our prayers are with all the people on the Gulf Coast.

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Mon. ea. mo., business meeting 11:30 am 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.

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SFO/SJC



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Several guests this month: On Sept. 2 Tim & Susan Schaller and Alexis Hall, son-in-law, daughter & granddaughter of the Schallers; also Joy & Gary Bacheller, son and daughter-in-law of Lew and Nancy Bacheller.

It was a special day for the Schallers; their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sept. 4. They were presented with an engraved pen set, from our chapter, honoring this milestone.

One other couple passing the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary mark this month are the Kristens, who celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> on Sept. 25.

Another guest this month was Olivia Dahl, darling granddaughter of Joan Dahl. Special guests on the 23<sup>rd</sup> were Merle & Lois Pitman former members of South Bay now living in OR.

We welcomed back Bob & Karen Devlin, also Jean Parkin. Welcome Barry Grivett, whom we hadn't seen in awhile. Harry Willever was back, had been in the hospital. Gene Eggert had been in the hospital with congestive heart failure, is now up & about, looking great. Peggy Smith has been undergoing chemo. Joe Purdy is about the same, in the care center. Sam Cramb injured himself windsurfing in HWI, is now home recuperating.

It is with sadness we report the passing of Steve White. No services were held. A donation in his memory was made to the leukemia & lymphoma society.

Ruie Bradley took up a collection for the Hurricane Katrina victims, to be given through the Salvation Army.

Our Fall luncheon was a success - it's becoming a tradition to have it at the China Stix. Stan Kolman hosted the event. The food was good, as always, everyone had an enjoyable time.

#### Calendar:

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. mornings at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts 7:00 am, meeting convenes 8:20 am. We welcome

all retirees to join us. Please contact our Pres. Garver Sandy (408) 262-1548, for more information.

### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Our Sept. meeting was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> with 32 people in attendance. We had the breakfast buffet & it was delicious as usual. We will revert to our regular 3 menu choice for the balance of the year. Nice to have a change every so often.

We welcomed 2 new members; Ann & Andy Chorbi. Andy retired from LAXCG. It was great to see Lynn Hales back after quite a while. Louis Kinkead & Judy Tiu were back also.

Marion & Marie Klosinski, and Ed & Marian Lewis are having some health issues - cards would be very welcome.

For our computer savy people, check out '[Flyzed.com](http://Flyzed.com)'. It is an Interline Listing Site. The login Userid is: ual, Password is: 016.

The Friends Plus is available now on SkyNet which offers a 15% discount off selected United Economy fares on United, United Express & Ted. You must have an email address. Go to the SkyNet homepage to "Travel", then "Friends Plus Discount Certificates" under "Travel Benefits." The certificates are sent via email after registering.

A fun thing to send for is the RUAEA Members Seniority List. It does not include all members of RUAEA, only those who have volunteered to have their names entered. It's really easy to do: Send your name, address and DATE OF HIRE to: Art Shattock - 610 Arboleda Drive - Los Altos, CA 94024. If you want a printed copy of the List send a check to him in his name for \$3.50. It is in seniority order (starts with a retiree with a date of hire 10/12/28!). My hire date is 1960 - I was on page 17.

Our Oct. meeting was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> with 28 people attending. We welcomed a new member, Nancy Bender, recently retired from HNLRR, before that VLORR & SFORR. Our reservations

group keeps growing!!

Bill & Nancy Boyle returned after their adventurous vacation bicycling all through Ireland. It was good to see Tom & Barbara Cunningham back. Richard & Georgia Bouska were attending the Retired Pilots' Convention in Washington. Marilyn & Hoagy Harguth were taking a most welcome vacation.

Tom Johnson is a Docent with Amtrak - he assists passengers; is a valuable source of help & information to them. They are in need of volunteers at many of the stations in our area (OAK, SMF to mention a few) in addition to the station in Martinez where he works. Anyone needing more information can contact him at [tomjsmcalif@juno.com](mailto:tomjsmcalif@juno.com).

I hope this reminder reaches those in the Bay Area before 11/12, because there is a great party planned. "Family & Friends of UAL" which is a UAL REUNION. Semi- Formal Dinner & Dance at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel - 600 Airport Blvd - Burlingame, CA 94010. To reserve a room, call 650 340-8500. Advance tickets \$50 pp. Tickets at Door \$55 p/p. This price includes dinner. For further information, contact Darlene Geter (510) 504-7627, please make check payable to UAL REUNION c/o Darlene Geter P.O.Box 6, San Bruno, CA 94066 or contact [ethelbatiste@aol.com](mailto:ethelbatiste@aol.com).

Our 50/50 cash prize was won by Russ Kennedy, an additional prize of a pie from Marie Calenders was won by Adeline Lee.

A reminder from our Treas. Tom Costa that our \$5.00 dues for the coming year are due in either Nov. or Dec. This is separate from the RUAEA dues.

Our Dec. 12 meeting is our annual Toys for Tots. The Marine Corp sends 2 representatives. Unwrapped gifts for all ages of children from tots to teens are most welcome.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month at Marie Calender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 11:15 to 12:00. Lunch & business matters 12:00 on. No need for reservations, just come on down.

### **Calendar:**

**Nov. 14** - Monthly meeting

**Dec. 12** - Annual Christmas party & Toys for Tots collection.

**Jan. 9** - Monthly meeting

**Feb. 13** - Monthly meeting

**March 13** - Monthly meeting

## COLORADO



### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The fall luncheon at Aurora Summit Restaurant, on 9/29 was attended by 88 Mile Highers. Warren & Norma Gerig from Colorado Springs joined us. Bob & Teresa Ott, John Wade, & Esmee de La Mater were first-timers. Good to see Gerri Pawley again.

Harriet Ahr & Norma Gerig returned their 50/50 winnings - Thanks, Ladies.

Special thanks to Irma Atanasio, Laura Coats, Sandy Hacke, & Shirley Singleton for making all the arrangements for this successful luncheon.

Out-of-town guests, Aubrey & Harold Smith from Austin, TX joined us on Oct. 5 for breakfast at Park Hill Golf Club. Harold worked in DEN many years ago. Karen Heery was a first-timer. Vic Andreatta, Thurman Eaton & Harold Smith returned their 50/50 winnings to the Mile-Highers' Treasury. Thank you for your support.

Sorry to report that Ken Sperring, Al Burns & Leonard Christlieb are "under the weather". Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Pres. Tom Goodyear reported the DEN Mainliner Club will not have the Snowflake Ball or the Children's Christmas Party this year.

Christmas Luncheon, Holiday Inn Select, Denver Cherry Creek, 455 South Colorado Blvd. Dec. 6. Social hour 11:00 - 12 Noon, cash bar.

*All lunches include fresh garden salad, vegetables, potatoes, roll & butter, dessert, decaffeinated & regular coffee, preset ice tea. Menu choices (prices all inclusive):*

- Bourbon Glazed Pork Loin - \$19.50
- Grilled Salmon Filet - \$19.50
- Baked Ham - \$18.00
- Chicken Breast Marsala - \$19.50

*Write menu choice on check, also include guest (s) name(s). Check payable to RUEA Denver Chapter. Mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211, (303) 477-2918. Cut-off date Nov. 25.*

*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:

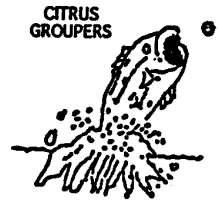
Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed each month, 8:00 AM, Park Hill Golf Course, 35<sup>th</sup> & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001.

**Dec. 6** – Christmas Luncheon - Details in column.

## FLORIDA

### CITRUS GROUPERS

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Judith Brinnitzer, wife of Claus Brinnitzer, Citrus Groupers Newsletter Correspondent passed away Sept. 19 at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Inverness. We will miss her very much. A Memorial will be sent to Hospice of Citrus County in Judith's memory.

C.G. Chapter met for our monthly meeting on Sept. 22 with 22 members present, at the Emperor's Pavilion in The Villages. A number of our members attended the Visitation for Judith later that afternoon.

Charles Wirth was in charge of the meeting. Meetings for the remainder of 2005 were announced. For a number of years, the members will bring a wrapped gift for those people in Nursing Homes, marked for Ladies or Gentlemen, to be brought to our Holiday meeting on Dec. 8 at the home of Jo Beck.

We miss Eve Dulon, she is having a slow recuperation from her medical surgeries. Get well wishes can be sent to her at 1646 Solkirk Drive, Leesburg, FL 34788.

Frank & Maxine Wood celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sept. 29. New members at this meeting were Russell & Lois O'Hara who recently moved to Oak Run Country Club in Ocala. Bill & Mary Wimmer reported a great trip to Alaska recently. Dave & Nancy Henderson are

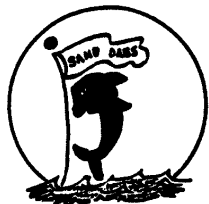


going on a cruise through the Panama Canal soon.

Jo Beck was #2784 participating in The Village's Golf Cart Parade as the largest number of Golf Carts to set a record for the Guinness Book of World Records.

Calendar:

**Dec. 8** - Holiday Luncheon, at the home of Jo Beck, 1717 Oak Forest Drive, The Villages, FL 32162.



**SAND"DABS"**

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Oct. 7 - 21 Sand"DABS" & our guests gathered at the Red Lobster. Speaker was Robert Holland, a lawyer specializing in Estate Planning. He gave a description on how he goes about doing an estate plan for an individual, how it protects your assets, how it is individualized, because each person's goals are different. The key is to process a plan that will meet your particular goals. He went into the subjects of a Will, Living Revocable Trust, Durable Power of Attorney, Medical Power of Attorney, a Living Will, & described what they each do, also what Probate does. He went into all the various reasons to choose certain items, depending on age, health conditions, family situations, etc. It was a very informative & excellent presentation.

Our other visitors were Robert & Debbie Taylor from SAN. Birthday celebrant present was Omar Logan. We sang our usual off-key rendition of Happy Birthday to him. Anniversary celebrants were Nelson & Honeylou Funkhouser 51 yrs. together; Company Anniversaries were Lowell Johnson 45 yrs., Steve Moddle 40 yrs. Dick gave a presentation of the company news he had. Andy Kress was short-changed \$14.02 on his pension which he got straightened out & thought he had won the jackpot. It was a funny story.

At joke time Dick told a funny one about some old grannies. After the 50/50 drawing there was another drawing for a Halloween surprise. Our Dec. meeting will be at Halifax Yacht Club, so we

chose the menu. Frieda will need a count & the money ahead of time, so if you plan on attending the Christmas meeting, be sure to get your reservation made with her & pay for your meals. Anyone interested in putting together a shoe box of toys & fun things for children who have lost much in the hurricanes, bring it to the Nov. meeting. Identify on box top BOY or GIRL & the age appropriate for what you have chosen. A suggestion was made to use a plastic shoe box so it will have more uses for them & last longer than a cardboard box. This is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse which we have done before.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** *Opportunity may knock once, but temptation leans on the bell.*

Calendar:

**Nov. 3** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**Dec. 1** - 11:30 - Halifax River Yacht Club (see above)

**THE ORLANDO**

**REAL McCOYS**

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VP Richard Llewellyn opened the meeting of The Real McCoys where approximately 40 were in attendance.

Happy Birthdays this month go to Joe Fitak on the 22 & Mack Chandler on the 24.

Our guests included Lisa, Joe & Barb Fitak's daughter & Danielle, the great-granddaughter of Jack & Judy Bilkey. Also visiting were John Koehl President of the Chicago Skyliners & Hal Klobe from LAX; both from the Site Selection Committee for RUAEA Conventions.

The \$33 50/50 was won by Jim Fernandez who thoughtfully donated it to our Charity Fund.

John & Hal Klobe spoke to us about having the RUAEA Convention in Orlando in the near future. They gave us the basic outline of what would be needed & encouraged us to give the idea our consideration with the knowledge that we would be given information & help with the planning.

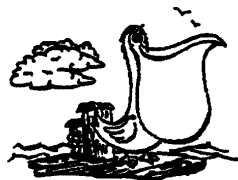
Stan Halterman trip plans include the following:

- Nov. 26 - Hudson Florida Word of Life Production of Christmas in the 40's. Deluxe coach & dinner. Cost \$46.
- Feb. 15-26 - Cruise West Indies on the AMSC Lirica. Cost starting at \$989.
- March - King Tut & Fort Lauderdale Getaway 2 days/one night.

If you have an interest in any or all of the trips listed, call Stan Halterman, (407) 852-6773.

#### Calendar:

**Nov. 2** - 1:00PM, The Golden Corral Restaurant on Semoran Blvd. (Rt. 436); 3 miles North of the airport & 1 mile South of Curry Ford Road.



#### **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PELICAN DROP-INS**

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On Fri., Oct. 7, we had our first luncheon meeting of the season. There were 37 in attendance. John Dahl, former UAL manager at RSW (now manager at TPA), was our speaker. John was the manager at RSW for 7 years before he moved to Tampa. He gave us an up-date as to what is happening at United. There was a question & answer period that followed. It was good to have him back.

It was nice to have Lois & Russ O'Hara, former members, drive from Ocala just for the meeting. Guests were Veronica Coyle, aunt of Stella McCaffery & Denny Erickson, a UAL retiree from LAXFO.

Next month Marlin Lade, President of RUAEA will be our speaker. We are looking forward to what he will have to say about RUAEA. We are lucky to have 2 great speakers in a row.

United Express took over the previous United flights as of Oct. 2. ATA is handling the counter or UAX, the ramp is contracted out to AGS. Most of the former employees have received severance pay & have found work in this area. At the present time UAX is flying an E70 which is not a big aircraft. Later in the season they will be handling a 320-737 or 757 for United.

**Curtis & Bonnie Sawyer:** will be moving to NC. They plan to be in FL during the winter months. Bonnie recently had arthroscopic knee surgery.

**Bill Burg:** is feeling much better. He had Acute Pancreatitis, now is having a few more tests to pinpoint the cause.

**Ray Winterhalter:** was scheduled for a routine colonoscopy in Aug., during the procedure two cancerous masses were discovered. He had surgery. Ray was one lucky man. Five inches of colon were removed but fortunately it didn't break through the tissues or into the liver. He does not need radiation or chemotherapy.

