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**Welcome to
"The Valley of the Sun!"**



The Re-Uniteds are looking forward to welcoming you to Phoenix and RUAEA's National Convention 2009, May 17-24, 2009. Phoenix, our state capital, is the largest and most populous city in the state of Arizona. It is the fifth largest city in the United States in terms of population. Join us in "The Valley of the Sun" and explore the "Natural Wonders of Arizona." Convention planning is well underway by your hosts under the leadership of our co-chairperson for the event, **Rita & Jim Zarek**.

The beautiful Hyatt Regency Phoenix, our convention site, will be providing us with comfortable guestrooms and a variety of meeting rooms. It offers the famed **Compass Revolving Rooftop** restaurant featuring international cuisine with a southwestern flair. The hotel also offers American cuisine at the **Networks Bar and Grill**, breakfast and lunch at the **Terrace Café** and an on-site **Einstein Brothers Café** for bagels, sandwiches and snacks. The hotel is very centrally located with many points of interest within walking distance. Phoenix has undergone a major makeover in the last two years and you are sure to enjoy the city.

Directly across the street from the hotel is the **Herberger Theater** offering live performing arts. And for those of you who are sports fans, **Chase Field**, home of the Diamondbacks, is within walking distance. **Chase Field** boasts a state of the art retractable dome and a swimming pool, one of the game's most recognizable landmarks. Tours of **Chase Field** are available on a daily basis, taking you through the ballpark, the Diamondbacks' locker room and an exhibit of historical baseball photos. Game schedules are yet to be announced for the upcoming season.

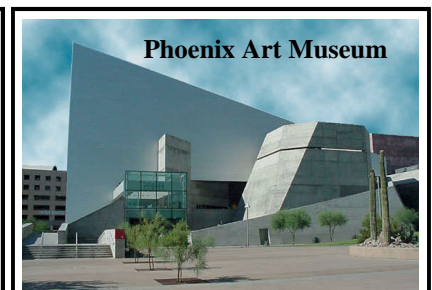
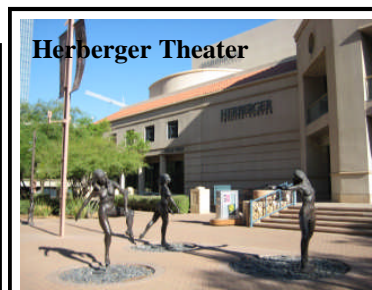
For those of you interested in the arts, the **Heard Museum** focuses on traditional and contemporary Native American Art. It has more than 35,000 artifacts in its permanent collection. Just steps away from the Heard Museum is **The Phoenix Art Museum** which is the largest museum in the Southwest featuring a vast collection of art that spans the centuries and the globe. **The Arizona Science Center** is the home of the IMAX Theater and the Dorrance Planetarium. It has over 300 hands-on exhibits. The city of Phoenix offers so much and the state of Arizona beyond Phoenix will also entice you. Overnight tours are being planned to the **Grand Canyon**, **Tombstone** and **Bisbee**. Day trips will be offered to **Canyon Lake** and **Tortilla Flats**, the **Pima Air Museum** and **Davis-Monthan** storage for military planes, a casino and Western town visit, city tours and shopping tours. More details will follow in future newsletters.

No RUAEA Convention would be complete without the Arts & Crafts Raffle. Please consider donating your crafts. Please contact **Jim Fauber**, Arts & Crafts Chairman to advise him of your donation by email: fauberjmbo@aol.com. All donations can be sent to **Jim Fauber**, c/o **Peg Homfeldt**, 7947 East Natal Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85209-6165.

Registration forms for the convention will be in the February 2009 Newsletter. At that time, please keep in mind that the registration fee of \$7.00 must be paid before any trips and tours can be booked. Hotel reservations are already available by going to: <http://phoenix.hyatt.com/groupbooking/phxrpruae2009>.

See you in "The Valley of the Sun."

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GENERAL NEWS

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT



Ron Bertacini

Volunteerism! We hear a lot about it. So many places need volunteers such as churches, hospitals, libraries, charities, airport information centers, various types of clubs and of course our own organization, RUAEA. Without volunteers, many of these places would find it hard to keep going. As retirees, we are supposed to have some extra time, since we no longer go to “work” each day. And many retirees do volunteer at some, if not all, of the above mentioned places. I encourage all of you to think about giving some of your time and talents to different areas of your community and especially to your local chapters, as well as the National RUAEA organization. It’s so easy to say you are too busy with this and that or you just don’t want any of the responsibility, but without someone stepping forward where would we be?

Our RUAEA annual convention will be in Phoenix, May 2009, and the convention committee will be looking for volunteers to assist in making it another great convention!

Also coming up in 2009, RUAEA will elect five directors. The areas open to this election are the Northeast Region, Northwest Region, Mountain Region, Arizona Region and the Southeast Region. Lastly, RUAEA is still looking for a Membership Manager and a Newsletter Editor. Both positions at the present time are located in the Denver office. In the future, the RUAEA Board may consider relocating these operations (Membership Support function and Newsletter production) to another city, if there are sufficient qualified volunteers to staff the operations.

As we approach the end of 2008, many local chapters recruit new officers for next year. I urge all of you to consider what you might do on the local level. Those who would like to get involved on the National level, please let one of the officers or directors know. I am sure we all want to see our retirement organization not only continue but to keep moving forward.

Ron Bertacini
Executive VP - RUAEA

NEW COLUMN

Beginning with the December 2008 issue of the Newsletter, a new column will be available for RUAEA members. It will be a “*Centenarian*” column. The purpose of the column, by virtue of its name, will be to recognize and honor those members that reach the age of 100 years. Submissions will be accepted for those who reach their 100th birthday within the past 12 months. Besides the centenarian’s birth date and place of birth, we would like to know something about them. Some suggestions:

- * Where they grew up
- * What schools they attended
- * An early memorable experience in life
- * Their family, spouse, children and etc.
- * How many grandchildren, great and great great grandchildren
- * Work experience, UAL and others
- * Activities during retirement years
- * Goals in life
- * Words about longevity

Pictures are also welcome. But please understand that they must be of print quality. All pictures submitted will be returned upon request, digital photos of 300 dpi or greater are preferred.

If you have questions or comments about the column, please contact me. My contact information is located on the inside back page.

Virgil Gooselaw
Newsletter Manager

United Increases Domestic Fees for Flying Unaccompanied Minors and Certain Baggage Checking Services

In order to be able to continue to offer competitive fares for all customers as it faces a challenging economic and volatile fuel environment, United finds it necessary to increase domestic fees for some of the special services that its customers request.

Effective October 2, United is increasing the fee to fly an unaccompanied minor from \$99 one way to \$150 one way. This change applies to tickets purchased on or after October 2 for travel on or after December 3.

Additionally, United is increasing the cost of checking a fifth or sixth bag, checking bags that are excessively heavy or large and transporting some items that require special handling. The following fee increases apply to tickets purchased on or after October 2 for travel on or after November 10:

	Current Fee	New Fee
Excess Bags:		
5 th checked bag	\$125	\$250
6 th checked bag	\$125	\$250
Oversize Bags ❶	\$125	\$175
Oversize & Overweight Bags ❷	\$250	\$300
Special Items ❸	\$125	\$175

❶ (62-80 linear inches), (length + width + height)

❷ A bag that is both heavier than 50 lbs. and larger than 62 linear inches

❸ Bicycle, scuba tank, surfboard, pole vaults, in-cabin pets, checked kennel (small), dry ice (up to five lbs).

Ted Airplanes Being Painted with Mainline Livery

As United announced in June that it will be eliminating its Ted product, in order to place those 56 Airbus 320 aircrafts on the most profitable routes in this challenging economic environment. The A320 reconfiguration work will occur in stages, with the exteriors being painted in the United mainline livery beginning this month, and interior work, including adding a United First cabin, taking place in the spring and continuing through 2009.

The exterior painting will be completed within the normal paint cycle for Ted aircrafts, and the first eight planes are being painted this month. As a result, the interiors and exteriors of these aircraft will not match for a period of time, and this may lead to confusion for employees and customers, especially in cities served by both Ted and mainline. When serving customers and loading and unloading planes during the transition, employees are asked to check the flight number and destination, rather than relying solely on visual identification to determine whether an aircraft is mainline or Ted.

Voluntary Furlough Update for Flight Attendants

Onboard Service will achieve its manpower reductions through voluntary means, as a sufficient number of flight attendants came forward and volunteered for furlough during the offer period. Many people were involved in the preparation of the voluntary bid process. This voluntary program mitigates the need for involuntary furloughs.

As of Oct. 31, 2008, United will reduce its flight attendant workforce by 1,550 people, in addition to the affected regional flight attendants, based on the November flight schedule. Flight attendants across the 14 domiciles were able to take advantage of the voluntary offering.

Voluntary furloughs were awarded in increments of 6, 9, 12, 18 and 21 months. The most junior flight attendant with a voluntary furlough award has an Onboard Service seniority date of Aug. 30, 1997. Flight attendants will receive a voluntary furlough confirmation letter at their permanent addresses, along with detailed instructions for completing the voluntary furlough checkout process.

Employees from many Onboard groups, Human Resources, Labor Relations and the Association of Flight Attendants worked to put this package together, and all contributed to a successful outcome. *"I'd like to offer our sincere thanks to flight attendants who participated, mitigating the need for involuntary reductions. This*

again demonstrates the commitment among our team to take necessary actions to ensure our continued success,” Alex Marren, Senior Vice President - Onboard Service, concluded.

UAL Corp. Boosts Liquidity by Approximately 1.2 Billion Dollars, Completes Chase Agreement

United completed the amendment of its co-branded card marketing services agreement with Chase Bank, as well as amended its credit card processing agreement with Chase/Paycomtech LLC. These agreements boost United’s liquidity by approximately 1.2 billion dollars, including 1.0 billion dollars in the short term and an additional 200 million dollars over the next two years.

“This is one of the many steps we are taking to improve our liquidity and increase the amount of cash we have on hand to strengthen our business for all our stakeholders in this volatile fuel environment,” said Jake Brace, EVP and Chief Financial Officer.

Under the terms of the agreement, United received an additional 600 million dollars from Chase in consideration for the advance purchase of frequent flyer miles and for extending the agreement. As part of the transaction, United granted a security interest in various assets, including specified intangible Mileage Plus assets. United continues to have more than 3 billion dollars in unencumbered hard assets to use to raise additional liquidity if needed.

With the amended credit card processing agreement, United will realize a return of more than 350 million dollars of restricted cash back compared to its prior reserve requirement.

Denver Flight Training Center Celebrates 40 Years of World-Class Service

The Denver Flight Training Center (DENTK) first opened its doors in Denver during an era of B-720 and DC-8. Since then, the center has grown to be an industry leader in flight training.

The DENTK team, with nearly 600 professionals, dedicates their time and expertise to training pilots and maintenance personnel, and supports training of United flight attendants and dispatchers. Additionally, the Center has conducted flight training for other airlines, military and government entities for more than 200 aircraft operators worldwide. The DENTK team even had the responsibility of training the crews for Air Force One.

With safety as the foundation of everything United does, the DENTK team maintains and continues to develop the best training programs available in the industry. And while they are proud of the work they do for United’s outside customers, the main priority at the Training Center is a commitment to the people of United.

The Training Center recently celebrated its 40th anniversary with a 1960’s-themed party to honor the decade they opened. More than 500 employees and retirees attended the festivities which included a BBQ. In the spirit of the event, many came dressed in 1960’s attire - including a 1960’s-era United “stewardess” uniform.

A 40th anniversary display was showcased in the Training Center lobby, with pictures and videos of the facility from the opening year - giving retirees and long-time employees the chance to reminisce and current employees to see how it all began.

“The anniversary event was a great way to celebrate 40 years of being an industry leader in flight training,” says Captain Bob Mackay, acting Managing Director - Flight Standards and Training. *“In addition to the festivities, employees enjoyed the opportunity to honor the legacy of the Training Center and all of our dedicated employees throughout the years.”*

For more information on the Denver Flight Training Center, visit SkyNet’s Flight Operations site and click on the Flight Training Center link.

United to Continue Complimentary Hot Meals in United Economy on Trans-Atlantic Flights

After hearing from many of its customers and flight attendants that the Corporate and Elite customers value hot meal service in United Economy on Trans-Atlantic flights, United has decided not to move forward with the test announced last month of offering customers Buy on Board options for those flights. Instead, United will continue to offer complimentary hot meals.

In this environment, where higher costs driven by volatile fuel prices are now the norm, United must continue to tailor its products and services to what customers value and are willing to pay for, as such, United will continue to be proactive in testing new ideas.

On October 1, United proceeded with the test of new complimentary options for United Business customers a three cabin aircraft used for U.S. domestic routes, which represent 16 daily flights. Customers on those flights

will receive complimentary fresh sandwiches, salads, breakfasts, snack boxes or snacks, depending on the length of the flight and time of departure. They will continue to enjoy complimentary beverages, including beer, wine and cocktails. United will evaluate the results and determine next steps by the end of the year.

Full meals will continue to be served on all of its P.S. transcontinental flights.

ASK THE DOCTOR

(This column was debuted in the April 2008 RUAEA Newsletter and is a bi-monthly featured article. If you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net).

ASK YOUR PHARMACIST: Dispelling common cold and flu myths

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Americans suffer from approximately 1 billion colds annually,¹ making it the most common ailment in the country. Each year, on average, from 5 to 20 percent of the U.S. population is infected with influenza. That results in approximately 36,000 deaths and more than 200,000 hospitalizations from flu-related complications, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.²

Consumers may hear many common myths about colds and influenza. However, those myths can result in misdiagnosis, miscommunication, and mistreatment.

In general, the flu is worse than the common cold, and symptoms such as fever, body aches, extreme tiredness, and dry cough are more common and intense. People with colds are more likely to have a runny or stuffy nose. Colds generally do not result in serious health problems, such as pneumonia, bacterial infections, or hospitalizations.³

Armed with the proper information about the differences between the two illnesses and the appropriate treatments for each, many people would be able to avoid or effectively treat their condition. Here are some common myths, along with facts, about colds and flu:

Myth: *The flu shot causes the flu.* The flu shot vaccine is made from an inactive virus, which means you cannot catch the flu from the vaccine.

Myth: *Antibiotics should be used to treat the flu.* The overprescribing of antibiotics could create a global healthcare crisis. Disease-causing bacteria are quickly becoming resistant to many of these medications. Influenza is a viral infection, so it does not respond to antibiotics.

Myth: *Chicken soup and herbal remedies are great treatments for cold and flu.* Though chicken soup may make you feel better, it has never been clinically proven to be effective in treating colds or flu. Appropriate treatments include plenty of fluids - including soup - and lots of rest. A variety of nonprescription medications - such as analgesics, decongestants, expectorants, and antihistamines - are available to help relieve some cold and flu symptoms. For some patients, those products may provide modest benefits.

Myth: *You can catch a cold from going outside in cold weather.* With apologies to grandmothers everywhere, you cannot catch a cold by going outside without a jacket during the colder months. However, by touching common surfaces or through face-to-face contact, you can catch a cold from other people who are infected.

For more information about cold and flu season, visit www.medco.com.

¹ U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health (Medline Plus) "Health Topics: Common Cold." Available at: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/commoncold.html>.

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "CDC Says "Take 3" this flu season!" Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm>.

³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Seasonal Flu: Questions and Answers: Information for Schools," Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/school/qa.htm>.

TRAVEL TIPS BY BOB

This month's Travel Tip will discuss baggage and the fees we have all heard about.

NRSA and Companions are **NOT** charged for checking luggage, whether one bag or two. Fees pertaining to the number of checked bags apply to Economy Customers, not NRSA or Companions.

Overweight bags, 50lbs or more, will incur an additional fee. If your bag weighs more than 50lbs, all travelers, including NRSA and Companions, will be **charged** for oversized/overweight bags and the cost is hefty! It starts at \$125. And be **WARNED** that on November 10, 2008, the rate goes up to \$175. The charges

are applicable to a maximum of 100 pounds. Bags over 100 pounds are NOT accepted. Such things as bicycles in a box are considered oversized. These charges are applicable ONE WAY only. Free weight is 50lbs per bag.

Oversize bags, 60-80 linear inches, (length + width + height) will incur an additional fee of \$125 to \$175.

Oversize and overweight bags, a bag that is both oversize and over weight jumps from \$250 to \$300. Ouch!

It's wise before going to the airport to check the weight of your bags as you may be able to adjust items and keep all your bags under 50lbs. If not, you may be able to adjust items and have just one bag overweight. The best way to check the bag weight is to step on your scales, record your weight and then weigh yourself with the bag in hand. Simply subtract your weight and you will have an accurate bag weight.

NOTE: The most current company regulations (at the time of publication) regarding bag fees and also an increase for unaccompanied children are located in this issue. Take the time to read it and do your homework before going to the airport.

