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North Star Kids



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(Clipped Wings Members from Left to Right)

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Memorial Garden at Chapel



Memorabilia near site of impact

Mark your calendar for  
May 23-30, 2010!  
**RUEA Convention**



**Orlando, FL  
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**May 23 - 30, 2010**  
**RUAEA Convention**  
**Orlando, Florida**

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of Orlando with us!***



The Orlando Real McCoys are extending a personal invitation to each and every one of you to come and explore the wonder, magic and beauty that is Orlando. *"The City Beautiful"* boasts over 300 sunny days each year and in May, our average highs and lows are mid-80's to mid-60's.

**DID YOU KNOW** ... that Florida's history dates back to 1513, when Ponce de Leon named it *"Pasqua Florida,"* Spanish for "feast of flowers." And our thriving citrus industry would not be, had Spanish conquistadors not brought the fruit during their 16<sup>th</sup> century explorations. The oldest city in the United States, **St. Augustine**, was established 42 years before Jamestown, and 55 years before the Pilgrims arrived in Plymouth Rock.

**DID YOU KNOW** ... that the **Rosen Centre Hotel** is environmentally friendly, using green certified cleaning products and light bulbs, growing organic herbs and even recycling cooking oil to power golf maintenance carts. The Rosen offers RUEA guests 15% off on hotel dining, free covered parking and on-site car rentals from Enterprise.

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**DID YOU KNOW** ... that we are already planning some unique tours to places like the **Kennedy Space Center** at Cape Canaveral, the **Fantasy of Flight** in Lakeland, a **St. John's River Cruise** for lunch, or maybe a **SunCruz Casino Ship**, a day of shopping and museums in famous **Winter Park**, even an airboat ride to explore the Central Florida Everglades, all designed to entice you to **"Come Share the Magic with us!"** How about a visit to **Gatorland**. Where else in the USA!

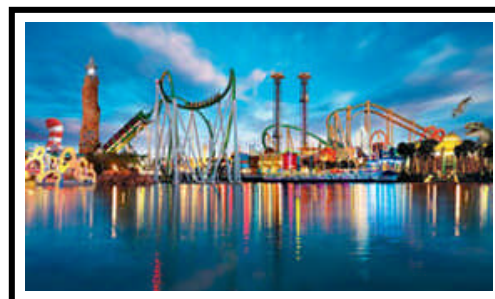
**DID YOU KNOW** ... that Orlando can offer you a production at the **Central Florida Ballet**, **Bob Carr Performing Arts Center**, the **Orlando Opera**, maybe **High Tea** at the Grand Floridian or golf at Rosen's **Shingle Creek Golf Club**. You can take it all in, with time to spare for just relaxing by the pool or chatting with RUEA friends in the Hospitality Suite.

**DID YOU KNOW** ... that one of the treats in store for you are the wonderful works donated by the talented RUEA folks. So please consider sending a donation for this year's convention. The Arts & Craft Raffle Chairs are **Angel & Julia Montalvo**. Please contact them by email at [myangel007@earthlink.net](mailto:myangel007@earthlink.net). Or call (407) 240-9255. All of your donations can be sent to: **Angel Montalvo** at 12303 Leeks Court, Orlando, FL 32827.

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# GENERAL NEWS

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### The Writers Column "A Pilgrimage to Pennsylvania" - Stories by Pam Troutman Ziebarth and Mary K. Dana, compiled by Phyllis Jack

On Sept. 10, 2009, nearly 50 Clipped Wings® members and guests gathered at the elegant Inn at Georgian Place in Somerset, PA to enjoy an evening of fellowship and a delicious dinner, following which we learned more about the events planned for the next day and given driving directions. On September 11, members representing 16 of our 31 chapters traveled to nearby Shanksville to attend two memorial services commemorating the eighth anniversary of United Airlines Flight 93 crash and honoring the 40 passengers and flight crew who died on that flight. After parking in a large field, we boarded a bus for the site, marked by an American Flag. It is preferably now called "*the point of impact*". A large white tent had been erected and several hundred people were in attendance - family members, national park officials and other dignitaries. The Red Cross gave each of us a bottle of water and we were directed to the far side, expecting to stand in the field. In our uniform of black pants, white tops and the Clipped Wings® scarf, someone came and led us to seating inside the tent - an unexpected but welcome surprise.

The theme of the day was "Upon This Sacred Ground - Courage Remembered." The service started early and was run smoothly by Joanne M. Hanley, Superintendent of the Flight 93 Memorial. Following opening remarks by Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, an Invocation by Rev. Robert J. Way, presentation and posting of the colors, Trace Atkins sang the National Anthem. Names of passengers and crew were read by family members and friends with "Bells of Remembrance" tolling after each name. When all 40 names had been read, a bagpiper played Amazing Grace. After this ceremony, there were remarks by several more dignitaries including Sec. Tom Ridge ("*We stand for those who stood for us*"); PA Gov. Edward Rendell ("*In 2011, we will dedicate a fitting memorial on 9/11*"); Congressman Bill Shuster ("*On Wednesday a memorial was placed at the Capitol in thanks to the men and women of Flight 93.... as it is assumed that the plane was headed there*"); and Gordon W. Felt, President of Families of Flight 93, who then introduced the keynote speaker: General Colin L. Powell, USA (RET). He told us he was in Lima, Peru, attending a conference when the attacks occurred. He was assured of total support by all the countries participating. He went on to say that the 40 Americans on Flight 93 were the first to

strike back at the attackers. They refused to let it just happen -- 40 Americans who didn't know each other and found the courage to fight back showed that Americans don't take it, but will always fight back. He admonished us "*to remember their spirit and sacrifice, that we were gathered in thanks, love and prayers for the loss of 40 heroes who prevented a far greater loss.*" It was a very somber and touching ceremony.

Afterward, we drove over country roads to find the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. It was created through the efforts of the Reverend Alphonse Mascherino (Father Al) after 9/11 to honor those on board United Flight 93. Although Father Al is a Catholic priest (who just became a Bishop), the Chapel is non-denominational. In addition to the Chapel, a Heroes Garden has been created that contains the Flight 93 crew monument donated by the CAUSE Foundation, which is a 16-ton, 14-foot high granite octagon obelisk. One of the eight faces of the obelisk contains the dedication inscription. Each of the remaining faces is engraved with a portrait of one of the flight crew. It is surrounded by four benches, each with some of the passenger names.

The service was attended by 150 people and was more intimate and emotional than the earlier service at the crash site. Father Al and others spoke, prayers were offered, hymns sung and music provided by the North Star Kids - a children's choral group from the Pittsburgh area. Each child in the group spoke the name of one of the Flight 93 crew and passengers, providing some personal facts about that person. The information was based on research the child had done on the individual. As each name was given, the Chapel Bell - the Thunder Bell - was rung. This recitation was the most moving aspect of a service that was filled with emotion.

A \$1,000 check from Clipped Wings® was presented to Father Al. Through tears, he indicated that it will be combined with donations received from retired United Airlines personnel and, will be used to help fund a Visitor's Reception Center/Museum to be built adjacent to the Chapel and Heroes Garden. C. J. Weber Borden sang a song, which United used in 1975 for a TV commercial. The lyrics were particularly appropriate for the occasion and her rendition of it was beautiful.

None of this could have been possible without the help of Clipped Wings® Flight 93 Committee Chairman - **Blanche Harris** (DCA), and her committee members: **Karen Niles Williams** (BWI), **Pat Blair Morris** (EWR), **Mary Norwacki Gorski** (PIT), **C. J. Weber Borden** (DCA), and **Aurelia Spence Luton** (DCA). A heartfelt thank you to each of them.

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### **United's New Express Service**



United has announced the launch of new United Express service from its hubs in Chicago, Denver and Los Angeles.

Beginning Dec. 17, 2009, United will offer twice-

daily nonstop service between Chicago and Duluth, Minn.; Chicago and Asheville, N.C.; Denver and Midland/Odessa, Texas; and Los Angeles and El Paso, Texas. It will also begin once-daily service from Denver to Louisville, Ky.

The Chicago-Asheville, Chicago-Duluth, Denver-Midland/Odessa and Denver-Louisville flights offer the only nonstop service in those markets.

All flights will be operated by United Express carrier SkyWest Airlines on 50-seat CRJ-200 regional jets.

### **Two Major Strategic Initiatives Planned for Airport Operations in 2010**

Picture a customer walking into a United terminal next summer, dropping off luggage and proceeding to his or her gate with just a cell phone in hand. Now imagine that customer doing all of that in a matter of minutes.



While that might seem like a dream to some people, United's airport operations has identified several big ideas that will lead to just that in 2010.

Simplifying its airport operations and utilizing real-time tools are just two items United plans to integrate into its daily operation in order to improve operational performance over the next 12 months while reducing costs. In return, this high-level efficiency will provide the customer with the best flying experience possible.

*"Behind the leadership of Jill Eshbaugh and Ken Bostock, we have put together two highly qualified teams to implement these ideas," says Scott Dolan, SVP-Airport Operations, Cargo and United Express. "We will reduce variability through automation and by moving certain work outside the airport. This will streamline cumbersome processes that frustrate customers and employees."*

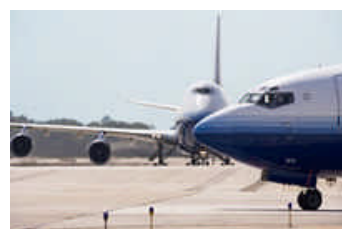
Simplifying airport operations will allow UAL to reduce certain ticketing activity at the airport and improve cross-functional work abilities. United plans to condense the amount of work at gates and improve its execution of standard work. United also eventually plans to use paperless boarding passes, which will be downloaded from a BlackBerry, iPhone or other cell

phones. This change will empower customers by offering them choices and control via their mobile devices throughout the airport experience.

These technology enhancements also will reduce customer transaction times and simplify the customer check-in process by removing work from the lobby. This will give better access to real-time information to help United to better serve its customers.

*"These strategic initiatives will not only improve customer satisfaction scores, but will lead to positive changes over the next five years by simplifying the flying experience for our ultimate boss -- the customer,"* Scott says.

### **UAL Corporation Announces Public Offering of Common Stock and Convertible Senior Notes**



UAL has announced in a press release that it plans to offer 19 million shares of UAL common stock in a public offering. United also plans to make a public offering of \$175 million in convertible senior 20-year

notes. Convertible notes are a form of corporate debt that enables a company to repay the borrower with common stock under certain circumstances. Once additional details on the offerings are finalized, UAL will provide an update.

United's actions today are yet another step being taking to ensure that it has ample liquidity to run its business. As UAL indicated when it announced third quarter guidance, it expects to end the quarter with \$2.6 billion in unrestricted cash, not including the proceeds from these transactions.

United has taken several actions over the last several months to improve its cash position and also has more liquidity initiatives under way.

### **Inflight Connectivity Debuts on p.s. Flights**

With the October 2, 2009 departure of United Flight 23 from New York Kennedy (JFK) at 6:35 a.m., United began to offer Gogo Inflight Internet on its Premium Service flights



linking JFK with the Los Angeles and San Francisco hubs. The Gogo system, a service of AirCell, enables customers to read and send emails and instant messages, access the Web, use VPN, and enjoy their favorite mobile applications while cruising inflight.

Gogo Inflight Internet is available today on one air-

plane, and UAL expects it will be fully deployed on the 13 Boeing 757 aircraft flying its Premium Service flights by November 6. The project team is working hard to ensure a successful rollout to enable customers to increase their productivity while in the air.

Deploying the Gogo WiFi product is consistent with United's commitment to providing customers with services they want and are willing to pay for. UAL's experience with Wi-Fi on its Premium Service flights – among the longest flights operated within North America and where usage would likely be greatest – will help better understand the customers' expectations and how much they actually value inflight Wi-Fi service.

*"Thanks to the teams across the company that have supported this program, our tests have proceeded very well, and we look forward to receiving customer and employee feedback on the benefits of inflight Wi-Fi service,"* said Patsy DiDomenico, the senior project manager facilitating the inflight Wi-Fi launch.

Customers will be able to connect to Gogo shortly after takeoff until shortly before landing. The price to connect to the service will range from \$7.95 for connections from handheld devices and \$12.95 for laptop computer connections.

United is also running promotions during the months of Oct. and Nov. to encourage customers to try the new service. Terms and conditions apply. Connectivity charges are subject to change. Gogo works with smart phones and other handheld devices equipped with Wi-Fi, offered by all major U.S. carriers. Platforms supported include: BlackBerry, Windows Mobile, Apple, and Nokia (Symbian S60). Voice service is not supported. To learn more, visit [gogoinflight.com](http://gogoinflight.com).

### **Customer Voice: Extraordinary Service from United's Front Line**



Day in and day out, United's employees across the system go above and beyond to meet the travel needs of their customers. These customers often share their stories through the

Customer Voice Employee Recognition Program, complimenting UAL employees for a job well done. Here are some of their stories.

- ★ Mary & James O. were planning to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a trip to Italy. When they unexpectedly had to change their plans, the couple called Chicago's Reservations Center, where they were aided by Charlotte Wiggins, a reservations sales and service representative.

*"She understood how important this was, and worked very hard to find us the flights we needed,"* the couple told us in their letter. *"We're sending a big thank you to Charlotte. She is a gem especially for United Airlines. We will toast you all when we arrive in Italy."*

- ★ Tim H. arrived at United's Phoenix station, discovering that he had purchased a ticket through Travelocity for the wrong date. Due to a family emergency, Tim needed to travel that day. Lou Sacco, a customer service representative, swung into action. Lou helped Tim get a full refund and issued a new ticket for the correct day -- all while serving a number of other customers. Lou also managed to book Tim's mother on another flight leaving at the same time.

*"All other things being equal, even if a United flight was a few dollars more, I would choose United,"* Tim said. *"Generally, I let companies know when I feel they are not doing the best job, so my standards for giving compliments are much higher. I just want to reiterate that Lou turned a bad situation into the 'best' outcome."*

- ★ Paul K., a 1K customer, wrote to United to praise Boston-based Purser Roberto Quinto for the personal service he provided on a recent trip from Chicago O'Hare to Boston. *"Although I was seated in economy, he took a moment prior to take off to introduce himself and asked whether there was something he could do to make the flight more comfortable,"* Paul said. *"He expressed his appreciation for my loyalty to United and thanked me for choosing this flight. This meant a great deal to me."*

- ★ Lola W. was returning to Sacramento after a week-long trip to Disney World in Orlando with her eight grandchildren. Traveling with six of the kids, the family was waiting to depart when they met Chicago-based Captain Dave Walters, whom Lola described as a "knight in shining armor."

*"Captain Walters nobly offered to show the children the cockpit of the plane. He allowed each of the children the opportunity to sit in the pilot's seat and patiently explained the myriad of gadgets,"* Lola told us. *"This experience will be one of those rare moments 'never to be forgotten' in the hearts and minds of these young people and the adults who accompanied them."* *"Thank you to United Airlines for allowing people like Dave Walters to be such a positive role model for future generations."*

To read the full text of these letters and others like them, visit the [Customer Voice site](#) under Recognition & Rewards on SkyNet.



## EASY DOES IT – Dump Russian Chicken



**Another “Dump”** - In keeping with my “only a few simple ingredients” goal, this one is definitely a winner. It was sent to me by SFO-Bay Area retiree chapter executive board officer, **Ralph Trullinger**. And I promise, you won’t even need a Russian passport or a costly visa! A nice advantage is that you can combine the ingredients well ahead of time, place

the sauce & uncooked chicken pieces in a freezer bag & freeze until you need your tasty meal ... very handy.