**Joan Gilkison:** is still getting chemotherapy & is feeling better since she has been on a new medication to give her more energy. She has a great positive attitude which will bring her through this difficult time.

**Terry Gilkison:** had a surprise when the Director of Volunteers at the hospital announced that he was awarded the "Volunteer of the Quarter" & will be up for the yearly award at the Christmas luncheon. He received a trophy, several other gifts & a check for \$250.

**John and Lucille Donegian:** will be moving closer to family. They recently sold their home in Lehigh Acres & will relocate in Nixa, MO. They will be missed.

#### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month – Reservations are required  
Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (Oct.-May) - North Fort Myers

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## **TAMPA BAY**

New Port Richey, FL

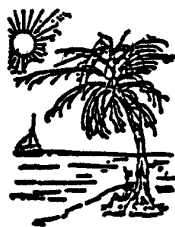
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At the Sept. meeting Jon Wilkinson took over as Pres. as Mike Rice wanted to stay home with his son who was home for a visit. HUMANA Marketing Reps Dean Sestok & Ray Pepito were speakers. They gave an interesting presentation. They represent the 4 surrounding counties - Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsboro & Hernando. HUMANA Insurance covers you all over the world & they give discounts for dental, glasses, hearing aids & medication.

We had 26 members & 1 guest, Ethel Cargall in attendance.

Loretta Marvett advised if any RUAEA Member in the S.E. Region is interested in being the next Regional Director, the position will be open & voted on before the RUAEA Convention in DCA May 2006. Please consider & turn your name in.

Terri Breslin reported Pat Lomax is having a chemo for lung cancer and Tom & Mary Pekar are at home in Ohio. Terri also reported on the Christmas Luncheon at Spartan Manor, 6121 Massachusetts Ave., New Port Richey (727) 849-6464 on Dec. 5, Cocktails 11:00 a.m. Lunch 12:00. noon, \$14.50 per person (incl tax & tip). RSVPs no later than Nov. 20 - NO WALK INS! Send checks to Terri Breslin, 7885 Cherrytree Lane, New Port Richey, FL 34653, (727) 845-3605. Please note entree choice on check & # of persons. Entertainment will be provided by the Jenises Ringers from the Jenises School.

We were reminded to pay our insurance on time. So far no one has had a problem receiving checks.

Due to the unexpected news of "Pappas Riverside Restaurant" permanently closing 9/15/05, Michael Marvett had to scurry around to find another location for our "29th ANNUAL WEST COAST LUNCHEON". Mike advises we will hold our Annual Luncheon Mon. Jan. 16, 2006 in the Grand Ballroom of the beautiful

Feather Sound C.C., 2201 Feather Sound Dr., Clearwater. The Country Club is located about 1.5 mi west of Howard Frankland Cswy, & 0.4 mi north of Ulmerton Rd (SR 688). We extend our warmest invitation to ALL UAL RETIREES to join us for this very special event.

Numerous moderately-priced motels are located in the immediate vicinity of Feather Sound, for those wishing to stay overnight. RSVPs MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE, with your choice of entree (chicken, fish or pork) written on your check. Deadline for RSVPs is Wed., Jan 4, 2006. Mail checks to Michael/Loretta Marvett, Imperial Pines #402C, 3076 Eastland Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33761. For more luncheon or motel information, please call Edith Polito (727-787-1552)

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** From NORTH, go south to Ulmerton Rd (SR 688) head east on Feather Sound Dr. (last light before the Howard Frankland) turn left & clubhouse is 0.4 mi on the right. From the EAST, take I-275 through TPA, across the Howard Frankland, bear right toward the Largo-Ulmerton - SR 688 exit, turn right at the 1st light (Feather Sound Dr.) & clubhouse 0.4 mi on the right. From South take I-275 across the Sunshine Skyway & through St. Pete. Take exit right heading for SR 686 (Roosevelt)-Largo-Clearwater. At top of the exit, veer to the left, following the (St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport-Largo-Clearwater) sign. Go 1.2 mi, exit to the right at SR 688 East exit. Drive east 0.5 mi to Feather Sound Dr., turn left, the clubhouse is 0.4 mi on the right. Hope all retirees will come JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FOOD, FUN & FRIENDSHIP.

54 TPA members & 3 guests met at Anderson Park for another successful picnic, thanks to Beverly Alderdice, Terri Breslin & their committee. Bob Taylor supplied the coffee for those of us who forgot to bring our beverage. Guests were Cindy Collier - UAL-DEN, Ethel Cargall & Sue Riedl's daughter Lorie Murphy & friend Tina Peters. Pres. Mike Rice advised us to look out for the new loading routine when checking in for your future flights. I understand S.W. Airline has been using this system/routine for some time.

Our Chapter photo albums from way back were on display. If any of us have pictures of our past meetings/programs/parties we would like more oldies for posterity. There were pictures dating back to 1980's which brought back fond memories

for me.

Terry Breslin, Chairman for the Dec. 5 Tampa Bay Chapter Christmas Luncheon, at Spartan Manor, reported on the latest details. Cocktails 11:00 am, Cash Bar, Lunch 12:00. Specify your choice of Fried Grouper or Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce - \$14.50 P/P including tax & tip on your check. All checks should be mailed to Terri Breslin, 7885 Cherrytree Lane, New Port Richey, FL 34653 before Nov. 20. NO WALK-INS. Entrees served with Salad, Bread, Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee or Tea. Entertainment will be provided by the Jenises Ringers from the Jenises School.

Jon Wilkinson read from an article in the St Petersburg Times regarding flood insurance. Be sure to check your insurance policy to see just what you are covered for - for example, flood & hurricane damage. Many people thought they were covered but found out the hard way that they miss interpreted the clause. There are some insurance changes coming up & you should confirm your coverage by May 15, 2006.

Chairman of the "29th ANNUAL WEST COAST FLORIDA LUNCHEON" Michael Marvette reported on the Jan 16, 2006 Luncheon. The new location this year was voted unanimously by the members attending the Oct. 3 picnic/meeting. There will be a Cash Bar before the luncheon. Also "The Feather Sound Country Club" is wheel chair accessible & there is an abundance of parking around the Club. The beautiful Country Club is located about 1.5 miles west of Howard Frankland Cswy., 2201 Feather Sound Dr., Clearwater & 0.4 miles north of ULMERTON RD (SR688). See more explicit directions in the Sept. news article or contact Michael Marvette or me. The menu will include tossed garden salad, choice of Chicken Marsala, Filet of Flounder, red bliss potatoes, mixed vegetable medley, dessert & beverage. Price \$18.50 per person incl. tax & gratuity. Our Speakers will include Marlin Lade, Pres. of RUAEA, John Dahl, Gen Mgr. TPAOZ & a special mystery speaker. Numerous moderately priced motels are located in the immediate vicinity of Feather Sound for those wishing to stay over night. RSVPs must be made in advance, with your choice of entree (chicken, fish or pork) written on your check. Deadline for RSVPs is Wed. Jan 4, 2006. Mail checks to Michael/Loretta Marvett,

3076, Eastland Blvd, #402, Clearwater, FL 33761. For more luncheon or motel information please check with Michael or Edith Polito (727-787-1552). NOTE the change of address for the Marvette's, they are in the process of moving. All UAL Retirees & friends & family are invited & we are looking forward to seeing many of you from the other regions. Come join us & your old buddies for a day of FUN, FOOD & FRIENDSHIP.

#### Calendar:

**Nov. 7** - Meeting Buddy Freddy's U.S. Holiday, FL 10:00 am

**Dec.5** - Christmas Party SPARTAN MANOR, 6121 Massachusetts Av., New Port Richey (727) 849-6464)

**Jan 2** - Buddy Freddy's 10:00 a.m.

**Jan. 16** - Feather Sound Country Club, Grand Ball Room- "29th ANNUAL WEST COAST LUNCHEON"

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The Sept. 6 & Oct. 4 meetings are combined in this newsletter. 15 members were present for the Sept. luncheon. This was the last meeting that our President, Allan Popek, will be attending for awhile due to recuperation from his second hip replacement. Gus Dodenhoff came through his heart surgery very well & will return home soon. Mike & Maureen Carragher are new grandparents. There were only 9 members present for our Oct. get-together. This may be due to our weather this week. A tropical depression is upon us with a lot of wind & rain (so what else is new). Not great traveling weather. VP, Paul Liebisch, took over the Pres' duties. Allan did well after his hip replacement on Sept. 29 & will be home from the hospital today. Amazing! We were so glad to see Gus & Barbara Dodenhoff return to our meetings. Gus looks great after his heart surgery, is improving daily. A discussion about our pension checks indicated that the gross paid amounts were correct & the plus amounts were the taxes not

withheld. Attention Santa, all the elves & elvettes – our Christmas party will be the evening of Dec. 6 at Johnny's, so be sure to attend. Since there weren't many present at this meeting, we did not do 50/50. Therefore, the trivia question will be answered at the meeting on Nov. 1. Here is the question. United was the first domestic airline to order jet liners. In Oct. of 1955, Patterson ordered 30 of what type of jet aircraft? Now I feel a blonde joke coming on. A blonde is out for a walk. She comes to a river & sees another blonde on the opposite bank. "Yoo-hoo" she shouts, "How can I get to the other side?" The second blonde looks up the river then down the river & shouts back, "You ARE on the other side".

Calendar:

**Nov. 1** – Luncheon meeting at Johnny's – 11:30.

**Dec. 6** – Christmas Party

**GEORGIA**



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There were 25 Flyers & two guests at our lunch at the Grand Buffet in Fayetteville Sept. 7, hosted by Bruce & Mary Brodersen. Guests were Tom Macaluso, & Kathryn Scott. It was really good to see Tom & meet Kathryn who was in town visiting & decided to come to our meeting. It gave us all a chance to get caught up on Tom's travels & what he has been doing for the last couple of years. As usual, the food was good, Chinese Cuisine, plenty of room for our meeting. Don Yuskiewicz, one of our newest members informed us that he will be TDY to Sunny Isles, FL for about 3 years to take a consulting job. He will be consulting at MIA/FLL & MCO airports. Don retired in Dec. 1995; says he is truly going back to work & will be enjoying it immensely. By now most of the mechanics and the ramp & stores retirees have received their notice letters & first checks from the PBGC. Some will have no changes, some are not so happy, talking to

a varied sampling of the members. Well it's not all set in stone yet. There will probably be more changes to the estimates, as the agency is saying it may take up to 3 years to complete the process. Most members are calling the PBGC direct with their questions.

Calendar:

**Nov. 2** - Meeting will be at the Sage Woodfire Tavern in Alpharetta, GA, hosted by Carole Webb, & Marie Sadlowski.

**Dec.** - Meeting will be at The Village Café, in Fayetteville, Ga. Hosted by Jane Brown.

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The Menehunes met at Pinky's Pupu Bar and Grill on the 29th of Sept. After a bit of socializing & a buffet lunch we greeted new member Hartley Clark (SFOMM, JFKMM) & guests Joe Chess (HNLSS), wife Sonia, Teresa Mar & Hunter (KOACS).

Mrs. Hawaii 2005 Arlene Newman-VanAsperen (NRTSW) opened the formal program. After some light remarks about the pleasures & problems of being a beauty queen, a flight attendant based in another country as well as a wife & mother, Arlene proved that she was as beautiful inside as out by offering her time & title to any charitable causes we might have.

Howard Payne, RUAEA Western Regional Director, was next on the agenda. He brought us up-to-date on RUAEA's proactive efforts to monitor retiree interests as the Company works toward exiting bankruptcy. He also had some interesting things to say about new routes & policy changes.

Jeannie Yukitomo, Alliant Credit Union Branch Manager, introduced Noah King, Lincoln Financial Advisors & Randon Ho, Liberty Mutual Group. These gentlemen are ready to help Credit Union members with their financial planning & insurance needs.



Sharon Legacy & Warren Wong, volunteers with Sage Watch prepared packets for all of the other members. Sharon spoke about two packet items: Medicare Fraud & Part D – Medicare Prescription Drug Program effective Jan. 2006. E. J. Kam provided additional input on Plan D.

Whew, this was a jam packed meeting providing much information to think about in the days ahead.

Calendar:

**Feb.** - Meeting

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**BOISE GEMS**

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Prexy Ned Yundt opened our Oct. meeting at JB's in Meridian. She welcomed a lively & hungry group of GEMS. She extended a special warm welcome to newcomer Gloria Trotter. Gloria worked for UA for many years in CHI in the Flight Kitchen & Stores. In 1974, she transferred to SFO as Storekeeper at the MB. She retired there in 1992. In April of this year, she moved to the Boise area, to be with her 2 sons, Stephen & Leon. Her address is 356 E. Chapparosa Dr., Kuna, ID 83634. Phone (208) 922-2819. For her Internet friends, you can reach her at [gtrott@yahoo.com](mailto:gtrott@yahoo.com)

Ned asked the group to be thinking seriously about her replacement as chapter president, when she steps down at year's end. As our chapter founder & president for so many years, she has done her duty, & then some. She deserves A BIG thanks from us all, & some time of her own. Surely, someone could volunteer to assume the position for a given period of time. If 2 people would share the duties, it wouldn't be an imposition on either. Please, think about it, & come up with a name or names in time for our next meeting, which is on Nov. 7, again at JB's.

In Sept, your correspondent, with the help of the Heath family, hosted the 56th reunion of the 148th Field Artillery, an Idaho National Guard Unit, which fought a determined enemy for 5 years

in the Southwest Pacific Theater during WWII. The reunion was held in Boise, Sept. 8-11. At our annual Sat. dinner, the Adjutant General of Idaho, Maj. Gen. Larry Lafrenz, who is also the Commanding General of the State of Idaho National Guard, spoke to us in glowing terms. Our ranks are thinning fast now, but a few survivors continue a long tradition of WHEREVER WHENEVER, & voted to have a reunion next year. The daughter of one of our officers volunteered to host the 57th reunion next Sept. in Bend, OR, with the aid of her husband, & family. Meanwhile, the present-day 148th FA is in Iraq making a name for itself. Web address for the Idaho Military Historic Museum is <http://inghro.state.id.us/museum>.