Things are rapidly changing in our world and especially in our industry. Regulations are constantly adjusted as the market dictates. If you are not already familiar with SkyNet, I strongly suggest you become so. You may need some help to learn how to access it, your children and grandchildren would be an excellent source of help as they are probably familiar with the computer. All these rules and regulations are posted in SkyNet for our use and understanding.

Three additional items:

1. **Your travel card** ... don't leave home without it. I would like to have some feedback from those who have ordered a new or replacement card. Was the request successful or did you have complications? Please send your comments to my email address listed below.
2. **Shingles**: It seems that some of our folks are coming down with "Shingles" when they travel and end up having to cancel out on tours or a cruise. This causes me to suggest that you talk with your medical advisor about shots/vaccinations before you travel.
3. **Aircraft cleanliness** is now a big customer acceptance item and is tracked by those who rate the carriers. With this in mind, since we all have a stake in UAL, let's make it a habit to leave our seat cleaner and in better shape than we found it. In other words, simply pick up after ourselves. I know it will be appreciated by the next customer and those who are responsible for cabin appearance.

Happy Traveling now that SUMMER is over,

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RULES FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES TO THE NEWSLETTER

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7th of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings, and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. **There is one exception to the above deadline:** *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day** for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

Chapter Correspondents: If you have not received a copy of the Newsletter guidelines (dated 6/2008) and the minutes of the Correspondents' meeting from the RUAEA 2008 Convention in Pittsburgh, please contact us and we will send you a copy. Also, we would appreciate it, if you could provide any newly appointed Chapter Correspondent, a copy of the Newsletter Guidelines (they can also contact us for this).

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

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LOCAL NEWS

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The 2009 Convention planning is underway. The individual committee Chairmen (with job descriptions) has been volunteered by the Re-United Chapter except for the Secretary position which has been filled by yours truly. We still need some Azures to volunteer for the committees. The second Convention meeting was held on October 7, 2008 at the Hyatt.

We have lost our "sponsor" at Luke A.F.B. and will not be having anymore lunches there. So, we needed to find another place for our lunches. Pebblecreek will be the place for our November 8 luncheon. As usual, we will meet at 11:00 for cocktails and conversation and have lunch at 12:00 noon. More information will follow for the April, 2009 meeting place. We are very sorry that we will not be at Luke anymore ... we really enjoyed the facilities ... especially the cookout in April.

Our condolences and prayers go out to our friend and chapter member **Zita Wessa** and her family on the sudden death of her son in September. Also, **Kris Trana** had a fall and she is not recuperating as she hoped. Our prayers and thoughts are with Kris.

Our callers' list for lunches has been updated and **Sally Illingworth** will have the new list of members for each caller to contact at the picnic on October 11. Sally will take over as "lead" caller. And, **Jim Bechtold** will still be our CoCo's contact for breakfasts. Thanks, Sally and Jim.

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings 8:00am - Location - 98th & Bell Road

Nov. 8 – Pebblecreek Golf Resort luncheon (Turkey with fixings)

Dec.13 – Briarwood C.C. (Christmas w/entertainment)

January 10, 2008 – Portifino's (Italian w/entertainment)

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Soon Thanksgiving will be here and then along comes, Christmas! We have some great meetings coming up before the end of the year, so we encourage you to make that special effort to attend as many as you can. The snowbirds should be back. We look forward to seeing more faces all the time. We especially welcome any RUAEA members in the area to join us at any of our breakfasts or luncheons. The contact names listed below will always give you any further information you might need.

Our last breakfast meeting was held September 26, with 21 members being present. We welcomed our newest member, **Pat Bates** and her husband, **Ted**. We're happy to have them with us. On a sad note, we lost a long time member, **Loretta Dawes**, who died on September 22. No memorial service was held. Our deepest sympathy to her husband, **Ed**. If you wish to send a card, his address is **Ed Dawes**, 201 S. Greenfield Rd. #30, Mesa, AZ 85206.

The Fantasy Flight, benefiting the Sequoia Charter School called, Children First Academy, will be held on Friday morning, December 5th. We have been collecting numerous toys, mittens, socks, and stadium blankets for the children. If you have any items, please bring them to the meetings or contact **Peg Homfeldt**. **Marjorie**

Matteson and **Kathy Brigante** recently hand made some items for the children. We appreciate all the items and money given for the Fantasy Flights each year.

Our chapter is busy planning the RUAEA Convention, which will be held here in Phoenix May 17 - 24, 2009. Most of the chairpersons for the various committees have been obtained. This will be an exciting time for everyone!

November birthdays are: **Doris Ailshie** (11/03), **Mary McLain** (11/06), **Pam Gerstung** (11/22), **JoAnne Gaudio** (11/24), **Ed Dawes** (11/27), and **Ellen Johnson** (11/28). We wish you all a Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries in November are: **Carol & Skip Ward** (11/02/63), **Doris & El Ailshie** (11/13/49), and **Julia & Frank Sapelak** (11/17/51). Congratulations to all of you!

Our November 13th luncheon will be something different. It will be held at the Scottsdale Community College Culinary School, 9000 E. Chaparral Rd, Scottsdale AZ 85256. The directions are to take Hwy 101 to Chaparral Rd, Exit #46, go east on Chaparral to Entrance #4. Go to the back of lot, turn left and make the first right turn to Parking lot H & I. The building on the left is the Culinary Arts Dining Room, Artichoke Grill.

The lunch includes a House Salad and fresh baked rolls. Choices of entrees are: (1) Classic Club Sandwich (lean meat and cheese), coleslaw & sweet potatoes fries, (2) Stuffed Breast of Chicken, Mascarpone, polenta, creamed spinach and tapenade, (3) Pork Schnitzel with Ratatouille. Apple tart or Chocolate Brownie are dessert choices. Beverages are iced tea or coffee. Social hour begins at 11:30 am, followed by the luncheon at 11:45 am. The cost is \$19.00 per person. Mail your checks by November 4th to **Kathy & Jim Brigante**, 8700 E. Mountain View Rd., #1106, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. Contact them at (480) 443-0031 or by e-mail at jbrigante@aol.com.

Hope to see everyone at our meetings. We welcome RUAEA members who would like to join us at any of our breakfasts or luncheons. Contact the names listed below for further information.

Calendar:

Breakfasts on the fourth Friday of each month starting at 9:00 AM at Crackers, 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt**, (480) 396-3317 - phomfeldt@cox.net or **Jim Zarek** at (480) 288-6685 - jzarek1@msn.com, by the Wednesday before the breakfast, if you plan on attending.

Oct. 24 - Breakfast starting at 9:00 a.m. at Crackers. Contact **Peg Homfeldt** or **Jim Zarek** by Oct. 22nd.

Nov. 13 - Luncheon meeting at the Scottsdale Community College Culinary School, starting at 11.30 a.m. Contact **Kathy & Jim Brigante** by Nov. 4th. Their number is noted above.

Nov.21 - Breakfast at Crackers. 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Ave.), starting at 9:00 am. Contact **Peg Homfeldt**, (480) 396-3317 or phomfeldt@cox.net, or **Jim Zarek** (480) 288-6685 or jzarek1@msn.com by the Wednesday before the breakfast. **NOTE:** *New date because of the Holiday.*

Dec. 9 - Christmas party at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes. Hosted by **Skip & Carol Ward**.

Dec. 19 - Breakfast at Crackers. (New date because of the Holiday)



TALL PINES

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We're back - our RUAEA Tall Pines retirees reconvened after a short summer break. Our meeting was held on September 23rd at Coco's. We had a good meeting and it's always nice to be together again.

A few members could not attend the meeting due to health problems. **Pat Pierson** is recovering from a knee replacement and **Blas Arriaga** had a doctor's appointment in Phoenix - hope to see you both at our Christmas luncheon. We have decided to have a luncheon this year instead of dinner. It will be held on December 3rd from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Hassayampa Inn.

Congratulations are in order for **Nikki Krause** who received six awards for her photography at our county fair - way to go Nikki!

Yours truly and my hubby, Joe, will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on October 25th with family and friends - where did that time go? Guess what - still in love!

Calendar:

November - No Meeting

December 3 - Christmas Luncheon - Hassayampa Inn - 11:00am - 2:00pm

January 23 - Coco's - 11:00am

TUCSON

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The Terrace Café and Bar at the River Park Inn was a splendid venue for our September luncheon. Eighteen adventurous Roadrunners braved the highway construction to get to what turned out to be a very satisfying afternoon. Our hosts **Bill & Mary Howard** get a big pat on the back for selecting our meeting place.

Our secretary (**Clair Byle**) was absent because she was at the Kino Hospital accepting an award for her volunteer work. The award was for 500 hours of her time that she has contributed to the Hospital. Great work Clair!

Our October luncheon will be hosted by **Ron & Shirley Robertson** at the Saddlebrooke #1 clubhouse. To get there, take Oracle road north past Catalina to Saddlebrooke Blvd. Turn right and go about 2 miles to the clubhouse. The date will be October 16 and checks for \$15.00 P/P should be sent to the Robertsons by October 10th. Please indicate your choice of entrée: #1 would be a Turkey Wrap with lettuce, tomato and cheese or #2 A Roast Beef sandwich on a Hoagie Bun with lettuce, tomato and cheese. The Robertsons address is 62042 E. Amberwood Dr., Tucson, AZ 85739.

President **Bill Royle** has arranged to have our 2009 all Arizona luncheon at the Robson Ranch in Casa Grande on March 19th. The seating will be limited to the first 114 people who sign up. More on this later.

We can now take **Bill Royle** off the illness list as his cataract surgery was successful and he can now see **Bonnie** very clearly. **Mary Howard** is still fighting her neck pain but she doesn't seem to let it stop her from doing what she wants.

On a sad note, I've just received word that Roadrunner member **Margaret Radtke** passed away on October 3rd. Margaret suffered briefly from pancreatic cancer. Our thoughts and prayers go out Margaret's husband, **Hans** during this difficult time. Condolences can be sent to **Hans Radtke** at 65784 E. Solar Wind Court, Tucson, AZ 85739. We have also just learned that the son of Roadrunner member, **Howard Hunter**, passed away on October 3rd of a massive heart attack. Condolences can be sent to Howard Hunter at 7500 N. Calle Sin Envidia, Apt. #14104, Tucson, AZ 85718. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Howard.

Calendar:

Oct. 16 - Saddlebrooke #1 clubhouse, hosted by the **Robertsons**

Nov. 20 - Michelangelo Ristorante, hosted by **Pat & Rich DiLallo**

Dec. 11 - Oro Valley Country Club - **Beverly Goodlow**

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We did not meet during September and I have not heard from our members, except for the usual e-mails. As I said in a previous Newsletter, San Luis Obispo (SBP) airport was going to have extensive remodeling and expansion, when Delta and American Eagle decided to cancel operations. American will leave by Nov. 1st and Delta has already ceased operations. The local SBP representatives met with AAL executives to reconsider,

with no avail. So the remodeling has been delayed or postponed and at this time, United Express is still operating. I don't want to say that too loud. We, in the Central Coast, still have the option of flying out of Santa Maria and Santa Barbara.

In September's Newsletter, I read a letter from **John Hildebran** from Moyers, OK. He told about his experiences in Erie, PA during the DC3 days with Capital Airlines. His experiences resembled some of my recollections that our operation agents had in MKE during the 1950's. Working in communications, I had to forward airport conditions to Dispatch and flights in the area. During winter operations, ATC or the tower would ask us to contact flights over Lake Michigan to give us ice conditions on the lake. I think they forwarded this information to the Coast Guard that operated out of Chicago. Thank you John for helping me remember those good old days.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 15th, hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes** and **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**. We will be enjoying our meeting at the Chumash Casino, since this is one of the favorite places visited by our hosts.

Future meeting is scheduled for Dec. 17th hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**.

If UAL wants to save money, they should do as AAL did in 1987. AAL saved \$40,000 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in 1st class. Imagine how much they would save at this year's prices?

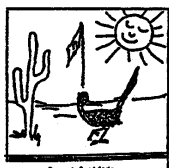
Calendar:

Oct. 15 – Hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes** and **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**.

Dec. 17 - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

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Not much happens in September. It is a quiet month due to everyone traveling and that traveling is not easy as **Barbara Rowe** found out. It only cost her \$603 to get home since she could not get out of ORD without a full fare ticket with AAL. Also, **Ron & Melinda Lerg** are not trusting SA travel to go to Minnesota. They have full fare tickets so they don't have to worry. Several people should be returning to the desert like the **Pattersons** and **Patti Sica**. Our thanks to **Chuck Lamas** for hosting the luncheon at the Palm Desert Greens and happy birthday Chuck!

A welcome to three new members: **Barbara Azbill**, **Shirley Spitler** and **Ken Hawley**. We are trying to contact an old member, **Brad Sydow**. If anyone has any info on his whereabouts, please let us know.

For future planning, our luncheon in October will be hosted by **Jan & Fred Kellerhals** at the Mario's Italian Cafe in Rancho Mirage. **Barb & Ron Napier** will host on November 12th. The Christmas party at Monterey country Club will be on Wednesday, December 17th, hosted by **Elaine & Ron Aggson**.



THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on September 24th at the China Buffet in Citrus Heights. This was hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**. We had a total of 37 Gold Diggers. Chapter President **Bob Fulkerson** welcomed those attending and thanked Harold and Colleen for hosting. This was a fairly new restaurant and many members were impressed, not only with the food, but the cleanliness. Some members talked about holding future luncheons there.

Bob Fulkerson read some of the proposed Officers for next year:

- ✎ President - Francis Domaratius
- ✎ Vice President - Frank Dellinger

- ☞ Treasurer - Judie King
- ☞ Secretary
- ☞ Sunshine
- ☞ Historian - Stephanie Norton

Officer's Reports:

VP **Francis Domaratius** – He listed our luncheons for October and December of this year. Also read who was hosting for January and February of next year. We need members to volunteer to host luncheons beginning in March.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** – She read the anniversaries for August and September. Those 50 years and over: **Bob & Margaret Eggert** – 52 years; **Jim & Ethel Meek** – 58 years; **Daniel & Rosemary Figueroa** – 52 years; **Geneva & Al Lockwood** – 63 years; **Karl & Ruth Stannitz** – 52 years; **Ernest & Joyce Romero** – 61 years. **Harold Esola** led in singing the anniversary song.

Harold also wanted to tell the group the good news he had gotten. After the last biopsy, the doctor told him there was NO CANCER. Yeah!

Colleen also talked a little bit about the Secretary position. She explained that she is working a part-time job now and usually works during the Wednesday luncheons. She will not always be able to come to the luncheons next year and it is hard to take the minutes when she is not there. She is still willing to mail out the newsletter and luncheon details each month if necessary.

Also Colleen filled in for **Angie Dellinger** on Sunshine as they were away on a trip. She sent a Get Well card to **Art Massey** as he has major medical problems. She also sent a Sympathy card to **Gus London** whose wife, **Barbara London**, passed away on September 15th.

Treasurer **Judie King** is back from vacation and gave our chapter's balance.

RUAEA Vice President **Ron Bertacini** – He talked about United revising the A14 on-time performance program. Also the company is starting a new travel program for single employees and retirees. News about Delta Northwest merger was in the news today.

We concluded with our raffle.

Calendar:

October 29 - Elks Club, Roseville

November - No Meeting due to Thanksgiving

December 10 - Alta Sierra Country Club, Grass Valley, Christmas Luncheon

THE HANGTOWN MINERS

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We missed a report from our chapter last month because our September luncheon/meeting was held after the deadline for submitting. Our September 8th gathering was at the beautiful estate of **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** in Rescue. A delicious meal was catered and delectable desserts were prepared by a daughter-in-law of the Fitzpatricks.

President **Rosemary Heier** presided over the meeting and reported on the upcoming election of officers for the next year. Rosemary asked that volunteers and nominations go through her and she will present them at the October meeting.

Vice President **Suzie Quinnell** announced that the officers had decided to make donations to C.A.S.A. and Grace Place, which are charities in El Dorado County. The board had also decided that in order to encourage more donations of raffle prizes, a special drawing would be held for all donors.

Jeanette D'Amico announced that the October 6th Luncheon/Meeting would be held at Casa Ramos in Placerville hosted by **Joe & Lynda Lima** and **Tom & Andi Stuchell**.

According to **Dick Czapkay**, our financial status is in much better shape than the federal government or the state of California.

Irv Wolfram reported that **Jack Clough** passed away in August. Jack had been a member of the Sacramento Gold Diggers and was their president in 1987.

Sherrie Wolfram is doing a great job in recording our history in pictures and albums.

RUAEA Director **John Zoboli** was unable to attend the meeting.

September birthday celebrants were **Bob Ames, Tom Kenny, Bernice Ambrose, Judy Fitzpatrick, Jerry Quinnell** and **Jeanette D'Amico**.

The October 6th luncheon/meeting was held at a Mexican restaurant in Placerville and was most enjoyable – good food and excellent service. It was good to see **Vic Drumheller** and **George Rivas** whom we hadn't seen for quite some time.

