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***May 22 - 28, 2011  
RUAEA Convention  
Portland, Oregon  
The City of Roses!***

Here are two good reasons that you should come to Portland for the RUAEA convention in 2011. One is that you will have a chance to see some of your longtime friends and former co-workers, as well as the opportunity to meet new people. The second is that there will be many tours to wonderful places. Some tours will be short, others longer. All will be interesting.

Do you like airplanes? You can visit the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, in McMinnville, OR and see the Spruce Goose, among other planes. Another tour will go to Ft. Vancouver and the Pearson Air Park in Vancouver, WA – just across the Columbia River from Portland. Here, you will see some of the early history of the area and great airplanes, including a

1913 Voisin III - one of only three in the world. Still a third tour will go to Hood River, OR to see the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum. This museum requires that all exhibits be able to fly or drive.

Maybe airplanes aren't your passion. Have you ever wanted to see Mt. St. Helens? You can do it next May on a day tour. Perhaps you'd like to take a tour up Mt. Hood, to Timberline Lodge, where you'll have lunch. Then you'll go around the mountain to Hood River, the windsurfing capitol of the West. After that, you will travel down through the Columbia River Gorge, with a stop at Multnomah Falls. The last stop, before returning to the hotel, is at Vista House, which has a spectacular 30-mile view from the top of the gorge. There also is an all-day tour to Astoria, the end of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. You will see the Columbia River Maritime Museum, the Lightship Columbia, the Astor exhibit at the Heritage Museum and Fort Clatsop National Monument. A wine country tour offers tasting and scenery.

Staying in Portland, you might like to take a hosted tour of the city. Both full- and half-day tours will be offered. This is the way to see some key locations and wonderful gardens of Portland. You can tour the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), where the submarine USS Blueback is moored. There is a planetarium, an IMAX theater and other interesting exhibits, as well. An option with the full day OMSI tour is a jet boat excursion on the Willamette River. Another tour will give you a behind the scenes look at the Oregon Zoo and the experience of the World Forestry Center. If you want a tour that tastes great, you'll love the Portland Microbrewery tour. You will have the opportunity to try some of the beers and ales that have made Portland the microbrewery capital of the country.

Remember the pre-and post-convention cruises of the Inside Passage to Alaska. For more information on these cruises, with the special rates, contact our Tour Chair, **Cindy Passanante** at: (503) 658-5646.

Now that you have begun to make plans for your travel to Portland, here is some more information. AMTRAK arrives from the north, east and south. The airlines that fly into Portland include: Alaska, American, Continental, Delta, Hawaiian, Horizon, Southwest, United, United Express and US Air. For more information about air travel, see SkyNet or contact the retiree travel desks. Their numbers are on **page 42** of this Newsletter.

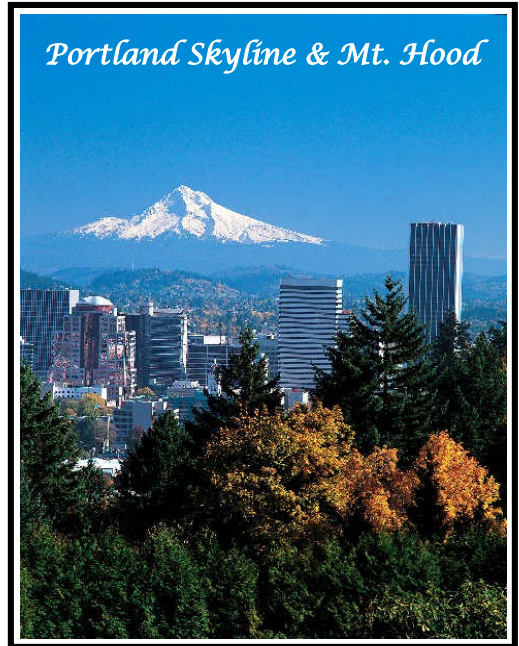
We're looking forward to seeing you in May.

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*Portland Skyline & Mt. Hood*



*Spruce Goose*

*Evergreen Aviation Museum*



# GENERAL NEWS

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### Letter From The President



Ron Bertacini

The RUAEA Board of Directors meeting was held on October 6, 2010. Some highlights of that meeting follow.

There was considerable discussion pertaining to the merger of United and Continental. A decision was made to go forward contacting various Continental retiree associations

to investigate the possible merging of these organizations into RUAEA.

In conjunction with the merger, we have had many questions regarding the Pass Travel Program. As mentioned in previous articles, rumors abound as to a future program. We have been told, and there is a note on Skynet, that there will be a survey of employees and retirees from both companies regarding an Integrated Pass Program as well as benefits in general. At this time, we do not have the details of how this survey will be conducted but it is to start in late October. As more information becomes available, we will pass that on to our members via the website, chapter visits and the Newsletter.

We also reviewed the new integrated website ... now when you sign into Skynet you will land on **Flying Together** which contains information about the new United. In the upper right corner of the home page, you will see **Skynet** followed by **insidecoair**.

When you click on Skynet it will take you to the **Skynet** system we are used to. When you click on **insidecoair** it will take you to the Continental system. There is of course a great deal of information on their home page. On the header line you will find **Pass Travel**. When you click on **Pass Travel**, there will be a dropdown list of items. **EmployeeRes** is their version of **weblist**. For all of you with computer access, it would be advisable to go to **employeeRes** and verify that all your information is correct. A great feature is that you can conveniently make a listing and get a ZED fare with an additional 33 percent discount. **The discount only applies on e-tickets**. If you have any problems accessing any of these sites, contact the help desk at 1-800-255-5801. If you do not have computer access, you may want to contact the Benefits Service Center at

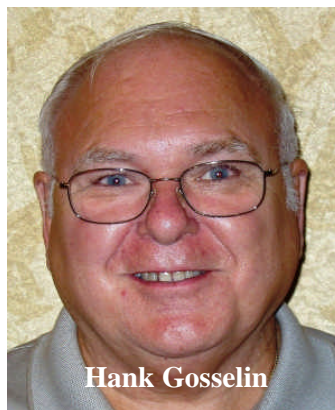
1-800-482-5236 for assistance.

Other items discussed were conventions. Plans for the 2011 Convention to be held in Portland, OR are moving along quite well. The dates are May 22-28. Very interesting tours are being considered and as usual, the convention package will be available in February of 2011 via the Newsletter and our website. We encourage all of you to consider attending the convention in Portland ... bring your family and/or friends. With declining attendance over the last few years, we as an organization are going to reach out to RUPA, Clipped Wings and Continental retirees to come and join us. There was much discussion about future conventions after 2011. We discussed not only where but what time of year and for how many days. Current surveys have told us that many members would like to see a shorter convention and later in the year.

On a final note, many retirees are getting their final determination from the PBGC. Unfortunately, in many cases, their retirement payment from the PBGC is being reduced. We understand that there is an appeal process and retirees can pursue this on an individual basis.

Ron Bertacini  
President – RUAEA

### Letter From The Executive Vice President



Hank Gosselin

Hi, Everyone,

As your elected Executive Vice President, I would like to tell you about my area of responsibilities, mainly Membership and the Newsletter. These two activities which support membership and the newsletter are, I'm sure, unknown to most members. This is because the activities are all but seamless

and carried out by some of the best volunteers I know.