Holbrook Maslen, one of our retired F/Os again participated in the Reno Air Races last month. He placed first in the Silver & 7th in the Gold in the finals.

Also in Sept. Shirley Law, participated in an open house celebration in Silver City, ID. Her family owns an old home there, & the Laws opened it to visitors. Gold was discovered there in the Owyhee Mts. in 1863. It was for many years a bustling town with many residents. Now, only a few people remain during the winter, but in the summer months, it is a popular tourist attraction. It is listed as the most well-preserved "ghost" town in ID. Most of the remaining buildings, including a small hotel & drug store, have been restored. Even the Catholic Church has been renewed with new stained-glass windows, new floors & pews, & is open to the public.

Marlene Croghan has opened her mountain home A-frame home up near Cascade, & will be hosting family & friends during the hunting season.

Bud Peters again worked the Albertson's Boise Open Golf Tournament this year, saying it was great fun. He & Pat had visitors, neighbors & old friends from SFO for 4 days. They had a great time showing them the area. Bud is returning to STL to check on his Mom, who is in a care home near there, & to help his sister who is suffering from MS.

Calendar:

**Nov. 7** - 9 a.m. breakfast at JB's in Meridian.

**Dec. 5** - 9 a.m. breakfast at JB's in Meridian

**Dec. 13** - Christmas dinner at El Korah (Shriner's) Temple, 1118 W. Idaho, Boise ID

## ILLINOIS

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Here it is Nov. again – that month of the year that we give thanks for the many blessings & good fortunes bestowed upon us. We remember & extend a big THANK YOU to our military, their families, parents & grandparents; to our public service personnel such as police officers & firefighters for their dedicated and often dangerous work; to our friends & fellow retirees for their camaraderie & support in our growing social group – the *Chicago Skyliners*! Also to our United Retiree families we extend to all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving Day filled with love, happiness, & good turkey eating.

On a personal level, I would like to take this opportunity during this time to thank all who took the time to write letters for my work on the newsletters column & convention coverage. But none of it would have been possible without the help of my friend & former co-worker Joann Giannini. Joann's creative & ingenious concepts have been inspiring in making the Chicago Skyliners a unique group. She has also contributed towards many articles and newsworthy items that we receive from World Headquarters, conceived the idea of greeting our Northsiders breakfast group with the distribution of unique name badges & countless other innovations. Joann & I have devoted extensive time to making your news column informative & special for our readers. I am grateful for everything Joann has done in this endeavor.

A large group of familiar faces attended the Northsiders breakfast at the Artemis Restaurant. Al LaRoche & his wife Helene came for the first time. They were surprised to see so many familiar faces. Al retired from EXOAN in May 1986, says his retirement has been fantastic, they enjoy traveling, being with family & friends.

Carol Faust, Midwest Region Director, spoke at the breakfast on behalf of the Historical Foundations regarding the Return of the Swallow, a

1926 Mailplane. This year the display would be at the Aurora REGIONAL Airport. This historic fully restored plane that is decked out in the colors of United's original colors made several lift-offs in the area.

We are looking for good participation again in the Fall Food Collection at the Northsiders Breakfast on Nov. 9. Canned goods, dried goods & paper products are all welcome & appreciated by the Food Pantry. This is a time that we can share our thankfulness by donating food to those who need help.

Please note that the parking lot across from the training Center has been sold, parking is no longer available for overnight or travel parking. You may continue to park directly across from guard shack.

Margaret Schmitt returned home from a 2<sup>nd</sup> knee surgery. This time it was her right knee. Margaret's address is 1409 53rd Place, LaGrange, IL. 60525. Nick Romeo had cataract surgery in late Sept., also is home recuperating. His address is 308 Highland Ave. Elmhurst IL. 60125. Ken Goetz who was hospitalized is resting at home, anxious to get back to his computer. Ken's address is 722 Timothy Ct. East Dundee, IL. 60118. Bill Churchill had a reaction from medication is also home from the hospital, his address is 1000 Beverly Drive, Wheeling, IL. 60090. Angie Waunn, our Sunshine Lady, is home after being hospitalized with breathing complications. Angie is now staying with her son. Her new address is 4515 Johnson Av., Western Springs, IL. 60558. These folks would love to receive a card, it would cheer them up.

Our condolence to the Gibbs family of Oak Lawn. Glenn E. Gibbs is a World War II Veteran, worked at United for 42 years. He passed away Sept. 10. You may visit the Gibbs Guest Books at [www.dailysouthtown.com](http://www.dailysouthtown.com) or [www.stamenevsnperer.com](http://www.stamenevsnperer.com) or you may send a card to the family at 9320 S. 50th Ave. in Oak Lawn, IL. 60453.

The Midway Guys & Girls had an excellent turnout of over 60 members & friends for their 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary gathering in Sept. at Manzo's Banquet in Des Plaines, IL. Marge Daily welcomed every one.

Our retirees are invited to volunteer at the annual Holiday Gift Giving Program at World Headquarters. Retirees are needed to help with the

distribution of "wish lists" on Nov. 9 & 10. Bring the wrapped gifts on Dec. 14. Times are available for all day or if you could just spare several hours, it would be appreciated. Debbie Bridges, Corporate Social Investment at WHQ, can be contacted for further information or volunteering time at 1 (847) 700-6814.

The Southsiders Group had a good turnout with 30 people that attended their monthly breakfast. Fruit platters were on the tables for the group to enjoy, compliments of Grandma Sally's Pancake House. A surprise group visited from the north side: John Koehl - Skyliners Pres., Carol Faust, & Rich Surma. They gave out cold jackets for keeping drinks cold.

Happy 25th Anniversary to our Southsiders Group for their many years of promoting friendship & unity. Thanks, you've done a great job.

#### Calendar:

**Nov 9** - Breakfast. Northsiders Group 9:00 a.m. at Artemis Restaurant in Mt. Prospect, IL. Family & friends are welcome. The *Fall Food Collection* at the Northsiders Breakfast. Canned goods, dried goods & paper products are appreciated.

**Nov 9 / 10** - Volunteer help needed to assist in the distribution of Holiday Wish List tags at World Headquarters

**Nov 29** - Southsiders Group Breakfast, 10:00 a.m. at Grandma Sally's Pancake House in Bridgeview, IL.

**Dec. 6** - *Winter Holiday luncheon* - Avalon Banquets - Flyers to be mailed in Nov. More information & registration will be forthcoming.

### INDIANA



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We had a good turnout for the Sept. meeting; the tone was light & entertaining, which we could all use. Terry Doppler, an Indy Racer as well as a member of the Master Gardeners, gave a very informative dissertation on preparing trees, plants

& lawns for the upcoming winter months. I can personally testify that Terry knows what he's talking about. He & his wife Carol have one of the most beautiful & well manicured yards I have seen. Thank you Terry for sharing your time & knowledge with all of us. We will be looking forward to Spring when hopefully you will educate us further.

During the Sept. meeting, we voted on a change of meeting location. Beginning with our Oct. 10 meeting, our dates, times & location were changed to:

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon. of each month**

**Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Rd., Plainfield**

**Meeting time is 3:00**

The Senior meal price is \$4.99, drink included. The adult price is \$6.69, drink not included, if purchased before 4:00. We will have our own meeting room with closed doors so we ask that you either eat before or after the meeting. The Golden Corral is located within 2 blocks of I-70 & State Rd 267. For more detailed directions, call Wanda Bryce, (317) 821-8862. Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

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The Nor'Easters Sept. meeting was anything but! 25 members enjoyed a Boston Trolley tour with a most enjoyable driver/narrator. Again, mother nature gave us the best possible weather day. Although most of us spent a portion of our lives in Boston, the tour proved very informative & a visual delight. Thanks to the famous "Big dig", with the overhead expressway & rapid transit now under ground, many of the once darkened & ugly streets have a new life & vitality. Pedestrians abound in the once unwanted & avoided areas. The trolley dropped us off at the famous Union Oyster house for lunch. Yours truly had a dozen raw cherrystones & oysters at the very old worn oyster

bar, once regularly frequented by John Adams & Benjamin Franklin. After lunch, we had an hour to leisurely stroll around the Quincy market area, one of the many attractions that continually lures tourists to Boston.

It was good to see Joe Duda & son Fred, not seen for a while. Andy & Carol Montalto attended two meetings in a row, not always possible as Carol still works. Our regulars, the Dwyers, Eddys, DeStefanos, Foresters, Shakleys, Vanderwalls, Wards, Don Latter & Halmet Humbley always show up. Kudos to Sylvia Shakley, always present and really gets around despite her stroke.

Dick Woodworth had a stint operation after his stroke. He is home, doing fine. Dick thanks all his friends for the many cards while hospitalized. The Nor'Easters Executive Administrator, George Mavreles had a heart attack, was hospitalized, is now home. George advises he is doing as well as he can & has had to learn to slow down. Jack McQuaid, formerly BOSMK, is having cancer problems & would like to hear from old friends & fellow retirees. Write him at 80 Lancaster Rd, Dedham, MA 02026, or [McQuaid832@aol.com](mailto:McQuaid832@aol.com).

It's that time again! We need active members to step up to the plate! We will be looking for a new Pres, & VP for 2006/07 term. Volunteer & keep this wonderful chapter going in the same direction as the past 4 years. Note that your Treas. & Secy. will remain another term. Both jobs require more effort than the top 2 positions. Should tell you something! All chapters seem to have a problem getting volunteer officers. Let's prove the Nor'Easters are different. We need a dozen members to step up vying for either position, so we can have a real runoff election.

The next mailing will contain the revised Nor'Easter By-Laws, to be voted on at the Dec. luncheon meeting; & membership renewal for 2006. Please help your secretary by sending your renewal ASAP, as information is now being computerized. Most important, make your vote count! Attend the Dec. meeting!

Guy Huffman, RUAEA member from CA, who called with a question for one of the Nor'Easters. I have your answer, but you didn't leave phone contact on my recorder. Please call again!

#### Calendar:

**Dec. 13** - Christmas luncheon, Angelica's, Middleton MA.

## MICHIGAN

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Since this report is early a/c the Loonies meeting & our Escapee meeting is late for the same reason, I regret I have nothing but sad news to report.

We have lost 2 of our dear friends & co workers from DTW. Vic Plumly & Joyce Pullen who have this Sept. both left this world for their eternal rewards. Our love & prayers to Nora Burkholder (Vic's daughter) & family at 3138 Beechcrest Drive, Hudsonville, MI 49426, also to Dawn Pullen (Joyce's daughter) and their families at 16200 Walker Rd., Grass Lake, MI 49240.

Also John LeRoy was unexpectedly summoned to U of M emergency, due to the results of an earlier MRI. John has now undergone surgery, a tumor the size of a small egg was removed. It was malignant; John will now have to take radiation. Let's just keep ALL of the family in our thoughts and prayers. They are truly under a lot of stress, 6911 Edwards Rd., Belleville, MI 48111-1135.

#### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

## MINNESOTA

### NORTHERN LITES

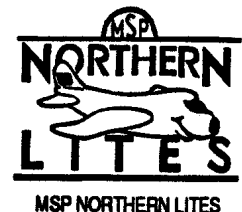
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Sept. in Minnesota is extraordinarily beautiful! The days are sunny & warm & the nights begin to cool. Vegetation begins to look a bit tired & take on more of the pale yellows & tans that herald the impending arrival our glorious autumn colors.

In this setting, 31 members gathered for lunch



& we celebrated 15 years as a RUAEA chapter. Past Presidents Joe Balogh, Jack Doke, Nel Brawner & Joe Eyestone were recognized for their service & leadership; & Lee Storlie was thanked for "re-upping" for another year as our current Pres. In 1999, our chapter hosted the annual RUAEA convention & you all had the opportunity to experience a little taste of MN. Hopefully what you saw here just piqued your interest in coming back again.

Arlene Kelley took over the treasury's checkbook & Donna Gray was thanked for her years of being the minder of the money. The 50/50 raffles have been an excellent source of income for the charities we support & the annual picnic.

By now, the Northwoods Loon(ie)s' autumn get-together is just another pleasant memory of friends & acquaintances sharing good food, visiting, drinks, visiting, more food, activities & more visiting in the wonderful old river town of Stillwater, MN. Thanks to Jim Simon & Lee & Diane Storlie of our chapter for spearheading that event.

We were pleased to see Nel Brawner again after having suffered a stroke. She's coming along well, but then, you can't keep that girl down! After all, she's got too many places to go & things to see.

Our chapter voted to contribute to the Memorial fund for Flight 93 in Somerset County, PA. Janet Meyer, former CSR, related her experiences working with Tom Burnett's family during the aftermath of 9/11. His heroism on Flight 93 during that awful day is well-documented. We people of Minnesota are proud to call him one of ours.

We'll be looking forward to seeing the snowbirds before they leave for the winter. Many of them will be flying off soon; we want to have a visit with them before they wimp out & head south. Believe it or not, there are some of us who actually enjoy the challenge of a Minnesota winter!

If any of you who wish to help those members of our UAL family who live in the path of those devastating hurricanes, there IS a way that will bypass the bureaucracy of the usual charities. Contact the United Airlines Employees Relief Fund at 1-877-488-2373 or write to them at P. O. Box 15685, Stamford, Connecticut 06901-0685. Thanks to Marlin Lade & the other RUAEA officers for

making this known so that we can all help our colleagues.

#### Calendar:

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

**Nov. 27** – Carnival cruise to Belize, Honduras, Cozumel & Grand Cayman. Call Donna Eden at (800) 819-3902 ext. 82340. Mention Gene Delvaux's name for early dinner seating with the group.

### NEBRASKA

#### GOLDEN'EARS

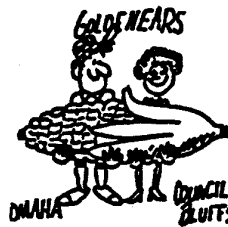
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There were 53 at our picnic at Chalco Hills. Thanks to Keith & Jan Cornish, Jim & Dorothy Braden, and Arnie & Shirley Mahoney for hosting. There are numerous items to be taken to the park, i. e. coffee pots, large containers of lemonade, iced tea, all of the utensils also the pretty blue tablecloths. Thanks to all of you. We fixed our plates just in time as a drenching rain came down but it didn't bother us as we were under cover.