### Ingredients:

- ☒ 4 skinless chicken thighs (\*)
- ☒ 1/3 measuring cup apricot preserves (Diabetic? Use sugarless apricot jam/preserves)
- ☒ 8 oz. (1 cup) bottled Russian Dressing (it comes in a 16 oz. size bottle)
- ☒ 1 pkg. dry onion soup mix

**Directions:** Thoroughly blend the sauce. Dump it & uncooked chicken pieces into a one-gallon size **freezer bag** (Ziploc?). Seal & lay as flat as possible in your freezing compartment. This takes less room & comes out later, hard as a rock, looking like some sort of square bumpy potholder! When you’re ready to eat your prepared-ahead meal, **thaw**. Discard plastic freezer bag but carefully save the sauce. In a preheated 350 F. oven, place sauce & chicken in a greased butter/margarine or Pam-sprayed pan or glass oven baking dish. For thighs or drumsticks: bake 40 minutes. For breasts, bake 30 minutes. Grrrrrrreat served over rice.

### (\*) Notes:

1. You may substitute 4 drumsticks OR 2 large boneless chicken breasts for the 4 thighs.
2. If you want your chicken ready that same day: Place chicken pieces in a greased baking pan or dish. Thoroughly blend together the 3 sauce ingredients & pour over the uncooked chicken. Cover with a piece of wax paper or foil wrap & refrigerate for 2 hours. Turn chicken over, replace covering & return to refrigerator for another 2 hours. The marinade (sauce) will have done its work by then. Discard any wax paper or foil covering. Bake sauce & chicken as described above.
3. I may be a “late-bloomer” but I just discovered **microwavable** (90 seconds) 8.8 oz. packets of Uncle Ben’s “Ready Rice” in various flavors. I chose the “Long Grain & Wild”.
4. I doubled the above recipe and invited “company” over, i.e. using **8** skinless uncooked

chicken thighs, **2/3 cup** apricot preserves, the entire **16 oz** bottle of Russian Dressing & **2** pkgs. of dry onion soup mix. I also increased the baking time by **5** minutes.

**Interesting:** “English/American” translations **needed, perhaps?** A few months ago in a “Dump” recipe, I referred to a “**cube**” of butter. I received an email inquiry from a transplanted Midwestern lady now living in Florida: did I mean a “**quarter of a pound**”? A Colorado man with a fine sense of humor asked if I meant a “**stick**” of butter. His definition when speaking of a “**cube**” was to think “dice” ... which are 6-sided objects with equal sides all around”, i.e. “**cubes**”. Then I remembered that just like cuts of meat, many other food items have different names depending on where you live in this great big wonderful country of ours. Summary: A **cube** of butter can be a **stick**, a **quarter-pound**, **one-half cup** OR **8 tablespoons**! No wonder the English language is thought by many to be the most difficult language in the world to learn!

Helen Cain

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## ASK THE DOCTOR

*“Ask The Doctor” column is featured every other month. We hope you’ve enjoyed the articles written by **Dr. Reider** and found them beneficial. If you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to [askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net](mailto:askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net)*

## ASK THE PHARMACIST -

### Discover the benefits of [www.medco.com](http://www.medco.com)

You probably already know how easy and convenient it is to shop and pay bills online. But did you every consider “wiring” your healthcare, too? When you wire your healthcare, you’ll ensure that your medical information is available electronically in a secure system, so your doctor can quickly access and appropriately share it with other care providers. Electronic medical records have the potential of greatly improving patient care and lowering costs. All you have to do to wire your healthcare is register at [www.medco.com](http://www.medco.com) and use **Medco By Mail** for your prescriptions.

Whether you use Medco By Mail or a participating retail pharmacy to fill your prescriptions, Medco’s online system integrates important clinical information when processing a prescription. For example, if you try to fill a new prescription at a network pharmacy for a drug that might negatively interact with one you’re already taking, your pharmacist will receive an alert when the pharmacy submits the claim to Medco for coverage.

When you register at [www.medco.com](http://www.medco.com), you’ll have

secure, online access to your prescription information, tools to help lower your out-of-pocket pharmacy costs, and e-mail reminders for prescription refills - which you can order online with just a few clicks. If you are a first-time visitor to [www.medco.com](http://www.medco.com), take a moment to register with your member ID number and a recent prescription number.

If you take medication for an ongoing (chronic) condition such as diabetes, high cholesterol, or high blood pressure, you can add another layer of care by using specialist pharmacists. With Medco By Mail, you'll get the full support of these professionals, who receive extra training in the medications used to treat chronic conditions. Available 24/7, a specialist pharmacist can help you stay healthy by working with your doctors to coordinate your care. Talk to a Medco specialist pharmacist by calling the number on the back of your prescription ID card.

Here's a true story of how a specialist pharmacist helped one diabetes patient named John. John also has high blood pressure and receives care from multiple doctors who all prescribe medicines. Despite taking 11 prescription drugs, John wasn't feeling any better. He called a Medco specialist pharmacist, who noticed that some of the medications he was taking might actually be complicating his condition. By working with John's doctors, the specialist pharmacist was able to reduce the number of John's medications to three. Today, John is healthier, more active—and saving money.

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### **PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES** **From the Denver Office**



**Virgil Gooselaw**

You may have gotten the point already that I want to get your attention. Pictures are vehicles of thought that we all enjoy and we agree that they are worth a “thousand words”. But they also make the file sizes of the RUAEA Newsletter larger which takes up a lot more room on your computer; the large files also

causes your computer to be slow when you are reading or retrieving the Newsletter from the web.

We would like to print every picture of quality and relevance that comes to us, but we can't. Therefore we must establish some criteria for publishing pictures that are sent to us. We will use the following as guidelines:

- Pictures of general interest to our readership will have first priority. These are pictures in the General News Section.
- Next will be pictures from the Chapters that are mainly of interest to the chapter members and some from other chapters that recognize the people in the picture.
- And finally, pictures in the Letters Section.

The decision to print or not to print the picture rests solely with me, the Newsletter Manager. It is my responsibility to publish a Newsletter that can be formatted for paper copies and web based. If I get multiple pictures, from the chapters and individuals, I will try and take them on a first come first serve basis. Also pictures sent to us must be emailed in a JPG format at 300dpi. If they come in with a lower resolution (dpi), we reserve the right to reject them. Also, all pictures sent to RUAEA will become our exclusive property with RUAEA having the right to edit.

This policy may need to be adjusted in the future, but for now we'll see how it goes.

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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 7<sup>th</sup> of the month. This includes chapter reports, letters for the “Letters” Column, obituary listings (**Note: Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter**), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7<sup>th</sup> 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.*

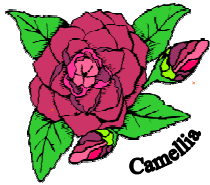
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*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our September meeting was a picnic held at **Herb & Carol Wilbank's** clubhouse located at Emerald Lake in Pinson, Alabama. Herb was chef for the day, cooking burgers and hotdogs, and members furnished side dishes. 14 of our members attended and the weather cooperated during the day, even though thunderstorms had been forecasted.

**Jesslyn Arnold** was the lucky winner of our money drawing, and **Beverly Yeager** was the lucky winner of one of Herb's plumeria trees. Herb is quite the gardener!

We were pleased to have **Edna Mann Aronson** back with us, after dealing with an eye problem and possibly eye surgery in the future.

**Judy Slover** sent word that her husband died on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Judy and her family.

Suggestion from **Bev Yeager** that we recognize birthdays and wedding anniversaries was duly noted, and this information is being collected so that we may distribute this on a monthly basis.

October's meeting was held on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Bright Star Restaurant in Bessemer, Alabama and will be covered in next month's report.

## ARIZONA

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Well it is finally cooling off. Only 103° today. We had 10 attendees for breakfast on 9/15/09. And 14 on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to our snowbirds returning over the next few months.

**Bruce & Jackie Rosch** had a great visit to San Diego. Shortly after they returned, Jackie fell and suffered compression fractures in her lower spine. She is still having difficulty getting around. If you get a chance, send her a card. Her home address is, 16012 W. Heritage Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375.

**Jim Bechtold** is back and seeing 20/20, the cataract operations went well.

**Jean Kerman** had knee replacement surgery on 9/15 and is having quite a time of it. We send her our best wishes and hope to see her up and around soon. Her address is 16217 N. Desert Holly Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351.

**Frank Grona** is quite ill and we want everyone to keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to Frank at 2255 N 164<sup>th</sup> Dr., Goodyear AZ, 85395.

**Frank Mullman** has also been ill, you can send cards to 3488 N. Snead Dr. Goodyear AZ, 85395.

I am sorry to say that **Roy Scroggs** is now in a nursing home and his wife **Lois** will be moving to an assisted living facility soon. They have been long standing members of the Azures and we will certainly miss them.

We would like to invite any UA retiree or any ex-UA employee who is not a member of our local chapter to join us for breakfast bi-weekly at Coco's. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future. If you are planning to come to a breakfast please call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 on the Monday before breakfast. He advises Coco's of how many will be attending.

*"As we grow old, the beauty steals inward."* - Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings, 08:00AM, 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell Roads

**November 10**

**November 21**

**December 8**

The fall/winter luncheon plans are coming together. When you read this, we will have had our October Picnic in Sun City West. This is usually a well attended event and enjoyed by all.

**November 14** - Pre-thanksgiving luncheon meeting at Pebble Creek

**December 12** - Dinner at the AZ Broadway Theatre featuring "A Christmas Carole."

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Soon it will be Thanksgiving and not long after that comes the Christmas Holidays. The year is going by so fast. Don't know how we did it when we worked full time! This is always a busy time of the year, but we hope you will still take the time to attend our monthly



breakfasts and/or luncheons. Our get-togethers are always enjoyable, with many friendly faces eager to visit with you. It's always nice to keep up with the friendly skies of United Airlines.

As you know, membership in RUAEA is open to anyone who has worked for United Airlines and is of retirement age (55), so please join us at one of our Breakfasts and/or Luncheons. Please contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com), or our Vice-President, **Peg Homfeldt** at (480) 396-3317, or at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). We would love to have you join us!

We had 20 people at our Breakfast on September 25. It was nice to see **El & Doris Ailshie** and **Bob Hallden** back with us again, after being gone for the summer. **Peg Homfeldt** brought a guest, **Phil Snowdall**, to the breakfast. Our President, **Jim Brigante**, had all of us tell about our summer, and the various places many traveled. Our Vice-President, **Peg Homfeldt**, received several questionnaires back that were mailed to our members concerning suggestions on future activities. If you haven't sent your reply back, please do so as soon as possible, as it is nice to get other people's suggestions on different activities they may be interested in.

Because of this questionnaire, we learned that **Ed Dawes** is moving to Colorado to be closer to his daughter, and **Arnie & Betty Schaetske** are going to remain in the Seattle area and no longer returning to Arizona.

The Fantasy Flight for this year has been scheduled for Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at PHX during the morning. More details will be forth coming. Continue to collect items for this Fantasy Flight such as bears, trucks, Barbie dolls, mittens and socks for both boys and girls, and stadium blankets. **Peg Homfeldt** is collecting these items. See her if you have any questions.

Did you notice in the October issue of our RUAEA Magazine, on page 3, that United has partnered with International SOS to help keep you safe and well while traveling overseas? Details regarding this information are available on the Travel page of SkyNet under Travel Information. Visit the International SOS website at [www.internationalsos.com](http://www.internationalsos.com). To access the members' section of this website, enter member ID number: 11BYCA000027.

Details about the October 8 Luncheon at the Bavarian Point Restaurant in Mesa will be in the next issue.

Don't forget about our November Luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 12, at Scottsdale Community College, 9000 E. Chaparral Road in Scottsdale. The luncheon costs \$19.00 per person and starts at 11:30 a.m. Please make your checks out to Re-Uniteds, along with your choice of entrée, and mail this by Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> to **Kathy & Jim Brigante**, 8700 E. Mountain View Rd., #1106, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. Any questions? Contact them at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com).

Hope to see everyone there!

We have two couples from our group celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in November: **Carol & Skip Ward** (46 years on 11/2) and **El & Doris Ailshie** (60 years on 11/13). Congratulations to both couples!

November Birthdays are: **Doris Ailshie** (11/3), **Mary McLain** (11/6), **Pam Gerstung** (11/22), **JoAnne Gaudio** (11/24), and **Ellen Johnson** (11/28).

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

#### Calendar:

**Nov. 12** - Luncheon at the Culinary School at Scottsdale Comm. College. Details above. Hosted by the **Brigantes**.

**Nov. 20** - Breakfast at Crackers, starting at 9:00 a.m., located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt** (480) 396-3317 - [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), or **Jim Brigante**, our President, at (480) 443-0031 - [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com), by the Wednesday before the breakfast (Oct. 21). Our Breakfasts are normally held on the fourth Friday of each month.

**Dec. 4** - Fantasy Flight at PHX.

**Dec. 8** - Luncheon, hosted by the **Wards**

**Dec. 18** - Breakfast (Note: This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, due to the Holiday).

**Jan. 14** - Luncheon, hosted by **Rita Zarek, Peg Homfeldt**, and **Linda Cooper-Koltz**

**Jan. 22** - Breakfast at Crackers

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Fall is arriving and with it, the snow birds will be returning to spend their winter in the warmer climates. It's always a good time of year when the temps start changing. The days and nights are cooler and the A/C's are not running as much.

Our luncheon on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September was held at Shlomo & Vito's Deli. We had 22 Roadrunners in attendance and all were treated with an abundance of food. Not only that but the chef made a brief appearance to say how much he appreciated seeing so many fathers and daughters gracing his establishment. Us guys will get even with him later. Ha! **Ed Kokot** was the host for this fine outing. Nice selection, Ed.

It was good to see **Ray & Ann Wood** returning to the luncheon after missing a few months. Ray had been undergoing radiation treatment for skin cancer.

**Ron & Shirley Robertson** have returned from a

few months at their home in the Seattle area and hosted the October luncheon. Ron mentioned that we should start considering how we are going to handle our charity giving with the upcoming holidays quickly approaching. **Chuck & Sharon Cole** have also returned from their summer outing, driving to Alaska and back. They were quite excited about the drive and had a wonderful time. I think they really liked being away from the 100 degree plus temps.

**Clyde & Henny Satterfield** have also returned from their summer home in Colorado. During that time, they flew to Germany where they spent four weeks visiting family and friends.

Our election of chapter officers for the 2010 and 2011 years is fast arriving and the nominating committee has talked to some of the possible candidates. This will be discussed further at the October luncheon.

#### Calendar:

**October 22** - Saddlebrook Country Club

**November 19** - Tanque Verde Guest Ranch

**December 17** - Oro Valley Country Club

### CALIFORNIA

#### CENTRAL COASTERS

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We did not meet during September, so the news this month will be a little short. I'm looking at the cover of the September 2009 RUEA Newsletter with pictures of the LAX airport and the Viscount. At merger time, UAL did take over the aircraft from Capital and started to put UAL logos and paint jobs on the equipment. I transferred to SFO without seeing a Viscount in UAL colors. For those of us who had the good fortune to fly in the Viscount, it will be flights to remember. The passenger windows were bigger than any other aircraft at the time, and this was one of the great things about this aircraft. As other airlines were lined up for takeoff at MDW, warming up their engines, etc., the Viscount was ready for take off as soon as it left the gate. Sometimes the flights would be routed around waiting airlines, traffic permitting. The first Viscount that was delivered to Capital, made a maiden flight from DCA to MDW. I was working the radio communications at the time. The Captain called to request permission to "buzz" MDW with the tower's permission. I called the tower and they approved because they were as excited as we were to see this plane. They did buzz the field and then pro-

ceeded back to DCA. They could not land since MDW was not equipped to handle this plane. One other interesting fact was that after heading back to DCA, the Captain called to ask "what temperature does kerosene freeze at?" They were cruising at about 35,000, and he told me what the outside temperature was, but I can't seem to remember what he said. I called Dispatch on the long-line and told them what the Captain had asked. There were several minutes of silence. If I remember correctly, they told me that kerosene, at that temperature, does not freeze. I think we were all relieved. I'm hoping that other "brand-exers" have fond memories of the Viscount. The Viscount did have some disadvantages that seem to have slipped my mind, but I'll always remember the good things.