All membership data, management, dues collection, along with the many emails, letters, and phone calls are handled by our Denver volunteer staff. This team consists of **Virgil Gooselaw** - Membership Manager, and four Secretaries - **Carol Bare**, **Carole Longbella**, **Marilyn Hansen**, **Juliana Alfonso**, and last but not least, our computer expert, **Cas Spokas**. These individuals are the life blood of our organization. They collect the monthly dues, (which pays our bills), record all data involving membership including new members, obituaries, address changes, whether you want paper or web editions of the Newsletter or both. All this is done by these dedicated volunteers.

The RUAEA monthly Newsletter is now produced in Roseville, CA by our Newsletter Manager, **Francis Domaratius** and his wife, **Veronica**, both dedicated volunteers. They volunteered to take this task on, which was previously done in Denver by **Virgil Gooselaw**. However, they live in California. Undaunted by this, Virgil, Cas, Francis, and **Ron Bertacini** took on the task of purchasing equipment, training, and testing of the new set-up, which turned out great. Virgil already had a system in place where the newsletter is printed and mailed in Denver. So, low and behold, your newsletter is now published in California by these great volunteers.

Francis is also supported by our only paid contractor, John Chu, who works out of the Denver office on the computer aptly named Johns. Please note the layout, graphics, and photos now in the Newsletter, thanks to John's expertise.

**Martha Gooselaw**, who lives in Denver with none other than Virgil, does proof reading and edits all letters published in the Newsletter "Letters" Section. Another volunteer taking on a task that is near and dear to many of the Newsletter readers. (Please be legible when you send in your letters).

Again, I wanted to commend these dedicated people for carrying out tasks most vital to RUAEA, which is the organization you belong to and support. In conclusion, please join me in saying thanks to these wonderful people.

Hank Gosselin  
Executive Vice President - RUAEA

### Survey Regarding Long Term Pass Travel



**As the newsletter goes to the printer, United is planning to conduct a survey, in late October, regarding the Long-Term Pass Travel Program.** In the coming weeks, United will launch a survey to get employee and retiree input, as plans are made for the long-term pass travel program. After the survey is complete, work will begin in earnest to create an integrated pass travel program for the new United. Look for additional communication about your participation in this survey in the next few weeks.

**We do not know when it will take place or if it will be mailed or online only. Please look for the survey, respond to it and make sure to encourage your fellow retirees to also respond.** We want to have our voices heard.

### Co-workers Will Be Surfing Together on New "Flying Together" Intranet

After United and Continental legally merged, Flying Together, a joint intranet landing page for both United and Continental co-workers, made its debut. Employees and retirees of both airlines will reach Flying Together after logging on as usual. The new site will host information of common interest such as Jeff's Journal, United Daily news, and it will also be the primary portal to SkyNet and to Continental's InsideCoair.

As an intranet user, you don't need to do anything different to find the news and information you're now accustomed to accessing. A reference guide to Flying Together has been prepared that will be available on the new site.

### A Historic Moment, a Look Ahead



It was standing room only as employees from around the system witnessed approval of the proposed merger during a special UAL Corp. stockholders meeting on Friday, Sept.

17 at United's offices in Elk Grove.

The meeting had "special" significance for many employees who attended and noted the historic moment for the company, while expressing excitement for what the future will hold. Although the number of stockholders attending the meeting was relatively small, the employee crowd in the conference center on the second floor grew up to the start of the meeting at 10 a.m. local time. Chairs were added, and employees still lined the walls and filled the overflow areas.

As Chairman and CEO Glenn Tilton announced that 98 percent of shares were voted in favor of the merger, a sea of logos behind the podium changed to the new United mark and employees and shareholders alike applauded the historic step.

In his remarks, Glenn noted the many steps that were part of the journey that the airline and United's people - particularly those who have been with the company throughout significant changes over the years - have taken to get to this day. *"The new company is positioned for a great future and that is something everyone can take great pride in,"* he said.

Frank Spadone, a ramp service employee at LGA with 22 years of service, flew in on an early morning flight to join fellow employees. *"I wanted to be here for this moment, and I'm very satisfied with what I heard."*

Karen R. Nelson, a customer service representative at ORD, also attended the meeting. *"I have been with United for 32 years through many things. This is the*



*most excited I have ever been, and I see a great future for the company.”*

Diane Malec, an administrative assistant at OPC who started in Chicago reservations 40 years ago, said, *“I definitely felt the significance of the meeting. I’ve seen so many changes during my time with United. It’s another piece of history for the company. I think it’s going to be a wonderful moment when we come together.”*

Fifty-year ORD employee Jack Lampe, who started as a ramp service employee with Capital Airlines, which merged with United in 1961, was one of the first to arrive Friday morning. *“I find this time extremely exciting and challenging. This is a great opportunity. We have both the best employees and the best leadership to meet any future challenges this industry has to present.”*

#### **New Combined Company to List Under New Ticker Symbol on New York Stock Exchange**

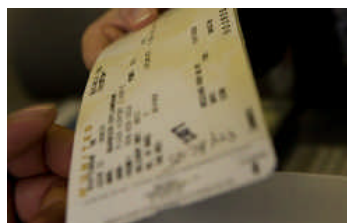


On September 20, 2010, United announced that following the closing of the merger with Continental, it intends to list the combined company’s common stock on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and open trading under the ticker symbol UAL, subject to approval by the UAL board of directors and the NYSE. Upon closing of the merger, the holding company - UAL Corporation - will be renamed United Continental Holdings, Inc.

The merger was closed on Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, and trading began of the common stock of United Continental Holdings, Inc. under the new symbol that day. Before October 1, trades were executed under the current symbol, UUA, on the NASDAQ exchange and Continental traded its common stock under its current symbol, CAL, on the NYSE.

*“We look forward to officially closing our merger with Continental, trading on the NYSE and the opportunity that the new company presents for creating a sustainable profitable airline for our shareholders, our customers and our employees,”* says United Chairman and CEO Glenn Tilton. *“We also thank NASDAQ for being an excellent partner to United for the past four years.”*

#### **United and Continental Announced Additional Details for Interim Pass Travel Program**



In September, United and Continental announced a mutual and enhanced interim pass travel program to make it easier for employees, retirees and travel eligibles to enjoy travel privileges on each other’s flights until a long-term program can be fully developed. As previously communicated, United’s companion travelers and Continental’s buddy pass riders can continue to travel on their respective carrier, but will not be included in the interim program.

Over the past few weeks, the joint merger integration planning team responsible for integrating the pass travel programs has been working to finalize the details for the interim program. The following updates to the previously communicated interim pass travel program went into effect after the two carriers legally closed the merger transaction, on Friday, Oct. 1.

**Enhanced Boarding Priority** - Under the interim program, United employees, retirees, and their travel eligibles will board at a higher boarding priority than the current Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) interline agreements allow. United travel eligibles will board Continental flights behind Continental co-workers and eligible pass riders, but ahead of Continental’s unaccompanied buddy pass riders and other airline employees, at a boarding priority of SA4U. The same privileges will be extended to Continental’s pass riders on United flights, at a boarding priority of 8C (BP-8C).