Vice President **Suzie Quinnell** called the meeting to order and thanked the **Limas** and **Stuchells** for hosting. Suzie spoke briefly about the need to find officers for the year 2009. She had approached a lot of members but we are still looking for volunteers.

Secretary **Jeanette D'Amico** welcomed 38 Hangtown Miners and four guests. **Donna & Bill DeLage** were guests of **Andi & Tom Stuchell** and **Pat & Bob Razura** were guests of **Peggy & Dan Bonnetti**. Pat is a retired United Airlines employee, so she was promptly given an application and we welcomed Pat and Bob as our newest members.

RUAEA Executive Vice President **Ron Bertacini** gave a report as **John Zoboli** was not present. Ron spoke of the recent RUAEA Board meeting, the 2009 RUAEA Convention in Phoenix, the change in boarding priority of the passes awarded in the On-Time Performance challenge, the United Airlines Historical Foundation displays, the PBGC's final recalculation of pension benefits and membership in RUAEA.

Peggy Bonnetti and **Ron Bertacini** were extended happy birthday wishes and those having anniversaries in October were congratulated.

Jerry & Suzie Quinnell conducted the DOO (Drawing of Opportunity). A fun time was had by all.

Calendar:

November 3 - Fifty Grand Restaurant in Pollock Pines hosted by **Bernice & Paul Ambrose**

December 1 - Sudwerk Riverside Restaurant & Brewhouse hosted by **Dick & Ann Czapkay** and **Jack & Marge Raynor**



REDWOOD EMPIRE

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September brought out bright muumuus and Hawaiian shirts at our luncheon at Quail Inn in Oakmont. Nice surprise to see **Pat Taylor** traveling from her home in Vallejo and **Howard & Jo Payne** coming from Pacheco. **Lou Legnitto** was the winner of our monthly birthday lunch; he and his wife **Sheila** were on a winning streak with three of their raffle numbers called. Anniversaries in September include **Norm & Ann Burnett** (21); **George & Lois Schwind** (59); **Larry & Madalyn Schmidt** (22); **Larry & Mary Wilson** (43); **Vic & Elaine Kristen** (65); **Don & Doloris Burda** (52).

Sad news was received the day after the lunch that **Don Burda** passed away on September 11. He had taken up clown work in the '70s and had become a world-renown clown. Living in Sunnyvale, he retired from SFOOV Scheduling. Others missing from the lunches lately due to health problems include **Bernice Anderson, Fred Bonney**, and **Vic Kristen**.

Lots of news of members moving and traveling: **Barney Hagen's** wife **Claire's** health has improved enough for her to travel to Winnipeg to visit her sister. **Les & Joyce Carey** have moved to Montana to be closer to family and **Tom Costa** is having a ball in a retirement facility close to Houston and family. Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** will miss the next two luncheons as she visits her many sisters in Oregon in October and travels to Georgia to see family in November.

We look forward to the year's remaining lunches:

Calendar:

November 13 - Josef's, Santa Rosa, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**

December 11 - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by 2008 Officers

Re-LAX-ers

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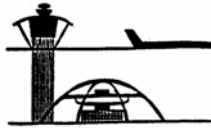
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PEOPLE NEWS this month -- not too much, but, hey! no news is good news, right?

I received a nice newsy email from **Tarina Murray**, in which she tells that she's taking enough pain medicine to put down an elephant for the bad vertebrae problem in her neck. Next week, she will be back in surgery to fix this problem. It is a very serious operation, so our longest and loudest prayers are with her. It was a nice surprise to see her and Charles at the 10/2 luncheon.

Report on another member with very serious medical treatment is **Linda Muche**. She is now thankfully cancer free. However the x-ray treatments for the cancer in her throat area left the tissues very sensitive, to say the least, so while they heal, she must still have a feeding tube, so she wasn't able to attend. Although **Alice & Pete Lopez** moved to AZ, they are still members of ReLAXers so we hear from them now and then. The latest is that Pete had to have stomach surgery which was a big worry, but turned on a positive note. A tumor was removed, but it was not malignant. Here's hoping for a quick recovery, Pete. **Jim Ferrance** said **J. McBane** tried to get to the luncheon, but couldn't get on a flight from San Luis Obispo (please forgive if I spelled wrong). I heard from **Mary Howard** that she'd received a letter from **Gil Martin**, one of our very favorite LAXSS rep's from my era (remember, I "bought out" in '84). Gil has been having health problems and moved, building a house close to his daughter at 7931 Boulder Creek Rd., Penryn, CA 95663. I'm sure he'd be pleased to hear from some of us really old timers! **Francine Krane** (LGBRR) will be having cancer surgery this month. Per her doctor, it most likely can be completely removed. She is thinking positively about it, but cards could always help - 826 Vanderbilt Ter., SE, Leesburg VA 20175, krane826@msn.com.

FANTASY FLIGHT is on. We will be able to board the kids on the plane and give them lunch on board. Actually flying them is iffy. Last year's flight (a 747 over SBA for 45 minutes) cost nearly \$14000! **IF** we get the donations to cover it again, it will happen. In the meantime, **Laly Savoy**, our incredible coordinator who was furloughed, decided to take an early retirement and is going to run the show as a retiree volunteer. She is the newest member of ReLAXers and has joined RUAEA as well. Welcome, and big THANKS for doing the F.F.!

PARKING at LAX is always news. Employee lot rates are still holding. If you know someone who is not eligible for employee parking, the **Kopps** gave me a brochure with several free and/or reduced rate coupons for "LAX Easy Park" which is behind the Sheraton at 6101 W. Century, just a block or two east of the entrance to LAX terminals area. If interested, contact me and I'll send you or your friend whatever works best.

MILITARY MEMBERS, dependents or friends, don't forget about the great LAX USO which operates 365/24/7. Best USO going, the troops tell us. A bunch of UAL employees and retirees are working there. It's located across World Way from the area between T.1 and T.2 - ground level. It's about half a block east of the parking tag sales office. You need military ID (active, reserve or retired or even foreign) for entry.

TOUR NEWS is that unfortunately, we had to cancel the LAS and Utah tour since we hadn't reached the minimum needed to pay for the package by deadline time. It was too big a gamble that we'd make it within the final 30 days because if not - big loss of refunds to those who had booked. So! A tour has been arranged or April 7 and 8. One of our favorite destinations, the *Palm Springs Fabulous Follies*, plus dinner, stay at the Casino Spa (gambling there!) and a new tour on Wed. of the Indian Canyon country, led by one of the local Indian guides - on the bus, of course. Interested? Flyers go out with the Dec. meeting notices at beginning of Nov. Emails sooner - let me know. So mark the date - it's only money, you earned it, let your kids earn theirs and then go ahead and spend their inheritance! Join us!

HOLIDAY TRAVEL HINT for those visiting family/friends. Plan ahead and pack gifts and clothing in a shipping box, contact UPS or FedEx for their best rates - ground service is very good for short distances, especially - probably less than the cost of checking luggage, if you are a regular paying passenger. Ship off all that stuff so you can travel with carry-on only. By doing this, no bags gone astray when standing by and having

to change planes a zillion times, or even if buying a ticket and suffering seasonal weather woes. Works for me - I love it!

Calendar:

Oct. 11 - LAXRR Reunion at the Hacienda in El Segundo

Dec. 4 - Christmas Luncheon at the Proud Bird (sit-down dinner).

Feb. 5 - Valentine Luncheon, location TBA

April 2 - Spring Luncheon

April 7-8 - Tour to PSP



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After spending a couple of weeks in Seattle, which included attending a family reunion, I returned to the sad news that long-time, dear friend, **Bob Collins**, had passed away. He endured a long, debilitating illness. We'll miss you Bob.

Also, I received news that **Merle (Mike) Chaney** passed away in April. Our sympathies to the **Collins** and **Chaney** families.

On a lighter note, our RE-Sans holiday luncheon will be held at Carvers in Rancho Bernardo. Please make your plans to attend. Details will be mailed to you in November.

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Where did summer go? Must autumn speed by so fast? School and professional football are now at their height and November 2nd is the end of Daylight Savings Time for us Californians. As I remember reading in school, November 11th, now called Veterans Day, used to be called Armistice Day: In 1918, it marked the ending of WWI between the Allies and Germany on the Western Front. We will see a full moon on November 12th, honor past President John F. Kennedy on November 22nd, and enjoy Thanksgiving on November 27th. This is not to mention our **relief** that election day on November 4th will be the end of presidential campaigning and a hopeful beginning for our nation with a brand new leader and cabinet. God bless them all ... and the rest of us! I sometimes wonder if it is only seniors and retirees who remember to be grateful for our blessings? Unfortunately, I find myself wishing I had more money and benefits. But then "wishing doesn't make it so." November and Thanksgiving remind me to be very, very, very appreciative of what I do have.

Our local chapter has recently lost two more beautiful people. I guess the **Great Someone** needed them more than we did. **James (Jim) Thivierge** has been among our missing since September 1st. You may write spouse **Beverly** at **260 W. 41st Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403**. **Ross Turner**, 51 years married to wife **Emily**, left our earthly view on September 27th. You may write **Emily** at **2210 Pullman Avenue, Belmont, CA 94002**.

Virginia Schmidt, wife of recently deceased **Ozzie**, has had chemo and all other treatments stopped and been placed on hospice care. This gutsy lady is one of the bravest women I have ever known. Her incredible practicality, sense of humor and spirit remain intact. You may reach her at **628 Acacia Lane, Emerald Hills, CA 94062**.

You will be glad to hear that this next plucky couple, **Marie & Milt Cavalli**, both hit with frequent illnesses, hospitals and convalescent homes, have finally settled down to this permanent address: **1172 Nevada Street, Redwood City, CA 94068**. (Now we finally know where to find them!) And **George Trombulak (2730 Summit Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010)** has a brand new pacemaker ... hope it can keep up with your busy life, **George!**

We had no General Meeting in September but our annual picnic at beautiful Flood Park in Menlo Park, CA was appreciated by approximately 100 participants. I say "approximately" because 106 tickets were sold, 98 tickets were dropped in "The Box", and others simply forgot to bring their tickets along so we took their word for it! The camaraderie was the best of course, the "horse-race game" was as usual the center of mini-screams and much excitement, and Bingo players entertained themselves with their "out-loud" smiles or sighs at either winning or being "this-close" to doing so. Further, we want to extend a big "thank you" to out-of-state chapter and Honorary Life Member **John (Brandy) Branstetter** for his donation of a big new coffeepot. Last year he brought us a bean pot. Bless you, **Brandy!**

Our International Tour Coordinator, **Ginger Dahlberg** has an absolutely fantastic land and water cruise planned for you for next year: **ALASKA**, here we come! August 29 – September 10, 2009 can have you touring the "**Klondike, Denali and on an Inside Passage Cruise (Juneau and Sawyer Glaciers)**" as follows: 12 nights, 13 days, sailing out of **Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada**. The ship is **Holland America's Zuiderdam**. You will also find yourself travelling on the nostalgic White Pass & Yukon route Railroad parlor car, a comfortable Explorer Coach, the Yukon Queen II catamaran cruise, and enjoying the largest domed railcars on the historic Alaska Railroad. You will be spending 2 nights at **Denali National Park** (tundra wilderness tour), 2 nights in historic **Dawson City** (gateway to **Tombstone**), 2 nights in **Whitehorse** (capital of **Yukon Territory**), and 1 night stays in **Anchorage, Fairbanks, Tok and Skagway**. Your tour ends in **Anchorage, Alaska**. Air fare is presently not included. You must have a valid passport. If not, please apply for one immediately. Passports can take up to 6 months to receive. For this exciting tour, contact **Ginger** by telephone at (650) 224-1865 or email gingersfo@aol.com. Book now. This tour is expected to sell out very quickly.

Personally speaking:

My recent 2 weeks spent cruising up the **Volga River** from **Moscow** to **St. Petersburg, Russia** were wonderful. This was an "economy cruise" with airfare included. The **Russian** ship held 258 passengers which encouraged great compatibility and blossoming friendships. The international group of people aboard, the Russian people themselves, the folk dancing, the weather, both shipboard and local food, beautiful scenery with acres of birch trees, evergreen forests and numerous castles and churches along the way were all a welcome surprise and special treat for the eyes, emotions and soul. This trip, however, is not for the faint of heart, spirit, feet ... or the impatient! There was a great deal of walking, far more than I had anticipated even though I had brought along two pairs of comfortable walking shoes. (And be forewarned: Most Russian long distance tour buses do not have W.C.'s aboard.)

My opinion: Neither the **Moscow** or **St. Petersburg Airports** are ready for tourists. After a great shipboard breakfast at the end of our tour, we were expeditiously bused from the ship to the **St. Petersburg Airport**, arriving at 9 a.m. Neither Passport Control or Security were open for another 1½ hours ... we stood in line, no chairs available while we waited. After crossing that obstacle, plus our first Security check (shoes off and, like each would-be passenger, a very thorough patting down), there were two additional Security checks (shoes off and more patting down) en route to the departure gate. Reaching that last gate and spotting still more lines through a glassed-in window, I grabbed one of only eight wooden chairs in an outer hallway and again, waited. As the crowds gradually seemed to move, I gave up my "valuable" wooden chair and proceeded to go through that last Security check and pat down. This time there were a few long wooden benches on the other side ... wheeee! Later on, after we had waited another 1¾ hours to board the plane, I queried one of the counter agents as to whether or not all this **waiting** was normal. And I also mentioned the late opening of Passport Control and three Security checks. I just got a blank look, no answer. I was expecting some sort of explanation ... silly me! And of course we were late getting into JFK. I have learned one lesson however: If I ever go back to beautiful Russia, despite the awkwardness and weight of my cane that has a folding seat attached to it, I shall bring it!

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday (except for December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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On September 5, we enjoyed a visit from **Roger Casterline**, our new Western Regional Director. Many of us remember Roger from the Maintenance Base in San Francisco. It was nice to see him again. He told an interesting story and briefed us on UA's new policy about employee BP-6 passes.

Another visitor on September 5 was **Susan Hall**, daughter of **Geneva Schaller**. Later in the month we were visited by **Merriam Schaller**, Geneva's brother-in-law.

On September 17, we had our fall luncheon at Michaels in Mountain View. As always, we had a great turnout and everyone had a good time.

It is with sorrow that we report the passing of longtime member **Don Burda**. Services are to be held on November 8 (Don's birthday) at the Methodist Church in Los Altos.

In November again this year, **Ruie & Bob Bradley** are collecting food items for the Salvation Army - bring any donations to one of the Friday meetings for collection by the Bradleys. Ruie mentioned that toiletries and cosmetics are also much appreciated.

Ladies please save December 4 for the annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon. It will be hosted by **Nancy Walb**.

Calendar:

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees are welcome. Please call our President, **Tony Urso**, (408) 264-8580 for details.

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Time sure flies quickly! Before we know it, Santa will be flying in with his sleigh and reindeer. The retail industry is ready; you can buy Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas decorations all at the same time and in the same store! But for now, let's enjoy the beautiful Fall weather we are experiencing. I know I am so happy to have cooler days and nights.

Our last luncheon was held on September 11, at the East Sonora Conference Center. President **Bob Brooks** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and then we bowed our heads in a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of that tragic day, we will never forget.

All 38 members and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet of Mexican food. Our luncheon was hosted by **Art & Jean Moore** and **Irene Vermillion** and they did a great job. They awarded many lucky raffle winners with beautiful gifts. **Jean Moore** had made several packets of beautiful hand-made greeting cards for the raffle and they were a big hit.

We had several guests; **Jack & Marge Raynor** came down from Galt. Jack is retired from United and he and Marge are members of two RUAEA chapters. Another guest was **Jim Cruson**, a UAL retiree who lives in Sonora.

We were happy to see **Ray Harm**, **Russ Klipple**, and **Ken & Jo Silva** who are all members but have not been able to attend for awhile. We hope to see you all again at future meetings.

Bonnie & Burt Kent also joined us and they said this would be the last time they could attend a meeting for awhile because they were heading off to sunny Arizona for 6 months.

We always meet the second Thursday of each month in various locations. New retirees are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call me at (209) 984-5672 or President **Bob Brooks** at (209) 772-9814.

CALENDAR

Nov.13 - East Sonora Conference Center, hosted by **Don & Joyce Temple** and **Jack & Rosie Walls**

Dec. 11 - Christmas Party at the East Sonora Conference Center in Sonora, hosted by the Officers

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The Mile Highers gathered at United's Training Center on Oct 4 for the monthly breakfast. It was a beautiful autumn day, with 53 retirees and friends attending.

It was reported that retired Lead Mechanic **Bob Belfour** passed away. Bob had requested there be no service but your condolences may be sent to his wife **Virginia** at 195 Stagecoach Trail, Elizabeth, CO 80107.

Walt Bumberger is still recovering from a knee replacement and is doing better. **Bill Fisher** recently had back surgery and is at home recovering.