It was good to see Ev & Shirley Payton. Ev is now down to using a cane, seems to be in good spirits. He is still taking rehabilitation but hopefully that will be over soon. He has lost 14 lbs. Also attending were Betty & Hank Marquardt. They said they had a nice time at their 50<sup>th</sup>, were pleased many of our retirees attended. Also there were Roger & Nancy Grandgenett. They left for their winter residence in LAS the first week of Oct.

Louie Stankoski had surgery a week ago to remove a lump under his arm which was melanoma cancer. For this type of cancer there is no treatment due to the location, i.e. radiation or chemotherapy. The doctors said his prognosis is good. Our thoughts & prayers are with you, Louie, that you will have a full recovery.

Pat Shook said that Nick Nekonchuck has been ill for about a month & has been taken to the Emergency Room 3 times. He has lost the strength



in both of his arms, can't lay down due to fluid in his lungs. His diagnosis is congestive heart failure. As I write this, Pat just called, said Judy did get him in to Methodist Hospital. Charlie Shook went to see him, said they drained the fluid off him & he was feeling better but undergoing many tests. She said he would probably be in the hospital only a couple of days. The cardiologist was very upset to hear he had been to ER 3 times & they didn't keep him in the hospital.

Denny Jones advised he moved 9/30 to 2418 N. 194<sup>th</sup> Ct. #1A, Elkhorn, NE 68022, phone (402) 289-4268. Said he keeps hoping to make one of our meetings.

Barb Soseman e-mailed me to say that Howard Jensen had been in the hospital with pneumonia. He came home on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Marge Stankoski called, said that Livonia Overfield passed away & was buried the week of Sept. 12. Livonia worked in the kitchen. Her husband, Chet, was in airfreight; he passed away a few years ago. They were never members but I'm sure several of you remember them.

#### Calendar:

**Nov. 1** - Piccolo Pete's - hosted by Tony & Jackie Sortino

**Dec. 6** - Anthony's - Evening - hosted by Ev & Shirley Payton

### NEVADA

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The Treasury Balance as of 9/19 is \$623.81. If you are unsure if you paid your \$5 for the picnic, please call Mary Withers. Mary was unable to attend the meeting today - she is feeling under the weather. Dorothy Burrell was also unable to attend but sent her greetings to all.

We will do the newsletter early this month as John & I are off to Maui on Thurs. for a week in the sun.

Thanks again to Duncan Scaife for cooking at

our picnic - with some assist from Joe Robinson & Nancy Scaife.

#### Calendar:

**Nov. 21** - Meeting

**Dec. 12** - Christmas Luncheon

### NEW JERSEY

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The Gardenstaters met on Sept. 28 at Snuffy's Restaurant, Route 22, Scotch Plains, NJ with 60 members & spouses in attendance. Pres. Richard Confer opened the meeting; a moment of silence was held for deceased members John De Carlo, Udo Rulf Rahadt's wife Chris, Joe Donnely's son Danny & Joe Garapoli. 60 people attended the annual picnic on Aug. 31. Dick thanked all those that came, everyone had a great time.

Pres. Confer announced that there will no longer be parking at the Loomis Building for Retirees; he has set up a meeting with Dave Lucas, manager. It is due to liability, 3 cars were recently broken into. He checked out the parking facilities, one across from the Loomis bldg is Avis Star, show your ID & pay \$8.75 per day. Free pick up from & to the Air Port. Open 24 hours. There are plenty of others that run from \$8.00 to 10.00 per day. Bullock is \$15 per day but you get a car wash. Hilton Hotel is \$10 per day & will take you to the Tram - P2 stop.

July had a day at the races (Monmouth Race Track), 16 people attended, lunch in the picnic area, plenty of food.

Nov. 30 meeting we will be collecting for "Toys for Tots". Last year toys were given to the Newark & Northeastern, PA, 17,000 children were provided with toys.

Pension was discussed, those that retired prior to 1977, their pension will be o.k. Those that had their pension put into the annuity will get part of their pension from Met Life. The rest will come from PBGC. Those that retired after 2002 will

probably see a difference in the amount of their pension.

Marty Etler reported that greetings were given from Walter Hafer, Don McIntosh. There will be an invitation for the opening of the Flight 93 memorial, hotels were listed for those who have to stay overnight.

A thank you was received for the donation sent for the Flight 93 memorial from the flight attendants.

John Murphy has a list of Hunterdon Hill playhouse upcoming events for 2006. We need 20 people in order to receive the discount.

Calendar:

**Dec.** - Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.

**NEW YORK**

**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

Sept. 7, over 50 Chips spent the evening at Joseph's Country Grove for the summer picnic. Thanks to Rosemary Michalek who made all the arrangements, the food was excellent; the beer lasted the entire evening (Is it because we're getting older?), camaraderie was exceptional.

Joyce Izydorczak showed up on a walker with her foot in a cast. Told everyone she is not supposed to be walking on it but to rest in bed. She will have surgery in Jan. & a new cast. She hopes to be back in walking condition by June.

Dottie Butcher, had a heart valve replaced the same day; now home resting with Clyde being the Chief Cook & Bottle washer. Our best wishes & prayers to both.

Surprise visitors at the picnic were Bob & Pat Rice and Doug Dannebrock from FL all spending some of the summer here to escape the FL heat. Fat chance as it has been as warm & humid here as FL with the summer setting all kinds of heat records.

Locals we haven't seen for some time; Al Rodland, with the help of Al Jr., as well as Challinor Swabb joined the party, it was great to see them.

The new Buffalo GM Anthony Lopez attended to meet everyone. Anthony comes to BUF from PHL.

Calendar:

**Dec. 7** - Christmas Party at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.

**GUYS AND DOLLS**



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There were 20 "Guy & Dolls" at San Martin on Oct. 4. Treas. Pam Jones collected donations for the Holiday party which will be held Dec. 6. Because we usually have a large number attending this event, it is very important that everyone RSVP no later than Nov. 30.

Pres. Marge Segal announced that annual dues of \$10 p/p will be collected at the Feb. meeting.

We were happy to welcome first-time attendee, Renata Nowillo - retired from JFKSW. Renata is recuperating very well after recent heart surgery.

We express our sympathy to Audrey Smolik & her family on the passing of their mother. Mrs. Josephine Smolik lived a long & wonderful life of 104 years in Hallettsville, TX

Alice O'Hagen & her sister Dona are looking forward to a Canadian venture that will take them aboard a "Tundra Buggy" to view some polar bears. We will really enjoy seeing their photos!

Calendar:

**Dec. 6** - Holiday Luncheon, 12 Noon - San Martin. Please RSVP before Nov. 30 to Jeanne Leo or Marge Segal (212) 355-1788.



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

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Our monthly meeting started with a moment of silence for the passing of Mike Harbud & Mel

Cherry. Condolences to both the Harbud & Cherry families.

We had 63 members & guests at Antuns. New member Steve Fontakis JFKSW, retired last Feb. after working 33 years with United Airlines. Sonke & Elke Koch were guests of Harold Koch. Sonke & Elke are visiting from Northern Germany for several weeks. Welcome to the New York Metros Steve, Sonke & Elke.

At last month's meeting we had several new members attending that I neglected to acknowledge. The minutes were e-mailed to DEN before the actual meeting. So Vicki Petrick CSJFK, Joyce O'Donnell FHJFK, John & Caroline Mathys, all new members of the NY METROS chapter of RUAEA, WELCOME!

Dan Duran is our outstanding Oct. birthday man. His big day is on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Best wishes for a great day. Dan looks sharp behind his new cobalt Honda Civic.

7 couples celebrate anniversaries this month. On the top of the list is Elizabeth & Ed Smith married 56 years on Oct. 22. Pat & Bob Gilson along with Rose & Mike Maddi were married on the same day 53 years ago. Their big day is on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Bringing up the rear is Joan & Dave Curtin they're wedded 51 years on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations all!

Local lodge 1322 IAM anniversary and retiree party will be on Wed., Nov. 30. 6:30p.m. to 10:30p.m. \$20 p/p. Oceanside K of C. deadline for tickets 11/11/05. Contact Tom Joy (516) 568-0476.

Nomination for Pres. is Jim Richardson & for correspondent is Rose Schneider.

Nomination for Arthur Shepherd President award is Diane Talochino.

The vote for the John Pucillo will be after the Nov. meeting.

Date for the Marathon School Christmas party will be given at the Nov. meeting. The chapter is now collecting toys, animals & money for the children. Remember, don't wrap the presents.

Don't forget to send a greeting or phone call to our sick:

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George Shilliday, 12 Coveview Dr., S. Yarmouth, MA02664 - No phone contact

Calendar:

**Nov. 2** - 12 Noon Antun's of Hicksville

**Nov. 30** - 6:00 p.m. K of C Oceanside local lodge 1322 retiree & anniversary party.

**Dec. 7** - 12 noon Antun's Christmas party.

## **NORTHWOODS**

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Despite heavy rains & thundering conditions, a group of 34 retirees met in Stillwater, MN for the Oct. 4 through 7 meeting of the Northwoods Loonies. Some of the Northern Lites chapter members were a part of the count & shared a wonderful time touring this historic city with its vast history & vintage mansion homes overlooking the beautiful St. Croix river. The fall colors were out & were a wonderful contrast to the landscape of this attractive area.

Attendees enjoyed a visit to a local winery with a private tour by the winemaker followed by the best part of the day --- the tasting room! We also enjoyed a luncheon cruise on the river aboard a paddle wheel boat with some beautiful views of the city, the sandstone cliffs & shoreline. A narrated trolley tour in downtown Stillwater provided us with the history of the area also allowed us to see some beautiful mansions that were once owned by the lumber barons that dominated this area over a century ago. We were also treated to a viewing & operation of the massive HO train setup in the home of Ed & Marlene Petry. Special thanks to Marie Cook who arranged the tour at her cousin Ed's home in White Bear Lake, MN. The train setup is an exact replica of the Sierra railroad system in the mother lode area of central CA & has over 500 feet of main track, some 650 rail cars & an analog monitoring system incorporated in the operation of the railway. The entire basement area of the home encompasses this three tier structure & is the next best thing to seeing the actual railroad in operation. Ed & some of his associates have spent over 10 years in constructing this on going project, which much like an airport, never is completed.

We also enjoyed some great food in downtown Stillwater, shopping at many of the antique stores & specialty gift shops. Thurs. night banquet at a local German restaurant for our farewell dinner was great.

Our May meeting in 2006 will be held in Sault St. Marie, MI & will again be a four day event from May 16 through the 19. Apparently the membership enjoyed my desires to make our twice yearly get-togethers a four day event! Don & Hope Hayden will host the May gathering.

I also want to thank Lee Storlie, Pres. of the Northern Lites, for his help & support in putting this event together also arranging the trolley tour that we all enjoyed including the many comical comments of the tour owner & operator. Last but certainly not least, a very special thanks to my hearts desire, Myra, for her contribution of homemade gifts including a loon blanket, 2 pillows & some gift baskets of her special three berry jams which were won by some of the lucky members in a drawing at our Thurs. meeting. All in all, it was one of the best times we've all shared together; I certainly appreciate the nice comments from the members in thanking me for hosting the event. I'll look forward to seeing all of you in Sault St. Marie!

## **OHIO**

### **BUCKEYES**



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It was a brilliant Oct. day without a cloud in the sky with the sun shining brightly on Old Schoolhouse Restaurant, as 82 spirited Buckeyes met for their monthly luncheon. I want to mention that the Old Schoolhouse Restaurant is now open for Sunday Brunch. The hours are 10:00 a.m. until 3 p.m. The price for the brunch is \$10.95. I know that quite a few of the Buckeyes frequent this establishment, so I thought that I would pass this along.

Our VP, Sharon Minelli, did a great job filling in for Pres. Carol Hacker. Thank you Sharon! Carol had oral surgery on Sept. 13. She is taking a

few well-deserved months off to recuperate. She will either be back for our Nov. or at the latest Dec. meeting. I spoke with her before the meeting, she is recuperating quite nicely. Hurry back Carol, many people were asking about you

In the last 2 months we have added a few new members to our chapter. They are Tom & Helen Hockett, Richard McPheter & Ted & Genie Richardson. Welcome, glad to hear that you are part of the Ohio Buckeyes.

Our members were celebrating quite a few birthdays in Oct. as well as anniversaries. Joe & Bette Rowan were unable to attend, but I found out that they would be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month. Also, I want to mention that Frank & Janet Osborn celebrated 51 yrs. this past Sept. Congratulations!

It is with great sadness we report the passing of Frank Frink on Sept. 12. We were sorry to hear that a former member, Edward Donahue, passed away on Sept. 19. Joe Leblanc's wife Marian passed away on Sept. 17. Joe worked on the ramp for 30 years. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all.

We received a Thank You card from Mary Ellen Frink thanking the Chapter for the donation. We also received a letter from Tom Pekar thanking us for our donation to The Church Of St. Colette. Rev. Thomas G. Montavon also wrote a letter thanking us for the contribution to the Stain Glass Window Fund in memory of Mary Ellen Pekar. Received a Thank you letter for the gift to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Tribute to Ron Mandeville.

I spoke with Betty Taylor today, I am happy to report that Vic is coming along fine. What good news! Joe Rowan is dealing with some health matters at this time. Please keep Vic & Joe in your prayers.

Our Treas., Dolly Taucher, sent a check to Salvation Army in the amount of \$300 to aid the Katrina disaster. Sharon Minelli reported that the 600 shirts and jackets went to ORDCS for their Humanitarian Day held on Sept. 15.

We are STILL looking for volunteers for the month of March. This is very important because it needs to be included in the Feb. packet. Contact one of the officers ASAP if you are interested.

Remember there will be no Jan. meeting. Callers will call about the Feb. meeting being held at Dimitri's Restaurant.

### Calendar:

**Dec. 7** - Christmas Party, Copper Top Restaurant at Cherokee Hills, Valley City. Dinner served in the Panoramic Banquet Room Upstairs. There is an elevator available. Please get your reservations in early. Pre-paid.