United’s employees, retirees and travel eligibles will board Continental flights using the time of check-in within the boarding priority.

**Boarding Priority Change for United’s Accompanied Companions** – Also effective with the launch of United’s interim travel program, two or more accompanied United companions will board at BP-8B. This change will help to facilitate the inclusion of Continental co-workers in our travel program at BP-8C. The United unaccompanied companion boarding priority remains at BP-8C.

**Listing and Ticketing** - The interim program will make it easier for United employees, retirees and travel eligibles to list online for space-available travel on both carriers’ flights. This program will also eliminate the need to purchase ZED paper tickers in advance. Additionally, United employees who book positive-space travel will also be eligible to book business travel on Continental flights.

United’s employees, retirees and travel eligibles will be able to list for Continental flights online using Conti-

Continental's booking tool, employeeRES, and Continental employees will be able to list for United flights using WebList. Both online listing systems will be accessible through the combined company's joint intranet landing page, Flying Together.

**Reduced ZED fares** - As previously communicated, for United travel eligibles, the fare structure for Continental flights will be based on the ZED fees reduced by 33 percent and vice versa. Applicable ticket taxes/fees and all transiting/departure taxes will apply. Additionally, all Continental travel charges will be deducted from payroll for eligible employees and invoiced for those who do not have a payroll deduct option. In order to get this enhanced discount, travel eligibles must make their reservation through employeeRES.

**Pass Travel Dress Code** - As previously announced, travel eligibles of both carriers will enjoy more comfortable and casual attire when traveling on all flights and in all classes of service, system-wide. For details on the pass travel attire, check the joint merger landing page when the merger closes.

**Long-Term Pass Travel Program** - In the coming weeks, United will launch a survey to get employee and retiree input as the company plans for the long-term pass travel program. After the survey is complete, work will begin in earnest to create an integrated pass travel program for the new United. Look for additional communication about your participation in this survey in the next few weeks.

The interim travel program details outlined above will apply until the company announces the new, long-term pass travel program in the first quarter of 2011. For more information about the interim travel program, go to Skynet.

With the exception of the travel enhancements described above, the current terms and conditions for traveling on United and Continental will apply.

### **Safety Action Programs Rely on Frontline Inputs**



When a pilot noticed discrepancies in fuel reporting, or when a dispatcher heard about a navigation aid problem at a California airport, filing an ASAP report was the tool each used to highlight the problem and start a fix.

Aviation Safety Action Programs (ASAP) provide immediate feedback on issues that could hurt someone or damage United equipment or facilities. The information is used to make the operation safer, not to be punitive. Thus, the ASAP program at United has the cooperative endorsement of labor and management, and action is taken quickly.

Each group has their own reporting system: MSAP (Maintenance); OSAP (Onboard Services); SOSAP (Ground Operations); FSAP (Flight Operations); and DSAP (Dispatch). Each reporting system is accessible through Skynet.

So far this year, nearly 8,000 reports have been received through the SAP system, and report volume is on pace to increase nearly 20 percent by year's end, said Michael Quiello, vice president of Safety, Security, Quality and Environment. *"Front-line employees are the eyes and ears of the operation, and we rely on them to tell us when they see a safety issue that needs to be addressed,"* he said.

Every day, reports are being read and investigated. Employees receive an automated response when their SAP report has been accepted. After the report has been considered by the Event Review Committee (ERC), the employee receives a response as to the resolution of the report.

*"As we continue our relentless focus on safety at United Airlines, the ASAP program will be a key element to continuous improvement of our operations,"* said Kenneth Weinberg, manager of Aviation Safety Action Programs. *"Our goal is to never have anyone hurt, or any equipment damaged. As all accidents are preventable, the ASAP program will help us avoid incidents before they occur."*

### **Transportation Security Administration (TSA) - Secure Flight Update**



Since the implementation of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Secure Flight program last fall, United has collected and transmitted Secure Flight Passenger Data to the TSA. The TSA is moving into the next phase of Secure Flight enforcement which re-

quires 100 percent of passengers traveling on any United Airlines flight to provide Secure Flight Passenger Data (SFPD) for all reservations booked for travel November 1, 2010 and beyond.

Effective October 4, 2010, in order to ensure compliance with this security mandate, APOLLO will programmatically prohibit issuance of tickets if Secure Flight data is not present in the reservation. Customers, who already have a ticket and SFPD is not present in the reservation, will be required to provide the information during the check-in process. Non-revenue space-available (NRSA) travelers who list via WebList will not be impacted by this new security mandate since United is already collecting and transmitting the SFPD to the TSA.

For more information regarding the Secure Flight program, please review these additional resources:

- United's [frequently asked questions](#) addresses concerns regarding Secure Flight and the impact to flight listings when building a Passenger Name Record (PNR) on United's WebList or native APOLLO system.
- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Web site provides general information and frequently asked questions regarding the Secure Flight Program at [www.tsa.gov/what we do/layers/secureflight](http://www.tsa.gov/what-we-do/layers/secureflight).

As part of the 9/11 Commissions report, Congress mandated that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) take control of Watch List matching from individual airlines. Secure Flight is the system that the TSA created to manage the Watch List matching process. For more information, please visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).

### **Industry News: Southwest Plans to Buy AirTran**

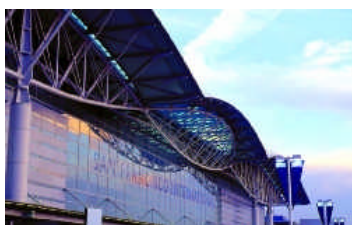


In industry news, Southwest Airlines on September 27<sup>th</sup>, announced plans to buy discount rival AirTran Airways for \$1.4 billion in a move that would revive its growth

strategy, according to Dow Jones Newswires. The plan promises to be transformative for Southwest, the nation's largest domestic carrier, by taking it into Atlanta, smaller cities and international destinations for the first time.

The merger, the first agreed among major low-cost carriers, would serve 106 destinations with a fleet of 685 all-Boeing aircraft. The deal would add destinations in Mexico and the Caribbean to Southwest's network. The merged company would have 43,000 employees.

### **Update: SFO Area Fire**



On Thursday evening, September 9, a fire broke out in the San Bruno, Calif., area, about two miles west of San Francisco International Airport.

All employees who lived in the vicinity of the fire have been accounted for. The homes of several employees and their families have either sustained damage or been destroyed, and one employee is still receiving medical treatment in the hospital for injuries sustained during the fire.

The Employee Relief Fund has processes in place to expedite consideration of grants for employees impacted by the disaster and the United Foundation has worked with local authorities, the Red Cross and the Salvation Army to supply amenity kits for San Bruno residents affected by the fire.

Donations to the victims can be earmarked by contacting the American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter at 1-888-4-HELP-BAY and specifying "San Bruno Fire" or sending a check indicating "San Bruno Fire" on the memo line to: American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter, Attn: Heather Fox, 85 2<sup>nd</sup> St., San Francisco, CA 94105.

Bay Area residents may donate blood through Blood Centers of The Pacific 888-393-GIVE, <http://bloodcenters.org>.