You'll be happy to read the following Central Coasters' member histories. I could not overlook our "oldest" (in age & seniority) **Jack Cunningham**. His bio reads like a "cheap" novel. He worked at EXORA (when it was MDW, of which he has many stories to tell), LAXSA, SBASZ. (I hope that department is correct). His last position was SBASZ in management. His hiring date was 3-10-38. Many of us were not even born then. His retirement was 10-31-81. The airlines have gone downhill ever since. His comment was that he "is glad to be anywhere". He always brings some of his jokes to our meetings, corny or not, which puts us in a happy mood.

One of our oldest members is **Bill Noyes**. He is one of the small group that got together to form the Central Coasters. With Bill and his wife **Dana**, they have kept this chapter going, for which we are very happy and grateful for their devotion to our members. Bill's experience was with LAXMM. He was hired in 3-13-1951 and retired in 10-25-1981.

Our next chapter meeting will be Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> hosted by **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**. By the time this is printed, we will have had our meeting of which I will report on next time.

Here's something worth knowing: The Pilgrims ate popcorn at the first Thanksgiving dinner.

Our December and Christmas luncheon will be on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**. This is a time of the year we all enjoy.

#### Calendar:

**October 21** – Hosted by **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**.

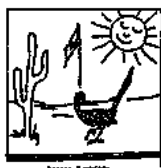
**December 16** – Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**.

*Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence.*

*~ Erma Bombeck*

## DESERT SUNBIRDS

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In August, thirty hardy Desert Sunbirds braved the 110 temps to come to PF Chang's for our luncheon, hosted by **Bill & Donna Eads**. As usual, all enjoyed the family style sampling of Chinese dishes. **Sandy Sereno** was late to the fun due to a flat tire which AAA fixed to allow her to make the luncheon's end. She got to have plenty of "doggie bags" to enjoy. Several welcomed guests included **Evelyn Woofter**, **Ken Hawley** and **Judy Ford**. Also, we happily greeted back to the Sunbirds, **Shirley Spittler**. At the luncheon, each Sunbird received a doggie bank to collect spare change for the local animal therapy organization, Paws & Hearts, which visits over 100,000 patients/clients at hospitals, clinics, and nursing facilities each year. Some people filled their bank at the luncheon! Bring them back in November. Escaping the heat of the summer recently, are the **Clappers** in Alaska, **Sandy Sereno** in PA, **Merv Myers** to Ohio, and **Marge Lenz** to the east coast. **Karen Tischlers** is recovering from her cancer concerns and **Ray Silverstri** is up walking with his walker but with some foot problems which still have to be resolved.

Winners for August were **Fred Kellerhals** for the birthday lunch and **Gay Traber** won the 50/50 money.

In September, thirty-three Sunbirds made it to Mimi's for lunch with **Chuck Lamas** as the host. **Mau-reen Schultz** won the free birthday lunch and **Mike Bailardo** won the 50/50. Out newest member, **Barbara Harrison** was unable to attend as she was on jury duty. She had the company of **Mike Bailardo** for a short time, since he had the same week of jury duty. Update on **Ray Silverstri** - his foot pain turned out to be a blood clot, so after treatment he is now in rehab. Since having her heart surgery, **Dede Jtzuinger** has been stuck at home but is finally able to be "on the road again". She is off to Northern CA, then on to Boston and who knows. **Mike Bailardo** told the Sunbirds about the program to provide rides for the Marines from the PSP airport and the need for volunteers. Anyone interested speak to Mike.

### Calendar:

**November 12** – Desert Island CC. **Sandy Sereno** is the contact for this luncheon.

*My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor.*

*~Phyllis Diller*



## THE SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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President **Francis Domaratius** welcomed members to the Sacramento Gold Diggers September 30<sup>th</sup> picnic at Lake Wildwood in Penn Valley, CA. He thanked **Stephanie & Ken Norton** for hosting the picnic and meeting. We had 55 members attending. We had a wonderful lunch catered by Bada Bing Mobile BBQ with mouth watering pulled pork sandwiches with all the trimmings. The Nortons also brought in two sheet cakes, one of them had a picture of a United DC-10 on it. Wow! The weather that day was pretty cold and windy.

For entertainment, we had 4 men who called themselves the Lake Wildwood Quartet. They sang songs like Coney Island Babe; Red, Red Robin, My Irish Rose, etc. They also explained how the barbershop parts come together. They were wonderful!

Vice President **Frank Dellinger** started the officer's reports, telling of the October through December meeting dates and locations. There were no anniversaries mentioned since **Barbara Bertacini** was home taking care of Ron who has been very ill. **Judi King** gave our balance in the Treasury. **Darryll Stroud** gave the Sunshine Report. Besides **Ron Bertacini** being ill, **Stephanie Norton** is just getting over the flu. Other than those two, all are well, which is very good.

It was announced that Southwest is no longer taking checks as payment. We were also reminded of United's Open House on October 11<sup>th</sup> at SFO Maintenance Base from 11 am to 5 pm. Also, we have been invited to the South Bay's Christmas Luncheon on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

There was no raffle drawing since this was a picnic.

### Calendar:

**Oct. 28** - Chinese Buffet in Citrus Heights hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**

**November** – No Luncheon/Meeting

**Dec. 9** - Holiday Social hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**

**January 27, 2010** - Hosted by **Darryll & Dorothy Stroud**

**February 2010** – Past Presidents Luncheon hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**





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A total of 38 Redwood Empire Retirees met for lunch at San Rafael's Chalet Basque on September 10. President **Oscar Chambers & Joan Chambers** hosted with **Maddy McKinnis, Pat Leahy** and **Joan Olsson** assisting.

**Richard & Maria Southon** brought three guests, also former UALers: **Keith & Donna Sherrod** and **Frank Bonthon**. It was Dick's turn to give a short autobiography and he gave a humorous account of his career, first in Chicago and later in SFO. Dick came to United naturally as his father was hired as an accountant for the company by W.A. Patterson, himself. He loved working as a Fuel Mechanic because "nobody bothered me when I was working in a fuel tank."

We learned from our Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** that many of our members celebrated wedding anniversaries in the month of September: **Norm & Ann Burnett** (22 years); **George & Lois Schwind** (60 years); **Larry & Madalyn Schmidt** (23 years); **Larry & Mary Wilson** (44 years); and **Vic & Elaine Kristan** (66 years). Some of our members recently attended a memorial service for **Harry Rogers**. We were happy to see back in our midst **Ron Huhn**, who suffered a cardiac incident right after our August picnic.

Alliant Credit Union was kind enough to send one of its finest, **Michelle Smirnoff**, who brought us up-to-date on some of the union's conveniences.

Only two more meetings in 2009 as noted in the calendar section.

### Calendar:

**November 12** - Josef's, Santa Rosa, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**

**December 10** - Quail Inn, Oakmont, 2009 Officers

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Well, this has been a very hectic and busy fall. On top of this, our internet failed in two whole phone area codes some time around the 26<sup>th</sup>. When Verizon (in India) tells you at 8:30PM (PDT) that they'll have

someone come to your house "today", you know all is lost. And that was only the beginning. Can you believe, the next day (thanks to the USO computer), I found they'd sent me 3 emails to tell me that they're working on my no-op email! Even the girl in India laughed at that! Our local \$50/hr computer geek will be here to help. In addition, I'm switching back to AOL - the Verizon connection wasn't all that great. So forgive me if your emails to me died on the vine.

I got so involved with various activities within my Leisure World environs that (gasp), I forgot to send Jo Ann the money for the October 8 luncheon. So, of course, I called her, and it turned out to be a good thing, after all, as she was able to update me on some goings on.

**Sue Ross'** nephew, Hank Angell advised us that Sue has Progressive Supra Nuclear Palsy, which affects the central nervous system, etc. She falls too easily, has loss of vision, speech has slowed. Hank was able to find a supervised care facility for both Sue and her 92 yr. old mom near him in Texas. For communication, rely on Hank at (817) 275-2057 or send her c/o him at 2306 Crown Colony Dr., Arlington, TX 76011. She will continue to receive RUAEA and ReLAXers mail, and will welcome cards from friends.

**Linda Muche** has passed her 16<sup>th</sup> procedure to dilate her esophagus back to normal so she can eat again. It's at 18mm now, goal is 20mm. Fun cards, friendly emails are always welcome at 411 W. Franklin Ave., #1, El Segundo, CA 90255; [elelem226@aol.com](mailto:elelem226@aol.com). No calls, she can't talk too well yet.

**Jim Ferrance** advised receiving a short note about the passing of **Diane Gilbert** on 7/3/09. The "old timers" will remember her from LAXRR - and recall she always wore blue. No details were given to Jim. He also heard from **Jim Frasco** that his wife, **Jean Frasco**, died recently from lung cancer. Jean retired from LAXTO. Details are few, but their address with ReLAXers is PO Box 35107, Las Vegas, NV 89133, phone (702) 242-9614.

The remaining item from Jim is that **Monica Klarwein** died after a long illness on 8/18. Monica became Manager of LAXTOs in the late '80s until they were eliminated, then was manager in the SW region of various airport activities (sorry - I lost track and no time to check). Services were held on 10/2. Sorry, I do not have contact information on her family.

Seems like the most we have to report is about ailments and passings, but most of us like to be able to keep up - so thanks for bearing with it. I did hear of some upbeat travel news from **Jo Ann Briggs**. She just returned a few weeks ago from an Alaskan cruise, then is off shortly to Idaho to visit George's sister. After that, she'll go up north to the ranch for the usual Thanksgiving with friends and family. I've heard from

no one else -they are traveling so can't tell me about their travels, I guess. On my home front, travels have been minimal. Next week, a whole day -whoopee -up to Oak Glen, famous for apples (saw it on Huell Howser last week, looks neat). And, I hiked ½ mile every Tuesday for line dancing. I'm the biggest klutz in the place, but have finally mastered "New York, New York". And with a little prompting, can make it through "Elvira". Can't do dances where you turn fast - I get dizzy (I know, "get"??) Laugh on, I'm OLD, I forget!

Remember, I can still get the great parking deal near LAX if you have to fly in/out of there. There are no such arrangements at SNA, LGB or ONT that I know of. And speaking of LAX, I can send you excellent airport map/diagrams of LAX, put out in living color by the airport department - just ask.

#### Calendar:

**December 3** - Christmas Luncheon at Proud Bird. Bring toys for local kids.

**February 4** - Luncheon at Proud Bird Restaurant.

**April 1** - No fooling. Luncheon at the Proud Bird.

**May 23** - Convention. I'm going - are you?

#### Re-Sans

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Re-Sans will hold their annual Christmas Luncheon at Carvers Steaks and Chops. The address is 11940 Bernardo Plaza Drive Ranch Bernardo, San Diego, CA 92128 on December 8, 2009 at 11:30 am. Flyers will be sent in November with menus and prices. Don't forget Toys for Tots.

Marian no longer has email; please call if you have questions.



#### **GOLDEN GATERS SFO - BAY AREA**

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NO September General meeting but what a great annual picnic we had at **Flood Park in Menlo Park, CA**. The weather cooperated, the sun and clouds played games with us but the temperature stayed moderate and comfortable. Records show we had a final tally of 99 members and 6 guests ... a grand total of 105 attendees. What a beautiful way to renew old friendships and make new ones. We energetically fought over table-style

horse races (no betting, Folks) and then enjoyed a great steak lunch. Bingo games and wild winners completed our day. Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** was present and seemed to enjoy and tolerate our merry-making. And indeed, he emailed us a "thank you" note that very evening! And pass the word: We have Board officer **Ralph Trullinger** to thank for bailing us out at the last minute. Our steak supplier for several years (across the Bay) refused to take our usual order! Clever **Ralph** then went to Costco who was glad to get our business ... and the steaks were delicious. Thank you, **Ralph!**



**BONUS:** We were entertained throughout the picnic day by the generosity and talents of local member and appropriately-costumed **Darryl Coe** with his recent purchase of a second Drehorgel (street organ) made in Berlin, Germany. His strolling music ministry surprised and pleased us all, especially his offerings of "Happy Birthday" melodies for September birthday celebrants, out-of-state

member **Al Christian** of Henderson, NV and local member **Felix Menconi** of Millbrae, CA (Wow, Felix ... 90 years young!). As **Darryl** tells it, his Drehorgel is a Stüber 20, having 20 notes and playing 20 pipes, exquisitely crafted in Berlin by the original and brilliant **Axel Stüber**. Fortunately, this recently acquired Drehorgel is "portable" ... if you can lift, carry and turn the handle on a 17lb. street organ for 8 hours! The music is on punched paper/plastic rolls. **Darryl** manipulates a "monkey" hand puppet with his left hand while turning a crank with his right hand on this beautiful inlaid wood musical instrument. Incidentally, he played this street organ at the International Drehorgel Festival in **Charlottenburg, Berlin** this past July 2009. Thank you, Mr. Music Man for helping to make this a most enjoyable and Gemutlichkeit day.

We must extend a great big "Thank You" to chapter President **Bob Taiclet**, **Ralph Trullinger** and their whole crew of **picnic volunteers** who handled various dirty (and clean) jobs to make the rest of us selfishly happy and fulfilled at this annual picnic. I would list individual "worker bee" names (including Food Coordinators **Vera & Walt Kina**) except that we were blessed with **so many** volunteers ... our "Golden Gaters" members were indeed generous with their time and efforts.

Sadly, we must announce the passing of long-suffering chapter member, **David Grant**. A check from

our chapter was sent to the American Cancer Society, San Mateo County Unit, in honor of **David** as requested by Ms. **Cheryl Newton** and the **Grant Family**. Cards of condolence may be forwarded to the family at 2051 Willow Way, San Bruno, CA 94066.

**TOURS, TOURS, TOURS!** We are more than pleased to welcome our new and enthusiastic Assistant Domestic Tour Coordinator, Ms. **Dolores Frank** (650-348-8353). Thank you, **Frankie** for offering your support and assistance to returning Domestic Tour Coordinator **Shirley Dickinson** (650-343-7113). Have questions regarding local tour booking, destination suggestions or anything else regarding local tours? Please call either of these two delightful ladies.

The happy appearance once again of **Shirley** and **Frankie** finally puts us back on track to offer **local** tours, beginning Tuesday, morning, December 8: "**Festival of Trees and Fields of Poinsettias**". This all-day tour will begin at **8 a.m.**, meeting at the (free) parking lot under the freeway at 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Fashion Island and returning at **6 p.m.** This daytime adventure starts as we board a very comfortable bus and head for the remarkable 65,000 poinsettia nursery at **Duarte's**. One **free** poinsettia will be given to each participant. Did you know **Duarte's** greenhouses display poinsettia shades varying from crimson to pink, cream, 7 different reds and even an exciting purple? We will then head for a **hosted** (\*you don't pay") lunch at the Modesto restaurant, "Appetize". Our tour closes with a stop in San Joaquin County at the Historical Museum's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees. You will view docents in Victorian and pioneer clothing and dozens of beautifully decorated and unique Christmas trees. **Please understand: Times have changed. Prices have changed.** Shirley and Dolores have worked hard to keep our pricing at a viable rate. To register for this very special tour, and we already have many sign-ups and even down payments, call Tour Coordinator **Shirley Dickinson** at (650) 343-7113 or **Dolores Frank** at (650) 348-8353.