Paul Doty was a first timer. Paul retired from the B&M Shop as a Lead Mechanic. We welcome him back and hope he is able to bring his wife with him next time. **Donna Miller** brought a guest, **Jo Ann Leover**. Jo Ann work in SFO and now lives with her husband, who is also retired, in Washington State. **Marlin & Marilyn Lade** came down from their summer home in Winter Park, CO. They are heading for their winter home in Winter Park, FL. Come back and see us next spring.

Lynn Pettrow's father, **Steve Wasuta**, a UAL retiree, started his career with Pennsylvania Central Air line in 1938 and after many moves and the Capital merger, ended up with UAL. Steve will celebrate his 90th birthday on Oct 19, 2008. We wish him many more. **Gene & Kathy Sibley's** granddaughter, Taylor Sibley, joined her grandparents for breakfast.

Three retirees, **Jack Green**, **Bob Hagedorn** and **Steve Wasuta** returned their 50/50 winning to the Mile Highers Chapter. Thanks folks.

Mark your calendar for the Christmas luncheon: *It will be held on Dec. 10th, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Select, 455 South Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO. Social hour from 11:00 to 12:00, lunch at 12:00. Menu Choices: Grilled Salmon, Bourbon Glaze Pork Loin, and Chicken Cordon Bleu. Salad, Vegetables, Dessert, and Tea & Coffee will be served with entrées. The price is the same as the last 5 years (\$19.00 P/P). Make checks payable to **RUAEA Denver Chapter** and mail to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker Street, Denver, CO 80211. Phone (303) 477-2918. Please include menu choice. If you bring a guest, include their names. Bring an unwrapped Christmas Gift for children ages 4 to 8 years. These gifts help to make a child enjoy a brighter Christmas.*

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. each month, 9:00 AM at Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call **Tom Goodyear** for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

December 10 - Christmas Luncheon, details in column.

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We held our regular meeting on Monday, September 15. A dozen friends were there for a late breakfast. New members **Dayne & Elaine Thomas** (DENCG) from Peyton, CO joined us today for breakfast and sharing some memories. Talks centered on mergers and acquisitions!

Wendie Holody and **Noria Gerig** made arrangements for a Christmas Luncheon on December 11th at 12 o'clock noon. A buffet lunch will be served at Giuseppe's Restaurant in the historic railroad station in downtown Colorado Springs. Contact Noria at warren@asia.com if you can help with decorations.

Del Hall is out again as his wife **Pat** fell in the kitchen on September 12th and broke off the top of the left femur. She was in the hospital four days, and then in rehab for two weeks, she is home now. It is now Del's turn to take care of her. Please keep Del and Pat in your thoughts. You may contact Del at UALCS35@Q.com.

Our meetings are held the third Monday at 0830 at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25. We are asking for all Southern Colorado retirees to e-mail us at UALCS35@Q.com.

Calendar:

October 20 – Regular meeting

November 17 – Regular meeting

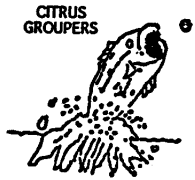
Christmas Party – Christmas Luncheon – hosted by **Noria Gerig** and **Wendie Holody**

New Years Party – Need a host

January 19 – Regular meeting

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The Citrus Groupers met on September 25th at Ruby Tuesday with 15 members in attendance. **Paul Brown**, RUAEA Director of the Florida Region came to our meeting. He talked about airline travel in general and on United in particular; it was a very informative talk.

After a long absence, **Maxine & Frank Wood** were at the meeting. Frank was operated on his shoulder for melanoma, fortunately, the surgeons were able to remove it completely. His main regret is that he won't be able to play golf for several weeks. Many of their children and grandchildren came to visit so they were busy all summer. **Mary Wimmer** had a neck fusion and feels better now. **Wilma Martin** had an operation on her leg but is now up and around.

We will not meet in November but will meet in December at a date and place not yet determined for our yearly Christmas party. More next month.

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Our Real McCoys Favorite Dinner at Fishlips at the Port on September 17th was, once again, very well attended! **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges** came and brought 4 family members for a birthday feast. **Charlie & Sharon Ringer, Jim & Pat Hernandez** and **Ken & Shelby Michels** gambled on the SunCruz Casino ship then joined us. **Lou & Joan Gaydos** came from New Smyrna, and completing the group were **Sid & Lyn Edelman, John Nelson, Rich & Cathy Llewellyn, Ted & Char LeGrand,** and **Joe & Elaine Mannella.**

Today's luncheon meeting was attended by 24 members and **Rich & Cathy Llewellyn's** daughter Wendy was a welcome guest. We received a nice note from **Montague Martin**, saying he's survived the "big one" and is going into rehab now. **Mary McNeill** told us that **Matt** is now at East Orlando Health & Rehab and would love to hear from friends. His cell number is (407) 484-9795. *"Let it ring til he can reach it or call right back as he does not have voice mail."*

On a very sad note, many of us attended the funeral of Real McCoys' member and dear friend, **Dave Adam**, who passed away on September 8, 2008. Dave retired from MCOCG in 2000, but many will remember him also from CLE, DEN and SMF. The Adam Family address is: 6326 Inca Street, Orlando, FL 32807

Stan Halterman has two great offerings and we have the flyers! Just ask!

- ✈ May 11-15, 2009 – Motorcoach 5days/4nites Savannah, Jekyll Island & Beaufort, 4 nights, 8 meals, tours in each city. Amazing at \$399/pp/dbl.
- ✈ July 11-26, 2009 – Scandinavian Cruise. Contact Stan at (407) 852-6773.

Calendar:

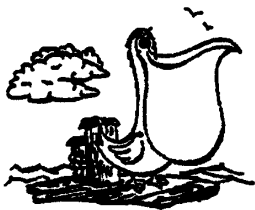
1st Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

November 5 – Luncheon meeting

December 3 - Christmas Luncheon at the CurryFord Community Park

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Night:

November 19 – Our plan is to meet at 4:30pm at the NEW High Tide Harry's at the EastLake Fish Camp on Boggy Creek Drive. BUT it may not be open yet in which case we will meet at The OLD High Tide Harry's on Semoran Blvd.



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The first meeting of the winter season was held at Sable Springs Golf and Racquet Club in their lovely dinning room that is reserved for the **Pelican Drop-Ins**. Our meeting is the first Friday of the month and if any United Airlines retirees are in the area, we would like to have them call and come for lunch. **Tom & Marilyn McNabb** started the chapter in 1987, so the Pelican Drop-Ins are 21 years old. **Maxine & Roy Brown** are part of the original group and they have been loyal and faithful members, attending this luncheon.

There were sixteen faithful members at the luncheon. I sat at one end of the long table and all I heard was happy, fun talk from our new and old time members. It is really fantastic to have formed wonderful relationships with retirees from all areas of United Airlines. We are a social group and enjoy each others company.

Jim Stokes was present and reported that he was hospitalized for 3 days after eating a sandwich at Perkins, where we had our breakfast last month. **Sally Sciple** wished happy birthday to both the September and October members. Our speaker for this meeting had double booked himself and because our first meeting had only sixteen members, President **Bill Burg**, has rescheduled him. He is from the Metro Crime Prevention of Florida and will provide lots of useful information. We'll learn how criminals think and ways we can out-smart them! Sounds like "good information" to have and we are very happy that Bill was able to reschedule him.

Bill & Marge Burg returned Sept. 20th from a 14-day cruise from Europe to Boston. They flew first class to Europe, joined a tour, and had an excellent time. They returned from Europe on a cruise ship just in time for our first luncheon meeting. **Sandy & Jerry Pryde** took one granddaughter with them to Greece for 10 days in August. They visited in Athens and the island of Naxos. Good trip but hot every day!

November Meeting: Thanksgiving is getting closer, so for our next luncheon, the members are asked to bring non-perishable canned items, rice, beans, etc., to be distributed to the Harry Chapin Food Bank in Fort Myers. Cash is always welcome. There are so many that need help this time of the year.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the Month

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (October-May)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Fort Myers (June-September)

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We held our fall picnic at Anderson Park with 41 members and 6 guests present. Birthdays: **George Urban** (9/20), **Willie Wilkerson** (9/23), **John Riecse** (9/24), **Flo Reveillac** (9/11), **Jan Lindstrom** (9/28), **Terri Breslin** (10/10), **Carolyn Lodge** (10/13), **Bill Linehan** (10/24). Anniversaries: **Ken & Deborah Wilson** (9/3), **Dave & Jan** (10/6), **Dave & Carolyn Lodge** (10/20), **O.C. & Pat Brown** (10/22).

RUAEA S.E. Regional Director **Paul Brown** spoke on items regarding UA as the relocation of the Apollo System from DEN to ATL, changes of the BP6 passes, UA employees and retirees are exempt of the checked baggage charges and the 2009 Convention in PHX at the Hyatt from May 17 – 24, 2009.

Travel - **Jim Hottel** reported on their trip to PWM via ORD all connections were good. **Beverly Alderdice** used autotrain. **Loretta Marvett** trip to CLE went well. The **Lindstroms** took a weekend drive to Columbus, GA and reported on several places to visit such as the Confederate Naval Museum. They enjoyed the excursion. **Ken & Deborah Wilson** flew TPA-IAD-FRA, visited friends then flew to CPH and boarded Princess Cruises to Dover, England, Dublin and Belfast Ireland, Greenland and St. Johns, NFL. Very nice trip!

Gabriel along with her parents and grandmother gave us an update on her progress with the Juvenile Diabetes and how the insulin pump is doing for her. She is very active in school and sports. Her parents stated that they are very proud of how she is handling the disease.

The Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Spartan Manor at 11 AM on Dec. 8. Cost is \$16.00 per person.

Calendar

Nov. 3 - Tiffany's - 10AM

Dec. 8 - Christmas Luncheon and meeting - 11AM



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Well! Everyone found our new gathering place in Jensen Beach, "Mulligan's", and the meeting was attended by 16 members.

President **Al Popek** started the business part of the meeting about 1:00PM and spoke about our Christmas party, changing the date of our November meeting, new rules regarding travelling with family or friends on pass benefits, MIA and MCO increasing service, and great benefits on the Internet, along with health issues of some of our members.

First, our Christmas party will be held on December 2 at 6:00PM, with an open cash bar from 6:00PM to 7:00PM, during which time hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served. We will have a choice of three entrées, potato of choice, vegetable, side salad, dessert and coffee, tea (ice & hot). If you would like to attend, give Al a call to make reservations, if you are not able to attend the November meeting. We will also have our Toys for Tots collection.

In order for everyone to be free on Election Day, our November Luncheon/Meeting will be held on Monday, November 3rd at 12:30PM. Please make sure you all get out and vote this election!

If you aren't aware of the change in pass benefits, you can now sign up a family member or friend to travel with you and you have the ability to change this choice you make each year. They have the ability to travel just like the retiree. Good thing, especially for widows and widowers.

Especially good news for us on the Treasure Coast, MIA and MCO are increasing their schedule of flights. Although, it doesn't take the place of flying out of PBI, MCO increased service helps.

Pull up SPIRIT.COM, also Jet Blue and Southwest for some great benefits. **Diane Brodis** told us about this goodie.

Celina Xifaras fell about a year ago and she is now having some very difficult health issues. **Constantinos**, her husband, recovered well from his surgery this past summer, thank goodness for that.

Guess what? **Jane & Frank Wise** were in attendance, but as usual, when they attend our meetings, they do not win the Progressive drawing. It was won by **Janice Popek**, and the 50/50 was won by **Chris Taylor**.

Barbara Dodenhoff, Paul & Diane Liebisch are planning a two-week cruise from SYD to AKL, leaving Florida in the next two weeks. The only thing troubling Barbara is the 16 hour flight! When they get back, I am sure we will hear many interesting stories. **Al & Janice Popek** are taking a mini cruise to the Bahamas on Holland America's newest ship, the Eurodam. What a life! Bon voyage to all!

Despite the heavy downpour, everyone found our new meeting place and thoroughly enjoyed their lunch. Those members who came from West Palm and Boynton Beach were thankful for the shorter trip. The Vero Beach members will find it a longer trip, hopefully we won't lose them, that surely would be a shame. We all agreed the food and service was much better than RJ Gators and the prices were comparable. Our waitress and waiter couldn't do enough for us to make our visit there memorable. Evidently, a good choice was made, isn't it funny we are sometimes forced to make changes and it usually is for the best. Change is good!

I have said it many times, please come and join us, you will enjoy the chatter with good friends, and enjoy good lunches while having fun.

October birthdays: Michael Carragher (10/6), Luster Smith (10/18), Phyllis Vitel (10/26), Gordon Mc Court (10/27). Happy Birthday to all ... Remember it's just a number.

On the lighter side: "*A Short Course in Human Relations*"

- ☞ The six most important words: "***I admit I make a mistake.***"
- ☞ The five most important words: "***You did a good job.***"
- ☞ The four most important words: "***What is your opinion?***"
- ☞ The three most important words: "***If you please.***"
- ☞ The two most important words: "***Thank you***"
- ☞ The one most important word: "***We***"
- ☞ The least important word: "***I***"

Calendar:

November 3 – Mulligan's, 12:30 PM Meeting/Luncheon – Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2 – Mulligan's, 6:00 PM Christmas Dinner Party – Merry Christmas!

January 6 – Mulligan's, 12:30 PM Meeting/Luncheon – Happy New Year!

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Twenty four flyers and one guest were in attendance at The Chinese Wok Restaurant on October 1st at 12:00 Noon in McDonough, GA, sponsored by **Ron & Marge Heider**. Our guest was **Bill Allen** who retired from ATL Ramp Service. We are always glad to see Bill when we are on the south side of town. The food was very good. A wide variety of Chinese and some very different seafood, including scallops, shrimp and soups; plenty of pastries and desserts also. The room was very well suited to our meeting and the service was above average. President **Sandy Lis** held a short business meeting reading a Thank You letter from The Promise Place, as to how our monthly donations are used and much counted upon, and greatly appreciated. **Fred Cron** spoke of the many Capital and United airline artifacts and memorabilia he has donated to a new Aviation Museum that is recently been started in Clayton County near the airport. Fred says it has not been named as yet, as they have just procured the building and area for the displays. He will keep us posted as progress is made.

Gary Tuttle reported for those who were not aware, that we now have flight privileges on Southwest, and Jet Blue Airlines. You must, however, call the benefits section in Chicago on the 800 line and request an authorization letter from them that they will send to you in order to get passes. On Southwest, it costs \$25.00 plus tax and fees and is good for one year. It was suggested to all present, by **Barbara Russey** that we may want to choose a more central meeting place for our monthly luncheons in consideration of the gasoline situation. It appears that a good number of our favorite restaurants have gone out of business and it's getting difficult to find ones that have the rooms and facilities to accommodate our needs.

It was brought to the members and voted and seconded on that starting January 1st 2009, we would meet at the I-Hop in Fayetteville, GA. every month. They have breakfast anytime of day, a wide variety of food and a private room for our meetings. They also do not require a deposit or minimum. Fred ran our 50/50 assisted by **Tom Wheeler**. **Gene Barber** drew the winning number held by **Mary Lou Ryabik** to which she so graciously donated the proceeds to The Promise Place. **Ray Owen** gave us an update on **Bill Carlson**, says he is doing very well in his new assisted living quarters which Ray and Mary say is new and very richly appointed. Just like a 5 star hotel. Ray and Mary have been to see Bill a few times and for those who would like to visit or drop him a line, his address is: Kennesaw Sanctuary, 3250 Quick Water Landing, Unit 409, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144 Phone 770 529-6098.

Ray has had surgery on his shoulder and is doing well in physical therapy. **Art Gwynn** is also reported to have had surgery on his knee but while in the hospital recuperating had a heart attack, but is reported to be doing OK now. Those wishing to send him a card can do so at: A.M. Gwynn, 107 Clifford Ct. Canton, GA. 30115. Our thoughts and prayers are with Art for a complete and speedy recovery. Also **Wormie Bowling**, recently fell in her home and broke her wrist. She had just had surgery on her eye again, and wasn't able to see well when it happened. She has a cast on and is now on the mend and seems to be in good spirits. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Calendar:

November 5 - Lunch at the Redneck Gourmet Restaurant in Senoia, GA. 12:00 Noon, hosted by **Sandy Lis & Jane Brown**

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Fifty-four members and guests attended our September 18th quarterly luncheon. We are always excited to try new menus and new locations, and the Lily Koi restaurant in Aiea proved to be a tasty choice. Thank you, **Rose Miller** and **Sylvia Rapoza**, for coordinating this get-together. Since we had exclusive use of the restaurant, everyone was able to mingle freely. Members that we have not seen in a while, and guests, included **Shelle Avecilla** and **Ethel Miyasato** from HNLCS, **Maureen Torres** from Ground Services, **Rayneel Park** and **Leila Kaleialoha** from HNLCS, and **Lynn Clifford** from HNLRR.