### **Employees Learn How United Express Provides Options for Our Customers**



When Los Angeles-based operations supervisor Louise Fujioka learned that United Express touches one in every three mainline customers on a daily basis,

she was surprised.

*"I knew it was a high percentage, but I didn't know it was a third of our customers on a daily basis,"* says Louise, who has been with United for 19 years. *"That makes you realize how much United Express feeds into the United network and without it, we wouldn't be the strong carrier we are today."*

Louise recently attended a United Express education session hosted by Cindy Szadokierski, VP-Airport Operations Planning and United Express, and Mary Movic, managing director-United Express. It also provided the opportunity to show the important role United Express plays in our business and for our customers.

*"United Express helps us meet the needs of our customers, while allowing us to grow our network to maintain our schedule advantage,"* Cindy says.

United Express serves 181 cities in the United States and Canada and has 2,333 daily departures. In most cases, United's largest international mainline flights rely heavily on United Express to fill those flights.

For example, 42 percent of the customers on United's London flights out of Chicago O'Hare are United Express connection customers. In Los Angeles, 27 percent of the customers on United's Narita flights are United Express customers.

*"There's a good chance we would have less flights to some of our international locations if we didn't have United Express,"* Cindy says.



Another big reason United Express is essential to United's business is that it matches capacity to customer demand. On average, 61 percent of the flights out of United's hubs have 70 or less passengers on each flight.

*"Our use of United Express is similar to what other carriers use at our hubs," Mary said. "United Express continues to improve, and we're adding value-added products for our customers like premier cabins, economy plus and other travel options."*

*"We hold our flying partners to the same standards we have for mainline flights. We've developed network strategies between mainline and United Express to make the travel process as seamless as possible for our customers and employees."*

### **New Features Added For Mobile Check-In and Paperless Boarding For Employees/Retirees and Customers**



To make travel more convenient for United's employees/retirees and customers, United has added new features to the mobile check-in and paperless boarding capabilities.

Employees/Retirees traveling on domestic space-available (NRSA) and positive-space (NRPS) itineraries can check in using their Web-enabled mobile devices. An employee/retiree traveling NRSA on an eligible itinerary may request an electronic departure management card to be sent to his or her mobile device via e-mail. This electronic DM card enables employees/retirees to go through security without paper boarding passes or seat assignments. Once the employee/retiree has been assigned a seat, a simple refresh of the mobile device screen will update the DM card to reflect a mobile boarding pass.

Employees/Retirees are still advised to be at the gate 30 minutes before departure, and to see a CSR at the gate if their names are called or if they have been assigned seats.

Additionally, customers may now use mobile devices to receive mobile boarding passes for multi-connection itineraries in a single e-mail message; receive a mobile departure management card for access through security without a seat assignment; and confirm or choose alternative flights via our EasyRebook service when irregular operations occur.

These new features, which are accessible by visiting [united.com](http://united.com) on any Web-enabled mobile device, will enable customers to bypass customer service lines in many cases - allowing agents more time to offer personal assistance to any customers who need it.

Mobile check in is currently available for flights

within the United States, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands. United currently offers paperless boarding at 35 U.S. domestic stations for travel on United or United Express-operated domestic itineraries, and continue to deploy it to additional stations. Check [united.com/mobileservices](http://united.com/mobileservices) for the most up-to-date list of stations accepting mobile boarding passes.

### **Frontline Employees Fuel Denver Success Story**



**Pictured:** Members of the Ramp Service team in Denver.

There was a period of time when United's Denver hub struggled from an operational perspective.

But over the past year, the frontline employees in Denver have risen to the occasion and made United the leading airline again at its second largest hub.

*"I'm really proud of the airline we're running here in Denver,"* says Red Carpet Customer Service Representative Dawn Horvat, who has been with United for 26 years. *"We have overcome a number of hurdles - including Southwest - and we're delivering an outstanding product to our customers."*

United offers more than 400 departures from Denver each day, almost three times the amount of any other airline in Denver. The average load factor for Denver in 2010 is 86.6 percent, which is the highest yearly percentage in this hub's history.

United's customers and the media have taken notice of the great operational statistics, which tell the story of just how well Denver is performing. Some of the outstanding operation performance statistics include:

- ➔ In 2006 and 2007, United was last in Arrival :14 in Denver. Now, United is No. 1 in Denver. Southwest was No. 1 in 2007 and is now No. 7 out of eight airlines in Denver.
- ➔ Between August 2007 and August 2010, United's systemwide baggage performance saw an overall improvement of 29.4 percent. Denver had a 48.6-percent improvement during that same time period. When looking at year over year, the system has improved 18.1 percent, while Denver's baggage performance has a 29.5 percent improvement.
- ➔ Since June, Denver's United Promoters (UP) Consolidated Checked Baggage Delivery ratings have led all hubs. It also leads all hubs in Airport Courtesy.
- ➔ Denver maintenance has improved its delay rate by 56.5 percent year over year.
- ➔ *"We're working much better as a team, because the communication is better,"* says Ramp Ser-

vice Coordinator Derek Lewis, a 34-year veteran in Denver. *"We have a bunch of great guys here, and everyone goes out of their way to help our customers."*

### **Flight Attendants "Mix It Up" in Signature Cocktail Contest**



In August, Onboard Service invited flight attendants to dream up new ideas for a premium cocktail to be served on board United flights. The rules were simple - use beverage

items already being served on board and your own imagination. Flight attendants submitted 64 recipes, which were later narrowed down to 10 finalists. The winner: "Sunrise Sunset," submitted by LAX-based Flight Attendant Tita Martin. Tita's new cocktail consists of cranberry-apple juice, vodka, a splash of orange juice and a wedge of lime.

Customers from the United Fliers Community, FlyerTalk and the travel Web site Gadling.com voted for the winner at a tasting hosted by United at Trader Vic's restaurant in Chicago. Judge and blogger Scott Carmichael, an executive editor at Gadling.com, wrote: "Events like this show a new thinking within United Airlines, and I have to say that I'm quite impressed by the time and effort put into listening to their customers."

The cocktail - the first of several onboard products that will be signature branded - will be available for purchase on board in the fourth quarter. "It's important that we always seek new ways to connect with both our flight attendants and customers" says Stuart Benzal, Managing Director - Onboard global Product. *"The entire Onboard team has worked together this way to re-launch menus on virtually every route in 2010. In addition to the big-ticket items like IPTE seating and automatic upgrades, we're focusing on other items that customers value in making their travel experience on United comfortable and memorable."*

### **United and United Express Participate In Emergency Response Exercise**



In September, representatives from several divisions and all of the United Express partners joined together to test United's Corporate Emergency Response systems by conducting a table drill. A table top exercise involves walking through the timeline of a mock incident

as well as steps that each participating group would take in the event of such an incident.

The drill was conducted in the Emergency Management Centers (EMC) at the Operations Control Center. The O'Hare and Atlanta stations also participated in the exercise, calling in from their respective stations. Each one of United's Express partners participated, with Mesa Airlines fully activating their EMC.