**Jan. 2006** - No meeting

**Feb.1** - Dimitri's Restaurant, 1830 Snow Rd., callers will contact you. Cash

## OREGON

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There were 120 members to greet RUAEA Pres. Marlin Lade & his wife Marilyn plus the NW Director Hank Gosselin. They both spoke about the national organization, Marlin pertaining to what is happening with UAL, Hank about the convention next year. We welcome back Betty Moore to our chapter.

It was decided to donate money to the Katrina Disaster Relief. After considerable discussion it was decided to give our money to the US Adult Cystic Fibrosis Assn. Kathy Russell is president of the organization and 100% of the money goes directly to the recipients. There is more about her in the following paragraph.

The Oregonian newspaper in Sept. featured articles about two of our families. Kathy Russell was featured for her involvement in the Cystic Fibrosis Assn. & recently was presented the Heroes of Hope Living with CF award. She is not able to keep up a full daily schedule but she is an inspiration to all for what she has accomplished in her 61 years. The other article was about Bob & Marilyn Woods and their desire to move to OR from CHI. Marilyn's daughter lives in the area, she wanted to be close to her & her grandchildren plus Bob wanted acreage to have a garden. The premise of the article was Oregon has a lot to offer retirees.

I am sorry to report that Katie Barker died on Sept. 30 of congestive heart failure. Her two sons & their families survive her. Robert Barker

(PDXOO) her husband preceded her in death in 1990. Katie always was upbeat & will be missed by all who knew her. We send our condolences to her family.

Ann Starks broke her ankle last month, Veulah Lorts was hospitalized for gall bladder surgery. Veulah is home, doing fine; however she told me that Bob is living in a foster care home & will probably not be able to come home.

Don't forget to bring desserts to the Thanksgiving meeting plus a canned or non-perishable item to give to a food relief agency.

The Christmas Party is planned for Dec. 7 between 4 & 8 PM. The cost of the dinner will be \$20 p/p (you had to get your reservations in by Oct. 31 to get the \$5 discount). I am certain the club officers plan on having some sort of surprise entertainment for attendees. There will be no luncheon on Dec. 14.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 & (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls outside our (503) area code please us 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing & load information.

### Calendar:

Meeting at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12 Noon

**Nov. 9** - Thanksgiving Luncheon

**Dec. 7** - Christmas Party

**Jan. 11** - TBA

### OUR CLUB

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A fabulous turnout of 32 members gathered at Tom Pearce Park in Grants Pass for a great catered BBQ on Sept. 9; it was the 1<sup>st</sup> time the weather cooled down all summer. Many thanks to the Frinckes for making the picnic such a success.

We were happy to welcome new members: Peggy & Walter Wison (SFO), Darrel Nussbaum (SFO), Laurie Jordan plus visiting guests Pat & Tom Harvey from PDX.



We must bid a fond farewell to Norma & Lowell Ross; they are off to AR. All our good wishes to them; they will be missed.

A lovely thank you card has been received from Jane Frincke recovered from surgery.

Nominations for 2006 Chapter Officers were held, election to take place at the Dec. meeting.

An open invitation to all RUAEA members & retirees coming through this area. Please join us for lunch.

Calendar:

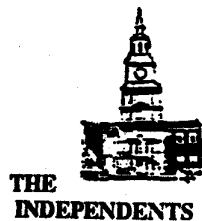
**Nov. 4** - Grants Pass - TBA - hosted by Alberta Conger

**Dec. 2** - Quarterly Meeting - Grants Pass Golf Club - hosted by Barbara Hickox

**PENNSYLVANIA**

**THE INDEPENDENTS**

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We had a great turnout for our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the fall. 30 people attended. Pres. Joe Brad gave the invocation before lunch & briefed us on the health updates of our fellow retirees: Steve King had his esophagus removed Aug. 18 - he is pretty sore but seems to be doing as well as can be expected. Ralph Baker is having some heart problems, Norm Duncan is having serious back problems. We are sad to announce that Fred Greiner PHLCG passed away.

The items we collected to be sent to our troops in Iraq filled seven boxes weighing 5lbs each. We received thank you notes from those who received the parcels; they said they were sharing with their buddies.

Al Edwards discussed the VA prescription program.

Frank Eggles read a poem by Molly Moran titled "We Won't Give Up", written in honor of those who lost their lives on United flights on Sept. 11.

Our speaker was Virginia Schnek from AFLAC. She awarded AFLAC ducks to some of

the lucky winners, handed out information packs & pens. Her presentation was informative & interesting.

The executive committee met at Betty Mudd & Al Pyle's house on Sept. 23, 14 committee members attended.

The committee decided to match money collected by Frank Eggles for the flight 93 memorial. We are still taking donations for the GI's in Iraq & for the veteran's home for Christmas. We are also collecting new & used coats for the homeless.

Dues notices are being sent out Nov. 1.

Al Edwards was in the hospital again for internal bleeding. He was released after tests & treatment.

Past Pres. Bernie McNamee, is asking for art donations for the convention. Mona McNamee, Marge Eggles & Shirley Roberts brought sample convention centerpieces to the meeting.

Calendar:

**Nov. 14** - Luncheon 1PM at the Ramada Inn PHL Airport.

**PITTSBURGH  
PIT-STOPPERS**



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Our Oct. luncheon will be covered in next month's newsletter. I hope to be back from DEN to attend. How truly blessed we are to be able to communicate with one another through our monthly publication.

The past month brought news from George Koreny - former PITMM & other stations. George is living in SEA - also heard from Bob Arelt - former PITRR supervisor. Bob spends the summer months in Slippery Rock, the winters in Bayonet Point, FL. Both gentlemen send their best to the current & former Pit-Stoppers; they promise to attend a PIT function soon.

Unfortunately we have some sad news to report this month. Robert "Skip" Weiss lost his battle with leukemia. Skip was the Pit-Stoppers VP. He was an avid aviation buff, one of the truly good

guys. I always knew we'd have an "on-time" departure when Skip was on duty. We certainly will miss him & his famous stories. Our condolences to Pat & her family. Cards can be sent to Patricia Weiss, 141 Piper Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15234 (Phone 412 831-5230). Pat & family wish to thank all the UAL friends for attending the viewing - especially United Airlines for their first-class treatment in getting Skip home from Canada without any hassle.

Condolences also to Bob Ambrose & family on the sudden passing of their son Robert Ambrose. Cards can be sent to: 3202 Kestner Av., Brentwood, PA 15227. Word has it that Ray Davis is still undergoing treatments but holding his own. Ray is home, 1053 Butlea Rd., Springdale, PA 15144. Best wishes also to Bill Weifenbach, 12815 Douglas St., Conneaut Lake, PA 16316.

Rich "Cake" Guida is also mending well after surgery. Rich is at home - 195 Rosemont Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

Birthday greetings to Emma Sable who celebrated 85 years Sept. 24. Emma is the mother of Lois Varrenti. She still looks like she can do the Irish Jig.

#### Calendar:

**Dec. 2** - Annual Retirees Dinner

**Dec. 9** - Christmas Luncheon - Hydehold Restaurant

### TENNESSEE

#### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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The Cumberland Plateau is a little cooler than much of the surrounding area, Fairfield Glade is positioned in this higher elevation. On Sept. 15, a perfect late-summer day, 30 members & guests attended our chapter's annual picnic at the Fairfield Glade Methodist Church Pavilion. Our thanks to Cal & Maxine Anthony for hosting this excellent, catered barbeque picnic. Guests were Brian Draper, son-in-law of Dave Leonhard, & Tony King, insurance consultant for Blue Cross/Blue

Shield of TN.

As guest speaker, Tony had done a lot of research on the status of UAL's medical plan. He reiterated what we've heard from Marlin & other sources, i.e., that we should stay with the UAL plan as long as we can, that it's better than any of its competitors. Also, he cautioned about getting off Medicare (Part B) & into one of the Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plans. Tony said that if/when you *do* go this route, pick out 3 sponsor companies and with the list of *your* prescriptions in hand, enlist your druggist's help to determine which company will best fill the bill in your case. Remembering that companies sometimes fail, merge or perhaps morph into something different from before, the message I came away with was to think long & hard before choosing Medicare Advantage over the Medicare that most of us have now.

Art & Marilyn Christensen are at the top of our care list at this time, with both battling different types of cancer. Cecil Adkins, whose knee is doing fine, gave a good report on the LAX convention that he & Rachel had attended, the only ones from our group as it turned out. Remembering the almost-unimaginable needs of so many thousands of residents & evacuees of the Gulf Coast, the group voted to donate \$100 to the Salvation Army for hurricane relief.

We're looking forward to the Nov. 10 get-together at Ramsey's Restaurant. Tom & Betty Shipes have arranged for an hour of music by a small blue grass band.

#### Calendar:

**Nov. 10** - 12:30 pm EST, luncheon/meeting at Ramsey's Restaurant on Merchants Drive in North Knoxville, to be hosted by the Shipes (865 922-3858). Please note that this will be on the second Thurs. instead of our usual third Thurs.

**Dec. 15** - 9:30 am EST, breakfast buffet at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Road in West Knoxville. Take Exit 374 off I 40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**Jan. 19** - 12:30 EST or 11:30 CST, hosts & luncheon/meeting site to be determined.



## UTAH



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On Sept. 21, 24 chapter members met at a new, very nice restaurant, the Golden Corral, where we had a room to ourselves. Thanks, Pete & Jackie Loyola, for selecting such a beautiful place for us!

We welcomed some of our regulars who had recently been missed due to illness: Lila Maughan, Doug Roberts, Bill Berg, Darlene Cantonwine. We trust that the Cantonwines' daughter Judy is doing fine.

Richard Papworth, who retired about 5 years ago from UAL's SL Ramp Service, visited the meeting for the first time. Aletha Cannon was accompanied by daughter Shirleen Kohnlein & son Kenny Cannon, a SL County Sheriffs Deputy. Welcome to all of them.

Aletha Cannon, still full of life & mischief, will be 83 on 10/2. Congratulations, Aletha!

Frank Murdock had a great fishing trek to Alaska - his 33rd; he brought back the usual catch of Silver salmon.

Today, some of us witnessed an almost 2-hr.-long JetBlue Airbus-320 flight, cruising along to lose fuel over the wider LAX area: On takeoff from Burbank's Bob Hope Airport the pilots discovered that the planes front landing gear wheels had assumed a 90° angle from the correct position, which would render them useless during a landing & the consequent steering along the runway. Actually, it was quite exciting for us airline folks to watch this CNN News show that preempted all other programs to bring its viewers the flt.'s progress as well as interviews with retired UALer, Capt. Al Haynes, & active UAL F/O Davis. Additional comments were offered by NTSB officials who reassured the public that all seemed to be professionally handled by the flt. & cabin crews on board the jumbo jet. When the Airbus finally landed, the front gear tires burst into flames. The metal gear, however, firmly clicked into place, held the aircraft nose up ... The TV viewers were moved to clap at the perfect landing shown on the

screen! - We just hope that CNN will have a copy ready for the crew: It will be quite a story to tell their grandkids.

### Calendar:

**Nov. 16** - Coffee Time -10am - Murray Heritage Ctr.

**Dec. 7** - Christmas Dinner - 12noon - Cornerstone Community Ctr., 10194 S. Cornerstone Dr., S. Jordan.

## VIRGINIA

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The Seagulls are back again meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. at the Lockpoint Restaurant in Chesapeake, VA. 16 were in attendance. Pres. Bob Riggs greeted our one guest, Bob Williams, son of Jane Williams. He no longer works for US Air (now in landscape business - cards with his address were given out). Bob Riggs spoke about bankruptcy, told jokes & reported sick members (Claire Karlson - hernia repair, Bob Collins - back & circulation problems also the death of one of our member's brother - O. Bishop.

Dues were collected for new year. Dick Temple suggested, & accepted by the members present, that phone calls be made to Vi Hildebrand in the future instead of individual calls.

Bill Dais & family moved from Colorado (new address not known), Pat Geiger now has 28 grandchildren. A hosting sheet was sent around to calculate who would host each meeting. Jokes told by Hank Gilbert. Hearing aids were removed & compared between Hank & Dick Temple. Centerpiece won by the Washingtons.



## WASHINGTON

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This summer our members were going in many directions. A golf tournament was held in June. Aug., 80 members attended our summer picnic. Weather was cool, but when the sun came out, people brought out chairs to catch some rays. Hank Gosselin gave us an overview of next year's convention to be held in Washington, DC. Hank also had his usual assortment of jokes & had members in "stitches".

Sept. 13, 77 members were at a favorite popular place - Fairwood Golf Country Club. Thanks to the efforts of Lyle & Joanna Meyers. People raved about the chef's hand-dipped chocolate clam shells filled with a light chocolate mousse.

We welcomed a new member, Norma Jean Craig, recently retired from SEARR. She had been a travel agent in GEG, Bremerton, WA & the east side of SEA before coming on board with UAL in 1990. Beginner's luck was with her in the 50/50 drawing. Hope to see her at more meetings & possibly working 1 day a month on the travel desk at SEA-TAC.

Speaking of the travel desk, another meeting was held Oct. 18 regarding getting the 800 number to help outside the SEA area. We are urging the need for a few more volunteers as PDX is getting swamped. If you plan ahead and ask for a printed itinerary, we gladly mail it to you as we maintain a small stamp fund.

Guy Lamond was in attendance in Sept., thanks to Ken & Barb Rudzinski - he had more time than the 4 hour pass that was given him for the Aug. picnic.

Frances Rodicki lost her husband Bill in July. Delores Speckhals lost her husband Don in June. Between mid May & mid June, Carol Soffel, Lu Gardner & I each lost a brother.

Charlotte Rouso fell the night before the Sept. luncheon, kept her over night at the hospital,

replaced her right hip.

On a more happy note, Carol Soffel & husband Kent spent July & part of Aug. on their yacht in the San Juan Island & the east side of Vancouver Island in British Columbia.

Bob Brumfield recently returned from a cruise to Alaska on Holland America Line.

Don't forget our Travel Desk in SEA is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs. (206) 433-4218.