International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has her "Western Frontiers" (national parks) tour down pat. For pricing, call **Ginger** but you can see for yourself right now, it's a real bargain. Beginning May 25 to June 4, 2010, 10 nights, 11 days, **Las Vegas, NV to Denver, CO**: You will be touring the national parks that you have always wanted to see ... and, talked about seeing, i.e. **Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, Salt Lake City, Jackson, Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Cody, Little Bighorn, Deadwood, Black Hills**, and finishing up at **Denver, CO**. That all comes to 10 full breakfasts, two 3-course dinners, two buffet dinners, one local highlight restaurant dinner, and a farewell dinner with wine in **Denver, CO**. For more information or questions, call miracle worker **Ginger Dahlberg** at 650-224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

**Personally Speaking:** I just finished a 2-day "55 Mature Driver Safety Program" class. Cost of the class was \$12.00 for AARP members. I only have their Roadside Coverage but that was evidently enough. For non-members, it's \$14. This is all paperwork with oral questions and answers, workbooks, etc. There was no actual street driving. This course has had other names, "55 Alive", "The Older Driver Traffic Safety Seminar", "Mature Driver Improvement Course", etc. and must be repeated every 3 years to retain your yearly car insurance discount. My local class was sponsored by the California Highway Patrol and AARP. Upon completion of the course, 4 hours each day, I received a numbered "Mature Driver Improvement Course Certificate". I telephoned that number into my car insurance company and will receive a \$31 discount on my yearly insurance premium. Now the \$19.00 difference between the cost of the class and my discount may not seem like much, but I did gain some valuable information and got updates on current motor vehicle laws. (I also went out and bought an easily installed (it clips on) longer rear view mirror for \$9.00.) If you can make the time and see one of these classes advertised, I highly recommend it. You'll be surprised at how much you **don't** know. Yep, old dogs **can** learn new tricks! Woof! Woof!

#### Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (except for September & December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, William 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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Our annual Fall Luncheon was held on September 30 at the Faultline Restaurant and Brewery. We had 65 members in attendance and everyone had a great time. The food and entertainment were superb and the dessert buffet, a great success. Our raffle with donated prizes was so successful that we were able to put a record amount into the chapter's bank account. **Zelma Kibler-Rosenthal** and **Cheri Scales** could not have pulled this together without the help of the following people: **George & Ella Sousa, Jack & Jean Jenkins, Nancy & Dave Walb, Charlie & Jose Esqueda, Rosemarie Reichert** and **Lorraine Tracy**.

On September 25, we had Dr. Susan Wilturner,



M.D. as a guest speaker. She spoke about how a positive attitude can affect healing an over-all health. Dr. Wilturmer still makes house calls to her older patients.

The September list of people who have been "grounded due to a mechanical problem" are: **Vic & Elaine Kristen, Paul Gual, Carol Copley, Duane & Anna Howze, Gerry Frisch, Marion Gaevert** and **Cheri Scales** (As most of you know by now, I broke my left leg on September 8<sup>th</sup> and I reinjured it about a week ago. I am getting better each day and expect to make a full recovery soon. I would like to thank each and every person who sent me cards and flowers; you will never know how much they were appreciated.). Your calls, cards and prayers will have these people up and flying around soon.

**CORRECTION! CORRECTION!** Please note the corrected date for the "Ladies Only" luncheon is December 2, 2009. The last newsletter listed the date incorrectly. Please call **Joan Dahl** (408.996.2161) or **Nancy Walb** (408.867.1112) for more information.

#### 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 and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

**October 30** – Halloween costume party (costumes optional)

**December 2** – Quarterly "Ladies Only" luncheon, hosted by **Joan Dahl** (408-996-2161) and **Nancy Walb** (408-867-1112) at the Loon Wah restaurant in Cupertino at 11:30

**December 8** – Save the date! Our spectacular Holiday luncheon will be held at Mariani's. Please plan to attend. We would like to extend an invitation to all central and northern California RUAEA members to attend our party. Mariani's has a motel attached and are offering discounted rates to any members from out of town who would like to attend. Don't miss this event! We will have live entertainment, a great menu, party favors and lots of fun. Please call President **Dave Saso** (408.226.9347) for more information.

#### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Our September meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> with 20 members and guests. Our new menu items continue and so far all seem pleased (Whew for me since I am

selecting them). Our guests were **Roger & Donna Casterline**. Always a pleasure.

Our book exchange was a resounding success. We plan on doing this each meeting. Children's books are welcome too.

We are planning a Horse Racing Turf Club outing in November. We will probably not have a package which includes transportation due to the high expense of the bus. Final details and discussions at the October meeting. **Tom Johnson** gave us a very informative presentation on the Capital Corridor. They are offering a Senior 50% discount for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on the Capitol Corridor for the month of October. Hope to see more of this!

I received an email from a Carnival Cruise representative named Adrian Teixeira. Here is a condensed version: *"Carnival Cruise Lines is pleased to announce a new benefit for all retired employees of United Airlines. Each retiree can receive a discount of up to 50% off the brochure rates (1 cabin) on select cruises depending on the length and date of your cruise. Call Adrian at 1-800-819-3902, ext. 82369 or email at [ateixeira@carnival.com](mailto:ateixeira@carnival.com) for sail date availability or to make your reservation."*

The 50/50 was won by **Vilma Patrick** and the pie won by **Jack Smith**.

Our Senior Member of the East Bay Diablos, **Manny Kessler**, recently celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congratulations, Manny! He will be staying pretty close to home from now on and will not be attending our meetings. We will miss him.

We had a discussion on the full airplanes and how difficult it is to fly. Be sure to check your loads close to your departure date.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100 to 1200, then lunch and business. No need for reservations. We encourage you to all come and bring your significant others. We have a great group comprised of many departments.

#### Calendar:

**November 9** - Meeting

**December 14** - (Toys for Total collection and Christmas Party)

**January 11** - Meeting



## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The October Mile Highers breakfast was held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at United's Flight Training Center with 48 members and guests in attendance.

**Tom Goodyear** reported the passing of **Al Malleck** on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>; you may send cards to his wife **Peggy** at 702 South 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Brighton, CO 80601. **Beverly Bork Dardano** passed away Sept 13<sup>th</sup>. If you want to send Beverly's sister, Kathy Phillips, a card, the address is 12078 East Colorado Pl. Aurora, CO 80013. **Frank Eymann** passed away on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>; you may send cards to his wife **Dorothy** at 207 Troy St, Aurora, CO 80011.

**Gene Sibley** fell off a ladder and broke his leg. His address is 12884 South Crazy Horse Ct., Parker, CO 80134. **Jack Helmsteadt** has stage 4 esophageal cancer. He is having radiation therapy treatments at the present. His address is 601 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C151, Golden, CO 80401.

We welcome first timer **Sue Fedorowicz**, **Pat's** wife, please come again.

We had a number of special guests including **Harriet Ahr's** daughter-in-law **Sharon Fogel Ahr**. **Dottie Chin**, the daughter of the late **Dick Magee**, brought her uncle **Ben Geary** who lives in Ohio. Ben told us an interesting story of his younger days while serving in the military, both France and United States. Ben escaped from France to Spain in 1942 when the Nazis invaded France. He was in the free French Armed Forces at the age of 16 and was later recruited by the United States. He was sent to the States where he was trained and became a pilot in the Air Force. He flew over 40 missions in B-26's bombing Italy and Southern Germany. After the war, he married Dick Magee's sister and settled in Ohio. A wonderful story! Thank you for your service, Ben. **Laura Coats** brought her mother **Freda Peckens** from Raleigh North Carolina who is here for a visit.

October 3 was **Jim Peck's** birthday so we sang happy birthday under the direction of Tom Goodyear who always sings off-key. **Rachael Adkins**, **Dianne's** daughter and **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw's** granddaughter also had a birthday in October, but after hearing Tom's rendition of "Happy Birthday", decided that he didn't need to sing happy birthday to her. Anyway "Happy Birthday!" Rachael.

Thanks to **Harriet Ahr** for the Halloween treats she handed out at the October breakfast. Also, thanks to the

following people who returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter: **Burton Dietel**, **Bob Hagedorn**, **Cas Spokas**, and **Ray Shoults**.

Don't forget our Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 7, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Select at 455 South Colorado Blvd. (across from Shotgun Willies). Covered parking is on the South side of the hotel on the lower level. The North side has 2 levels of parking; elevators are close to the lobby area. Social hour is at 11:00 a.m. and lunch is at 12:00 noon. There will be a cash bar with premium cocktails at \$4.00 and a variety of beer and wine at \$3.75.

The cost is \$20.00 per person. Menu choices are Boneless Pork Loin with cranberry raisin sauce and applesauce on the side OR Grilled Salmon Filet with sun dried tomato beuree rouge OR Roasted Chicken Breast with herbs and garlic. Each choice includes salad (with two choices of dressing), chef's choice of vegetables, mashed potatoes, rolls, butter, and dessert. Reservations need to be made by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Write menu choice on your check. If you are bringing a guest, please include their name. Make checks payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Mail to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211.

Please bring an unwrapped toy for a child 4-8 years old for the Fantasy Flight which will be held December 12<sup>th</sup>. Wrapping will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at DENTK. If you would like to help, call **Tom Goodyear** at (303) 696-7001 or cell (720) 363-1655.

The next breakfast is Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> at the training center.

*May we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!*

### Calendar:

**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> 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!



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We held our regular meeting on Sep 21<sup>st</sup> at The Village Inn. Our meeting was lightly attended. **Chuck Stuller** traveled to Detroit to see his ailing parents. DTW has a brand new terminal, too bad we have so few flights there. The agents in DTW mentioned they need some safety improvements, but are not getting them! **Chuck & Carol Stuller** visited the Maui station October 10<sup>th</sup>. We hear that **Merle Winterton** is engaged.

Congratulations Merle!

Fall is a beautiful month to visit Colorado.

Our regular meetings are at The Village Inn on Harrison Rd. and I-25 for breakfast at 0830 hrs. Still the third Monday! Welcome all southern Colorado!

#### Calendar:

**November 16** – Regular breakfast meeting at 0830

**December 21** – Regular meeting

**January 18** – Regular meeting

### FLORIDA

#### THE VILLAGES - CITRUS GROUPERS

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The Citrus Groupers met on September 24 at the Golden Corral in the Villages with 18 members attending. Since our president **Jerry Bell** was away, I (Claus) conducted the meeting. Our secretary could not make it and her replacement had to go away, so I asked for a volunteer to take the minutes. **Eva Dulan** volunteered.

We started the meeting pledging allegiance to the flag. There was no reading of last month's meeting minutes. After the Treasurer's report, anniversary and birthdays of the month were announced: **Don & Eva Dulan** had their 56 wedding anniversary. **Frank & Maxine Wood** celebrated their 69<sup>th</sup> and Mr. and Mrs. **Solomon**, their 41<sup>st</sup>.

Our next meeting will take place October 22. The forth Thursday of the month at 11.30 at the Golden Corral on Rt. 466 between Buena Vista and Hwy. 301 in the Villages.



#### SAND "DABS"

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We had a small cozy group of 11 members and guests at our October meeting. Sometimes it's good to be small as we are able to talk and share easier. Our guests were **Robert & Deborah Taylor** from SAN. They visit DAB yearly and enjoy the group that gathers yearly at the same hotel. We welcomed **Jane Kress** back with us again, and looking good. We all applauded her presence and good recovery from her fall, which took a long time for her. She is now settled in a smaller Villa after selling her home. Her new place sounds so

very nice and she's happy there. Her new address is 1397 Coconut Palm Circle, Port Orange, FL 32128 in case any friends want to write her.

Prez **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting and caught us up on various members who were kept busy in other activities like meetings, helping friends or traveling. The **Gammills** will be back from their digs in WI by next meeting hopefully. Treasurer **Penny Logan** was off to Dubai (United Arab Emirate). We'll have to have her give us a talk about that trip. I'm sure she'll have plenty to say.

We got news that former member **Joan Brandon-isio**, now part of the Citrus group, had to give up some of her work there to take care of hubby **Louis** who has some health problems. We wish him well. Prez Dick mentioned that our Sand "DABS" group is 13 years old this month. So many "originals" are no longer with us.

Birthday celebrant present was **Marion Johnson**. We're getting better at staying in tune with our birthday song. Sorry Marion couldn't get a piece of cake, as our cake is fake. Marion won the 50/50 drawing which was a nice little birthday present. **Lowell Johnson** is celebrating 49 years with the company.

It was noted that the RUAEA 2010 convention in Orlando will be starting on May 23 and help from other FL chapters may be needed on May 26, 27 and 28. We'll wait for them to tell us where they need help.

We will be meeting at Halifax Yacht Club for our Christmas meeting on our regular date, Dec.3. We chose a menu and the cost will be \$21 P/P. The room holds a max of 24 people, so those who sign up first, will get in. Prez had some more funny ones at joke time. I took a copy of one and so did **Herb Gardner**. Prez Dick gave a brief review of his recent boat race to St. Augustine from Ponce Inlet. It sounds like he enjoys the sailing with his friends. The meeting was adjourned until Nov.5.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *Never put both feet into your mouth at the same time, otherwise you won't have a leg to stand on.*

#### Calendar:

**November 5** - 11:30AM - Red Lobster

**December 3** - 11:30AM - Halifax Yacht Club, \$21 P/P, please sign up early.

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President **Rich Llewellyn** opened our luncheon



meeting and the first order of business was to convey our deepest sympathy to the families of **Matt McNeill** and **Jack Cavner**, both of whom passed away since our last gathering. Matt's memorial service was held September 19<sup>th</sup> and Jack's service was held on September 27<sup>th</sup>. These men were true "Real McCoys" and will be missed by all.

Our meeting was attended by 38 members and 3 guests, **Pat Stinson** and his daughter, Susan, and **Joe & Barb Fitak's** granddaughter, Karina. Welcome to our guests and a big welcome back to **Richard & Gloria Armistead!** Nice to see you both!

We had quite a few birthdays to celebrate this month! **Al Fields** – 10/17 and wife **Lois** – 10/30, **Joe Fitak** – 10/22, **Ernie Vosges'** wife **Cheryl** – 10/26, and **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** – 10/24. And Happy Anniversary Wishes to **Elaine & Joe Mannella** with three years on October 26<sup>th</sup>! Congrats!

#### Calendar:

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

**November 4** – Luncheon Meeting

**December 2** – Christmas Luncheon

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Nights are held (usually) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Location varies but the time is always 4:30pm. Email me if you'd like to join us!

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Our First meeting of the fall season was held at our usual place, the beautiful Sable Springs Golf and Racquet Club House in North Fort Myers. **Mel Volz** was collecting the yearly dues so he will be able to produce the roster for 2010. Just a hint, get your dues in so your name will be in the roster with all your information.

Our president, **Bill & Marge Burg**, were still up north so **Mel Volz** took over the job as president and did an excellent job. As usual, our lunch was delicious and also with carrot cake for dessert. There were fifteen members and the speaker for lunch. It was good to see **Ray Winterhalter** back with the group. The October birthdays are **Marilyn McNabb**, **Joan Gilkison**, **Maxine Brown** and **Rosemary Blake**. We had an exciting 50/50 with lots of prizes. We are also very appreciative of any donations to our prize table.

David Plazas from the News-Press was the interesting guest speaker for our meeting. He is the Community Conversation Editor at the newspaper. He talked about things going on locally and at the state level and about the government health care bill. He answered many questions from our members. David is a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois with bachelor and master degrees.

Next month's meeting will be at lovely Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club with lunch and a speaker. If any **United Airlines** employees or retirees are in town, please call and join us for lunch on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. We are a social group and have made many friendships among the members.

#### Calendar:

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month:

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

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (**June-September**)

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The October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting was opened by President **Bob Lindstrom** with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the benediction by **Jim Hottel**. There were 43 members and 3 guests present. The guests were **John & Judy Vento** and daughter Gabrielle. Gabrielle is a teenager with Juvenile Diabetes. She has had the disease for 8 years. They usually visit once a year to give an update on how she is doing. Now that she is on the pump, she is regulating the glucose levels much better.