*"During these drills, it is critical that we activate both our EMC and our Express carrier's EMC. This enables us to identify overlapping activities and ensure lines of responsibility are clear,"* said Don Dillman, VP-Operations Control Center. *"There could be a tendency to make assumptions that our partner carrier is resolving an issue, only to find out that they were expecting the same from us."*

The process for an actual United Express response would call for United to lead the humanitarian response effort, while the Express partner would lead the technical investigation.

The participants in the exercise will debrief and address any improvements in the upcoming weeks. Emergency Response drills are scheduled every quarter.

### **Pursuing Perfection, One Audit at a Time**

*"I've always believed that no person is perfect, and no system is perfect,"* says Uday Ponkshe, staff representative for audits and controls supporting Onboard Service. *"But if we aim for continuous improvement, we get closer all the time,"* adds the quarterly President's Award winner, who has worked at United since 1999 and in his present position since 2007.

Uday was recognized not only for his catering invoice audits that exposed areas needing improvement, but also for putting into place the improvements that enabled us to recover uncollected income and prevent future shortfalls due to systemic quirks.

United's system to process catering invoices at some international stations was incapable of accurately processing some discounts United had negotiated with certain vendors. Many overpayments were small in terms of unit cost, but like everywhere else, the little charges add up - in this case, to more than 3.2 million dollars.

*"When I was doing the reconciliations, I found various issues that prompted me to do detailed audits for the caterers that get paid through our Aircserv system to find flaws in the system due to incorrect item process, incorrect packet-boarding ratio and various other reasons,"* Uday recalls. *"I thought that if I was finding these errors in some international stations, there might be others."* Manager Cathy Stout, who nominated Uday, calls his work *"extraordinary in keeping our costs competitive. Rather than just identifying the problems, he worked to resolve them."* Uday is also working on a



Lean Six Sigma Green Belt around the issues. The project began with a goal of saving 100,000 dollars and has already saved four times that by identifying and eliminating inaccuracies in automatically generated catering invoices for international stations.

### **United Recognized as “Outstanding Civilian Employer” of Military Reservists**



Radio and Electronics Technician Darren Thews came to United 21 years ago after beginning his aviation career six years earlier in the Air Force.

Like his colleagues on the overnight “OT Ramp” crew, Darren is qualified to work on all United’s fleets and he supports the

airline in SFO by checking auto pilots, calibrating fuel quantities and making sure all flight deck instruments and avionics systems are working properly.

And like so many of his colleagues throughout United, Senior Master Sergeant Darren A. Thews of the 945<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron supports his country as a military reservist.

On September 13, Darren and United Airlines jointly received the prestigious “Air Force Reserve Citizen Airman Award,” which the Air Force grants to “recognize outstanding civilian employers of the Air Force Reserve members who made outstanding contributions to the total force mission.” The award ceremony was held at the Air Force Association’s Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition just outside Washington, D.C.

Howard Attarian, VP-Flight Operations, joined Darren at the ceremony to represent United in accepting the award. For Howard, who is not only a civilian corporate leader, but a retired Lieutenant Colonel who flew as a “Thunderbird” pilot, *“Supporting our military, and the hundreds of United Airlines employee guard and reservists, is not only patriotic, it’s our privilege and honor. As a legacy air carrier in the United States, the military has provided us with a proud lineage of outstanding military men and women - not only as professional aviators - but as personnel all across our company. United Airlines is proud to support our military men and women every day.”*

Sr. Master Sgt. Thews was deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2009 where, according to his nomination, he “superbly led a crew that maintained the Boeing C-17 military transport aircraft.” In addition, he “responded to a disabled Marine F-18 aircraft on the runway by quickly orchestrating the necessary equip-

ment, removing the F-18 and allowing inbound aircraft to continue landing on Kandahar Airfield.”

Darren says *“United’s supportive atmosphere made me able to relax and focus so I could effectively perform my duties while I was deployed.”*

Darren’s supervisor Chief Master Sgt. Gregory McGee says that *“During his assignments, Sergeant Thews’ employer assured him that his job would never be in jeopardy due to the schedule of his Unit Training Assembly and military service. They also stayed in contact with him and his family while he was deployed, maintained flying privileges and sent care packages to him and his troops. This support enables the outstanding contributions of all our military reservist employees to reflect credit upon the Air Force Reserve Command and the United States Air Force.”*

### **Move to Willis Tower Started in Early October**



On October 11, the first occupants of United’s new Operations Center at Willis Tower will begin moving into offices at 233 South Wacker Drive in Chicago. Approximately 280 employees

from six groups - aircraft scheduling, enterprise optimization, continuous improvement and IT from the current OPC offices in Elk Grove and planning, alliances and revenue management from HDQ in Chicago - will take up residence on the ninth floor of Willis Tower.

Continuing in the first phase of the move, more than 600 additional IT employees will move onto the sixth and fifth floors on October 22 and 29. Several other groups from Elk Grove will move to HDQ and Willis in November and early December as part of Phase I. There will also be approximately 70 people moving to CHIRR from Elk Grove in November.

Phase II is expected to begin in the second quarter of 2011. The Operations Control Center will not move until 2012 to enable a full review of the needs for a larger, post-merger United Airlines.

The decision to create a new Operations Center was announced in April 2009 to find alternative offices that would provide an improved work environment for our employees in the most cost-effective manner. The cost advantages provided by the city of Chicago’s incentive package represent a key opportunity to leave an older facility and ultimately move into one of the highest-quality office facilities in Chicago. The move to Willis Tower will also provide more aligned and productive working relationships between and among United’s operating functions.

### **93 Memorial - Thunder on The Mountain**

At Shanksville, we have a memorial torch that shines for our heroes and all those who have sacrificed and dedicated their lives to liberty and freedom.

We are closing in on \$11000.00, thanks to all retirees and current employees for their contributions.

To contribute make check to: 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank J. Eggles, 4903 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

### **Ask the Pharmacist - Take full advantage of your prescription drug benefit**

Six important features from Medco to help you get the most from your plan:

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With the **Medco Pharmacy**, you can save money not only on medication but also on gas by avoiding monthly trips to the drugstore. Join more than 6 million Americans who enjoy the savings and convenience of receiving up to a 90-day supply - for one mail-order payment. (\*) You'll also have full access to Medco specialist pharmacists, who are specially trained in the medications used to treat chronic conditions, including diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol.

(\*) Varies based on your plan.

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When you need to take a medication for a short time (such as an antibiotic), Medco offers a network of more than 50,000 chain and neighborhood retail pharmacies. To locate a participat-

ing retail pharmacy near you, visit **[www.medco.com](http://www.medco.com)** or call Member Services.

#### **4. Online services are at your fingertips**

More than ever, people take an active role in their healthcare. You can too. Visit us at **[www.medco.com](http://www.medco.com)**, where you have virtually instant access to details about your prescription benefit, health and wellness information, and **My Rx Choices®**, our online tool that can identify lower-cost alternatives to your medication. Plus, you can easily order refills of your mail-order prescriptions, check the status of your orders, and review your prescription history.