For lunch, we were treated to local style food with a French influence, which included dishes such as Opakapaka with tomato relish and the restaurant's signature dish of Lily Koi braised short ribs in lilikoi sauce. (Local trivia for our mainland readers: lilikoi, also known as passion fruit, is a sweet and tart smooth-skinned yellow fruit used in making juices, cakes, sauces, sorbets, jellies and lilikoi butter).

Pat Thomson invited everyone to come to the January 8, 2009 steering committee meeting, which will be held at 999 Wilder Avenue. **Rose Miller** stepped up to clarify that we don't actually have a steering committee. The committee is comprised of those who attend the meeting on that day, so everyone is encouraged to come and help plan our future luncheons.

A big thank you goes to **Eddy Oumi** for the great job she did as our RUAEA national correspondent. Also, we welcome our new Alliant Credit Union rep, Jeanette Clanton, who is looking forward to meeting everyone at our February luncheon. Jeanette, Denver Branch Manager, can be reached at 1-800-328-1935, x8850.

Our next quarterly luncheon, to be held on February 19, 2009, will be coordinated by **Laura Chin-Leong** and **Linda Kauhane**. The location will be advised in the luncheon mail out.

Calendar:

Jan. 8, 2009 - Steering committee meeting. 10:00 am, location: 999 Wilder Ave.

Feb. 19, 2009 - Quarterly luncheon, Time: To be advised

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"It's hard to believe that 2008 will be history in a few months," lamented **Shirley Dempsey**, our co-president with husband **Rick**, adding, "The remaining days will be busy for all of us, especially with the presidential election & Thanksgiving coming up fast in Nov., and Christmas following." With that, Rick & Shirley gave us the program for the balance of year, through the early part of Jan. 2009.

Oct. 22, lunch at Pad Thai House, 1473 Five Mile Road, Boise, 1:00 p.m. Deadline for signing on is Oct. 20. Call **Rick Dempsey** @ 939-1713.

Nov 3, breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

Dec. 1, breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

Dec. 9, Christmas Dinner Party, Owyhee Hotel, Boise, in the Ambassador Room. No Host Bar 4:00 p.m., Dinner 4:30 p.m. A handout explained choice of entrée & price, which includes dinner, tax, & tip. Phone Rick for the flyer, if you haven't received one. Friends & guests welcome. Please mail your check, payable to **Rick Dempsey**, and mail it to him @ 1171 S. River Flow Way, Eagle, ID 83616. Deadline for responding is Nov. 18, 2008.

Jan. 5, breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9 a.m., welcoming a newly elected chapter president or a couple as co-presidents.

If you have any questions about the above activities, please call **Rick & Shirley Dempsey @ 939-1713**. They hope to see you at each of these activities, & wish everyone Happy Holidays.

Marlene Croghan visited her son & family in Limestone & Jonesborough, TN. Weather beautiful, visit wonderful, & shopping great.

Wilma Anderson spent the weekend of Sept 26-28 in Las Vegas. Didn't see any shows or do any gambling, but attended the conference of the General Federation Women's Club (GFWC). Next year, Boise, ID, will host the 11-state Western Regional GFWC Conference, for about 200 women.

Charles & Shirley Perkins leave for Puerto Vallarta in Mexico on Oct. 13. Shirley told Charles that she was going with or without him, so he decided he better keep her company.

Calendar:

All chapter's upcoming events are listed in column.

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There were 53 attendees at the annual Midway Gals and Guys 20th reunion luncheon. As the weather was lovely, this unusual low attendance at this event causes one to wonder if some of the old regulars are no longer able to drive. Could car pooling be a solution in the future? We welcome your comments.

Chester Aszklar had heart surgery and is recuperating in Ohio under his brother's care who is also a doctor.

Robert Cooney fell and was hospitalized but is now in Manor Care at 4225 Kirchoff Rd. Rolling Meadows, IL.

Irene Miller was in the hospital for four days on IV for low sodium. It's a hard way to get more salt.

Patricia Muha advises that **Elinor Whates**, a retiree from CHIRR, died July 14th, 2008. Condolences may be sent to her daughter Connie Whates at 802 Meade, Roselle, IL, 60172.

Jim & Louise Sommerfield visited fellow retirees **Penny & Wink Warren** in Elizabethtown, KY. They toured Lincoln's birth place and a resort that Abe's father built in 1821. They also saw museums of antique autos, Coca Cola memorabilia, and General Patton's armored cars.

Cecelia Yates went to visit her daughter in New Orleans, but Gustav also arrived. The visit of Gustav kept them housebound for five days.

The Northsiders welcomed **Zaida**, 1990 retiree, and **Gilbert**, 1992 retiree, of the Gilbert family team. They worked at ORDHM.

Jason, the grandson of **Bonnie & Ed Meyer**, ran a mile in 18 minutes in the six-year-old league. Any sixty year old want to try that?

Two anniversaries in October: **Lura & Fred Shields** celebrated 55 years and **Arlene & Thomas Paul** closing in at 52. Many more happy years to all of you.

We had twenty two Southside Skyliners who got cozy enough to need a sixth table for the next month's get together. The four winners of the raffle were **Mary Brandt**, **Javier Chavez**, **Bill Adams**, and **Esther Broderson**.

Rich Surma has a special message for all: *Get ready for the Chicago Skyliners 2008 Christmas Luncheon. All is set for Tuesday, December 9th at the Avalon Banquets. The NORAD Santa tracker is warming up; the reindeer are finishing their training, and Santa is putting the final coat of paint on the red sleigh and waxing the runners. This is all in preparation for Santa's big moment when he comes to visit us at this gala Christmas Luncheon.*

Our holiday committee has an exciting program presentation to make the luncheon a festive celebration. Our entertainment group will bring back memories of yesteryear along with traditional holiday music.

This is the largest attended function for our retirees held during the year, and we are hoping that your participation will serve to make this a truly joyous event.

The holiday luncheon is open not only to retirees but also to your families and friends. Don't wait until the last minute to reserve your place. Come join in the camaraderie and make your reservations now. Early registration is encouraged. For your convenience, your 2009 membership dues of five dollars may also be included with your luncheon reservation payment. This will assure your receiving all the 2009 luncheon flyers.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**October 28 & November 25**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**November 12**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**November 4**).

Oct. 14 - Fall Luncheon - Meridian Banquet Hall.

Dec. 9 - Christmas Luncheon – Avalon.

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The September Luncheon had 13 very happy and lively members, including **Norm Pearson**, back hale and hardy from heart surgery last July, attending on a beautiful warm and sunny day in downtown Chicago.

Carol Faust told us about the Travel Desk which is up and running. You can call to make reservations or go to WHQ to do it in person.

We want to acknowledge and give deserved credit to the "Great Street Restaurant" personnel for making our wonderful luncheons possible. The restaurant is beautiful with an atrium, in a magnificent setting overlooking the Chicago River, kitty corner from Trump Tower, and our tables set up by the windows for the view.

We have superb service from Felipe who takes our orders and gives us separate checks. Domingo supplies our rolls with gourmet butter and the water glasses are always filled.

Mara arranges to have our special tables set up and Matt Ochse, the Director of Restaurants, makes us feel very welcome and is proud of his restaurant and staff.

There was a special Oktoberfest seasonal menu with German specialties which most of the members ordered and all said the entrees were delicious!

To end our excellent meals, we were given a special treat of complimentary desserts selected from the large buffet with so many choices and all yummy!

It is the company of fellow retirees, the outstanding lunches and service that make our Loop Group luncheons so enjoyable. Come and join us at the next luncheon in November.

Calendar:

November 19 – Luncheon at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (Great Street Restaurant) – 11:30 a.m. (Please email or call me before noon of November 18th to confirm your attendance.)

December – No luncheon scheduled

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This month's article is sad to write.

On September 27, **Christiane S. Steele-Gibson** passed from this world. Wife of **Jim Gibson**, retired former mechanic at ORD and IND, she was born in Verdun, France. Chris had struggled with cancer for several years. Those who knew her marveled at her positive attitude and strong faith. Recently, her sister had visited with her from France for a month. Jim and Chris were very active in our group. Adieu, Christiane.

Sympathy goes also to **Ron & Cheri Innis** and their family on the loss of Ron's mother. Ron worked in HOU and retired from IND.

Plans are in the works for our annual November "Toys for Tots" program. **Ray Brabo** contacts the Marines and they send representatives out to put on a presentation and collect the toys we donate. Toys need to be unwrapped. Generally, we treat them to lunch. Last year one of the Marines won our 50/50 raffle.

At our September meeting, **Ray & Hannalore Brabo** introduced **Heinz & Monika Schliessmannn**, visiting from Germany. **Dave & Dimples Rihel** just returned from traveling to Florida, they were unable to attend our meeting. **Elly & Bud Barnett** are busy making arrangements with Dave and Dimples to cruise the Panama Canal. I understand there are some great interline rates.

Calendar:

November 10 - Regular meeting 3:00 PM, room available from 2:00PM at Golden Corral, 2224 E. Hadley Road, Plainfield, IN

December 20 - Christmas party at Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville, IN

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The Nor'Easters September 24 luncheon/meeting was held at Issac's Restaurant on Plymouth, MA harbor. The view and food were excellent, but the company, even better. For the first time in many moons, we had the founding and long time BOS Red Carpet ladies together, **Patti Austin**, **Mercedes Hersom** and **Audrey Joyce**, along with a regular fill in and their foursome in wild endeavors, **Patty Mix**. The Wild Bunch! So good to see and talk with them. Also, not seen in some time, **Gerald & Peggy Peters** and **George Mavreles** who advised that physical problems had kept him away. A special thanks to **Helmet Humbley** for always sharing a ride to a fellow member.

While trying to glean info for the Newsletter from chapter members, I got this: **Bill Shailor** advised he would have been celebrating his sixty fifth anniversary this month had his first wife and three children not passed away in an auto accident in DEN. However, his second marriage blessed him with a good family and nine grandchildren, so far. **Gerry Peters** said, "I'm still breathing". **Marge Le Clair** brought her son and daughter in law from AZ as guests. Her grand daughter Amy, once a regular guest, now lives a considerable distance in western NH. **Bob & Jean Lincoln** had a recent trip to HNL, got first class on the outbound and economy plus on return. No problem getting on and the service was fine, but definitely not what it use to be. **Lew & Sylvia Shakley** will be snow birding to FL in their RV. They take their time, visiting friends and

relatives while heading south with their own bedroom. Sounds like the way to go. **Paul & Mary Ward** will snow bird to Naples FL from Oct. 1st to the end of May. I'm jealous!

The 50/50's were won by **Gerald Peters & Charlie Staula**. Gerry returned his winnings to the chapter to be added to the Christmas luncheon costs. Free lunches were won by **Rene Higgins & Bill Marios**.

It saddens me to report the death of **Paul Bradley** on Sept. 9. Paul had a fall and passed away in the hospital from injury complications. Paul was part of a generation of ticket agents in BOSTR, before the arrival of my group in the late 60's hiring frenzy. With his passing, that senior group is narrowed down to just **Ron Barkley, Ken Washburn, Bob Seibold, Bob Wilson** and **Mercedes Hersom**. Low and behold, several of the people from my group are now also gone. So, we'd better ENJOY while we're here!

November's birthdays: **Bob DiPippo, Joe Duda, Ray Forster, Marcia Kilpatrick, Bob Seibold, Llyn Walter** and **Dick Woodworth**.

November's anniversaries: **Ed & Kathleen Aldorisio** 43 years, **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** 28 and **Paul & Mary Ward** 46.

By now, all chapter members should have their 2009 membership renewal applications via US Mail. If you don't have one, please phone or e-mail me.

Once again, please consider your own nomination for chapter officers at the next meeting. I'm sure most members think this is a back breaking mission. It's not, in fact, these positions truly are a good experience. Example, when I started as secretary, although I knew everyone's face, I didn't know anyone's name. I do now! Not bad, huh? Imagine what you could accomplish, plus giving yourself benefits!

Last but not least, be aware, a shinbone is a device for finding furniture.

Calendar:

December 10 - Christmas Luncheon, Danversport Yacht Club

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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October 2nd, 22 Escapees gathered at Station 885 in Plymouth hosted by **Gay Givens**. Everyone received a trick or treat bag full of goodies and a little pumpkin filled with candies and we never even had to go door to door to beg for our treats and it wasn't even Halloween yet. However, I do believe we all dressed up like a bunch of seniors. We were very happy to welcome back after many months **Lil Burger** and **Sallie Reithel**, and for the first time this year **Mike Clynych, Orrie Peters** plus **Gail Stewart (Chauvin)** for the first time ever. **Joan Benoit** surprised **Lil Burger** and **Helen Venn (Joanna O'Brien's Mom; who joined us for the first time since she tumbled down the stairs,)** with a Birthday cake and they both share Oct 15 as their special day.

By the time you read this, **Marie** and sister **Joan**, along with **Bonnie & Chet Fleming** will have spent another adventure with a bunch of Loonies in Dodgeville, WI. I do feel sad, as I am not able to keep my promise to **Jo Madden**, who was so looking forward to joining us again for this event. It was just a year ago that she met all these Loonies and could not wait to be with them again. Of course, I will be carrying her in my heart.

Lastly, love and prayers to all our hurting RUAEA members, especially **John Leroy**.

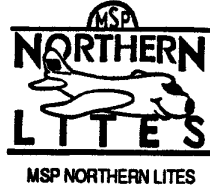
Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

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In September, we were heartened to see some faces that we hadn't seen in a loooooong time. **Darrell & Carol Schueler** joined us for lunch & it was great to have a chance to visit with them. Another rarely seen alumna was **Cindy (Koentopf) Bjerre**, who we had last seen when the RUAEA convention was in MSP in 1999. **Rick & Yvonne Jones** also joined us for lunch after several months' absence. We also had the chance to meet **Mary Killian's** guest, **Joyce Farrell**, who was visiting from Washington State.

Our annual picnic was a success, thanks to **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson**. We had great weather for it, good food & everyone enjoyed the wines that Lyle makes & brought to share with us all.

One of our local nurseries, Bailey's, has developed & is selling a beautiful yellow rose as a memorial to the passengers of Flight 93 on 9/11. Its name is "40 Heroes". Look for it next spring at Bailey's or your nearest nursery.

We're saddened by the death of **Mary Lou O'Brien**, wife of **Don** (MSPCG). Condolences may be sent to the family at 12684 Ottawa Ave., So., Savage, MN 55378. Our condolences, also, to **Janet Meyer** for the death of her mother.

A couple of our members are recuperating ~ **Bette Briest** from hip replacement surgery & **Alice Hendrix** from a broken ankle. We were glad to see Alice up 'n' ambling again. We look forward to seeing Bette & Wes at lunch again soon.

About 20 Northern Lites & guests enjoyed a beautiful autumn day cruising on the St. Croix River which bisects the states of Minnesota & Wisconsin. We met for lunch (first things first, y'know), then boarded the boat for the narrated trip on the river. We were rewarded with several sightings of bald eagles; both adult & juvenile, perched on the treetops along the craggy bluffs which line that beautiful waterway.

Calendar:

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

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Brrrr! – that's all I've got to say. Our picnic at Chalco Hills was rather chilly. Of course, we all knew it would be that way when we got out of bed and it was 44°. However, the sun was out and we fought for the two picnic tables in the sun. Our thanks to **Keith & Jan Cornish** for hosting with help from **Arnie & Shirley Mahoney**.

Mel Harrison gave us some news concerning **Clara Deaver**. She hadn't been feeling very well and two weeks ago was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She is to start chemo right away. Clara, 89 years young, has golfed and bowled many years and is still active in both. So, she has always been in great health and I'm sure that will pull her through this illness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Clara.

It was good to see **Paul Steuri**. He had fallen in August and broke his left arm, but now has a brace where he can bend his arm. He said he had been in a cast before, so this brace was much better. Thanks to **Dick & Marilyn Weak** who went by and picked Paul up.

Peggy Casebeer called and said she had been taking lots of tests all summer to find out what was wrong with her back. Her diagnosis is spinal cirrhosis. She got a shot; however, she will look toward surgery around February, if not before. She has been in severe pain and if she doesn't eventually have surgery, she will end up in a wheelchair.

Nick & Judy Nekonchuk were there and he was happy that they were having a get-together for the people who took the 3 trips to Washington, DC to see the WWII Memorial. Judy said they would be having a dinner for all of them at the Strategic Air Command Museum the latter part of September. She said Runza was providing a bus to pick up those people who went from outside the state of Nebraska. Isn't that wonderful? I had a call from a gentleman in Denver who had read the letter in the RUAEA publication about Nick going to Washington, inquiring as to how he could find out who to contact. I gave his phone # to Judy and she gave him information.

I talked to **Dorothy Glover** a while back and she said **Bob** is doing pretty well. She goes about every day and most of the time he recognizes her. She said the new Veteran's Home in Bellevue is really nice. I am so happy for Dorothy that it is closer to where she lives as she had a long way to come when he was at the old Veterans Home at 150th & Maple from Beaver Lake.