Birthdays - **Dave Kratofil** (10/6), **Peggy Manuel** (10/7), **Terri Breslin** (10/10), **Carolyn Lodge** (10/13) and **Bill Linehan** (10/24).

Anniversaries - **Don & Connie Kuen** (49 yrs. on 10/8) and **Dave & Carolyn Lodge**.

Minutes were read and accepted after corrections. Treasury report was read and accepted.

There was no old business. The new business was whether to have the Spring Picnic again at Anderson Park on April 5, 2010. The motion was made and ac-

cepted for **Jon Wilkenson** to reserve the park. There was some discussion on the menu. **Jim Hottel** will give some new ideas at the next meeting.

Travel - **Helena Kocovar** related on her Trafalgar trip to Croatia and Slovenia, she took UAL on her way over and Austrian Air on the return. She stated that the food was much better on the return flight. In Croatia, little English was spoken but enough to suffice. In Slovenia, English is the second language and more widely used. She enjoyed the 11 day trip. **Jim Hottel** flew to PWM via ORD express both ways with no problems. **John & Barbara Riecse** drove from Wisconsin to ORD to pickup their granddaughter. Her flight was an hour late and then they had to wait about 2 hours for luggage due to a large storm in the area and all personnel were taken off the ramp. After leaving ORD on the way to downtown Chicago for dinner, they encountered dead stop traffic on the expressway due to the President arriving in Chicago. **Bob & Jan Lindstrom** traveled to LEX-BUF-Cooperstown-AVP (Erie Lackawanna Railroad Yards) and Gettysburg. The weather was good except the day they left and the day they returned. All in all, a very nice trip for a railroad buff. **Beverly Alderdice** flew to CLE then drove to PIT and continued on to GRR. No problems. **Bill Linehan** drove to New Jersey with his son and returned via IAD with no problems. **Bob Noe** commented on his trip to BWI via ORD to watch the Tampa Bay Rays game, he flew to ELP via ORD and DEN. The transfer from UA to United Express was quite an ordeal, he returned ELP to ORD via Express.

Sunshine Committee - Terri asked everyone to keep our long time members who were having health problems in their prayers, including **Shirley & Larry Epard, John Gicking** and **John Quinn**.

V.P. **Jon Wilkinson** told of AAL non-union retirees that their health insurance would be terminated on December 31.

#### Calendar

**Nov. 2** - Tiffanies 10:30 AM

**Dec. 7** Christmas Luncheon - Cocktails 11 AM, Lunch 12 Noon, Spartan Manor, 6121 Massachusetts Ave., New Port Richey, \$16.00 P.P. Reservation by Nov. 25.



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On this hot upper 90's October day, we had 14 members and one guest in attendance. Our distin-

guished guest was none other than **Paul Brown**, our UAL representative from Orlando. Paul spoke about the upcoming convention in Orlando which is set for May 23, 2010. The hotel rate is \$99.00 and includes free parking, what a deal! He also spoke about the fact that UAL headquarters is moving from their present site to the downtown Sears Tower building.

The last time Paul was with us, I was in the hospital from my accident and it certainly was a pleasure to finally meet him. Hey Paul, don't make your visits so far apart and perhaps bring your wife with you the next time you visit. He and his wife also made a trip to Germany this year but unlike **Paul Liebisch**, he did not get his ear pierced, and he also will not grow a pony tail.

**Mari Hirjak** was in attendance after a long siege with her knee replacement and is neither looking nor happy about having to have hip surgery. What a life! Keep smiling Mari, for it is the only thing you can do. Oh getting older does have its downs but look at it this way; you will soon become a bionic woman.

**Chris Taylor** was also in attendance after a long but complete recovery and is looking younger every day.

Our Christmas party is slated for December 1 at 6PM. We certainly hope we will have a good attendance. The price will be approximately \$20.00 per person for an evening of good food and lots of festive happenings, and don't forget Toys for Tots. We will have the party at Mulligan's in Jensen Beach so plan on attending. When we are given an exact price, which will be hopefully by our November meeting we will advise accordingly.

Dues, Dues, Dues - a reminder that dues of \$6.00 are DUE now! Please come to the November 2 meeting or send a check to **Diane Liebisch** or call her and let her know the facts at (772) 871-2487.

**Al Popek** read aloud the very nice note we received from **Bill Nehls**. As you remember Bill's wife, Marge, just recently passed away and some of which he said, was as soon as things get back to some normalcy, he will come back to the meetings. We look forward to seeing you, Bill.

Well the big winner of the 50/50 again this month was none other than **Artie Frage** and guess who won the progressive again this month? None other than yours truly **M. Jane Kerr**, what a deal! This is two months in a row that both of us have won, I wonder if there will be a third? Keep tuned! Now just remember that **Jane & Frank Wise** were in attendance and as usual, they only win when they don't attend. They said they would rather attend the meetings although winning is nice to.

Now I don't want to sound like a broken record but why don't you come and visit us and join the fun, **Al Popek** may even let you borrow his meat tenderizer and call the meeting to order. You never know, you may

even want to come back again or buy your own meat tenderizer!

After we finished lunch, we heard all about the travels to Hawaii from **Diane & Paul Liebisch**, **Art & Judy Frage** and **Barbara Dodenhoff**. Maui is where they stayed and find it the favorite of all the islands.

Until next month stay happy and healthy and see you all then.

*On the lighter side:*

- ☺ *I've reached the age where happy hour is a nap.*
- ☺ *Money can't buy happiness, but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Kia.*
- ☺ *If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.*
- ☺ *No one has more driving ambition than a boy who wants to buy a car.*
- ☺ *Why is it that at class reunions, you feel younger than everyone else looks?*
- ☺ *Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without!*
- ☺ *How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?*
- ☺ *If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.*
- ☺ *I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.*

#### Calendar:

**November 2** - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting- Mulligan's - Jensen Beach

**December 1** - 6PM Christmas Dinner Party-Mulligan's - Jensen Beach

**January 5** - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting-Mulligan's -- Jensen Beach

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Twenty Eight flyers and seven guests showed up at the I-Hop Restaurant for lunch on Wednesday September 7. Our guests were Marilyn Swinderman, **Bruce & Mary Brodersen's** daughter in from California to visit them. Also **Roy Cross's** grandsons, Caleb Cross and

Brandon Rossier both of Fayetteville, GA. Ezra Thompson, **Richard & Diayne Thompson's** young grandson who has become a regular lately. Carol & James Carlson, **Bill Carlson's** son and daughter who escorted Bill to our meeting. Every one was so glad to see Bill and visit with him. Our other guest was **Kim Schmidt**, formally of ATLKQ Computer Services, who came as a guest and signed up as a member of the Flyers. Welcome on board Kim.

Congratulations are in order for **Elmer & Lois Koldoff** who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month. Best wishes for many more happy years, from all the Flyers. Our 50/50 was conducted by our Director **Fred Cron** and assisted by **Bogie Wallace**. **Bill Carlson** drew the winning ticket held by **Marge Cebula**. Marge had two tickets and informed Stan it was her ticket that won. Way to go Marge!

**Bill Elk** held a business meeting and **Bruce Brodersen** gave a financial report, as it's getting close to the end of the year and getting near membership dues time. **Diayne Thompson** gave a report on her sightseeing trip to Washington D.C. where she also attended The Tea Party. Richard and Diayne also recently went on a trip to Europe. Diayne offered members tips from her experiences using the new ZED fares, and how to access them on line. Also discussed, in latest business trends, was AMR'S decision to eliminate their health insurance coverage for retirees over age 65. A lot of people concerned over that! Sick Call reports on **Carlos Terrell** is that he is undergoing treatment and if all goes as planned, he will be in the north Georgia area on a hunting trip next month.

#### Calendar:

**November 4** - 12:00 Noon, lunch at the I-Hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA.

### IDAHO

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Our October 5<sup>th</sup>, meeting was held at JB's in Meridian and attended by 16 members. A record early snow fall at Sun Valley, Idaho was 17 inches. The temperature in Boise should normally be in 70's; however, our high was only 43 for today! Goodbye fall, Hello winter!

**Shirley Perkins** abandoned poor **Charles** and went S/A to Toronto to visit her sister. Trip through ORD to YZZ was great ... no problem at all. Glad to go, glad to get home. Otherwise, we are laying low for winter.

**Louise Duvall** said it was nice to see so many on our first rainy day meeting.

Thanks to "our farmers", **Ozzie Haugen** and **John Bell** and their equally talented wives, **Louise** and **Carole** for the bountiful produce.

**Dave Adams** has a bus trip to the California Coast (Reno, Napa, The Redwoods, Grants Pass, Bend and return to Boise). He and Carol are headed to Kansas City for a vacation. In November, Dave will be driving the BSU (Boise State University) Broncos football team to Logan, Utah.

**Ossie Haugen** met his nephew at the Denver Airport and from there; they drove to Aberdeen, South Dakota. The purpose was to observe a Steam Thrashers Reunion. There were 12 steam engines involved with threshing and plowing these engines, ranged in power from 50 to 100 HP (horsepower). They also had a variety of horse drawn equipment. After leaving, they headed for North Dakota through Jamestown, and on to the Devils Lake area. They noticed many changes, especially the high water at Devils Lake. After this, they visited a few old friends and some relatives who still live in the area.

**Ann & Floyd Rose** entertained Ann's family from Germany: Her brother and sister was with them for 4 weeks and a nephew and his wife were with them for a week. **Rick & Shirley Dempsey** were back in California. While they were in California, their youngest dog, Jack, was entered in a dog show in Boise. Their trainer, Andrea Williams, was his handler. Jack won first place in the puppy portion of Golden Retrievers and second in Best of Show. Andrea said Jack really liked showing off! **Walt & Wilma Anderson** have agreed to hold our Christmas Party at their home in Nampa. The Party will be on December 16. Details for the party will be announced at our November meeting.

#### Calendar:

**Nov. 2** - Breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

**Dec. 7** - Breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

**Dec. 16** - Christmas Party at **Walt & Wilma Anderson's** home, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., RSVP to **Rick Dempsey**

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All kinds of summer activities happening now that summer is really here and the rains have stopped for awhile. On August 16<sup>th</sup>, the son-in-law of **Elaine Dore**

and her family rented a Sky Box at Wrigley Field for a mini family reunion. That game date was postponed because of rain, so they were able to do it again on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Jim Sommerfield** hosted a class of 63 reunion committee at his lake house on Buffalo Lake. That's like having a summit meeting.

**Carol Faust** walked in Schaumburg's parade on Labor Day, carrying the Citizens Police Academy banner. This is the same lady that climbs mountains in Colorado. That takes a good pair of legs.

Some important anniversary celebrations this month: **Carol & Ron Skolozynski** on their 50<sup>th</sup>, **Eleonor & Gene Vegais**, **Esther & Al Broderson** both celebrating their 56<sup>th</sup>. The children of **Angeline & Nick Romeo** gifted them with a three day stay at the Hilton Hotel complete with a limo to celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> because this was where they honeymooned! Again?

**Bonnie & Ed Meyer**, besides enjoying the Convention, added to the festivities a visit to Sedona, Jerome, a Diamondback's game at Chase Field, and to top it off, a trip to the Grand Canyon. This was their first time in Arizona. **Angie Halawa** recovered from her fall and can now wear bracelets as her casts on both arms were removed. Hope they are real jewel ones.

The Southside had 20 for breakfast including **Virginia Hilkens** and **Al Eberhart** who had been missing for awhile. **Florence Constance**, **Wes Roak**, and **Tom Hurley** won the raffles. **Gwen & Bill Brookins** spent a week at the Radisson Hotel and the Oneida Casino in Green Bay, WI with their social club. Some of their friends came away big winners, but the Brookins just donated to the pot.

Carnival Cruise Lines announced a new benefit to retired employees of United Airlines. Up to a 50% discount off brochure rates on select, one cabin cruises. Destinations include the Caribbean, Bahamas, Mexican Riviera, Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, and Bermuda. For further information, call Adrian Teixeira at 1-800-819-3902, ext. 82369.

With the falling of the leaves and the cooling temperatures, we are reminded that Thanksgiving Day is coming soon. During your happy family get-togethers, don't forget to plan for the big Christmas Luncheon, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Avalon. Since this and all other events are open to all retirees, their families and friends, this is a great way to celebrate the season with a good meal, the raffles, telling Santa your wishes, and doing a lot of visiting. For yours and our committee's convenience, your flyer has a place to add your 2010 Skyliner dues of \$5.00. Even if you cannot attend the luncheon, your dues assure you of all Skyliner mailings and announcements. Any add-on for postage is also appreciated. So, let's get in the mood early. You'll enjoy the actual days more, if you plan now.



### Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**November 24 & December 29**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**November 11 & December 1**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**November 3 & December 1**).

**October 21** - Fall Luncheon at the Seville, 700 Barrington Rd., Streamwood, IL.

**December 7** - Christmas Luncheon at the Avalon, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove Village, IL.



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The September Luncheon had 12 happy and lively members attending on a beautiful warm and sunny day in downtown Chicago. We had a very welcome and honored guest of **Jim Simon**, our Midwest Regional Director, flew in that morning from Minnesota to join us.

There was much conversation during our delicious lunch with outstanding service by wait staff Philipe and Alex. As a special treat, complimentary desserts selected from the buffet were offered.

Some conversation was about the trip to Ludington, Michigan for the Northwood's Loonies Fall Adventure in October. There was talk of possibly taking the Lake Michigan Ferry from Manitowac, Wisconsin which is a 4 hour trip. **Jim Simon, Mary Szabo, Norm Pearson, Carol & Bob Faust, Ginny & Frank Vlach** are planning to take the trip as well as **Marge Daily** and **Bob Jacobson**.

Our next luncheon is scheduled for November 18, 2009 at the Renaissance Chicago Hotel (Great Street Restaurant) - 11:30 a.m. All members and guests, who plan to attend, please email or call me before noon of November 17<sup>th</sup>, so that we can give adequate notice to the hotel.

### Calendar:

**November 18** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

**December** – No luncheon scheduled

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Once again, thanks to **Elly Barnett** for making arrangement for the Beef and Boards theatre presentation "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." It was a great evening! **Carol & Jack Conway** returned from their trip just in time to join us, too!

**Ray Brabo** advised he has contacted the U. S. Marines and they will be attending our November meeting. Thanks to Ray's original suggestion when our group was formed, we support Toys for Tots through gifts and provide dinner to the Marines, who come to collect the toys at our meeting. We ask members to bring unwrapped toys for children. Ray would also like to express his appreciation for cards and calls he has received from friends while recovering from his eye surgeries. Although **Hannelore** has not relinquished driving the car, Ray's vision is improved.

Plans also are underway for our December holiday party on the Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. Once again, our gathering will be at the lovely Twin Bridges Lodge in Danville, IN. Members and non-members are invited to attend this fun afternoon. Contact my phone number above by December 1<sup>st</sup> to advise if you will attend. Indy Racers provides the meat entrée and beverages while side dishes and/or deserts are donated by members. A gift exchange per person or couple adds to the excitement of the event. Generally, we have a \$15 gift exchange but the amount will be decided at the November meeting.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Jim & Nancy Gibson** on their recent marriage.

In the coming weeks as fall leaves turn to winter flakes, several of our members will be snowbirds, heading to Florida or Texas for the season as the rest of us struggle with the elements of winter.

### Calendar:

**November 9** - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Rd., Avon, IN (Rt. 36). Room available from 2PM, meeting at 3PM.

**December 5** – Saturday, 1-5PM. Christmas Dinner and gift exchange at Twin Bridges Lodge, Danville, IN. No regular meeting this month.