#### **5. Medco Member Services is ready to help**

Our representatives use the most advanced information systems available today to resolve more than 90 percent of inquiries on the first call. Through Member Services, you can obtain account information, refill prescriptions using our automated system, arrange to pay with a credit/debit card or e-check, and more. Our toll-free Member Services phone number is on your prescription drug ID card and your mail-order prescription bottle. There are also special support services for the blind and hearing-impaired.

#### **6. Medco pharmacists are available anytime**

All Medco pharmacists, including our specialist pharmacists, are available anytime, day or night to speak with you about your medication. Through the Medco Pharmacy, you'll also have the support of specialist pharmacists, who raise the level of personal care. If you have a chronic condition, such as cardiovascular disease, asthma, cancer, or multiple sclerosis, you can consult a Medco pharmacist who specializes in the medications used to treat your condition - and who has the time to speak with you about them. To speak with a specialist pharmacist, ask the Member Services representative to transfer you to a pharmacist who handles your specific condition.

### **Easy Does It**

These are busy times, "holidaze" upon us, shopping to be done, etc. Here is a dinner meal you can put together quickly, and then roast in your oven at very low heat for a few hours while you scurry around doing other important things.

#### **Beef Pot Roast (chuck or farmer's style) with Built-In Sauce**

**Purchase:** 4 lbs beef pot-roast or slightly smaller, if you like.

**Preheat oven to 325 F.** Line large rectangular roasting pan with heavy foil, leaving enough foil on all





Helen Cain

sides to wrap up and seal later. (No roasting pan? Use a 13" x 9" cake pan also lined with heavy foil.)

**Make sauce:** Combine 1 can cream of mushroom soup, 1 can tomato sauce or tomato soup, ½ soup can water, and 1 package dry mix onion soup. Blend thoroughly. Set aside momentarily.

**Place** 4 lbs pot roast in foil-

lined pan.

**On top of meat:** Add your choice as to the amounts of the following vegetables: washed baby carrots, thickly sliced onions, fresh mushrooms, small potatoes (or halve larger ones) and small beets (halve if too large).

**Pour** sauce over all.

**Close heavy foil tightly around everything,** making sure there are no openings.

**Bake:** 325 F for 3½ hours. If your roast is smaller or if you have a bone-in roast, it will get done faster. In that case, open foil and check after 3 hours for doneness.

If you still have room for a nice light dessert, Rainbow sherbet would be nice, together with the following delish and simple-to-make (they disappear fast) Honey Cookies:

#### Rosemarie's Honey Cookies

1 cup (2 sticks) soft butter (or give it a **very** brief "quickie" in your microwave)

2 cups sugar

1 teaspoon salt

¼ cup honey

2 eggs

4 cups flour

4 teaspoons baking soda

**Combine in order given above. Blend thoroughly.**

**Roll** walnut-size balls of dough in extra sugar.

**Place** on greased cookie sheet.

**Bake 350 F** approximately 7 minutes (depending on your oven).

(Want to get a little Christmassy? Buy a little box of (4) Assorted Food Colors ... usually to be found with the spices in your grocery store. Before you make the walnut-size balls, divide dough in half, making one green and one red ... **then** roll them in the extra sugar. (You and the Easter bunny can always use the food coloring again next Spring!)



#### Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on the 7<sup>th</sup> of each 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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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### GULF COAST CHAPTER

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The Gulf Coast Chapter of RUAEA met on September 28<sup>th</sup>, in the Cubi Bar Restaurant in the Pensacola Naval Air Station's National Air Museum in Pensacola, Florida. 18 retirees met and had lunch and got to know each other. We had several new people attend and several came back after our first meeting. We are anticipating a growing and fun chapter down here in Southern Alabama and Northwest Florida. We had attendees from Pensacola, Pensacola Beach, and Santa Rosa Beach, FL and from Orange Beach, Gulf Shores, Foley, Lillian and Theodore, AL. Those attending retired from all over – Chicago, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Denver, Boston and New York. All job types are represented in our group.

After the meeting, several members walked around the museum to look at some of the planes and other items. It is quite interesting and if you ever get a chance to come down to Pensacola, FL, I would recommend a visit to this spectacular museum. Their IMAX theatres are absolutely breath-taking! Unbelievable and it is free!

**Bob Schwartz**, President, announced that the Blue Angels will continue to have practice sessions into early November. If you have never seen them perform, you have missed a fantastic show. You will not believe what they can do in jets flying as fast and as close together as they do. They are wonderful!

We will continue to meet each month in different cities and different restaurants. We meet at 12 Noon for lunch and then a short meeting but we all enjoy the socializing the most! Next month, we will journey to Foley, AL and go to the Magnolia Court Restaurant which has delicious food. We are all looking forward to it. Come join us!

#### Calendar:

**October 26** - Magnolia Court Restaurant, Foley, AL

**November 23** - TBA



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September meeting was held at Bright Star Restaurant in Bessemer, Alabama. This is another restaurant to put on your list if you are traveling to the Birmingham area. Lots of history in addition to great food and great atmosphere!

We started off the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, followed by a blessing given by **Bill Preston**. After acknowledging retiree birthdays and anniversaries, our President **Herb Wilbanks** gave us the sad news that one of our members had passed over the previous weekend after a long illness. We will all miss **Gary Young** who was with customer service in San Francisco before his retirement. In lieu of flowers, our chapter will send a donation to the United 93 Memorial in Gary's honor. Condolences can be sent to his brother Auston Young, CPA, C/O Moses, Phillips, Young, Brannon and Henninger, P.O. Box 43627, Birmingham, AL 35243-0627.

**Herb Wilbanks**, & wife **Carol**, attended the first meeting for our new Alabama chapter on August 24<sup>th</sup>. **Bob Schwartz**, retired WHQ FK, was elected president. He and his wife **Yvonne** have worked very hard to establish this new chapter. We all wish them well and hope maybe to have a joint meeting in the future.

The cash/prize drawing was conducted by our President **Herb Wilbanks** and Vice President **Bobby Cox**. We missed our Treasurer, **Joe Singleton**, and hope to see him and **Gloria** next month. **Judy Slover** won the cash prize which she donated back to the chapter. Herb always has something extra for the drawing and **Edna Mann Aronson** brought other prizes. She is obviously a "Bama" fan and wanted to share her support of this great team with other members. We had numerous winners including, **Hank Thompson**, **Joe Duncan**, **Carol Wilbanks** and **Travis Glass**. **Judy Slover** thanks **Enda** greatly for the lovely "Bear Bryant" print scarf. Judy attended Auburn University but will graciously wear it for Edna. "Roll Tide" and "War Eagle" for both of Alabama's outstanding football teams.

We were happy to have another guest this month, **Ron Brasher**. He is **Travis Glass**' brother and he also worked for United Airlines at one time. Our chapter really looks forward to welcoming guests.

October Birthday: **Anne Simmons** (10/4)

#### Calendar:

**November 8** - Meeting - 11:00AM - Special meeting at member **Gay Fowler**'s home

## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

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Is it Fall yet? My calendar says yes but the temperatures say Summer! It has sure been a long hot summer and we are looking now to October to bring us the wonderful weather we live for.