Calendar:

Nov. 4 - Old Country Buffet

Dec. 2 – Anthony's Christmas Dinner – Hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

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By the time we read the RUAEA November newsletter, we will have a new US President and Vice President. It's an exciting event to look forward to, since we've all been on the campaign trail for over a year! We hope and pray that the elected officials will be the best for our Country and Citizens. Speaking of elections, the "Gamblers" will be electing new officers for 2009 at the October meeting. Also, plans will be made for the December Christmas gathering.

Not a lot of news on our members this month. I hear that **June Martinez** has been ill, but don't have details at this time. **Dan Martinez** lost his 100 + years old Mother. Our condolences, Danny; not many of us are able to keep our parents for so many years.

Well, an exciting event came about in Ely, NV. Great Lakes Airlines, based in Cheyenne, WY is now providing air service between Ely, NV-Moab, UT-Denver, CO; one flight in daily, with return to DEN. With DEN being such a great connecting city, we hope the service will prosper and continue. Great Lakes sponsored a nice gathering with food and refreshments to celebrate their opening service. I attended, and happened to be wearing my "United Airlines - Denver Pride" T-shirt. That immediately got the attention of the Great Lakes Regional Sales Rep, Mary Osborne. We began "chattering" about UAL, since Great Lakes partners with United Airlines and Frontier. Then I met James Adams, Station Mgr; he is also Manager for Ely Jet Center, and Ron Williams is Airport Manager for White Pine County Airport, Yelland Field. Mr. Adams proceeded to tell me about the passenger stairs they were using. Can you believe they are the same stairs used way back when UAL flew into Ely? Big, beautiful United Airlines Shield! A couple of years ago, a movie ("My Blueberry Nights") was being filmed in Ely, and a Miami Charter flight, B737 was coming in with about 150 film people. There was no way to deplane the passengers, except for rear stairs on the airplane. That's when James Adams pulls out the old UAL passenger stairs from the dust, sagebrush, and tumbleweeds, oils 'em up and pressure washes them ... VOILA ... good as new! They've been using them every since!

Mr. Adams took photos of **Mary Osborne** and I at top of stairs, making sure the Shield showed, and, of course, my UAL T-shirt! There is also a UAL baggage cart being used that looks so sturdy; I'll bet they don't make carts like that anymore. **Tom Goodyear**, I'm going to forward the photos to you for your historical "stuff". I haven't looked up our reciprocal agreement with Great Lakes yet, but what a wonderful way for some

of you retirees to see the beautiful country around Ely. Now is a great time of the year, before the snow flies.
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 27 attendees at our September meeting, including guest **Irene Bravos**, a guest of **Kathy Robinson**. Our treasury balance is at \$866.

RUAEA – I continue to travel and meet with the other groups. This month will be to the Northstaters with more trips coming up in October. Remember, next year the Convention is in Phoenix. I will be attending a board meeting early in October and will share whatever info. I get at our October meeting.

We were saddened to report the passing of **Dan Girton**, retired UAL Planner/Analyst at SFOOV and later at OAKUM. He passed way Aug. 20th after battling cancer. A memorial services was held on Sept. 6th at the Fernley Veterans' Cemetery. **Gregory Giller** also passed away at his home in Sacramento on Aug. 10th. He worked as a mechanic at UAL from 1966 – 2002. He was buried with military honors at the Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery. **Gene Klinkner** passed away on Aug. 28th. Gene had retired from SFOEP, Manufacturing Engineering in 2003. Several members of Sierra Roundup had worked with Gene at the MOC Engine Overhaul Shops.

Our Christmas luncheon is scheduled for Monday, December 8th, at the 19th Hole. Social hour starts at 12 noon, with lunch following at 1:00. Specific information will go out in November about the menu and cost.

The winner of the 50/50 was **Gil Wehrenberg**. Winner of the 2 mystery gifts were **Lynda Klemm & Pat Nettles**. September birthdays were celebrated by: **John Brown, Elizabeth Brown, Ray Knutson, Al Wiese, Jeff Nimori**, and **John Zoboli**.

Jean Stephens, with **Pat Nettles** as backup, has kindly agreed to be our 50/50 lady. **Bill Perkins** has also graciously agreed to be our "Cake Man" each month. John, Pat, Kathy & Mary **THANK** these members for stepping up and offering to help.

Thank you to **Elizabeth Brown** for arranging the September luncheon at **Palais de Jade**. *We will meet there again in October* and make a final decision about making the move permanent. **Joe Robinson** was hired at UAL 49 years ago on our meeting date of Sept. 8th. My, how time flies ... **Helaine Jones** had a sample scarf that Clipped Wings members sell for \$20 to benefit the charities they support.

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The Gardenstater had their annual picnic on August 27th at Merrill Park in Colonia, NJ. Wow! What a day! We couldn't have asked for a better one. There was over 70 people attending, some whom we haven't seen in a long time, we even had the ducks visiting us from the nearby stream. The food was catered, we had all kinds of goodies besides the usual hamburgers and hot dogs and as usual, a lot of the women brought homemade cakes, cookies, etc. that even though we were full, we still had room for, and of course watermelon. Games were played with all kinds of gifts donated as usual by President **Dick Confer**, we even had flowers on every table. In addition to the picnic, we celebrated **Charlie Jones'** birthday, who claims he was 29 and **Violet & Marty Etler** celebrated the 54th Wedding Anniversary that day.

The door prize was a Certificate for Applebee's and won by **Ellen Confer** and the 50/50 was won by **Ellen Confer** and **Bob Burke**. A great day was had by all.

The Gardenstaters met on September 24th at Snuffy's Restaurant, Route 22, Scotch Plains, NJ. President **Dick Confer** was away so Vice President **John Deily** conducted the meeting opening with a flag salute. A moment of silence was held due to the death of **Alex Brown**, Air Craft Maintenance.

Violet Etler read the minutes for the August picnic. **John Muphy** gave the treasurer's report. **George Wittman** reported on the free tickets for the Garden State PAC. He said the show was excellent. We should all use these tickets.

The next meeting we will be celebrating Halloween; we should all come in costumes.

Also if anyone would like to be an officer, please let **John Deily** or **Dick Confer** know.

Elections will be held next month.

NEW YORK



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September 10th, 24 Chippers met at La Bella Sicilia Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant in Cheektowaga, NY. This was the day to blow all diets and just enjoy. The menu consisted of Pizza, Chicken Wings, Lasagna, and Ziti with sauce and for desert, a choice of Carrot Cake, Cannoli or Cheesecake. LaBella's serves this menu buffet style and when the evening was over almost everyone had a large size white box to take home. In our case, I managed canolli's for the boss. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

A surprise visit from **Angie Page**, a member for years but rarely seen. Angie started in Buffalo, served in San Jose, San Francisco, Seattle and when she retired, returned to Buffalo. Hurry back! It was a pleasure seeing you again.

Nancy Haas, a recent retiree at BUFCS, joined the group for the first time and it was a pleasure seeing her again. When United ran its own checkpoint, Nancy was one of the very early checkpoint people with the contract security service. United hired her and for a time she worked in Dulles before returning to BUFCS. We look forward to seeing you many times in the future.

No one has been reported on the sick list, enough said.

Initially, this meeting was planned as a picnic but trying to find a site, plus the NY rules on having to get a permit for the public site, a permit to serve beer, etc. plus the other nonsense; it was easier to stay inside and let La Bella's do all the work.

Conversation for the night consisted of discussing, the every changing tide at good old UAL, the enrolled Friend Program. It was noted that through at least October, the Buffalo station had seen no cancellation of flights, in fact it had hired personnel because of a new heavy cleaning program of overnight aircraft.

The annual Christmas Party will be sponsored, with a little help on our part, by the working people of United Buffalo. December 5th is the tentative date as of this writing.

NEW YORK METROS

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Thank you **John Klos** for leading the Metros' September meeting at The Millerridge Inn. Not only did John step in for **Jim Richardson** as president, he wrote and sent the minutes, for the same meeting, for Rose Schneider as secretary. Outstanding job!

A little trivia: The year **Dan Duran** was born "Pretty Baby" was recorded by Billy Murray. Dan celebrates his birthday on the 15th. "Pretty baby, pretty baby."

Gerry & Pete Korsch celebrate 51 years of marriage on October 26th, while **Joan & Dave Curtin** "tied the knot" on the 3rd of Oct, 1954. The couple of the month is **Pat & Bob Gilson**, on Oct. 25, 1952 they will celebrate their 56th anniversary.

Once again **Mary Shepherd** moved. Her new, new phone number is (718) 543-0141.

Please keep in your thoughts & prayers for **Betty Vernillo**, (516) 931-5946 and **Mary Lou Ellis** (516) 541-4958. I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

Joe Totaro reminded the membership he is collecting for the Marathon School Christmas party. Unwrapped toys to determine sex and age of the handicapped child receiving the gift. The "METRO" RUAEA Chapter and I.A.M. local 1322 are sponsors of the annual party.

There was an unanimous decision at this meeting to have both **Charlie Kaczinski & Paul Cohen** re-elected as our Vice President and Treasurer for the next two years. Both men have been doing an outstanding job and are a great asset to the chapter.

Ed Pozzi's name was put up for nomination for the "Arthur Shepherd President's Award. Directly after the November meeting, the former recipients of the "John Pucillo Award" will gather together to select this year's recipient. Both awards will be presented at the annual Christmas Luncheon in December.

Happy 5769 and a Good Yom Kippur!

Charlie Kaczinski advised the chapter that United Airlines will be closing six maintenance stations along the East coast, which means more layoffs and bumping.

Roy E. Portelli, Julius & Rose Schneider took a road trip from New York City to Branson, Missouri. They attended a Korean War Army reunion and saw a few shows. They continued south to Mobile, Alabama to visit a retired Delta airline employee, **Emily Cloutier** LGACS. Emily lives in a town where every one pays the same amount of property tax no matter how small or large the house. A short stop at Pensacola to see the air museum at the Naval Base before the 3 continued home to New York. The Buick's odometer read 3,002 miles and three very tired, but happy to be on the road again travelers.

Please let **Rosemary Totaro** and/or **Dee Talochino** know if you will be attending the Christmas Luncheon in December at the Millerridge Inn. Thank You.

Calendar:

Nov. 5 – 12 noon, Millerridge Inn, in Jericho, NY

Dec. 3 – 12 noon, Millerridge Inn, in Jericho, NY. It's our Christmas Banquet

January 2009 - No meeting

February 4, 2009 - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

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Bernie & I would like to THANK **Nancy Carter** for hosting the Oct. 1st event at Old Oak Bible Church. Nancy so graciously volunteered to host the luncheon for us. There were 83 Buckeyes present along with 1 guest.

On July 10th, our Annual Picnic was held at W. J. Green Lodge in the Mill Stream run of the Metropark System. Seventy-Nine people attended. This included 73 members and 6 guests. **Lou & Joan Gaydos** came from FL, **Lee & Linda Graham** from VA were guests of **John Hughes**, & **Phil Gaudio**, brother of **John & Lou**. I'm told that everybody had an enjoyable time. **John & Dolly Taucher** hosted this Annual July Picnic. Thanks for all your hard work & dedication in making this a memorable day.

July's anniversaries: **George & Mary Lou Kuretz** - 47 years, **Jeff & Judith Spooner** - 43 years. Congratulations!

Marilyn Gschwend, a long time member passed away in July. Marilyn was in charge of the 50/50 for many years.

On Oct. 1st, Bernie & I hosted a luncheon at Old Oak Bible Church in Middleburg Hts. The gathering took place at 12 Noon with luncheon served at 12:30pm. The food, as always, was delicious.

Some of our members have recently lost loved ones or are experiencing health problems at this time. I hope that each day becomes a little brighter, and your spirits are lifted. Take care & God Bless.

Calendar:

Nov. 5 – Williams ON-THE-LAKE in Medina, doors open at Noon with luncheon to follow at 12:30pm, prepaid.

Dec. 3 - Annual Christmas Party at Coppertop at Cherokee Hills in Valley City, Doors open at Noon, prepaid.

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Attendance was down in September as there were only 69 at our meeting. The nice thing about a small group is the opportunity to mingle and move around more easily. The winners of our monthly prizes were: Door prize: **Mary Nolan**; Birthday: **Jane Futrell**; Anniversary: **Mary Ann & Labe Walton** celebrating their 50th and 50/50: **Juanita Null**.

Mary Ann and Labe serenaded us with the love song from "Phantom of the Opera" in honor of their 50th and brought twelve "The Age of Flight" books that were given out in a drawing. The winners of the books were as follows: **Len Blodgett, Bob Boelter, Margaret Borbely, John Carter, Mike Metcalf, Mary Nolan, Bill Shaw, Dave Smith, Jean Sperb, Lyle Sperb, John Van Reenan and Tom Walker**.

Gene & Lori King brought three beautiful bouquets of dahlias to be given away and the winners were **Connie Bauer, Margaret Borbely and Mac & Naomi Heywood**.

The only person reported to have health issues this month is **Jan Mortensen**. Jan hasn't been to a meeting lately because of a back problem. Hope to see you soon Jan.

I'd love to hear from more of you with information for my column. It is difficult to write the news when no one seems to come forward. You can always call or e-mail me anytime.

A reminder to anyone who has a little time to spare, the travel desk needs more volunteers. Please call **Tina Lewis** at (503) 287-2546 if you are interested.

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

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

November 12 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

December 10 - Christmas Luncheon/Party

January 14, 2009 - TBA

OUR CLUB

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OUR CLUB
Southern Oregon Happenings

Thanks to **Alberta Randall**, the 19 OUR Club members who gathered at Hunan Garden in Grants Pass on October 3 had a delicious Asian lunch combined with good company and lots of lively chat. We missed **Cyndi Austin** and **Russ Randall**, both of whom were under the weather and unable to attend. Our well wishes go out to each of them. It was fun to again include guest Linda, **Mary Crees'** friend. Linda has become a valued regular at our luncheons and we appreciate that her presence enhances Mary's ease in joining us each month.

Alberta Randall passed around a newspaper clipping of a Norwich, England school reunion she attended during a recent trip to her native England. As enjoyable as it was to read about the reunion and hear about **Alberta's** and **Russ'** travels, one can only imagine how much fun they had in the actual doing. They admit, however, they're glad to be home and look forward to staying put for a good long while. Except for the snowbirds, it appears most of us are getting ready to hang up our wanderlust and settle in for a cozy winter.

Calendar:

November 7 - TBA - **Bob & Ida Rogers**

December 5 - Holiday Party - The Brewery, Grants Pass - **Alberta & Russ Randall**

PENNSYLVANIA

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Our executive committee met at **Kathy & Al Edward's** on Sept 22nd to finalize plans for the Ronald McDonald House dinner on November 20th. Everyone was assigned a dish to either purchase or prepare. We are preparing a meal for 70 people so it is taking some organizing for us to be certain it all goes well.

We also decided to attend the Christmas Show again this year in Lancaster, PA.

Since we have no entertainment scheduled for the October meeting, **Frank Egges** will show the DVD that we received on our visit to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel in Shanksville, PA last May.

Marge & Frank Egges hosted a delicious lunch. Treasurer **Tom Lyons** gave a report and an update on those members who have not paid their dues for this year.

Frank Egges asked that anyone who would like to make a contribution to the Flight 93 Memorial fund that the checks be made payable to "CHAPEL 93 MEMORIAL" and mailed to: **Frank Egges**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please be certain that your file number, name and address on your check.

Calendar:

Oct. 13 - General meeting, 12:30PM at the Ramada Inn

Oct. 27 - Committee meeting, 12:30PM at the **Edwards**



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Wow, I almost missed the column this month. Thanks to **Virgil** and a polite nudge. Here goes. He does a good job of keeping us on our toes.

I had a flu shot a couple of days ago and it knocked me down. I could just blame it on a senior moment.

The Fall luncheon will be covered next issue as it won't be held until the 17th. Sorry to report that **Mitch & Doris** won't be able to attend. Doris is still wheeling in her wheelchair (hasn't caught Mitch yet) and will not get her walking cast for another week or so.

I hear through the grapevine that the official audit team was quite pleased with the "books" and "bookkeepers" for the 2008 convention. Way to go **Barb**, and **Margie** too. ya did us proud!

Treatie Karwoski returned from a recent Board of Directors meeting and will recap the events at our Oct luncheon.

Don't forget to vote. It's a privilege.

Happy Marine Corps Birthday and Happy Thanksgiving

Calendar:

Oct. 17 – Fall Luncheon at Peter's Place – Bridgeville, PA, hosted by **Ken Wolfe**.

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The Golden Corral Buffet was the location of our September luncheon/meeting. We had our own meeting room off the main dining area. It was hosted by **Herman & Bev Emmel**. The food was good and as usual, several of us ate too much! We had 32 members present.