### Calendar:

**Nov. 8** - Monthly luncheon at Fairwood G & C.

**Dec.** - No luncheon.

**Jan.** - TBA - 2006 Dues are due!

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We lost a very young lady, Georganna Scartozzi on 9/29/05 after a long hard fight against cancer. She had a long career with United Airlines at Spokane, where she made many friends. Georganna was 44 years old.

Bob Clark is busy building a hanger at the Ione Airport for his new toy. Tom Sullivan tells me he is helping.

Les & Vera Graham is hosting Dec. Christmas Party at the Chic -a- Ria. They will be contacting you with details.

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120 enthusiastic members attended our luncheon on Sept. 14. Since it was our 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon since the summer began, there was much to discuss, Pres. David Cox began the meeting by

relaying the details of the visit on Sept. 11, to Shanksville, PA, the scene of the United Airlines Flight 93 crash. A group of 19 of our airline family, organized by David & Tina Cox, boarded two vans, drove to the annual memorial service & the dedication of a permanent memorial site. One of those vans was driven by David Cox, the other by Kerrie Schneider. David & Kerrie said that the service was well attended & very touching. The flight crew & passengers were honored by name and with the tolling of a bell.

Two representatives from AFLAC were guest speakers at this luncheon. AFLAC is the insurance company that is working with The Association of Flight Attendants in an effort to provide UAL retirees with affordable supplemental insurance. The representatives kept their time at the podium at a minimum, but stayed for a long time answering individual questions about the coverage & availability.

Van Turner ([vanturner@comtekmail.com](mailto:vanturner@comtekmail.com)) was busy collecting money for the Sunshine committee. While the Chair, Fred Bena, is in FL with his sister, please keep Van updated on any of our members who are sick or in need of a friendly face.

One of our very active members, Camilla Warner, was not at this luncheon. Camilla found a 7-day cruise for \$175. When she booked the sail, she had no idea where she was headed. We cannot wait to hear all of the details of this sail from Camilla at our next meeting.

As a result of Hurrican Katrina, several families who had survived the hurricane but lost all of their worldly pocessions have come to the Northern Virginia area to seek refuge with families & friends. The First Baptist Church of Vienna (VA) is collecting money, toiletries, clothing & groceries. Kerrie & Dutch Schneider, are collecting these items from our members & delivering them to the church. As of this luncheon, Kerrie & Dutch have collected 36 bags of clothes, 27 bags of groceries & \$194. Many people have indicated that they had not yet had a chance to gather their goods, so we are expecting much more at our upcoming luncheon.

Our luncheons at the Golden Corral in Manassas, Va., continue to be well attended. Good food & good company are always happily anticipated.

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## NEW MEMBERS

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

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## OBITUARIES

Retiree- **ALDRICH, Robert J. Jr.**, ORD, on 8/21/05, husband of Ann M., 10 Kelby Scott Way, Exeter, NH 03833  
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Retiree- **VISSER, Benjamin F.**, LAX, on 5/20/05

Retiree- **WHITE, Roosevelt**, LAX, on 8/31/05, husband of Coletta J., 3699 Staunton Dr., Youngstown, OH 44505

Retiree- **YONTZ, Elsie L.**, BWI, on 8/17/2005

## LETTERS

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

Linda Bivins, John Rowley, Francis J. Tekavec, Betty Jensen, Shirley T. Criscione, Marie MacDonald, John D. Crowthers, Charlene Shumate, Frank A. Minnick, Cathy Gardner, Jolene P. Jenkins, Sandi Sloan, Gernot Luneberg, Willy F. Reichmuth, Gwen Williams, Judy Spelts, Gerry L. Thompson, Suann Shaw, Phyllis Singer, James R. Gerrity, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hellermann, Lou F. Legnitto, Josephine J. Guidry, Wiley Jones, Fred Hinkle, Robert Byrd, James Swift, Anne Jones, Barrie Hooley, Lorraine Presley, Jim Love, Mary C. Boyle, John Parker, Von E. Gemeny, Betty Vickrey, Bill Ryan, Bob Pitts, Georgia Cardella, P. K. Burda, Beatrice Elmen, Patricia Laria, Janet Tidball, Nancy Humphries, Mary F. Shepherd, Sue Barros, George Marshino, Les A. Kero, Erika I. Manske, Andrew J. Michalic, Pete Kraus, Dorothy Wagner, John Gaughan, Leslie E. Bourquin, Patricia Meadows, Myrtle Poggensee, Lois Monahan, Daniel Gillian, I. Ross Turner, Wanda L. Hornewer, Marilyn Johansen, Cindy A. White, James C. Karagas, Lionel Correia, Herb E. Gardner, John H. Zoboli, Frank J. DeStefano, Richard L. Richardson, Dave H. Wrighte, Robert I. Brainerd, Emory L. Thompson, Ron Baker, M. A. Langhart, D. Douglas.

### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

*(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions expressed are not necessarily the*

*convictions of the organization or the editor.)*

**Jim Mc Wayne, 109 Pablo Point Dr.,  
Jacksonville, FL 32225 - casamac1@aol.com**

I came out of the Air Force in '46 with visions of becoming a hotshot airline pilot, but after applying at United, I soon learned that I was way down the list of qualified candidates due to comparatively low flight hours. Having served as Photo Officer at a couple of air bases, I was offered a place in the Photo Lab, which I accepted, there began a 37 year career in the basement of EXO. As the company photographer, I was at the forefront of most of the triumphs & tragedies of the company, but here I'll try to deal with the fun things also great people who were around at the time. They may also elicit a snicker or two.

When I joined UAL, the flight training was being done in a corner of the big hangar across from EXO at MDW. Primarily at that time, it was used to re-qualify new hire pilots before they were assigned to the line. The training was being done in those boxy little LINK trainers where we all learned to fly when we enlisted. A great lady named DORIS LANGER, who had been one of the Women's Air Corps Service Pilots, or WASPS as they were known, managed the facility. The WASPS took newly produced military aircraft from the factory, flew them to various points of departure, where they were turned over to the military flight crews that took them on to their theaters of operation. These ladies had more multi engine hours in the aircraft than most of the military pilots that took over. Doris had always thought she could become an airline pilot with that background, but women in the cockpit then were unheard of unless they were serving coffee to the flight crew. She was way ahead of her time, but her contribution to the industry was recognized & appreciated.

Dave Smith's June letter recalled the great days of the mid-ship lounges that were a gathering place for socializing & meeting new folks. The first "so called" lounge was the lower deck of the Boeing Stratocruiser, a commercial derivative of the WWII, B-29 bomber. It had a small, tight seating area that would accommodate about 8 people. They sat on padded bench seats along the wall on each side of an aisle used by flight attendants to serve snacks & coffee. Northwest Air Lines began

using them on the HNL service & beat the drums about their great "Lounge" service. They did get a lot of press attention, did a great marketing job promoting it. At one of UAL's annual manager's meeting, our president, Bill "PAT" Paterson announced that we were buying the Stratocruiser to compete with NWA in the HWI market. His comment was that he couldn't understand why people would pay for a perfectly good seat, then elect to ride in the BASEMENT. But, we also made a lot of noise about our basement "Lounge" service.

In letters to the editor, Dave Smith & Warren Anderson both talked about the Red Carpet Service, where the carpet was rolled out between 2 rows of chromium stanchions linked by a chrome chain. It was very impressive. On one occasion at MDW, the carpet was rolled out, the stanchions placed & the passengers were gathered at the door to deplane. About that time, a wind whipped up and the carpet began to flap, so the agent held the people at the top of the stand until they could round up a half dozen ramp service men to stand on the edge of the carpet to hold it down. After about 10 minutes, the folks filed down the stand, passed along the carpet between the stanchions & the ramp service honor guard proving that you WILL get a Red Carpet treatment if we promise it.

Dave's reference to the on board meal service, with the Chef serving at your seat was also a winner. I think it was called our "Four Star Service"; was inaugurated out of the flight kitchens at MDW & SFO. On those flights. Executive Chef GENE ERTLE flew from CHI to SFO where Executive Chef JOHN WOLFSHIEMER took over, went on to HNL. Both these men were the image we all had of a true Chef, portly, a real European accent, great at mingling with the customers. The service was exceptional & a big hit with the passengers.

Does anyone remember United's experiment with "One Class Service"? We took all the seats out of the plane, put up-graded seating through out the entire aircraft. We priced the service slightly less than First Class, slightly more than coach for all seats. After the idea was offered, the public ate it up, we thought we had a lock on a moneymaker. It didn't take long for the competition to file law suites claiming "unfair business practices". CAB stepped in & issued a Cease and Desist order. It

was also an idea ahead of its time, but I wonder if it would work now.

BUCK HILLBERT was a DC 8 Captain by career, but a Barn Stormer at heart. He got involved in the restoration of an old derelict 20's era mail plane that was found in a farmer's yard in IL. It turned out to be a Varney Airlines plane that was one of United's 4 predecessor companies. It was an open cockpit Swallow bi-plane, like ones originally flown on the 1926 mail route between Pasco WA, Boise ID & Elko NV. In 1976, after it was fully restored & certified flight ready, Buck flew that plane over the original route, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> of the historic Varney airmail service. Buck went on to fly the Swallow all over the country, doing flight demos at air shows in the USA & the Far East. He also dressed for the part in an old 1920's flying suit, leather helmet & goggles, the mandatory silk scarf streaming out behind him. Do you wonder why we all lovingly called him "Waldo Pepper"?

Warren talked about the VIP passengers he encountered, how great they were. I was the "company" photographer that he referred to. I agree those were exciting times. United had a Convair 340 that was fixed up as an executive aircraft used by Mr. Patterson, also available for charter service. It was called the "Mary O'Connor", named after Pat's personal nurse who was the resident flight attendant. I was able to be part of a few charter flights with John Wayne, Ward Bond, Bob Hope & a few other "stars" that used the plane to attend openings of some of their films. They DID travel well!

When Capitol Airlines was merged into United in the early sixties, we inherited their fleet of prop jet Viscount aircraft. Capitol was primarily serving the East coast, competing against the Lockheed Electras of other airlines in that market. Also, the converted military Boeing 707's had begun to appear, so it was obvious that United had to get into the Jet age pretty quick. We'd already contracted with Douglas to design & build a passenger jet from the drawing board up rather than go with the retooled 707's. To stay competitive in that market, United decided to purchase the French built Caravell, a small twin-engine jet that would serve that market until our DC 8 was in the air. JIM KENNEDY, who was director of Public Relations, my boss & a good friend, decided that we needed

advanced photo coverage for the marketing introduction of the plane on United's routes. I was sent to Toulouse, France, where the plane was built, spent a month doing interior, exterior & air-to-air photography on every aspect of the bird. On return, Jim had another brilliant idea. Why not have the names of 20 French cities photo retouched on the exterior nose views of the planes. He would personally deliver framed color prints of them to the Mayors of the named cities, guaranteeing lots of press coverage both in the USA & in France. It was a roaring success. We were recognized for our great international achievement. Jim always said that I was a bit of "Con Artist" but you have to admit, if that was true, I learned from a Master!

United used the so-called "Press Flight" as a marketing strategy during the '50s & '60s. As a means of getting our new routes, equipment or about any other bit of favorable information out to the public, we would invite a selection of journalists from the radio, print & TV media, to be our guests for a week of partying, while exposing them to the "new" material we were pushing. Warren mentioned the 1954 Dawn to Dusk press flight, which was our way of introducing the DC 7 to the Mainland & HWI service.

In Feb. 1960, GUS SOMMERMEYER & 'SLIM' LARNED co-captained a press flight called "The DC 8 To The 50<sup>th</sup> State" which introduced the DC 8 to the flying public. Again, HWI was our destination, the combined celebration of the new aircraft and the newly admitted 50<sup>th</sup> State made for a week-long party enjoyed by all. The hi-lite of the trip was the return flight, which was a record setting non-stop HNL / ORD flight of 4313 miles, taking 7 hours, 52 minutes. At the time, it was the longest non-stop flight by a commercial aircraft, & reaped favorable nationwide news coverage for United & Douglas. By today's standards, that distance seems trivial, but back then, it was quite a feat.

I hope all of the above tweaks some pleasant memories in the ranks of our retirees & may get them to share some of their experiences with the "newbies" to our ranks. For myself, it was a wonderful career, I wish I could do it all again. My best to you all.



**Jackie Corr, 1406 S. Crescent, Park Ridge, IL 60068**

Thanks for the work all of you do to get the newsletter out.

I really enjoyed Dave's "Presidents' Message" about the "Golden Age of Aviation"! When I started my career with UAL we were all stewardesses - it definitely was the "Golden Age"! (1960's & 1970's).

I always look forward to the newsletter.

**Mike & Donna Fitzimons, 2375 Linnet Lane, Redmond, OR 97756**

The big red "Happy Birthday" stamp on the newsletter front tells me it's time to send in my dues plus a little extra for postage. It's been almost 3 years since I retired & 14 since Donna's medical retirement. Our move in '02 to central OR has gone well after a little adjustment on my part. 60 years in the Bay Area is hard to leave behind. Now that Donna is almost in shape (2<sup>nd</sup> knee replacement late '04 followed by 2 major back surgeries) she should be fully recuperated & able to return to her yard work & lawn mowing duty next spring! I'm looking forward to getting a hearing aid soon, plus some new glasses. I'm being told I hear less & less also have trouble seeing what needs to be done. I was also promised a new set of teeth – something to do with the lawn mowing. We do miss our United friends & wish all well.

**S. P. Rice, Jr., 4137 Mill Creek Rd, Haymarket, VA 20169-1938**

Just arrived home from Alaska and realized it's time to mail in another check for another year of the newsletter. For the fisherman - the halibut were scarce, caught only 2. No one was catching them. The Silver Salmon were really running, caught the limit each day in Prince William Sound. Also caught Yellow Eye, Ling Cod, Rock Fish & Black Bass.

Thank you Jo Madden & the others keeping the newsletter coming each month. All your efforts are deeply appreciated.

**Carolyn J. DeNicola, Apt 603 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, CO 80302**

Glad to see UAL stepping up to the 'plate' assisting the displaced people from the South.