Our bi-weekly Coco's breakfasts have been averaging 15 attendees. It was great to see **Mel & Millie Hofer** out and about again. Mel is having physical therapy for a shoulder injury and it has kept him busy this summer. We had two visitors and returning members **Jim & Loretta DeVries** who joined us at our September 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> breakfast meetings. **Marge & Hank Mullman** are returning to the Azures this year. Hank's health problems kept them from participating last year and we are happy to see them return. **Evie Callahan** has been having problems with stents in her legs and had to go into the hospital recently for blood transfusions. We were so glad to see her and Frank out and about and at breakfast on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Frank you are also looking good after your surgeries.

Congratulations to **Ziggy & Pat Butkiewicz** on celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary this month.

Well, **Sonny & Barbara Carns** are running away from the heat again. They are off to Fairfax, VA to help their son celebrate his first wedding anniversary. Congrats to them and many, many more. They hope to see the leaves turning, but I wonder if all that blessed rain will let them see the vivid colors.

**Laura Sustrik** is sponsoring an Alaskan Cruise for August 2011. For Dutton Fans, there is an exclusive package of amenities including a welcome reception with the band, reduced cost on private shore excursions, and, naturally, performances by The Duttons on the Holland America cruise ship, "The Oosterdam." Prices start at just \$1099 per person, so call our exclusive booking agents Jan and Laura of Prestige Travel / American Express today! (623) 249-3437 or (623) 687-6505 or email them at [lsustrik@gmail.com](mailto:lsustrik@gmail.com) or [kre8by-jan@gmail.com](mailto:kre8by-jan@gmail.com).

See this link for the information flyer: [http://www.theduttons.com/dutton\\_events/cruise/index.cgi](http://www.theduttons.com/dutton_events/cruise/index.cgi)

All UA retirees, whether you are pilots, flight attendants, or ground personnel, are welcomed to contact us and join us for Breakfast at Coco's. We meet bi-weekly and all are welcome. 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.

*Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside!*

### Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings - 8:00AM. Location - 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell roads

**October 26**

**November 9**

**November 23**

**December 7**

### PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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We're getting close to the Holiday Season and a busy time of the year for many of us. There is a lot of preparation going on to get ready for the **Fantasy Flight**, which will be held Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sky Harbor Airport. If you haven't been involved before, there are many ways you could help. This is a very worthwhile project that benefits young, needy children from a local school. The committee is planning on decorating the Gate area on Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 10:30 a.m.; packing of the gift bags on Wednesday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m., with the lift-off scheduled Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you wish to volunteer or have any questions, please contact our own **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). She has been very involved in this project for many years. You'll be happy you did! The last we heard, they were still in need of stretch mittens and small socks for the 5-6 year old children, plus stadium size blankets and bears.

Our September 24<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa was attended by 29 people. We had a new couple, **John & Donna Smiley** from Gilbert. We're happy to have them as new members of our Re-United's Chapter. Our President, **Jim Brigante**, discussed the idea of having one winner per raffle for our "All Arizona Luncheons". We agreed that this would be a good rule. **Jim** will meet with the **Azures, Road Runners** and **Tall Pines Chapters** to see how they feel about this.

Two of our members who have been having some health concerns are **Ed Conlon** and **John McFarland**. They are both doing better and we hope it continues that way.

Our first luncheon this fall was our annual Oktoberfest, held on October 7<sup>th</sup> at the Bavarian Point Restaurant in Mesa, hosted by **Hank Falk**. There were 29 people there. Everyone enjoyed themselves with good

food and company. It was nice seeing **Orland Baldwin, Gene Menten, Bud & Lynn Hubbard**, and **Joel & Marge Matteson** back with us, after not seeing them for a long time; plus, **Bruce Zarek** came as **Rita's** guest. Our President, **Jim Brigante**, passed information around on the UA/CO merger. **Tony Ribeiro**, our Sunshine person, reported sending get-well cards to members who haven't been well. On Friday, Oct. 8, a book sale at the airport, helped benefit our Fantasy Flight. We are very thankful for all the donations. Two steins that **Hank Falk** donated for the raffle were won by **Kathy Brigante** and **Carol Ward**.

Our Nov. Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 11:00AM with the social hour, followed by lunch at Busters, 8320 N. Hayden Rd., Mercado Del Lago Center, in Scottsdale. Directions to Busters are: Take 101 to Via Ventura Exit #43, go west on Via Ventura to Hayden. Make a right, go one traffic light, and make a left. Busters will be on your right.

The menu consists of Buster's Caesar Salad and your choice of Chicken Breast, Classic Burger, Fish and Chips or Turkey Croissant Sandwich; Sherbet for dessert and a beverage. The cost is \$19 per person. Please make your checks out to **Re-United** and mail them no later than Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, along with your choice of entree to: **Kathy & Jim Brigante**, 8700 E. Mountain View Road #1106, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. Any questions, please contact them at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Christmas Luncheon is already planned. This will be held on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes, starting at 11:00 a.m. with the Social hour, followed by the luncheon at noon. Mark your calendars now, as December is always a busy month. This is a beautiful place for a Holiday Luncheon! Any questions, contact **Skip** or **Carol Ward** at (480) 883-0832, or by e-mail at [flyn016@aol.com](mailto:flyn016@aol.com).

November Birthdays are: **Mary McLain** (11/6), **Pam Gerstung** (11/22), **JoAnne Gaudio** (11/24), and **Ellen Johnson** (11/28). We wish you all a Happy Birthday!

We have one couple celebrating their Anniversary of 47 years - **Carol & Skip Ward** on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations and Best Wishes Always.

If I have missed anyone's Birthdays or Anniversaries throughout the year, please be sure and contact me. Thanks! I would like to have every member on my list.

If anyone is new to the area, or even if you've been around and not active, we would love to have you join us. Membership is open to anyone who has worked for **United Airlines** at any time, and is of retirement age (55). Please contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@aol.com](mailto:jbrigante@aol.com). He'll be glad to be of help.

#### Calendar:

**October 22** – Breakfast at Crackers in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m., Crackers is located at 535 W. Iron Avenue (near Hwy. 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact Peg Snowdall per the information above.

**November 10** – Luncheon at Busters in Scottsdale. See information above. Contact **Jim Brigante**.

**November 19** – Breakfast at Crackers at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President by Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, if you are planning on attending. Her number is (480) 396-3317, or e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). **Note:** Date Change due to Holiday.

**December 8** – Christmas Luncheon at Palo Verde in Sun Lakes. Contact the **Wards** per info above.

**December 17** – Breakfast at Crackers. **Note:** Date Change due to Holiday.

**January 13** – Luncheon at Grand View Steak House at Painted Mountain Golf Resort in Mesa.



TALL PINES

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Hello Friends! RUAEA Tall Pines group reconvened at the Lone Spur after a summer of picnics and vacations. Our meeting was held again at the Lone Spur downtown. It's always nice getting together.

**Jean & Earle Risdon** checked in with us, they enjoyed their summer as Jean celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with many dinner parties hosted by friends. What fun to celebrate the birthday all month! Jean & Earle spent the month of July in "cooler" Flagstaff. In August, there was a family reunion with Earle's two daughters and grandsons they hadn't seen in years.