*It took me three weeks to stuff the turkey. I stuffed it through the beak.*

*~ Phyllis Diller*

## MASSACHUSETTS

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The Nor'Easters October luncheon meeting took place at Isacc's Restaurant in Historic Plymouth, MA. The view from the restaurant's second floor is Plymouth Harbor with the replica of the Mayflower at a pier. This replica actually sailed from England several years past, re-enacting the original journey of the Pilgrims. With such a view, 29 members enjoyed good and better company. Good to see **Fred Johnson, Bob & Jean Lincoln** and **Dayle Vee**, all not seen in some time. Unfortunately, our treasurer, **Bill Vanderwal** got a last minute emergency call about his mother and missed the meeting, a first for Bill. His mom turned out to be fine though. Our 50/50 winners were **Sue Yip** and **Elaine Vanderwal**. Free lunch winners were **Don Latter** and **Lew Shakley**. Present members, **Bill Shailor** and **Bill Marios**, our usual and most lucky winners, didn't make it this time. Once again, this meeting location was planned for members living on the South Shore, yet again, a majority of the attendees were from the North Shore.

A copy of a "letter to the editor" of Travel Weekly magazine was sent to me. The topic was a travel agency's boycotting airlines that no longer have sales agents servicing them. The writer, a 39 year agency veteran points out the first airline Rep he ever met was our own **June Alberion**, extolling her efficient, professional and personable manner. His quote, "*I wonder what she would think today of United and its new anti agent policy, after all her years of persuading us to book United*". I think we all know the answer to that!

**Dick Mangino**, a double-hand amputee, has been serving with a Spaulding Rehab Committee, selecting handicap art work for display. The first display will open on Oct. 9 in a second floor gallery. Each month will feature four new artists. Dick will have five pieces of his own art on display this month.

**Jayne Regan** is on the move again. This trip is to Spokane to visit her grandson at Gonzaga University, then on to southern California to visit with her brother. Jayne is putting her faith on standby this trip.

**Bob & Judy Austin** just returned from a 10 day Alaskan cruise. Their children took them on the wonderful cruise for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Bill & Judy Rodenhizedr** have a new grandson, Luke Anthony Rodenhizer, born on Sept. 24.

**Mercedes Hersom** is doing much better. On Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, she cooked her first meal and drove for the first time since falling ill on July 14. She says she missed the entire summer. Although she will be taking antibiotics for six more weeks, she is beginning to feel like her old self again and will start her various volunteering soon. Don't jump in too fast Merc!

I got an email from **Ralph Nardone**, retired BOSCG, inquiring about Merc. He's been living in Inverness, FL for twenty years and is a member of the Citrus Groupers. Ralph says "Hi" to all his friends in the Northeast.

Lynn O'Hare survived her 100 mile Wilderness Trail hike, despite a broken toe, two sprained ankles and a pulled shoulder muscle. She advised these ten days of grueling terrain and Aleve tablets was her 2009 stupid act of the year. On returning home, she got a call from her brother to get to NJ as her mom's health was failing. Lynn was with her when she passed away on Sept. 19. She's not in a great hurry to see what 2010 has in store. Can only get better Lynn!

Last month I mentioned getting old friends together via our Newsletter and meeting new acquaintances. I have to apologize to one of those new friends, **Uelus Soward**, "Uel", for misspelling his name. Those 99 year old eyes don't let anything get by! Uel told me of a woman who asked what was his secret to reaching his age. Uel replied no coffee, no cigarettes, and no whiskey! The woman placed her hand on her heart and exclaimed, "*I'm dead already*"!

**Helmet Umbley** got a call from **John Brozko**, BOSCG, advising **Booker Hunt**, "Sarge" passed away on Sept. 27 at the VA Hospital in West Roxbury. Sarge, retired from BOSCG, wasn't a chapter member, but was known by most of us.

Also, **Carol Buscaglia LaMontagne**, retired BOSCS, passed away on Sept. 22 from her TNM lung disease. Again not a member, but well known. I worked with both Carol and Booker, both good friends. It's always a shock!

November's birthdays: **Robert DiPippo, Joe Duda, Ray Forister, Marcia Kilpatrick, Bob Siebold, Lyn Walter** and **Dick Woodworth**.

November's anniversaries: **Edward & Kathlee Aldorisio** - 44 years, **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** - 28 years and **Paul & Mary Ward** - 46 years.



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Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 18 escapees gathered at Station 885 in Plymouth, hosted by **Gay Givens**, with a little help from her friends. We were happy to see that Gay could actually attend as she has been quite busy commuting to IA every other month sharing the duty with her brother of caring for their failing mom. Please continue your prayers for the family during these trying times.

We were also glad to see **Mike Clynych** for the first time this year. Mike has been the caretaker of his wife, **Elaine** who is also in need of our prayers. Mike advised he would be unable to attend the Loonies affair due to Elaine's illness. Mike has a dual-citizenship with the Loonies as well as several of us Escapees. I am so happy that one of the Loonies came up with dual-citizenship as we did not like the sounds of us Escapees who are also Loonies, being referred to as Escaped Loonies or Loonie Escapees.

Our love and prayers this month to **Rod Jacobs**, **Sharon's** hubby who is still undergoing chemo and recovering from eye surgery @ 411 Coledale Drive, White Lake, MI 48386-2827. Plus, keep **Helen McLaughlin** in your prayers, who is recovering from chemo for ovarian cancer @ 2018 Townhouse Lane, Hueytown, AL 35023-2366. **John Schick** also needs our prayers, as he is suffering severe back pains @ 22621 E. 12 Mile Rd., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2505.

We were also saddened when we heard **Lil Burger** left our world, Sept. 9, for her eternal home. Love to her family, Mike Lucas (her loving nephew) & family @ 17385 Beechwood, Beverly Hills, MI. 48025. We are all praying for a better December and 2010.

### Calendar:

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

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Thanks to **Diane Storlie** for taking notes at the September meeting! 29 Northern Lites met on a glorious September day. We're being compensated with warm, wonderful weather for the "sweatshirt" temperatures July dished out. We Minnesotans/Wisconsinites believe that Mother Nature's capricious antics make us hardier folks.

It was fun to see **Tom Krieger** again. He doesn't come nearly often enough, but now that he's fully & finally retired (we'll see!), he intends to come more frequently. **Dave Wiley** said that he's going to bring Tom every month.

**Lee Storlie & Connie Glattly** both had calls from **Vern Palmer**, retiree from CHIRR who worked at MSP before the Reservations office was closed & employees transferred to CHI or furloughed. It was fun to chat with him & catch up after all those years.

**Jim Simon** spoke about his Alaskan salmon-fishing trip with **Rich Glattly**. Pictures were passed around for all to enjoy. (Smoked fish is now making cocktail hour at the Glattlys a real treat.)

**Virginia Swenson & her sister, Marge**, brought the jams & jellies they'd made. At an earlier meeting, several of the 'Lites had ordered some to buy. The two sisters have 11 acres which are planted with a variety of fruits & they cook up a storm during the harvest. They make all sorts of goodies which they sell & then donate the proceeds to their favorite charity.

By the time this is read, the Northwood Loonies' autumn event in Ludington, MI will be just a fond memory. Several of the Northern Lites will have attended; report next month.

El Presidente **Lee Storlie** closed the meeting with a few jokes (groaners). We've become accustomed to his quirky sense of humor & enjoy all his efforts. We hope that he'll not tire of being our "Head M'Gaffer" anytime soon.

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

## NEBRASKA

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There were 43 who enjoyed the outing at Cooper Farm. Our thanks to hosts **Cary & Toddy Manson**, for a great time. In 1993, the Omaha Home for Boys founded Cooper Village, a psychiatric residence for boys. Located on the Cooper Farm grounds, Cooper

Village has a capacity for 26 residential youth and 20 in day treatment.

**Ev Payton** celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 13 with an Open House given by his family.

**Helen Taylor** celebrated her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday this past week. Even though she and **Stan** had that terrible fire, then Helen had the heart attack, she looks great and doing well. Way to go, Helen.

I knew there was a reason we hadn't seen **Bob & Carolyn Kraft**, and that is because Carolyn had back surgery on August 6. She is getting along okay except she is not to ride in a car yet. She said she is to walk a mile each day. Wow! The best to you Carolyn!

Also, **Louie Stankoski** had back surgery where they fused it to ease the pain. He was home in a day. Hope you are doing okay, Louie.

Had a note from **Jim Beveridge** saying that **Eddie Quinn** from Denver had been in town and called them. **Eddie** and **Mary** worked together in the WOW Building and then he transferred to Denver in the 60s. Eddie was back to see his brother in a rest home and he said he saw **Dorothea Schmill** there and that she would be moving to a rest home in Bennington. We have been trying to find out where Dorothea is so we can send her cards, but have yet to receive any communication from her family.

Our column of more UAL Retirees deceased or **hopefully still alive and well**. Do you remember? **Louise Sohm, Bruce Woods, Dudley Kovarik, Helen Kontor, Mary Winkler, Trudy Tighe, Ralph Bredow** and **Doc Savage**.

#### Calendar:

**November 3** - Bohemian Café – Hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

**December 1** - Anthony's, Christmas Party – Hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

**January 5** - Old Country Buffet – 72<sup>nd</sup> & Dodge

### NEVADA



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There were 35 attendees at our September meeting, including 1 guest. Our guest was **Denise Parson**, guest of **Sylvia Pendleton & Ed Williams**.

**RUAEA:** **John** has continued to travel to the meetings for the Gold Diggers, North Staters, Hangtown Miners and San Joaquiners. He will be attending a Board meeting in October and will return with news to

share. Information on the Christmas luncheon menu will be presented at our October meeting.

Winner of the 50/50 was **Sylvia Pendleton**. Nice to see her and **Ed** after an absence of a few months.

September birthdays were celebrated by: **Elizabeth Brown, John Brown, Ray Knutson, Jeff Nimori** and **John Zoboli**.

We were sad to hear of the passing of **Howard Keller**, a retired pilot, on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. A sympathy card was sent on behalf of the members to his widow, Aidia.

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The Gardenstaters held their monthly meeting on September 30. Vice President **John Deily** opened the meeting with a flag salute and then held a moment of silence for 6 of our departed members. They were: **Jerry Confer, Walter Brauer, Rose Sites, Stan Michaelson, Robert Gaydos** and **Vinnie Lepore's** wife **Mary Ann**. Minutes were read by **Violet Etler** and a treasurer's report was given by **John Murphy**.

A letter was received from the people who rode their motorcycles across the country for Flight 93, to thank the Gardenstaters for the donations that were given. Toys for tots will be collected at our October 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween meeting and at our holiday party on December 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be no November meeting.

**George Wittman** asked the membership to contact their buddies and invite them to our meetings.

Nominations for officers will be held at the next meeting, if anyone is interested, please give your name to **Dick Confer** or **John Deily**.

#### Calendar:

**October 28** - Meeting

### NEW YORK

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September 15<sup>th</sup>, 25 Chips met at the Fireside Restaurant in Lancaster, NY for an evening of food, fun and



lots of conversation. The Fireside provided a fine meal and most in the group were observed carrying a large box of leftovers home.

We were joined by a number of long missing Chips, **Bruce Klossner** found time on his fall commute from Sudbury, Ontario to Florida to stop at his home in Darien and more importantly to visit a group of old friends. **Doug & Gale Dannebrock** took time from their summer home in Port Colbourne, Ontario to stop and say hello and mingle with old friends, they will head back to Florida within the week. We finally had an evening meeting, so **Paul Gerner** could visit and not miss work with the USPS.

It was also a pleasure to see **Cora Hahn** and **Nor-rine Andrews** who have spent a few days on the sick list.

Speaking of the sick list, the only name on it is mine, I had a full left knee replacement on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, so I missed a few days. Thank the good lord for placing Wi-Fi in both the hospital and the rehab facility.

Currently, the December meeting is up in the air, normally we join the poor working stiffs at the airport for this great evening but at this time, their plans are indefinite (Wonder why?) We will let all know the when and where as soon as the puzzle is solved.

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There were 18 attendees at our October 6 luncheon. We welcomed **Jean Flynn**, a recent retiree from EWRSS as a guest and a new member. Jean spent 57 years at UAL. It was great seeing **Ratomir Sunderic** again after his long stay in Croatia.

First on the agenda was the holiday party to be held December 8, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of December. There will be a charge of \$15 per member and \$20 per guest. If you have not paid your annual dues of \$10, then you would owe \$25. If you plan to attend, it is imperative that you RSVP by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, otherwise, we may run out of space as this is a very popular party.

Our Secretary **Barbara Hill**, archivist for the NY City Opera is looking forward to the November 5<sup>th</sup> opening of the NY State Theatre renamed David Koch. This is all a part of the reconstruction at Lincoln Center and should be a very exciting event. **Betty Williams** was thrilled to attend the opening night of the Philharmonic conducted by the new, and young Alan Gilbert.

And of course, we are all excited about our Yankees playing in the playoffs. Go Yanks, let's celebrate our 27<sup>th</sup> year of winning the pennant.

**Donna Feingold** was the 50/50 winner.

#### Calendar:

**December 8** - Holiday Party, 12 Noon. RSVP by December 1<sup>st</sup>



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Our meeting format for October was changed due to the nomination of Chapter President and Recording Secretary. **Jim Richardson** was nominated and voted in for another two year term. **Rose Schneider** did not choose to run for the 2010-2012 term and **Madeline Klos'** name was put up for nomination and voted in for the job of Recording Secretary. Congratulations Madeline for accepting the nomination!

Birthday Greetings go to **Dan Duran** who will be 93 years young on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Dan gave up his driver's license last year, so he attends the City Chapter "Guys and Dolls". Dan uses Access-A-Ride for transportation.

Outstanding Anniversary Celebrants are **Nick & Roberta Manfredo** who will be married 50 years on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Peter & Geraldine Korsch** will celebrate 52 years of wedding bliss on October 26<sup>th</sup>. **Dave & Joan Curtin** were joined together 55 years ago on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1954. Best wishes for many more years together.

**Fred Jones** finally had his back surgery on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. At this time, Fred should be in rehab or home, (631) 667-4785. **Lee Ricci** broke her ankle and will be laid up for awhile, (631) 293-5997.

Maureen Lyons Briberacher called and advised me that her mother **Ann Lyons** broke her left hip and would like to hear from some Metro friends, (516) 775-3558. Ann & Maureen have plans for attending the coming Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Charlie Kaczinski** says **Charlie Metzger** and **Bobby Young** send their regards to the New York Metros.

Last month, I gave the incorrect name of the person who assisted **Pat Gilson** obtain money from an Insurance policy UAL had on her husband, Bob. **Felix Cicco** is the person, sorry for the faux pas!

**Lila Coultas** collected her \$5,000 life insurance following **Harry's** death earlier in the year. Lila extends her deep appreciation to all who helped her collect on the policy. Once again, many thanks to **Felix Cicco**.

We had 47 members and guests attending this months meeting. **Jean Donahue & Jean Zito** have a

new driver & guest **Dana Rosati**. Retiree **Joe Cantello** and his wife **Elaine** were on vacation from Florida. We're happy to break bread and visit with old friends.

Retirees and spouses, please make note of your PIN when you travel on United Airlines or call 1-800 UAL-LIST. In addition to your file number, you need your PIN.

Those members who wish to attend this years Christmas Luncheon being held at the Millerridge Inn on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, please call **Diane Talochino**, (516) 623-8225. We don't want to go over the limit of the room.

The New York Metros are starting to collect toys for the Marathon School annual Christmas Party. The retirees and IAM local 1322 have sponsored this affair for many years. Donations are also accepted.