Currently in the planning works to transport my

Mom over to assisted living in CO.

Thanks ever so much for bringing the latest UAL news into my home each month. Life gets wild - this is a calming resource.

**Mildred Johnston, 6623 Bayou Glen Rd.,  
Houston, TX 77057**

I don't know what it is with me & these disasters! I was in LAS on 9/11. Was stuck in Kinder, LA due to the evacuation of New Orleans for Katrina. Now I have just returned home from Austin after the horrendous evacuation from Houston due to Rita. But I'm happy to report that I, my daughter & family plus 3 horses, 4 dogs, 4 cats are all safely back home with no damage at all. The storm veered a bit East so missed us; we are truly blessed. Thanks for allowing us to keep in touch!

**Bob Bruns, 1000 Garlands Ln., Unit #1140,  
Barrington, IL 60010**

Sorry I missed my dues deadline of 9/20 - my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday & the date of our Trans-Atlantic crossing from Southampton to New York on the Queen Mary 2. I just checked the balance in my checking account, I'm happy to report there is just enough left to pay my dues.

I have worked with Ed Tolle on a couple of requests from WHQ for the assistance of the retiree group in supporting UAL's position for the expansion of ORD, also several charity functions.

Needless to say our trip on the Orient Express from London to Southampton & the trip on the Queen Mary 2 was superb - I'll be eating beans on toast for a long time to recoup the costs, but it sure beats the 100% full 777 that we flew from ORD to LON.

Both Betty & I attend the Skyliners functions so we are still in contact with the good old boys & girls that made UAL the leaders of the industry.

Keep up the good work of keeping us up-to-date in this fast changing world of UAL, past & present.

**Gerry A. Levelle, SPC 135, 11436 SE 208<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Kent, WA 98031**

You do a very commendable job keeping us posted with the United news, etc.

Sorry I missed my birthday this year & my RUAEA renewal. I had a severe fall in Aug. in

PDX at my son's home & couldn't travel for several weeks. Since I've been home I still suffer pain & am getting therapy which is beginning to show me the light at the end of the tunnel.

Thanks for your hard work.

P.S. I guess my good intentions of writing old friends of Herb's and mine won't come about as I'd hope. Say "Hello" to Bill Shailor in MA, Karl Galda now in NJ, Art & Peg Ballagh, CA & my sympathy to Rose Piper, Ed's widow. He was tops as far as Herb was concerned.

**Judy Donais Hulme, 808 Prospect Ave.,  
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254**

Thank you for the lifeline of the newsletter. With so many rumors swirling around, the newsletter has been a wonderful grounding force. I am so grateful that we have retained most of our benefits - even if in a slightly different mode! It even looks like my tiny pension might stay intact (I hired on old & retired young - a short timer!). I enjoy reading the letters from people around the country, especially the real old timers who did so much to build UAL.

**Ron & Barbara Bertacini, 1656 Krpan Drive,  
Roseville, CA 95747**

We had a great time at the Hollywood Convention. It was one of the best. As always, it is special to see "old" friends & co-workers. We are looking forward to Washington, D.C. next year.

Thanks to everyone involved in the newsletter. The online edition is great. We look forward to it each month.

Also thanks to leadership of RUAEA. You are doing a great job under difficult conditions.

**Agnes Pearson, 6234 S. Kedvale Ave., Chicago,  
IL 60629**

Kudos & congratulations to the Southside Breakfast Group of the CHI Skyliners on their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Their 1<sup>st</sup> breakfast was held at Wiebolt's Prairie House Restaurant in the Ford City Shopping Mall on 9/23/80. It was attended by 63 people, 53 were UAL retirees. Since that first turnout was so overwhelming in this small restaurant, they made arrangement to meet regularly at the nearby Holiday Inn at 6500 S. Cicero Av.

Thanks to quick-thinking Betty Doran, an ordinary paper placemat from Wiebolts was used as



a sign-in sheet for this charter group. Betty kept it with her personal memorabilia until 1994 when she mailed it to me for safe-keeping (as if it wasn't in a secure place all these years).

Since then the Southsiders have met at many different places, always on the last Tues. of the month, year round. Betty Doran & Alda Dorcas are the only persons listed on the "old placemat" that still attend the Southside breakfasts. Now there are 3 major CHI groups & several miscellaneous groups of UAL retirees that get together regularly. One thing is quite clear about United people, their loyalty & old friendships rebound also new associations continue to be made.

**Rich Jackson, 4956 Knox Ct., Denver, CO 80221**

Thank all of you who put out the Newsletter! I've been gone for most of the last year; it's nice to catch up once a month on what has been happening with United.

I spent 5 months in AZ relaxing & playing golf, then went to Maui for 3 months to help a friend who is building a house on Mekenua, then to MO to help my son build a shed, finally back to DEN for 2 months to put in a new sprinkler system & lawn at my mom's house.

I'd like to hear from any of my old workmates, or Union friends.

Thanks again for all of your hard work!

**Sandy Russo, 157 Opal Ave., Redwood City, CA 94062-2139**

Thank you for my "Birthday Greeting"/Reminder.

I enjoy reading the Newsletter, always looking for names of people I knew when I worked at the MOC (SFOHF). The Newsletter is great, keeps me informed of our airline. I enjoyed all of my 26 years at United. I'm enjoying retirement, thank God, I'm blessed with good health, hope it stays with me. In the Sept. 2005 issue of the Newsletter, thanks to Dave Smith's "President's Message". It brought back a lot of good memories.

Thanks to all of you for putting out the Newsletter, also for doing such a fine job.

May United soon have brighter days.

**Hal Grandchamp, 20591 E. Weaver Ave., Aurora, CO 80016**

Am sending my renewal dues early as I am

leaving DEN for my 6<sup>th</sup> trip to Antarctica, Oct. 1, 2005.

Extensive physical shows I am cancer free - full recovery from cancer. How about that! Through modern medicine cancer isn't the end of living anymore.

I'll be on the "ice" from 10/1/05 until 2/20/06.

**Linda Mandala, 13A25 Mustang Ln., Apple River, IL 61001**

Thank you & your staff for the hard work & great job you're doing, in producing the Newsletter, & to let you know of my change of address.

**Joyce Svendsen, 5181 Sumac Ridge, Yorba Linda, CA 92886**

Have had a great year. A couple of good trips. One was a great River boat trip down the Danube. Great to see Eastern Balkan Countries. Made it to the Black Sea - then to Bucharest. Home from there to LAX by the way of Paris.

Just came back from 5 days in London & to New York on the Queen Mary Two. Even got on first class from JFK to LAX.

Thanks to all the folders & stuffers. Health is still good, so can't complain.

**Chuck Lamas, 38708 Bautista Canyon Way, Palm Desert, CA 92260**

I'll be retired 16 years on Dec. 1. General health is good, but a bad back is keeping my golf to a minimum, may be once a month.

Many thanks to you & your staff, Jo, for keeping the Retiree Information Highway up & running smoothly.

**Basilio Sardon, C L Garcia Jetlane Mm, Paranaque, 1700, Philippines**

Thank you for sending me our Newsletter regularly - I enjoy reading about the news & merry makings of our friends in various areas, however, it is sad to note that there is none in this part of the globe. Perhaps just unlucky that we are located afar & United no longer flies to the Philippines. Hope in the future retirees in Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore may join the association.

Please encourage them to join as I love to travel to these regions to see them in the near future.



**Babs & John Riecsc, 5147 East Silver Lake Rd.,  
Laona, WI 54541**

Enjoy the newsletter very much. Now is the time to head south, so change the address to: *John Albert Riecsc, 11634 Holly Ann Dr., Newport Richey, FL 34654* effective with the Oct. issue. Have been retired for 7 years, enjoy every day. Looking forward to seeing you at West Coast Luncheon in Tampa in Jan. WI has been beautiful this year, do need rain.

**Joseph Marelli, 134 Fay Ave., Avon Lake, OH  
44012**

Enjoy the Newsletter - my only contact with our company. Keep up the good work. I'm sure everyone appreciates all that you folks do.

**Norm Donkin, 406 Buse St., Ridley Park, PA  
19078**

I spent part of July & part of Aug. in the hospital. Had an aorta valve replaced, then had some complications.

Glad to get the Newsletter as I am one of the computer illiterate.

Keep up the good work with the Newsletter. A "Bravo" to all who help put it together also the mailing team.

**Dave & Pat Manzel, 979 Plantain Ct., Crystal  
Lake, IL 60014**

Thank you for the Newsletter & all the volunteer work that keeps RUAEA running.

We are healthy, thank goodness; hoping to move next year to NC where we have a lot in Southport. Dave misses the flying but he will be able to golf year round in the south.

**Jessie Brock, 2751 Regency Oaks Blvd, Apt.  
S311, Clearwater, FL 33759**

Being a "lifer", I do not receive a red stamp to remind me of an upcoming birthday. But in receiving a birthday card today reminded me one is due.

Let me add my Thanks for a great job & keep up the good work in keeping us informed.

**Bob M. Coxhead, N9813 Lower McKenzie Rd.,  
Spooner, WI 54801**

Best wishes to all you hard working friends & partners. When I look back on 63 years since I joined UAL I wonder where we would be today if

we didn't have RUAEA.

Irene & I didn't feel up to attending the Convention but hopefully we can make it in 2006. Has anyone found a good medical insurance plan? I'm tired of reading "your medical plan does not cover this".

Thanks to Marlin Lade & all the faithful workers on his staff for the job of keeping us informed.

**Dori Pappas, 23602 S. Desert Burst Ct., Sun  
Lakes, AZ 85248**

Thank you for all the hard work.

Our "bachelor" son, Frank, got married & my husband Jim had a knee replacement. I am busy with him, in & out of town & volunteering for hospice & all the other fun stuff. I am threatening to REALLY retire. Not so. Life is good.

**Jim Houser, 645 N. Salem Ct., Palatine, IL  
60074-3862**

I am completing my 5<sup>th</sup> year as a starter/ranger at Kemper Lakes Golf Club since retiring from United.

In the last 2 years we've added a doctor to the family (new daughter-in-law) & 3 grandchildren which keep the grandfolks busy.

In Aug. we attended the wedding of well known former UAL'er, Fred Boyd, in Plumas Pines, CA. The festive event provided a great opportunity to enjoy the re-acquaintance of former UAL'ers - the Dick Coffelts, the Dave Keefers, the Ed Phillips & the Frank Mc Anultys. Again thanks for the Association Newsletter.

**Dolores Steger, 818 Maplewood Ave., Kent, WA  
98030**

Many thanks for your many years of service to the retirees of UAL. Thoroughly enjoyed the National Convention in Hollywood.

Although I miss my husband Joe, it has been 4 years since he passed away, I am thankful he didn't witness the UAL of late. Fortunately, he was part of the golden years.

Many wishes of good health to the retired members of United.

**Joann Mochinal, 2985 Franklin Oaks Dr., Oak  
Hill, VA 20171**

Many thanks for the wonderful informative

newsletter. I have been retired for 5 years. I so appreciate being kept up-to-date on the company as well as fellow retirees.

**Charles E. Brooks, 131 Lakeview Dr., Palmetto, FL 34221-5417**

No news is good news. I am 82 years young & in good health. We have missed the hurricanes 2 years in a row. Thank God.

“Hope the company means it this time.”

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

I'm having too much fun water skiing & jet skiing with my grand-kids also fixing up the house. Retired almost 8 years, loving it! Not enough hours in the day to do all I want to.

**Felix & Donna Cicco, 4997 Mascaro Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89122-8108**

Our many thanks to our United friends who sent cards, prayers & calls while Felix was in the hospital in Washington state for 6 weeks - Felix left LAS for SEA July 1 - felt too weak to exit in SEA - paramedics came on board, gave him oxygen, took Vitals - son Richard picked him up & took him to emergency - he was confused, went into coma for several days - He had not been sick - had only seen a doctor once in 2 years.

We are home now - he is very weak - uses walker. Our special thanks to Mike Vasko who updated Felix's condition on the web.

We are so grateful to all. The doctor called Felix a “miracle” man.

**Bill & Pat Stephany, 921 Fiesta Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403-1511**

We are Life members but want to contribute something - It's always a joy to get the Newsletter! Thank U!

**Harald Zerbock, 900 E. Bay Dr. NE #A-406, Olympia, WA 98506**

The check is in the mail!

It seems like yesterday that I retired, but that is now 13 years ago. Am going to turn 75 in good health among some sailing friends here.

Mother died in Feb. in her 101<sup>st</sup> year. This obviates my quarterly trips to Germany.

Visited her in Jan., she recognized us quite

well. American born & raised she remembered seeing Teddy Roosevelt as a child.

Visited friends in Homer, AK in Feb., later those of my offsprings in NJ & FL. Spent most of May in Paris, with friends. A great summer here in the Northwest. Much sailing in my little catboat “Meow”. My FL gang spent 10 days here in Aug. Life has been good to me.

Made lots of contacts with others from the past through your publications, thanks so much.

Still work at the SEA Travel Desk.

**Harry D. Caldwell, 100 Jacquier Ct., Placerville, CA 95667**

Thanks for the great job all of you volunteers do in keeping us retirees informed.

Jean & I have enjoyed 20 great years of retirement mostly here in Placerville. Volunteering & enjoying our family has been our thing, especially seeing our grandchildren going through their changing roles in life. We are very proud of them.

The years with United seems like a dream, I often think of the many friends at United that I enjoyed associating with.

Hoping for a speedy recovery to one of my great Supervisors at DEN in the 50's - Lyle Burkholder.

**June O'Donnell, 1550 Coastal Drive, “The Shores”, Rockwall, TX 75087**

It's birthday time again; the years come & go fast. This is a big one for me, Medicare time.

Appreciate & many thanks to all of you who keep us retirees abreast of events at UAL stations & within the company.

See you at the next convention.

**James M. Gibson, 11901 East 21<sup>st</sup> St., Indianapolis, IN 46229-1909**

I sold my house - have moved therefore I need the address change as above.

I'm enclosing my check for another year which is due in Nov. but I hate being LATE; at my age it's not an acceptable excuse, maybe in a few more years it will be.