Christa Mann recently had knee surgery and is recovering at home. **Cal Anthony** is currently undergoing treatment for his skin cancer. Since our Sunshine Person is moving, **Cecil & Rachel Adkins** have volunteered to be our new Sunshine People. This will be the last meeting for **Mary Lou & Jerry Barr** as they are moving to the Seattle area. They both have been very active in the Rocky Tops. Jerry has been President and Vice President with Mary Lou serving as Secretary and Sunshine Person. As a special thank you for all their years of service, **Jack & Sue Ferrell** put together a photo album of pictures they have taken through the years of various Rocky Top Activities. We also presented them with a gift card for the Cracker Barrel to enjoy as they drive west to their new home. **Maxine & Cal Anthony** sent a "farewell" card for all of us to sign. We all are going to miss them at our meetings.

Mike Chapin won the 50/50. The fall centerpieces were the door prizes and they were won by **Terry Taylor**, the **Huffs**, the **Goodettes** and the **Barkmanns**. **Mary Lou & Jerry Barr** had brought two sets of United Airline cups and saucers which were won by the **Huffs**. Our meeting in November will be hosted by our newest member **Jeannie Anderson**. We will be going to the Bear Cove Restaurant in Benton, TN. After lunch, we will take a tour of the Swift Airplane Museum at the McMinn County Airport in Athens, TN.

Calendar:

October 18 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 374 off I-40/75 toward Kingston Pike for one block.

January 21, 2009 - Hosts and Location to be announced.

February 18, 2009 - 9:30 AM Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville.

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On **October 7, 2008**, 18 chapter members met at the Golden Corral restaurant on 7200 S./700 E. where we had a private room, arranged by Chapter Pres. **Clair Anderson**.

We welcomed **Keith & Nancy Tronier**. Nancy related that, while on her usual 1½-mile walk, she felt chest pains, but kept walking all the way home ... and then went straight to the hospital where she was diagnosed with "heart attack." She is fine now, walks again, but a bit slower. - **Lila Maughan** also felt a bit under the weather, staying ahead of a cancer scare; she, too, was feeling better today. **Simon & Maureen Seikaly** visited, and we were glad to see them. Simon is not in the best of health, and Maureen assists whenever needed. To all our wonderful UAL coworkers, we wish good health to keep them going!

Hank & Mary Bons came; **Frank Christensen**, our new Chapter Treasurer, enjoyed lunch with us, and so did **Pete & Jackie Loyola**. **Grant Beutler** was cheerfully greeted by his friends, and so was **Mike “Kris Kringle” Brown** who, in the past, spent some of his Christmas holidays in LAS, much to the delight of the kids. His year-round silver beard makes him the perfect impersonator of Santa Claus, anywhere!

We missed a number of our regulars on this beautiful warm fall afternoon: **Bill Ottman**, now living in St. George/UT; **Aletha Cannon** & daughter **Shirlene Kohnlein** who, a month earlier, had told of a great exercise health group they had joined. **Kip** & hubby **George Lufkin** were otherwise engaged. **Frank Murdock** told of fishing plans for next year, his 36th trip to Alaska - if all goes well.

RUAEA member/Clipped Wings Members-at-large Chapter President (2006-2008) **Roni Romero Adams** of BOI recently lost her husband **Chic**; she was kind enough to send his obit write-up to the SLC chapter sec'y to show to his former SLC coworkers. All present at today's lunch were very interested in reading about **Charles “Chic” Adams** and appreciated Roni's thoughtfulness in passing the info on to them.

This RUAEA correspondent would like to thank **Kip Lufkin** for handling the RUAEA Sept. Report while her computer was “out of business.” The “*Salt Lakers*” sec'y, **Brigitte Murdock**, is now back in business with a new server, a new learning curve for the new computer, and a new e-mail address.

For our local chapter members - please mark your calendar for the November meeting: It is scheduled at the Murray Heritage Ctr. for **Wednesday, Nov. 5** -- one day *after* Election Day! Reason: The Center needed this day to accommodate election officials and their/our most important activities connected to the event -- **V O T I N G!**

Calendar:

Nov. 5 - Coffee Time - 9:30AM, Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray, UT

Dec. 2 - Christmas Lunch - Noon, Cornerstone Comm. Ctr., 10194 S. Cornerstone Dr. S., Jordan

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The Tidewater Seagulls met on September 18th at Amorys Seafood Restaurant, 2449 Old Taylor Rd. Chesapeake, VA 23321, (757) 488-9488 at 12 Noon. This is our new location since Lock Pointe closed. We had 25 in attendance including 2 new members **Richard & Lora Biron**. His last station was Manchester NH.

The hosts were **Van & Lainie Hefer**. The 50-50 winner was **Alfhild Young**. The guests were **Bill & Carolyn Davis's** aunt, Alfhild Young and **Betty Chaseys's** son.

Calendar:

October 16 - Armorys at 12:00 Noon

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We sadly learned of the passing of member **Joseph Zeillmann** of Federal Way at the age of 83 on August 22. Joseph had been highlighted in our September column prompted by his former New York co-workers calling to check up on him. Joseph, whose wife died in 2001, is survived by his son and daughter-in-law.

Sixty-six members and guests attended our September 11th meeting at Fairwood Country Club in Renton. Our hosts were **John & Mary Luke**. At the beginning of the meeting, we observed a moment of silence to honor those who lost their lives or were otherwise affected by the events occurring seven years ago.

Mary Luke gave a report on our meeting with the Fairwood catering manager regarding pricing. The good news is that Fairwood will not raise our prices for the foreseeable future going into 2009, which is good news indeed.

RUAEA president **Ron Robertson** and his wife **Shirley** were our guests for the meeting and they knew many of our members since Ron had held four different Seattle positions during his long United career. Ron spoke to our group and poignantly recalled their visit to the United Flight 93 Memorial at Shanksville, PA, which was one of the Pittsburgh RUAEA convention tours, and was impressed with the Catholic priest who had spearheaded the construction of the memorial chapel on the site. Ron then mentioned that plans are well along for the next national convention in Phoenix, May 17-24, 2009. He talked about United's new on-time performance recognition program to award active employees BP6A passes, giving them higher boarding priority than retirees. This program was revised to change the passes to BP8s after Ron and RUAEA's leadership became involved, along with others, to convince United to reconsider and make the change. We applauded Ron for his effective actions.

Treasurer **Helen Stanger** gave a financial report showing us to be in good shape and paid membership to be at 211. She then called our newsletter editor **Lu Gardiner** to the microphone and surprised her with an attractively packaged gift certificate from Nordstrom presented in appreciation for all her good work in keeping our membership informed monthly with a quality newsletter. Lu expressed her appreciation to the group and **Ginger Phelan** took a photo of Helen presenting Lu with the gift certificate. This was truly deserved recognition of Lu and her fine work!

Another special guest at our meeting was **Ed Clay** who held many high-level positions with United in his long career, including serving as vice president in Seattle from 1969-1973. Ed had moved back to the Seattle area from Southern California about a year ago and this was the first time we were fortunate enough to have him join us. During the course of the meeting, he renewed many friendships from the past and we were all happy to see him again. During our luncheon, he sat next to **Rita Reynolds**, his former administrative assistant in Seattle and when he spoke to the group he joked about Rita and her lovely English accent (she's originally from England) by saying that when he first came into his new Seattle office, he thought he'd "just stepped into the offices of British Airways." This drew a big laugh from everyone. Ed went on to say that he really enjoyed seeing everyone again and hoped to return again. He concluded by telling a funny joke that we all enjoyed.

Bob Brumfield spoke to the group and recalled when he first met **Ed Clay**, who had a reputation for remembering your name after having met you just once. The second time Bob saw Ed was when Ed became the new vice president in Seattle some time later and Bob and his boss were in their work area when Ed Clay walked up, immediately recognized Bob and said, "Hi Bob, how are you?" and began talking. Afterwards Bob's boss said, "You know him?" and their relationship became a little strained, perhaps out of envy. Bob also told us that the Chicago travel desk is now open Saturdays in addition to Tuesdays and Thursdays. The hours are 7-11 AM Pacific Time. The telephone no. is 1-877-242-0035.

The door prize winners were **Helen Stanger, Marie Wiesner, Dona Westpfahl, Marlene Nelson, Adelaide Haferbecker, Mary Weseman, Chris Thompson, Ken Wagner, John Paulson** and **Bud Dice**. The 50/50 winner was **Ernie Nelson**. **Bob Brumfield** assisted with the drawings, and many members donated door prizes.

Cris LeGassey and **Sue Crane** have announced Saturday, November 1 as the next SEARR reunion at Kona Kitchen at 8501 5th Avenue, NE, Seattle 98115.

We've learned that **Bill Wilson** who was retired as a cook in the flight kitchen at SEAHH and worked for awhile at EWRHH passed away July 10, 2008.

Members **John & Fern Lockhart**'s names can be heard mentioned on Seattle-area radio stations in an advertisement for their residence, Boulevard Park Place in Seattle. Fern is retired from SEAFO, Seattle Accounting and SEAHH. John is a retired U.S. Air Force officer, having piloted B-24s during WWII, and on one of his missions, he was shot down and became a prisoner of war in Romania for 13 months. They both enjoy living in Seattle and going on travel agency tours throughout the northwest.

Calendar:

November 11 – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

December – No Meeting

January 13 – Luncheon Meeting, Fairwood Country Club, Renton, WA

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October? What happened to September? – Pretty soon it's going to be 2009.

Attendance was up at our first “official” meeting of the season (September). For those of us who had not been able to attend the summer get-togethers (Thank you for graciously hosting them, Lucy), it was exciting to get back into the “groove” and once again, visit with old friends. Our President, **Linda Scriven** asked for a show of hands to represent each department from United as she called them out. Each department was well represented. CSR and Res were VERY WELL represented but the F/As and Pilots numbers are growing. We were especially happy to see some of our members who had been ill but had managed to come in spite of difficulties. **Gino Von Gotten**, who is losing his eyesight due to his diabetes, was happy when his good pal, **Bud Reed**, offered him a ride to the meeting.

For the October meeting, we were going to try for a train ride through the Skyline Drive to see the beautiful fall foliage. This is a most beautiful passage through the Shenandoah Valley and the Blue Ridge Mountains. This is a very popular scenic trip this time of year though, and they were already sold out. We will start early to get reservations for next year for this outing. Keep it in mind for October 2009. It sounds like a lot of fun! **Phyllis Wlotzko** is checking on a cruise for February or March. More to come on our lunch in Charlestown; last year everyone had a great time there – and we even had a few winners.

And a bit of trivia: Ellen Church was a registered nurse from Iowa who was so captivated by flying that she began taking flying lessons. In fact, when Church initially approached Steve Stimpson of Boeing Air Transport (BAT) for an airline job, it was for the position of pilot. Although Stimpson wouldn't hire her as a pilot, he did see promise in another of Church's ideas. She suggested placing nurses onboard planes in order to combat the public's fear of flying.

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 2!

Please contact the Loungers' officers with information about illnesses, deaths, special events, anniversaries, or whenever news should be shared with others. **Linda Scriven**, (703) 729-8616, UALEMP5936@aol.com; **Mari McColl**, (703) 471-8218, Marimccoll@aol.com.

Charlotte Philipoom (widow of Jake) suffered a fall and ended up in the ICU with a head injury. She is home now and we all hope she continues to heal from this accident. You can send her a card at: 4330 Cannon Ridge Court, Unit C, Fairfax, VA 22033.

Harry St. John (IADCG) continues to fight the mesothelioma, which has invaded his lungs. His good news is that the latest CT scan shows the disease has not progressed since he started treatment at Sloan-Kettering. Your love and support is truly helping him through this difficult time and he is extremely grateful for all the cards and calls from his friends at United. **Harry & Diane** are staying with their daughter in New Jersey but you can send him your get-well thoughts to: 4017 Amberjack Drive, Hernando Beach, FL 34607-3606. All mail is forwarded to him.

Dave Waggy (IADCG/CS) fell off a ladder at his home. Unfortunately, he suffered about 30 fractures and underwent surgery on his lower leg. He went to Georgetown Hospital for a second opinion of how to treat his ankle due to the complexity of the breaks. Our thoughts are with Dave as he goes through the recovery process. The family thanks everyone for their prayers and cheerful notes – they mean a lot. Get well wishes may be sent to 38700 Old Wheatland Road, Waterford, VA 20197-1018.

Our United family was saddened to learn of the death of **Ernie Martone** on September 7th. Ernie retired from DCARR in 1984 after 36 years of service.

Barbara Quinn, wife of Capt. **J. J. Quinn**, died August 31. Your condolences may be sent to Capt. John J. Quinn, 8504 Ardfour Lane, Annandale VA 22003-4506

Please visit www.dullesloungers.com, “Sunshine News”, for updates on members. And be sure to check out “Airline Humor” – courtesy of our fantastic webmaster, **Bud Reed**.

Tuesday, November 4 is Election Day!

Until next month. Fly Safe!

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Clipped Wings®, United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae and Flight Attendants, Inc., held their national convention September 24-27, 2008, at the Westin Hotel in Pasadena CA. Nearly 300 Clipped Wings® members and guests representing 32 chapters attended.

What a wonderful convention it was! With the help of SAN and OCC chapters, the LAX chapter outdid themselves. It was a great facility and fun times abounded at all events. This convention was dedicated to **Vicy Morris Young** MAL whose advocacy for and knowledge about Clipped Wings® is legendary.

Highlights of the fantastic “Wine and Roses” banquet: **Jan Tyrrell Lohr** MHT was awarded the Jacqueline Jos Ceaser Distinguished Service Award and Detroit Chapter was presented with the Best All-Around Chapter Award.

Newly elected officers for the 2008-2010 term are:

- ✂ President - **Pam Troutman Ziebarth** OMA
- ✂ Vice Pres. - **Barbara Fisk Vincent** SEA
- ✂ Secretary - **Christel Hasenbring Ilg** CHI
- ✂ Treasurer - **Sheryl Yanken Schubert** DEN
- ✂ Editor - **Mary Ann Niehus McGarry** LAX

In addition to electing new officers, the organization, through its delegates, approved spending approximately \$65,000 for the following:

1. Financial support and volunteer assistance for the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise, ID, in February 2009.
2. Financial support and volunteer assistance for the Special Olympics National Summer Games in Lincoln/Omaha, NE, in July 2010.
3. Financial support in the form of travel grants to parents of participants in the Special Olympics National Summer Games in Lincoln/Omaha, NE, in July 2010.
4. A donation to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA.
5. A donation to the CAUSE.
6. A donation to UAHF.

If you are interested in volunteering and being a part of Clipped Wings®’ participation at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho, Feb 6-13, 2009, it is imperative that you register with our Volunteer Coordinator, **Rosalie Betschart**, PDX before Oct 28, 2008. This is necessary for credentialing with the GOC. The Clipped Wings® hosted Family Reception will be Friday, Feb 13. We will have other volunteer opportunities during that week, so please let Rosalie know the exact days that you will be available in Boise. Her email address is: swissrose@msn.com. When emailing her, please use the subject line “CWBOI registration.”

The 2006-08 Fundraising Chairman and co-designer of the Clipped Wings® airplane scarf, **Barbara Boll Bertacini**, RNO announced at convention that the scarf will soon be sanctioned to be an optional part of the United Airlines Flight Attendants uniform. Because all funds raised with the profits of the scarves go to our support of Special Olympics, this is fantastic news. Thanks to **Jan Tyrrell Lohr** MHT and **Aurelia Spence Luton** DCA for their help in getting this done.

New Vice President, **Barbara Fisk Vincent** SEA will be writing the next article for this newsletter. She will also be happy to collect dues from all prospective members. You may contact her at bvincentps@aol.com. Check out our website at www.clippedwings.com.

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LIM, Albert A., SFOIQ 07/14/08
LOVEJOY, James L., DENFO 07/03/08
MADDOX, Ruth O., DTWHH 07/09/08
MANN, Jane R., JFKSW 07/24/08
MATOBA, Isao, DENPV 07/23/08
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LETTERS

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

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Correction:

In the October 2008 Newsletter under "Letters" (Pg. 33), we printed a letter from **Bill Gottman, 15 Freedom Way, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250**. The email address was incorrectly typed, it should have been kaygottman60@comcast.net. Please accept our apology.

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.)

Mike Fitzsimmons, 2375 Linnet Lane, Redmond, OR 97756

Hard to believe it's been 16 years since Donna retired and 6 years for me. Now that we have finally reached these wonderful "Golden Years" (65 plus), we have officially entered into the "Golden-you-then-me-Years." She has her doctor appointment followed by mine; her eye exam appointment followed by mine; and of course least we forget, her dentist appointment followed by mine. We can hardly wait for the "Golden-mine's-like-yours-Years," when we have matching walkers, look alike denture cups, and of course, the hearing aids. All things considered, it's better than the alternative. We've finally done some traveling. Just have trouble remembering where we went. Do still miss our friends at SFO. Wish you all the best.