#### Calendar:

**Nov. 4** - 12 noon at Millerridge Inn

**Dec. 2** - Christmas Luncheon

**January 2010** - No meeting

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Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, is when 40 plus Buckeyes and friends traveled to Shanksville, PA. This hollowed ground holds such a strong connection to many people, who will be able to pay homage to the people of Flight 93. I will have additional details in next month's newsletter. I would like to thank our Pres., Vice Pres. & Treasurer for their part in preparing this itinerary. Great Job!

I mentioned in last month's newsletter that Pres. **Carol Hacker** announced the resignation of **Sharon Minelli**, Vice Pres. & **Sharon Garrah**, Secy., and effective Jan. 2010. She also announced at the meeting that she would be resigning effective Jan. 2010.

**Marie Placko** took notes for the Sept luncheon, as I was unable to attend. Thank you, Marie. There were two guests who attended the luncheon. They were **Rich & Kathy Llewellyn** from Orlando, FL. Rich extended an invitation to attend the convention in Orlando in 2010. They are also working on a 3-4 day cruise after the convention. **Rich & Jane McPheter** chapter members from Yuma, AZ were also present.

Celebrating an Anniversary in August was **George & Nancy Oncu**. There were quite a few September An-

niversaries. They included **Frank & Janet Osborn** - 55yrs., **Don & Kathy Elster** - 43 yrs., **Perry & Judy McKnight** - 21 yrs. and **John & Carrie Kercel** - 20 yrs. God speed and may you all enjoy many, many more happy years to come.

August birthdays were **George Kurtz & Tom Hassel**. September birthdays included **Judy McKnight, Marie Placko & Sharon Gatesman**.

Many of our chapter members are dealing with various types of medical problems. We need to keep the following members in our thoughts and prayers. Many of you know **Harry Squire**, he has been admitted to a nursing home and cards would be appreciated. His wife **Ruth** will deliver cards. His home address is: 7141 Big Creek Parkway, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130-4906.

**Bob & Shari Herman** stopped by last month's luncheon on their way to the clinic. They wanted to say thanks for all the cards and prayers. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. His address is: 32945 Mills Rd., N. Ridgeville, OH 44039-2351.

Chapter member **Paul Rodjom** lost his wife **Connie** on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Cards of condolence may be mailed to: 9913 East River Rd., Elyria, OH 44035-8153.

To our members who are experiencing health issues or lost of love ones, that you are not alone. People truly do wish to help you through these difficult times.

#### Calendar:

**November 4** - Williams On-The-Lake, 787 Lafayette Rd., Medina, OH, pre-paid.

**December** - Christmas Party, Stancato's Italian Restaurant, 7380 State Rd., Parma, OH, pre-paid.

**January** - No Luncheon

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I want to thank to **Dee Boelter** for sending me the information on our last meeting. It seems I missed hearing our president **Charlie Stemper** sing a solo to our guest speaker Janet Green. Janet is the director of the Antique Road Revue "On Broadway" at the Senior Center in Vancouver, WA and Charlie was a member of the revue.

Our attendance in September was down as there were only 65 members at the meeting. Let's hope the fall and winter months will see an increase. Winners this month were: **Helen Stinnett** (Door Prize), **Connie**

**Bauer** (Birthday), **Lyle & Jean Sperb** (Anniversary), **Bob Woods** (50/50). **Gene & Lorie King** donated two lovely bouquets of flowers with vases and they were also given out as door prizes. The winners of the flowers were **Charlie Stemper** and **Rance Ishibashi**.

Charlie would like to start a ride share program for those who are unable to drive anymore. Please let one of the officers of Dew-er's know if you need a ride or if you would be willing to pick up someone for a meeting. Remember, we can't help you unless you call.

**Glenda Bitney** and **Bob Bauer** had surgery last month. I had an e-mail from **Connie Bauer** and she told me Bob came through his surgery with "flying colors". **Merle Pitman** (our Sunshine Man) is almost through with his radiation treatment and hopes to be able to come to our December meeting. He wants to remind everyone to call when you know someone needs a card.

**Bob Woods** brought in several varieties of tomatoes to share with the group. He is a master gardener and has a very large garden every year that he shares with different organizations and he also volunteers with his garden group.

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 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

**November 11** - Thanksgiving Luncheon

**December 9** - Christmas Event

**January 13** - Social

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Even after the tables and chairs have been put away, and the food & company are only happy memories, all of the members of OUR Club continue to thank **Steve & Cyndi Austin** for inviting us into their beautiful & spacious home with shaded patio for the chapter's annual picnic on September 11. Twenty-four of us gathered to enjoy the tri-tip, pork ribs and chicken grilled on site by caterer, Red Wagon BBQ. **Jim & Jane Frincke** provided drinks, dessert and table decorations. Even the weather cooperated and waited to top 100 degrees until the final minutes of a fun afternoon.

The picnic also served as OUR Club's quarterly business meeting. We were disappointed that Northwest Region Director **Jack Hooper** and wife, **Nancy**, were unable to join us from Washington State. We're all retirees, however, so every one understands about unexpected injuries that pop out of nowhere. How much we missed Jack & Nancy is how much we're now looking forward to seeing them whenever they're able to come down and join us again. We were also especially pleased to welcome former member **Karl Albert** to the picnic.

President **Neal Appleton** conducted the business meeting. After talking about RUAEA national membership and the various travel desks available to all of us, Neal called for nominations of 2010 officers. The election of officers will be held at the December quarterly business meeting. Secretary **Jane Frincke** and Treasurer **Peggy Wilson** gave their respective reports.

**Alberta & Russ Randall** won the 50/50 drawing. The ornamental pepper plants that served as table decorations were raffled after the 50/50. Days later, I spoke with one of the pepper plant winners (who shall remain nameless) who admitted to trying a single tiny seed from one of the small peppers. He said he couldn't see past his tears for hours.

The October 2 luncheon was hosted by **Jim & Jane Frincke** at The Beacon in Grants Pass. While there were only 12 of us attending, the animated conversation made it seem like twice that number. We are truly lucky to have such a good group of United retirees here in Southern Oregon.

The November 6 luncheon will be held at noon at Las Fajitas Mexican Cuisine & Cantina in Grants Pass with **Jim & Elaine Ellis** hosting.

#### Calendar:

**November 6** - Details in column - **Jim & Elaine Ellis**

**December 4** - Holiday luncheon at The Brewery - **Alberta & Russ Randall**

**January 8, 2010** - Location and host TBA

#### PENNSYLVANIA

##### **THE INDEPENDENTS**

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Our first meeting after the summer break was attended by 29 retirees and guests. Two arrived in wheelchairs, several on canes but everyone was smiling and looking refreshed after the summer break.

Unfortunately, the restaurant was totally unprepared for our arrival! We were not certain why there was a mix up but there was no room set up for us, no buffet and only 1 server available. Well, being airline people, we, if nothing else, are resourceful.

The restaurant found an empty room and somehow found 2 more servers. President **Joe Brad**, Treasurer **Tom Lyons** and Secretary **Kathy Edwards** stepped up to the plate. They selected 2 items from the menu and went from table to table taking orders. We enjoyed a nacho appetizer, soup or salad and a choice of hot roast beef sandwich or ham and cheese rollups. They turned a potential disaster into a very successful luncheon and meeting. Good job guys!

While we waited, our scheduled entertainer, Joe Madee, played a guitar and sang familiar melodies. Some of the music included tunes made famous by Mama Cass, Patty Page, Eddie Arnold, Patsy Cline, Elvis, and even, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. We were invited to sing along and many of us did so.

Good news from **Joe Brad**. He was taken off the chemo. Joe looks wonderful and says he feels great. I suppose all those prayers are working. Welcome back!

We also greeted long absent retirees Past President, **Bernie McNamee**, **Marge & Frank Eggles**. It was also a treat to see Past President **Jim Fanto** and his wife **Barbara**.

**Bob Moyer** gave us another update on **Hal Zerbock**. Apparently Hal is receiving instruction on how to navigate around his house without vision. Sadly, he had lost the vision in one eye and now cannot see with the other.

Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to **Ralph & Dot Baker**. 60 years celebrated on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and we wish you many more happy years together.

Sad news was reported that **Bobby Bell** from PHLFF passed away.

We discovered, too late, that several busses left Philadelphia to go to the Flight 93 site on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>. Many of us would have signed on. We'll be more alert next year.

We have our George Burns impersonator scheduled for the Oct 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is his 3<sup>rd</sup> return visit by popular demand. He is always entertaining and he looks, acts and talks exactly like the late George Burns.

**Shirley Roberts** and **Dee Burrs** are hosting the next committee meeting.

Our executive committee met at **Kathy & Al Edward**'s house on Monday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. We set the schedule and agenda for the balance of the year. **Shirley Roberts** and **Dee Burrs** hosted the refreshments ... pizza, salad and dessert. President **Joe Brad** and his wife, **Gail**, Treasurer **Tom Lyons** and his wife, **Pat**, **Frank & Marge Eggles**, **Kathy & Al Edwards**, **Shirley Roberts** and I were in attendance.

We went over the contract that the restaurant sent us, hoping to prevent another unpleasant surprise on our scheduled meeting dates. We inked in our meeting dates and our committee meeting dates. The contract was signed and returned to the restaurant.

**Frank Eggles** gave a report on his Flight 93 project and asked that I post the following in the newsletter:

- ☛ On Flight 93 Memorial Chapel, when sending checks please make check to: Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. Please include your file number and mail to: **Frank J. Eggles**, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Thank you.
- ☛ To date, over \$8300.00 has been donated to the Memorial fund. The Independents have contributed \$3000.00 of this and will continue to donate when funds become available. We ask our membership to include a donation when paying their dues, this has worked quite well. Thanks to all the retirees for your continued support, keep up the good work.
- ☛ Next April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, we are looking into a bus trip to Shanksville, PA, to the Memorial chapel. Several retirees have expressed a desire to go.
- ☛ The Ronald McDonald house dinner this year will be a bit more challenging. We are planning to do a complete Thanksgiving turkey dinner. We spent a lot of time making up the menu and assigning tasks. This year it will be held on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

For the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting we ask our retirees to bring canned goods and boxed items for Loaves and Fishes food bank. In December, we ask for a shoe box filled with things for someone in the veteran's home. We will feature the Haggis' musicians for the November meeting and in December, we will have our big band, plus craft show and auction. We do not meet January and February. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, we will solicit items to be mailed to a soldier in Iraq.

Our local dues notice will go out Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Happy Thanksgiving to all! One thing about writing these columns, the time seems to fly by so fast. Next edition, we'll be singing Christmas carols. Wow!

We lost another member of the Pit-Stoppers last month. **Bill "Pappy" Duvall** suffered a fall on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and passed on two days later. For those of us



who worked the ticket counter alongside Bill, we all learned the true meaning of customer service from the Pro. Bill had such a knack with all of his customers. He knew them all by name and knew their preferences. He was a joy to be around both on and off the job. He will certainly be missed. We are so thankful that his son David managed to get him to our annual picnic this year. Our condolences to David & Bill and their families.

Our prayers and well wishes go out to the **Bill Weifenbach** family on the recent passing of Robert "Wif" Weifenbach, brother of Bill or "MA" is battling cancer. Our well wishes and prayers to Bill & Mary Ann. Cards can be sent to Bill, 12286 Lakeside Dr. #1. Conneaut Lake, PA 16316.

Chapter President **Ken Wolfe** has sent out over 100 letters advising retirees in our outlying area. The letters explain the function of our national RUAEA and the activities. He also enclosed an invitation with the letters for recipients to join the national. We are so fortunate to have such an organization that keeps us informed on the comings and goings of our parent company. It is also a great means of keeping up with our friends and co-workers throughout the company. If you are not a member, now is your chance to enroll. Pittsburgh is also very fortunate that we have excellent representation in the national. The Northeast Director is our own **Treatie Karwoski**.

The October luncheon will have been held on Oct 9<sup>th</sup> and will be covered next issue. **Cathy Matteson** and **Charla McBride** are hosting the Fall Golden Girls luncheon on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will all be covered next month

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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We had a large turnout for our September 17 luncheon and meeting which was held at Flatwater Grill in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. This is our third trip to the restaurant, lunch was delicious and the view of Melton Hill Lake was great.

Our welfare list was long including **Mary Lou Barr** with a serious fall; **Sue Ferrell** had breast cancer surgery, **Mary Gilbert** with a broken ankle, **Les Rines** with a blocked artery and cancer treatments and **Betty Shipe** with knee surgery. Betty even made it to the luncheon although she was using a cane to get around.

The **Chapins** won the 50/50. **Barb Chapin** has

volunteered to be next year's Sunshine person. We still need volunteers for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Betty Shipe** is hosting the November luncheon. She is looking into Ramsey's Restaurant off of Merchants Drive. We agreed that we would have a Keyboard player/singer that she knows, if they are available.

Our hosts, **Ed & Pat Valente** had made plans for us to visit Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Ed passed out maps and we followed him there. Our visit was very interesting. The ORNL complex is over 60,000 acres. Our tour guide met us at the visitor's center. We then proceeded to the large computer center where 40 large projects are currently underway. The focus of ORNL lab has shifted from the nuclear research of the Manhattan Project of WWII to computer science projects. Scientists and engineers currently research and develop scientific and technological solutions in many different areas. We left the computer room to visit one of the largest computer screens in the world. It was fascinating to see several of the center's past research projects.

We then drove over to the building where the Manhattan Project was developed. We saw the graphite reactor where the plutonium was extracted from uranium to make the first nuclear bomb. They also discussed how the "Secret City" was built and how some of the Tennessee families only had 2 weeks to vacate their homes. It was great to see some of our Tennessee history and where the ORNL focus is today. We thank **Ed & Pat Valente** for planning lunch and our trip to ORNL.

### Calendar

**November 19** – Hosted by **Betty Shipe**, (865) 922-3858). Tentative location is Ramsey's Restaurant. We will be having a keyboard player/singer if they are available. This is election month; please step up and volunteer to be an officer. Also dues are due - \$5.00/person (\$10.00 per couple).

**December 17** - 9:30 AM - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 274 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

**January 21** - Location and Hosts to be announced.

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### THE SALT LAKERS



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On **Oct. 6**, 22 SLC chapter members met at the Golden Corral restaurant on 7200 S. 700 E. in SLC. It

seems everyone enjoyed the “meeting”, coupled with a good buffet lunch.

**Pat Graves** & hubby **Don** are preparing for a drive south to their winter quarters in Yuma/AZ. They assured us they will think about the group around Christmas when we in SLC are snowed under ... and the **Graves** are enjoying the balmy climate!

This correspondent showed the *Clipped Wings(R) Quarterly* to former SFO ISS **Pete Loyola** who recognized one former colleague in the write-ups: *Clipped Winger* SFO ISS **Carolyn Burges**. It's always nice to see a familiar face in any one of our various UAL newsletters.

**Mike Brown** - AKA “Kris Kringle” - has landed another holiday season *Santa Claus* job at the Valley Fair Mall. **Mike** used to go “to work” in LAS during the Christmas Holidays; but he & his family are staying closer to home this year.

We welcomed **Lila Maughan** and **Betty Davis**, both of whom felt very well. **Betty** is now walking unaided - no more need for a cane.

#### Calendar:

**November 3** - Coffee Time, 10am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., SLC.

**December 1** - Christmas Dinner 12noon (catered?) - Cornerstone Comm. Ctr., 10194 S. Cornerstone Dr., S. Jordan, UT.

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



Our luncheon meeting was held at a new venue on September 8<sup>th</sup> – the Doubletree Guest Suites/Southcenter. **Mary** & **John Luke** hosted us, and the comments on the new location were favorable. President **John Haferbecker** indicates that although we're going back to Fairwood Golf & Country Club for our next few meetings, we'll keep the Doubletree in mind for the future.