After 29 years working at ORDMM the INDY operation was a nice change. I do miss all my friends in the Chicagoland area, but I'll stay in Indy for now. I enjoy reading the newsletter & seeing

all those names from the past scattered all over the USA. To those of you on the sick list, I'll keep you & yours in my prayers.

Keep smiling it's not as bad as it looks.

**Jack Hersh, 212 Beverly Dr., San Carlos, CA 90470**

I feel I am starting on my fourth career. After 33.5 years with UAL I took early retirement. I then spent one year as the Manager of Contract Maintenance in helping UPS start their airline. The next 22 years was a fantasy life as a consultant for banks, leasing firms & law firms. During these 22 years, I traveled to 26 countries on 6 continents only missing Antarctica. Most of these countries I visited many times - sometimes living there for as much as 6 months. All that, it appears has come to a close. My new career now is landscaping my home in San Carlos & my vacation cabin in British Columbia, not as exciting but still rewarding.

The article by Dave Smith in the Sept. issue brought back a lot of fond memories. We truly lived the glory years in the aviation industry. For me it was from the DC3 through to the B747-200. It is too bad but I am afraid those days are gone forever.

Thanks to the Denver Newsletter Crew who through their hard work keep our memories alive.

**Henry Kopf, 8401 Chatsworth St., Spring Hill, FL 34608**

I am sorry it is late, but I had my wife & 2 children in hospital at the same time as they were very ill, but thank God they are all on the mend.

**Bernadean Weiss, P.O. Box 368, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645**

I don't normally write until my birthday month (Nov.), but want to say congratulations to Ernie & Pearl Bloom (SFO) on 50 years of marriage. That's marvelous! Ernie was always the Dept. Santa in SFO Maintenance Purchasing during the 10 years I worked there. Used to bring me fresh apples so I'd make French apple slices to bring to work.

Sorry to learn Joe Vaccaro has been hospitalized again. He was one of my Ernie's golfing buddies. We enjoyed his & Bee's friendship over the years.

Sorry to learn of Dave Walkinshaw's demise.

He was a true gentleman, Ernie (Weiss) spoke highly of him. Also sorry to learn Lynn Hales' wife passed away. Lynn was always one of the most positive, upbeat people to work around. A can-do kind of person with a smile on his face.

I never know any of the new retirees, been too many years since I retired I guess, but I always read the Obituary columns, hardly a month goes by that someone I knew or Ernie knew passes on. A sad fact of growing older.

I always thought that when a family member contacted UAL with a copy of the death certificate, reporting a retiree had passed away, or their spouse, that it automatically got reported to RUAEA News. Not so. Realize this is late and much after the fact. A dear friend of mine who had many friends across the system, passed away in Jan. in American Fork, UT. I have not seen it reported in any of the monthly news since then. She was Vesta Wickwire, widow of Kay L. Wickwire who worked for UAL 45 years.

My thanks to all those in DEN who devote so much of their time & efforts to publishing the RUAEA Newsletter.

**William E. Bennet, 2171 W. Williams Ave., PMB 223, Fallon, NV 89406-2612**

Well, just 2 years short of a half century ago when I started work for UAL in '57. How things have changed! Going into & around the airport terminal in those days (there was only one at SFO when I started) was little different than going in & through the local department store. Passengers, visitors etc. wandered at will throughout the concourse to their gates to fly out or greet incoming relatives - no check points, no ID checks, etc. Recall one time when the S.F. Giants charter flew back in after winning the pennant. Wall to wall people all over the terminal & concourses. I had to chase a group back into the gate house from outside on the ramp, "no, their plane isn't coming in here" (it ended up at air freight as I recall to avoid the crowd).

Sad to say, the young folks today will see those days as something in history to read about - you know, like TV without the picture.

It's been 18 years of retirement now. Going to an airport today I would feel like a "Stranger in a Strange Land".

But the connections are still there - with the

daily Newsreel (not really changed much in format from when I read them at work as printed out by Unimatic printers) & above all, the RUAEA newsletter, where there is still some sense of the old United Family to keep in touch with. Thanks so much.

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

I celebrated my 81<sup>st</sup> birthday as Maxine & I hosted the TN Rocky Tops picnic here at the Glade.

We appreciate all you do getting the newsletter to us, look forward to receiving it each month.

**Doris (Theodora) Wertenbroek, 20690 Calle Bella, Yorba Linda, CA 92887**

Thank you so much for your continued hard work & keeping us up-to-date with the news of UAL. It is greatly appreciated. 12 years of retirement, after 32 years of service, I am enjoying every minute of it. 5 years ago we moved from Torrance to Yorba Linda, (Orange County), we like it here.

Took 2 cruises this year (Panama Canal & Mexico), leaving for a trip to Holland for a family reunion.

**Janice Anderson D'Arco, 68 Willow Rd., Tequesta, FL 334 69**

Thanks for the great job you all do & the work you put into it.

Time does fly by, I just had the big 80. 30 years ago I had the big 50 with a large luau in HWI. I was working in the ticket office at that time. So much has happened since then. So many changes.

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

I surely enjoy the Newsletter every month & read every item - always watching for names of old friends & events also.

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

Hi - once again, another year has fled by. Time to pay dues and give thanks for great newsletter group who do a fabulous job of keeping us all united. Great to see some familiar names in letters column such Gene "Fester" Haunch, Irv Wolfrom & Charlie Ellis with whom I had the pleasure of

working at SFOMM many moons ago. Much better times for UAL then, but "hope springs eternal".

So, having reached 80 years, I am looking forward; but it is also fun occasionally to look backward.

Thanks again to Jo Madden & her staff for all their efforts on newsletter.

**David A Halt, 2427 Sam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32216**

To coin a new phrase - "Another year just went by at jet speed".

Bones are a little creaky getting up in the morning but thanks to all the pills, I can still make it.

Marilyn & I went to HWI in the spring. Took the ORD-HNL flight over & back. It's a long haul by coach but it beats stopping en route & sweating out standing by at SFO or LAX. I guess I've been there at least 100 times but still enjoying it. Sunset & a Mai-Tai for me & a Blue Hawaii for Marilyn at the Moana Hotel is great!

Our only other trip was back to the UP of Michigan for my 69<sup>th</sup> class reunion. 6 classmates were there out of a class of 104. I sure graduated with some "old people"!

We flew JAX-ORD-GRB & rented a car for the trip. Marilyn's hometown (Amasa) is about 60 miles from mine (Negaunee) so we put in a lot of time on the road. We spent 3 weeks up there & another week in WI.

I want to say "Hi" to Lee Farnsworth, Dick Soutar & John Boyle. It's been a long time sine I've seen them.

I enjoy the newsletter but don't see many familiar names anymore. Thanks to Jo Madden & staff for your hard work. Hello to the LV Gamblers Chapter - we miss the meetings & friends!

**Tim Weaver, 78 Kreglow Ct., Hedgesville, WV 25427**

Had a great birthday month as well as our first full year here in the Shenandoah Valley in our new home. Still miss CA & SFO but we are doing great moving on.

**Charles C. Johnston, 2201 West 25<sup>th</sup> St. #5, San Pedro, CA 90732**

Greetings to all my former colleagues &



associates from the happy, exciting days of the past. I have been retired for 20 years; they have gone so fast! My wife, Marjorie, & I are doing well, really enjoying life in southern CA with our family. We particularly appreciate the travel privileges. United's service to Europe is terrific & the companion tickets have enabled us to take friends & family. Plus the fact that the Alliance partners are very congenial & helpful without exception. We have used SK, LH & BMI in connection with United; have been able to go to places & see things that would not have been possible otherwise.

Thanks for the able representation of all of us by Marlin Lade & for the excellent & the selfless efforts on our behalf by Jo Madden & the very professional staff of RUAEA.

**Helen I. White, 38492 Mary Ter., Fremont, CA 94538-1732**

Steve left this life for a more peaceful - pain free life; on Sept. 5, 2005. Just after the whole family help celebrated his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

We had a celebration of his life on Oct. 2, 2005. What a full life - We married in Aug. 1945 - and he was discharged from Army Air Force Oct. 4, 1945. What a great time it was!

We were truly a big family at UAL. He left a big family that we had together - 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren all were there on Sept. 4, 2005.

**William F. Zoller, 1922 S.E. 32<sup>nd</sup> St., Cape Coral, FL 33904**

Enclosed is my check for my birthday dues. It's hectic around here as we're getting ready to move to NC (Greensboro) as soon as we sell the house. Will send a "change of address" card when we have a date.

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

As I received my Sept. RUAEA Newsletter, I noticed a little red stamp which meant that another year had flown by. Time flies if you are having fun, as they say, my wife Barbara & I have had our share this past year.

It all started in May when we went to Berlin to help my cousin celebrate her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. We

spent a week with her & "Our family in the East". All of her family came except 2. When we got back, we had 5 days to recover before leaving for Dallas to attend our granddaughter's high school graduation. Got back on Mon., left on Tues. for the convention in Hollywood with our retiree friends Ray & Jan Jeffery, who had driven from SEA. We stopped off in Solvang on the way, which was a very pleasant place to stay. Solvang was on one of the convention trips. The Hollywood convention was fun & it was good to see past fellow employees from RNO & SFO.

The rest of summer was easy. In June we flew to Portland, OR to visit our son & take in the Champion Auto Races. Aug., we were in Ashland, OR with the West Coast family members to attend the Shakespeare festival. Sept., we had a family gathering from CA & TX to help me celebrate my 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. All of these enjoyable events made the year fly by.

I like reading the Newsletter each month to catch up on what is happening at other branches around the system where we have friends. I think the staff that puts it together deserves a round of applause for the great job they do.

**June Nichols, 614 Pawnee Ln., Naperville, IL 60563-1326**

Gosh how the time flies when you are retired! Sorry I'm late with my dues - can't afford not to get our "Newsy Newsletter". It is filled with support, pride & an "old" United spirit. Thank you all for its success.

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

Thanks for my red stamp reminder of having accomplished yet another year of my life! UAL Corp. keeps it interesting, uncertain, frustrating, angry at times, yet still so happy that I do have many wonderful memories of a once grand company. The marvelous 60's when flying was a "plush" means of transportation. Ah, the "Glamour Girl" days. Every single passenger was well dressed & well mannered. Flying was "classy"! Having "Pat" Patterson on board was always a thrill, he called each one of the entire crew by name as he boarded! (not by name tags during flight). Poor man must be doing the proverbial grave rolling during these times at UAL. Went back to

“working the cabin” as a Flight Attendant, (Not a “Stew”) was a “jolt” in the 80’s. UAL had transitioned to a cross between Trailways & Greyhound! How I longed for the 60’s once again - We ALL worked together, we all knew one another; ground up then! Ah, progress? Ah, Management! Ah, what a mess now, eh?

Hey, we will still survive as an Airline. Those of us retirees will always have some great memories, lower pensions, life changes & the Red Stamp to remind us all that we are “mellowing” with age? Hey, I’m still underage for Medicare. (By 1 year now). With the RUPA news & RUAEA News we are able to remain “in the loop” as best we are able. Thanks to all those involved with RUAEA News! You are much appreciated.

Keep the Memories alive.

**Marlene & Mel Manning, 547 S. Cincinnati Ave., Egg Harbor City, NJ 08215-1752**

Here I am reading Sept. Newsletter and not seeing Mel’s name in contributions only to find out I DID NOT SEND THEM! Well, \$40 now enclosed for letter & mail. So sorry!

Mel just celebrated his 78<sup>th</sup>. Still looks great even though he’s dealing with AD.

Really want to thank you for keeping us all posted - We’ve been in NJ for 5 years but can still catch what’s happening in Foster City (etc.) where we were from ’84 to 2000.

We get to the Philadelphia Independents maybe 5-6 times a year. I’m still playing piano at Harrah’s while Mel’s down playing slots! Anyhow - sorry for the fumble.

**Carol Husted, P.O. Box 82202, Vancouver, WA 98682-0047**

The red stamp always reminds me that I am getting more forgetful; that’s not a pleasant thought.

It seems as the years pile up I am making more trips to the hospital imaging department for scans of this & that. One of my last trips the doctor was afraid I was having heart problems. A stress test showed my heart is healthy. That is good news as I come from a family with heart problems. My chest pains were due to a cracked rib; I fear that another rib has been injured. A card from friend said that as we grow older we have assorted aches & pains to help the doctor pay for his new car!

The RUAEA Newsletter is like a visit from an old friend each month. I always look for Willamette Fliers news, but they have not continued. That is sad. I really missed them. My health will not permit my joining the Vancouver club.

My best wishes to all the retirees.

**Nick J. Romeo, 308 Highland Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-2245**

Thanks to you; (our Family) & the Newsletter crew. You mean soooo much to all of us retirees. On a scale of 1 to 10, you rate 10+ ... Informing us with news & letters from our other retirees.

I will be celebrating my 18<sup>th</sup> year of retirement on the last day of Dec. ‘05.

I believe my wife Angelina (of 61 years, enjoys reading the newsletter as much as I do.

We haven’t been doing any traveling for the past 2 years.

She has been ill & injured since Feb. 8, 05. Been to Emergency twice with pneumonia. And while in the hospital (with so much medication); once day she lost her balance, fell & broke her wrist on left hand. It was set, but not too well. Now it is slightly crooked. In a cast for 6 weeks. Therapy is very painful. She also injured her left knee in a fall at home. Again more painful therapy. As if she hasn’t had enough; one day a bee entered her left ear, I immediately put ear was drops, flushed it out, brought her to the doctor quickly. He checked her ear; fortunately no damage. Prescribed antibiotic & pain medication. She is recovering slowly.

To celebrate our 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 we took a Hawaiian Cruise. She deserved it.

Again, thank you all for our Newsletter.

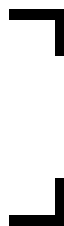
**Charles E. Brooks, 131 Lakeview Dr., Palmeto, FL 34221-5417**

Since I am getting along in years (82), my memories & colors don’t mean much!

Saw the red letters, it reminded me of the years I have been retired (in FL) 22 short years, I said good-bye to my friends at area Charley II in O’Hare.

Tell all the UAL mechanics “Hello” for me (Hi George, glad you are still with us).



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