George Sainer, 6712 Del Prado Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76133-5314

Thanks a whole bunch for a swell newsletter.

I am entering the 23rd year of retirement and am considered a teenager in reverse, only fourteen more years to make a hundred.

This year has been rough on me and my family. We lost our second son to cancer plus I am doing my share of keeping the medical people employed.

On the good side. I had a good visit with my family in late July.

Benjamin Reed, 773 Oakmeade Dr., Vacaville, CA 95687-5223

Here we go again, 19 years and still making it, I work at the museum three days a week and work at home the rest of the time.

Ramona is still using her walker and sleeps a lot. But life is still good. We went to out to our granddaughter's wedding and had a great time.

I am going into my 20th year of retirement; might make it to 31 yet, what a deal.

Hope everyone is having fun and thanks for the work you do on the newsletter.

Morris Iverson, 2791 E. Avenida De Pueblo, Tucson, AZ 87518-3162

It has been 26 years since I retired and I am still hanging in there.

I was wondering if there are any of my friends that I worked with at SFOFF still around. I would like to hear from you. They called me "Ivy," back then. Getting letters is my therapy. So anyone who likes to write letters, drop me a line.

My hat goes off to the staff of the newsletter for the great job they do. God Bless You.

Dorothy Pabian, c/o Valerie King, 49 Ensenada Rd., San Carlos, CA 94070

My Mom, **Dorothy Pabian**, has moved to assisted living, but she still enjoys the newsletter.

I know she would love to hear from some of her old friends from SFO Air Cargo. Mom was instrumental in being the first woman to work as a freight agent instead of the ladies booking reservations upstairs by phone. She did so well, she was replaced by two people. (The manager there did not want women working downstairs.)

June Nichols, *New Address* 465 Santee Dr., Santee, SC 29142; (803) 854-2929

The Travel Desk is so awesome in helping us with our travel needs. Thank you!

You will notice our address changed. We have found our retirement home. And no, we will not be shoveling snow or triple layering our outdoor attire.

Santee, SC is beautiful – there are no traffic woes – just plenty of golfing and fishing. Lake Marion is the largest lake in SC and the wildlife refuge here is awesome.

How blessed we are to look back at the great times and know we worked for a great airlines. This is what our retirement years will reap for us – a new beginning with wonderful memories.

We thank all of you – "put together" with the same goal in mind – "UNITED" as we remember. Have a great day! God Bless you all.

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

I am approaching my 23rd year of retirement in the mountains of Tennessee. Maxine and I have enjoyed living in Fairfield Glade, and made many new friends. This has been a bad year health wise for me. I developed a hematoma on my leg in January. The skin over the area died and I had to have 4 surgeries and 8 blood transfusions. Being on a blood thinner complicated the situation and after the skin grafts, it finally healed in July.

Also in June, I pulled my back out and had to have therapy for several weeks.

We have been unable to attend our Rocky Top meetings. We're saddened to hear **Jerry & Mary Lou Barr** will be leaving our group and moving to Washington State.

Thanks for keeping us informed via the newsletter.

Jean R. Landrieu, P. O. Box 329, Ridgefield Park, NJ 077660-0329

Thank you for another year of excellent reading.

It was fun finding out that people other than myself were touched by Edie Jones. Tell Ginny Madden – waste guy who painted all the windows in NYCRR – not a female at all, I worked in the staff area and almost asphyxiated the Res area with Krylon clear spray trying to protect some artwork from all the cigarette smoke – remember this was in the sixties – and I was about the only one who didn't smoke.

Thank you again and my best to all.

Carl Hanson, 6210 Sun Blvd. #606, St. Petersburg, FL 33715; BZYGLFN@aol.com

Thanks to all who put out the monthly newsletter. Look forward to receiving it every month. Over the past 11 years my wife, Darlene and I have spent so many good times with family and friends. The last three years we have lived in St. Petersburg, Florida. We love it here with the constant nice weather. We have met so many new great friends to socialize and play golf with. Even though my wife continues to work, we are able to travel and do so many enjoyable things, like an occasional cruise.

It's hard to watch UAL go through such tough times having to pull down service and lay off people because of continued high fuel costs. Sure hope service in/out of TPA isn't impacted.

Dan Mooney, 881 Pitts Road, Sumter, SC 29154

Hard to believe I retired ten years ago and still wake up and recognize my surroundings. Not that I'm complaining considering the alternative. Still miss the SFOMC, though. Had a lot of good friends there and naturally most have retired by now. Haven't used my UAL passes in about five years and the load factors on most flights seem to prevent it now.

Thanks for doing a great job with the Newsletter and the website, keeps us in touch with the other retirees and with the company.

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

Another year older and not any wiser! Hard to believe I will be 83 the 1st of September and been retired over 20 years. That has to mean that I am finally OLD! Never thought I would be around this long and still be as busy as I am.

Not traveling as much now as have seen most of the world I want to see. Am driving to more places, even with the high gas here in CA. I did fly UAL to Hartford in April. I left Gloria in Middletown, CT with son, Jeff, while I worked for the 9th year on the USS Slater DE 766. I've been helping restore the ship since our DESA group got the ship from the Greek Navy who got it from the U.S Navy in 1947, then we got it back in 1993. It is floating at the dock in Albany, NY. When the Greeks had it, it appeared in the movie "Guns of Navarone." You may have seen it. So when you are near Albany, go down the Hudson River and go aboard to see how I lived for 14 months during WWII most of it in the South Pacific in 1943-44.

At the present time, I am helping build an American Pilgrim aircraft up in Marin County, north of San Francisco. I have taken two wrecks apart that crashed in Alaska in the 1950's. The owner had them lifted out by helicopters and I disassembled what could be saved. When finished, it will be able to carry 10 people or lots of cargo.

A couple of years ago I told you about a mouse stuffing dog food up the tail pipe of my Ford Focus. Well, they came back for more dog food this year. I found food droppings on top of the Ford engine and down in the air ducts for the air conditioning which was a job to clean out! I placed traps all over only to find that the mice kicked them over and took the bait! So I put sticky pads down and that got a lot of them. I got an electric mouse trap and got the rest. It electrocutes them when they go to eat the bait. I caught 26 in all! What a mess to clean up and get the smell out of the garage. I keep the electric trap charged up all the time now. I don't want to go through that again, if possible!!

Hope UAL continues to live, as I want to visit the Slater again next May. The ship is being used in August by a Japanese movie company to make a movie about one of their subs and a U.S. ship doing battle. I don't know when it will be on screen.

Also another movie is being made about Amelia Earhart. It was supposed to use a plane I worked on, but they used another plane. They couldn't come to an agreement with the owner, I guess.

Thanks for another year of RUAEA. Thanks for having the organization and the Newsletter to keep us informed.

Frank Eggles, 3405 B307 West Chester Pike, Newton Square, PA 19073

United Airlines Retirees Employees Association have donated a total of \$5,500 to date towards the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Pavilion. Donations have been coming in very slow over the summer months and hopefully, this trend will pick up soon.

Again, thanks for all your help and generous donations. Please make checks payable to: Chapel 93 Memorial, mail to: Frank Eggles, 3405 B307 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Tarina Murray, 7619 Victoria Ave., Inglewood, CA 90305

I can't believe how fast time passes. I guess I am just having too much fun!

Charles is fine, not one medical condition all year! We took many mini vacations during the past twelve months with our granddaughter Anna "Banana". We went to Phoenix, Las Vegas, Boston, Newport Beach, our usual annual camping trip and Monterey for the Jazz Festival. We did not go to Jamaica this year but in July, we went to Cancun for 11 days. We flew there on Mexicana Airlines with no problem using ID90. The return flights did not look good so we decided to return NRSA on United to Los Angeles via San Francisco. We had no problem; in fact, we got First Class coming home.

My neck has been giving me a terrible time. I decided I can't take the pain any longer, so I am scheduled to have another fusion at levels one and two. I hope this one works; I think this will be my sixth neck surgery. You would think I was a giraffe! I look forward to my scrapbooking sessions with my dear friend, **Sandy**

Shimabuku-Ortiz, retired from LAXRR. Scrapbooking has become my newest passion next to cooking! It is not as much fun though when you are in pain the entire time. Could be worse, but I would love to be able to give up some of my pain medications.

Well, thanks again to the wonderful crew in Denver and to all, have a wonderful next twelve months.

Betty Grant, PO Box 434, Sedalia, CO 80135-0434

I can't pass the newsletter up. Charley never missed a word. Many remember him from the various stations he worked.

Charlie passed away in February after battling cancer for 3 years. We still traveled and kept thinking and hoping that he would lick it but no such luck. I sure do miss him but life must go on.

Anyway, thank you for the fine work you do and for all of the information provided.

Louis Kinkead, 634 Enrica Ln., Walnut Creek, CA 94597

I am still blessed with the same wonderful wife since February of 1946.

I have been retired for 22 years, so I don't recognize as many names as I did earlier. I miss all those wonderful people who made me and United look good.

I spend the first 9 years at OMA on night shift. After a year, I was made Lead Mechanic. Passenger agent, **Dick Deaver**, and **Art Bertacini** were so cooperative, many trips went out early.

I then had 10 years as chief mechanic in OMA and **Ernie Weiss** headed up the system line operation.

In 1966, ramp service was transferred to passenger service and stations started to falsify departure times. One flight was so bad it was cancelled. They often cancelled the OMA-LNK-OMA segment and bussed the people. The city of Lincoln complained, "*Do we have air service or bus service?*"

Years later when the 767's were ordered, I went to Boeing for training. The plane was backed out a few feet, baggage loading was continued and the flight crew was told to show up on time. Great people make it a great day. All of my UAL days were great.

I remember in WWII, every gallon of fuel for our planes in China was flown over the HUMP in barrels. A great General Chenault made the Flying Tigers great.

John Van Reenen, 2803 SE Balboa Dr., Vancouver, WA 98683-9184

Just a note to assure you that I really do appreciate the work you are doing to keep us informed about the business of UAL.

We had a beautiful 64 day cruise with the Holland America Line, which took us to far away places. We enjoyed it very much.

Harold Zerbock, 900 East Bay Dr. NE A-406, Olympia, WA 98506

I have been retired for 16 years and I am still alive.

I will be off to Europe for a bit in October; using other carriers ZED fares when possible.

I still volunteer at the SEA Travel Desk, which brings one in contact with many retirees.

Keep up the good work.

Betty Hopkins, 1514 North Patton Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

These birthdays come around so fast, after a certain age. This is what I will blame my tardiness on, I guess.

I do so enjoy getting the newsletter and finding out all the inside news of United. One of my favorites spots are the "*Travel Tips by Bob*". I could have never made my reservations without this help. Of course, it is great to read the news about all the retirees.

I had great birthday celebrations; went to Wrigley Field as part of it, but they lost. However, it was fun being part of the crowd, maybe this year. Like they say, anyone can have a bad century.

I had lunch with **Mary Pape**; I'm sure all remember her. She is still the wonderful person she was in the Credit Union and always a joy to be around.

Ernestine Manzo, 303 Henry St., Fairview, NJ 07022-2010

There is a conspiracy by a group organized to subtract days from the year since each year seems to be getting shorter and shorter. No more 365 days, now it is more like 300 days in a year!

I enjoy reading the many travel adventures that members have taken. I look forward to each monthly issue.

Jack Hersh, 212 Beverly Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070, jhershconsult@att.net

Well, another year has flown by and it is time to check in again. It is now 27 years since I took early retirement, hard to believe.

Last October, Rae (my fiancée) and I traveled to Portugal. I had been to Portugal five times previously when I was doing consulting. During those times, I traveled from central Portugal to the south. This time it was central Portugal to the north. We spent time in Lisbon and Porto and took a week long barge cruise on the Duoro River that separates Portugal from Spain. We also spent a day in Salamanca, Spain during this cruise.

Then from July 28 through August 9, my buddy and I were fishing off the west coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The fishing was great and we came back with 269 pounds of fillets of Chinook salmon, Ling Cod, Halibut and Red Snapper, all within limits.

After that fishing trip, on August 30, Rae, who has become an ardent fishing fan, and I went to that same place for some more fishing. We were lucky as we hit good weather and the Coho Salmon run was in. We limited out with our limit of 16 Coho Salmon from 9 to 14 pounds. We also caught 2 Ling Cod and 6 Sea Bass. This added up to 153 pounds of fillets. We are going to be eating very healthy for quite a while.

I look forward to the Newsletter every month. The crew that produces this Newsletter should be very proud of the service they are rendering.

Charles Johnston, 2201 West 25th St. #5, San Pedro, CA 97032, Marge-charles@cox.net

Hello to all my friends at RUAEA and thanks to the dedicated people who keep us in touch.

Life is good here in San Pedro, CA, because the weather has been amazingly nice all year long. We haven't been affected by the many fires that have consumed most of the state but we keep our fingers crossed because all the folks at Cal Tech say that it is just a matter of time before we get hit by "the big one". Earthquake, that is. It is hard to get excited but we do have escape and survival plans in our heads. Most of us have survival kits in our cars.

Travel has been an important part of my life for the past year and continues to occupy a lot of my time in planning new adventures. The travel privileges that we enjoy with United have been a wonderful benefit. From San Pedro, I can hop on a United Express flight and fly to Santa Barbara, Oxnard or San Luis Obispo to have lunch with other retired friends from United. It is also very important to get around visiting my relatives in Cincinnati, North Carolina, and Florida. The next trip will be to Honolulu and then on to Vietnam to visit a nephew. Life is full and I feel truly blessed.

John Cunningham, 5530 Diane Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117-1325

It was a relief to hear that the Retiree's BP6B travel authority and seniority priority were restored. The BP6B travel authority is the crown on what was one of the best retirement programs in the airline industry. The "A: 14 Recognition Program" had the potential of completely destroying that benefit. To see one of the few retirement benefits we have left all but eliminated, without compassion, and to have such a monumental action carried out without discussing it with RUAEA was discouraging to say the least. Many thanks to those whose efforts went into getting it put back on track.

Robert Pitts, 2305 W. Sigwalt St., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008-1732

I just completed a kitchen remodel and a back procedure, with hopes of having a knee replacement when the back pain subsides.

We have done no pleasure travel this year, just a trip to Albuquerque in July, paying full fare on United to attend a memorial service for my sister, Rita Davis, who passed away July 5th.

We hope to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of two special friends, **Bill** (ORD passenger service and EXO fuel purchasing) and **Dawn Thompson** in December in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

We will be celebrating our 50th next June. My wife, Dolores, was a former UAL payroll clerk at Midway, BC (before children), five of them and now five grandchildren.

We enjoy the newsletter. Thanks for keeping us informed.

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The "unmerger" proved to be a good thing for "Pat" Patterson and the airline. He no longer had to answer to Hartford or New York regarding management or purchasing decisions. It was no longer necessary to fly only Boeing planes or to buy Wasp engines if other companies offered better planes or equipment.

Thus, in 1934, management decisions for running the airline moved from Park Avenue, New York to the LaSalle-Wacker building in Chicago where the airline headquarters had grown from one small office in 1929 to occupy two entire floors.

Harold Crary, who had opened the original office became the Director of Traffic, Advertising & Publicity. Duard B. Colyer, a veteran of the Post Office Air Mail days as Superintendent of Operations for Boeing, be-

came Vice-president in charge of Operations.

Other new officers were Cyril B. Thompson, Secretary and Charles E. Brink, (who refused to fly) Treasurer. Moving into Technical and Executive positions were line-pilots Jack Herlihy, Bert Lott, Walt Addems and Russ Cunningham.

United was left with 6000 miles of airways. Harold Crary advertised United as "Air Transporta-

tion at its Best with passengers flown in Heated, Comfortable Cabin-Planes Coast-to-Coast in 20 hours for \$160 (\$288 round-trip)". United advertising boasted of "fifty-million miles of flying experience and 4 experts on the ground for every pilot aloft".

With the new government regulations and restrictions on the air mail, United's revenues for 1934 fell below those of 1932. This forced stringent economies and resulted in the cancellation of the Chicago-Kansas City passenger run.

Patterson sought relief, petitioning the Interstate Commerce Commission for hearings. It was 2 years before the ICC made an adjustment in the rates.

As Patterson remarked later, "... *the air mail cancellations ... were a blessing in disguise ... it was a spanking that made us better boys*".

Traffic staffs hustled as never before to find passengers and cargo and they got results. In 1933, on the Chicago-New York run, passenger revenue had constituted 40 percent of airline income, by 1936 it had risen to almost 58 percent of United's total earnings.

By Marvin Berryman DENTK, (Ret.)

This past month UAHF received donated items from: **Capt. Jack Hooper, Donna Miller, Jim Newman, Howard Grote, Jr., Mary Jane Kerr, Capt. Randy Naze, Nan Cavanagh, Paul Olson, Margaret Ann Foy, Marjorie Webster, Liz Starkey, Ron Bertacini (Candi Symes)** and a contribution from: **Marilyn & Conrad Evans.**

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