A new member joined us at our September meeting – **Ted Parks**, retired from SEA Load Planning. Guests included **Fran Christenson**, retired from SEARR attending with **Karen Bixler**. Also **Ron Paluch**, retired from SEAFF and **Shirley Claggett**, retired from SEACS, attended as guests. Both Ron and Shirley were very active in the Phoenix convention, where they are members of the local chapter, with Ron running the

50/50 raffles and Shirley organizing all the fine tours.

It was good to see **Charlotte Rousso**, **Sidney Reed** and **Ruth Strange** attending following their recent illnesses.

**Marlene Nelson** has now taken over as Sunshine Lady for our chapter, and she will be sending out cards to those families affected by illness or loss of a loved one. I had been doing this for the chapter for many years and feel it's time to turn it over to someone else. We're very lucky to have Marlene in this position; I encourage everyone to keep her informed so she can make the necessary contacts.

The door prize winners were **JoAnne Bernovich**, **Helen Stanger**, **Shirley Claggett**, **Edna Harris**, **Anita Malco**, **Noreen Krawczyk**, **Gay Liesse**, **Evalena Hatcher**, **Fern Lockhart** and **Ed Liesse**. **Vivian Anderson** won the 50/50. **Bob Brumfield** helped with the drawings.

In September, we learned of the passing of **Joanne Souter**, formerly of SEASW, following a long battle with a brain tumor. She is survived by her husband, **Chuck**, retired from SEAFO.

**Sandra Craig**, retired from SEASW, joined our chapter in September, and we look forward to seeing her at future meetings.

**Jerry Barr** provided an update on his wife **Mary Lou** who fell in their condo August 8<sup>th</sup> and suffered serious injuries. Mary Lou is now walking without an arm sling and sometimes without a cane, so this is good progress. She is not strong enough yet to schedule surgery to remove her right kidney which has a tumor, but after everything Mary Lou has been through, they now have diagnosed kidney stones in her left kidney, and the outpatient procedure to remove them was scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>. Jerry has been very supportive during this time, as have their two daughters, **Jaye** and **Melinda**, who have been providing meals and doing many other things to help the family. We continue to wish Mary Lou the best in her recovery.

**Theo Sluys**, playing his accordion, and his son **Bob**, on his bass guitar, performed October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Oktoberfest celebration in Kent sponsored by the Children's Therapy Center Guild. In addition to the music, beverages, bratwursts and Polish sausages were available for everyone's enjoyment. Theo's wife (and Bob's mother) **Marry** was also in attendance enjoying the festivities. Children's Therapy Center in Kent provides individual therapy services for special needs children.

#### Calendar:

**November 10** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**December** – No Meeting

**January 12** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA



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Our October dinner was held at The Hunter in Post Falls, ID. It was hosted by our Post Falls resident, **Laquita Bloom**. Everyone in attendance had a great time. I don't have any information as to time and place for the November dinner but someone will be getting in touch with you by phone or e-mail.

It is with sadness for those of us left in Spokane as the news of **Warren & Fran Smith** moving to Olympia becomes a reality. They want to be near their daughter and family. It is totally understandable that living close to family as we get older and wiser is the best for everyone. We will truly miss their company and sense of humor, particularly at the Christmas party. It was a challenge to get into Smitty's wallet for the yearly dues! I'm kidding of course, but they will be missed!

The annual Christmas Party will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of December at 4 pm at the Chic A Ria in North Spokane. Remember to save December 6<sup>th</sup> for a great time. It is being hosted by none other than **Les & Vera Graham**. Vera tells me that everyone has told them that they must host it until they get it right, therefore that will never happen. I have lost track as to the number of years they have hosted this event. We hope this doesn't interfere with the Fantasy Flight. If it does, a choice will have to be made. Please bring a gift to exchange at the party, this event makes the party a success. Also the annual dues are being lowered to \$5.00 and it will be collected at the Christmas event.

All of us in Spokane wish everyone a Happy Halloween as well as a Happy Thanksgiving.

If our members will just call me and let me know what is happening in the Lilac City, I will do my best to get it in the newsletter. Stay in good health.

I look forward to more good news for the Spokane Chapter in the coming months.

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Welcome to Autumn 2009! It has been a beautiful

fall in the Nations Capital and there are still many visitors arriving to enjoy the beautiful trees.

The Dulles Loungers are back at the regular meeting place, The Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. The September crowd had over 70 members and guests in attendance.

President **Linda Scriven** is currently away on a Panama Canal cruise for three weeks and she will miss our monthly meeting.

There has not been a lot of travel by our members but this correspondent has just returned from a visit to Salt Lake City. This may be a location that has been overlooked by retirees. There is plenty to see and do after you have recovered from gazing at the 2 mountain ranges that surround the city! There had been a small snowstorm in the mountains before I arrived and the peaks gleamed in shades of copper, gold and yellow. Salt Lake City was settled in July 1847 and in 1896, the State of Utah became the 45<sup>th</sup> State. After the Transcontinental Railroad was completed in 1869, many curious visitors came to see the "The city of the Saints", especially Temple Square. Salt Lake City is brimming with culture and heritage, especially genealogy. The nearby ski slopes draw thousands of avid skiers from mid November when the slopes are officially open. Just a small note, Utah was the 4<sup>th</sup> State to extend to women the right to vote! The city has just under one million residents and is very spread out on the grid system. Salt Lake City is a wonderful all year round destination for retirees!

Our member **Frank Contento** is still resting at his son's home in Fairfax VA. Call this correspondent for more details.

#### Calendar:

**November 11** - Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109, 1230pm. Regular Lunch Meeting

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Nearly 50 Clipped Wings members representing 16 chapters traveled to Shanksville, PA, for memorial services on September 11<sup>th</sup>. When we arrived at the crash site early in the gray morning light for the service of remembrance for the passengers and crew of United Flight 93, it appeared to be just another field in the

beautiful countryside of Western Pennsylvania. By the completion of the service, it was no longer “just another field”. It became the sacred ground where the brave passengers and crew of Flight 93 fought the first terrible battle against terrorism.

The memorial service was held in a temporary structure. The permanent memorial building will be under construction soon and due to be completed by the tenth anniversary service in 2011. At that time, the entire area will become a part of the National Park Service. At 10:03 a.m., the time of impact, family members and friends announced the name of each person on UA Flight 93. A bell was tolled after each name was read. At the conclusion of the bell tolls, a lone bagpiper played “Amazing Grace”. General Colin Powell, United States Army (Ret) who served as Secretary of State for the Bush administration during the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks was the keynote speaker and gave a moving tribute honoring the heroes of Flight 93.

Immediately following that service, we drove 7 miles to the Memorial Chapel. The small chapel, built in 1901, has become a secular, nondenominational chapel dedicated to the “Honor and Glory of God and The Sacred Memory of the Heroes of Flight 93 and to the Memory of all the innocents who perished September Eleventh 2001”. This chapel became a reality only through the vision, determination and perseverance of Father A.T. Mascherino. Clipped Wings members were guests at a beautiful service featuring an extremely talented children’s choir, the North Star Kids of Wexford, PA, who have become a meaningful part of this annual celebration. It was our pleasure to witness our National President, **Pam Ziebarth**, present a check to Father Mascherino for \$1000 from our national organization. He asked our permission to put the check in the fund for a Visitors Reception Center to be built near the Heroes Garden behind the chapel. This is where the Flight 93 Crew Monument is located. Each of the crew members is honored on a “side” of the fourteen feet tall obelisk topped by a bronze replica of a Boeing 757 aircraft. It reads “Forever in our Hearts”. How could we ever forget? The sales for the Clipped Wings® airplane scarf are still going strong. If you are interested in purchasing one either for yourself or for a gift, contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) [rjensen148@aol.com](mailto:rjensen148@aol.com). Each scarf is \$20 plus \$2.00 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

As we begin our new year in Clipped Wings we encourage you to join those who are visiting our website. Please check us out at [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com). As the National Vice President, **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA), I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at [bvincentps@aol.com](mailto:bvincentps@aol.com).

## ***It's Time to Get Ready, Get Set and Enroll!***

This year’s Annual Benefits Enrollment period begins Wednesday, October 28, and runs through Wednesday, November 18. Coverage changes made during this timeframe will be effective Jan. 1, 2010.

Your health continues to be the primary focus of our programs. You are invited to take advantage of many resources available to help you achieve and maintain good health. Plus, this year there are three opportunities for you to “Win Big!” If you participate in any of the following programs, you qualify for a chance to win a Visa® gift card.

- ☒ Enroll in a Flexible Spending Account by Nov. 18, 2009
- ☒ Take a *free* and confidential health screening by Dec. 18, 2009

Complete the secure, online Health Risk Assessment by Jan. 18, 2010

### **What’s new for 2010?**

- ☞ Smoking Cessation Program. We are implementing a voluntary program for employees and spouses/domestic partners who participate in either the Medical PPO or Health & Wellness PPO option. Enrollment information will be included in your Annual Benefits Enrollment Guide
- ☞ Condition Management. Effective January 2010, the Optimal Health program will be expanded to include coronary artery disease, heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), in addition to diabetes and chronic back pain. This voluntary program provides free coaching and counseling to help individuals manage medical conditions and achieve better health.
- ☞ Dental Coverage. A new Dental PPO option will replace the Traditional Dental option for salaried and management employees, fleet technical instructors and related employees, maintenance instructors and employees represented by the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers. Details of this new plan are in your enrollment materials.
- ☞ HMO Updates. As a result of our annual renewal process, certain HMOs will not be offered in 2010. Your Personal Enrollment Worksheet will list the HMO options that are available to you.

Plan Updates. Certain features in our medical and dental plan options have been updated for 2010. Please



be sure to review all materials very closely before you make your selections to ensure you understand which changes may impact your coverage. Please check Medical Plan Summaries for any changes to HMO/DHMO plan provisions. The summaries will be available at [www.ualbenefits.com](http://www.ualbenefits.com) on October 28.

Additional information regarding the enrollment changes and enhancements will be posted on SkyNet and sent to employees' homes. Any questions regarding annual benefits enrollment should be directed to the United Benefits Service Center at 1-888-825-0188.



## NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

I am starting my 24<sup>th</sup> year of retirement and we are still in TN.

Since the hematoma on my right leg and fracturing my back last year, life has not been so easy. I am keeping the doctors busy as usual.

We have good friends here and spend time playing cards and going out to eat. I also enjoy reading.

We haven't been able to attend the conventions in several years and really miss them.

#### **Muriel Bergsma, 2809 N. Dutch Circle, McHenry, IL 60051-2699**

Another year has passed by ever so quickly and hopefully I'm another year "wiser", with no additional noticeable wrinkles to show for it!

The Phoenix Convention provided another wonderful year of tours and friendly faces for socialization.

Along with all the positive joys in our life, our hearts were saddened with the loss of my father-in-law in November last year, and my brother-in-law in later December. We choose to think they were called upon to assist "Upstairs" in keeping law and order.

Our goddaughter and her brother continue to occupy quite a bit of our time, since they live so close. The spirits and energy of a 4 and 5 year old keep us young, so we think. We sure do miss them a great deal when we are in Green Valley for part of the winter season.

We look forward to the convention in Orlando in

2010 and once again seeing many old friends,

Thank you, one and all, for all the work you do to keep us "United". The RUAEA membership is I'm sure, eternally grateful for your efforts and teamwork.

#### **Yvonne Blair, 1040 Cuesta Dr., Mountain View, CA 94040-3609**

Since my husband, **Tom Blair**, died in January of '05, the RUAEA newsletter has been my contact.

I really enjoy reading the comments and try to keep up to date with the monthly meetings. I also enjoy our SFO trips with Ginger and the "gang".

I miss the old days of UAL.

#### **Charles Brooks, 4443 Garden Lane, Rockford, IL 61114**

I am now living in Rockford, IL, in a retirement center.

This year I am celebrating my 86<sup>th</sup> birthday. I have been retired for 26 years.

I wish to say Hello to all my friends at O'Hare Airport, and those who are still with us.

#### **Robert Bruns, 1000 Garlands Ln. Unit 1140, Barrington, IL 60010-3351**

We enjoyed the second RUAEA convention in Phoenix. The first one in PHX some twenty years ago was quite hot compared to this one which goes to show you that PHX is not always 90+ in May. I was the AZ director in 1998 and quite busy then. This time I could sit back and enjoy the hard work of all of the AZ members who did a bang up job, along with the Illinois participants.

We got on the second flight we stood by for ORD/PHX along with **Mort Wax** and a few others. Coming back to ORD, we were fortunate to get first class and experienced the service that made United a great airline. No other trips are planned for the rest of this year, but plan to cruise on Canard's Queen Victoria from New York through the Caribbean, passing through the Panama Canal, and up to the West Coast to SFO. This will shorten the Chicago winter by a couple of weeks.

Keep up the good work keeping us informed of the dwindling members, we can still recall.

#### **Norma Klaas, 2008 Knight Ave., Petaluma, CA 94954**

I really enjoy reading the newsletter.

My husband, **Charles Klaas, Jr.** alias **Steve**, started at United in August of 1962. He worked at SFO for all those years and we did a lot of travelling. He passed away August of 2008, from pancreatic cancer.

I sure do miss him, but have lots of support from our 3 daughters and friends. I was pleased that **Ron Huhn** and his wife came to Steve's memorial at our

home. Everyone who knew Steve was aware that he loved to talk and "debate". Ron remembered that he did that same thing at work.

**Emmett Landrum, 141 Yorkshire Ct., San Bruno, CA 94066**

I turned 84 on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Now have 57 yrs. seniority with UAL which helps when I fly, which is not as often as when I was younger.

I do like to fly to Hartford, CT. once a year where Gloria and I get to visit our son, Jeff, who lives in Middletown, not far from Hartford. Then I journey to Albany, N.Y. where I meet a group from Michigan to help restore a Destroyer Escort of WWII vintage while Gloria visits Jeff. This ship was used by the Greek Navy from 1947 to 1993 when the Destroyer Escort Sailors Association had it towed to NY. It appeared in the movie "The Guns of Navarone" while with the Greeks. I have made 10 yearly week long trips to the ship, living, eating, sleeping and standing night watches. Just like the old Navy when I was 17 years old!

Since 1993, I have been volunteering at the Oakland Aviation Museum, as does Gloria, each Saturday. Gloria sells tickets and I take care of all the planes inside plus give tours on the big 4 engine Short Solent flying boat outside that was in the first "Indiana Jones" movie. I can't seem to get away from movies. In fact, before I graduated from high school, I worked for Warner Bros., who owned our local movie theaters in Clifton Forge, VA. The ship in Albany, N.Y. was recently used in a new Japanese submarine movie. Maybe I will get to see it sometime!

I am still tearing apart old planes at Navato and Hayward, CA. airports and building new ones from the parts at the airport at Novato. At Novato, I am now doing an annual inspection on a 1946 FUNK.

At the Oakland Air Museum I have been working on and off for 12 years on a Lockheed 10, like the one Amelia Earhart disappeared in 1937. In fact, she actually put time in our Lockheed back, in the 30's. So, I have sat in a seat that she sat in. BIG DEAL! A new movie about her will in the theaters in Oct. I just can't get away from airplanes!

I always enjoy reading the RUAEA Newsletter and find old friends from LGAMM as well as SFOMM. I also find many other interesting letters from people I have never met!

Our health as been very good for OLD FOLKS. We hope to find time next year to attend a RUAEA convention as have not done so for a few years.



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The mid-1942 United Flight Training office was in Cheyenne's Wortham building. A "War-time" view from the Temple Court building in downtown Denver, Colorado.



The pilot trainees spent approximately 120 hours in Ground School, 15 hours in Link Trainers and 25 to 35 hours in Flight Training. Upon completion of the Denver training program, they flew approximately 30 days on United's Domestic Military Transport routes, logging 25 hours as Observers and 25 hours as Co-pilots. Following the flying, they received active-duty assignments from the Air Transport Command (ATC).

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