If you remember, in June we had visitors from Denver - **Walt & Virginia Hanson** whom we enjoyed. Currently, Walt is still recovering from a horrific crash, hit by a drunk driver while driving his RV earlier this summer in Southern Colorado, pictures available everywhere on the net. At any rate, Walt just barely made it. We are so glad he is still with us and gaining strength!

Another note since our letter in June, we welcomed back **Dennis Weller** from his long stay away as a result of his late wife **Nadine's** passing. Seems he may have had more of a broken heart than anyone would realize as we now announce Dennis Weller's recent passing, going home to be with Nadine.

A couple of updates for near future, that we will have met on Tues, October 19 at the LoneSpur once more when dues will be paid. There will be no meeting



in November due to Thanksgiving. We will be making arrangements in October for attending our annual Christmas party early in the month of December, yet TBD. Each year, our group likes to make a donation. This year we will be discussing a donation to United's Fantasy Flight and Prescott Boys and Girls Club.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our special members who are celebrating!

Happy Holidays and New Year To Everyone!

Please note: Our meeting day of the month has changed, currently assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday to avoid any conflicts with schedules. Come one, come all and let us know if you would like to attend one of our luncheons.

#### Calendar:

As always please call ahead in the event of changes.

**December** - Christmas Party, Time & Date - TBD

**January 18** - Happy New Year!

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Being away from home during the last part of August and most of September, our chapter report did not get to the press on time. I was having some problems with the hotel computers. So that's my excuse. So here are September and October's reports.

It felt wonderful to be in cooler climates as eleven Roadrunners met and dined at the Pinetop Country Club in the White Mountains on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The dinner was buffet-style so hunger was no problem as you could eat as much as you wanted. The dinner was arranged by **Howard Hunter** and our table was outside with a view of the golf course. As he has done in the past, Howard sees to our every need.

Then on Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, we all drove about fifty miles to Nutrioso for our lunch, which had been arranged by **Gordon & Dora Starr**. We met at the Bistro Escudilla where we once again enjoyed a good meal that also took care of dinner for some of us. After the lunch, we drove about a mile to the Starr's home in the woods and had after lunch cocktails. Gordon & Dora have been entertaining our group at their home every year for as long as I can remember. Thanks again to Howard, Gordon and Dora for arranging this fun outing.

**Hank Dykhuis** has now joined the pace maker club as he was fitted with the devise on August 20<sup>th</sup> and after an over-night stay in the hospital, he is doing very well, adapting to the bionic implant that many of us have had

over the years. Also along the health line, our secretary **Claire Byle** spent 3 days in the hospital after returning from our outing in the White Mountains, apparently the victim of Salmonella poisoning. She is now doing fine.

**Hank & Lu Dykhuis** sailed to Alaska from Seattle on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. They were joined by **Ray & Ann Wood** and **Roger & Lyn Callihan**. **Donna Kuehn** and **Alice Belzer** also sailed to Alaska the first part of August, where they did some touring and returned home the first week of September.

**Loretta & Wayne Norman** were the hosts for the September 16<sup>th</sup> luncheon which was held at Teresa's Mosaic Café. There were 16 Roadrunners in attendance and the food and service was excellent. Our thanks go out to Loretta and Wayne for arranging this event.

Our October luncheon will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month and we will meet at Shlomo & Vito's Delicatessen on Skyline Drive and Campbell. Our host will be **Ed Kokot**.

#### Calendar:

**October 21** - Shlomo & Vito's

**November 18** - To be announced

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There was no meeting during September. I know a lot of retirees who read the Newsletter from cover to cover, as I do. Every once in awhile, I get a phone call from someone who read something I wrote and I really appreciate those calls. I received a call from **Donald J. (Sully) Sullivan** from ATL. We have never met but we did have some things in common. First of all, we both went to Keesler Field in Mississippi during WW2 for basic training. He was two years ahead of me in 1942. He told me that he had to live in a place called "Tent City". During the rainy season, conditions could not have been worse. I was lucky. We had barracks by the time I was there. He also told me that he joined Capital Airlines in 1948 when it was still PCA. He also told me a little about his family and asked if any of my children went into the Airline business. I told him, no, and some of his 6 kids did and worked for airlines that no longer exist. That was a great conversation remembering the good old days.

With the merger completed on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, it will be old news by the time this Newsletter comes out. I guess we

are all waiting to see how the pass policy works out. That last word I received is that UA/CO retirees would be eligible to travel on the other carrier, boarding after current carrier eligibles, but before other carrier employees. It will be interesting to hear how our pass boardings work after the dust clears.

I didn't know this or have it verified, but there was a state in the U.S. called Franklin. Today it is known as Tennessee.

#### Calendar:

**October 20** - Meeting hosted by **Bill & Dana Noyes**

**December.15** – Meeting hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**.

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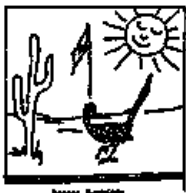


The Brazen Raisins' October 2010 meeting was hosted by **Nile & Lincoln Jones** at their resort outside Madera; it was a potluck lunch featuring a lot of great food.

There was no sunshine report as Sunshine Lady **Donna Nessling** was under the weather.

President **Dick Hayes** announced that the 2011 RUAEA Convention would be held in Portland, OR, starting on May 22; he also read an article about the United/Continental merger stating that it was going smoothly and rapidly; also, companion passes cannot be used on Continental, only on United.

**Dick Shryock** shared one lousy joke.



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Yours truly was the host for the Sunbirds September Luncheon. Thirty five members managed to find their way around the renovation barriers to the Clubhouse at the Palm Desert Greens C. C. in Palm Desert. We had a choice from among five menu items, and everyone seemed to enjoy his or her selection.

Congratulations are in order for **Sean & Marilyn Foley** on their 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary (10/13); and **Ray & Rose Rieke** celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> (10/14).

**Ron Aggson's** second cataract surgery had to be rescheduled for September due to a bacterial lung infec-

tion. We hear **Merv Myers** is back on the golf course, apparently getting some relief from his spinal stenosis.

The **Kellerhals** and the **Lergs** are planning for an October trans-Atlantic cruise, arranged for them by our own **Louie Horvath**. **Ray Silvestri** was the Birthday winner (I lost again), and **Mary Butler** won the 50/50. OK, I didn't really lose, I just didn't win.

On behalf of the Desert Sunbirds and our President, **Elaine Aggson**, I want to extend an invitation to any and all United Retirees visiting the Desert to any of our monthly luncheons. We gather every month on the second Wednesday; and if you are in the area, we'd love to have you join us. Just call or email me, and I will let you know where and when. My phone and email are at the top of this report.

#### Puns:

- ☺ *The roundest Knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Circumference. He acquired his size from too much Pi.*
- ☺ *I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.*
- ☺ *Don't join dangerous cults. Practice safe sects.*
- ☺ *A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.*

#### Calendar:

**November 10** – TBA, hosted by **Dee Whately**

#### SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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#### SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS



President **Ken Norton** welcomed 58 members of the Sacramento Gold Diggers to the September meeting at the National Hotel in Nevada City, California. He thanked **Bob & Margaret Fulkerson** for hosting the luncheon. He introduced a new member, **Veronica Modra**, who worked on the Apollo System in Denver, Chicago, and San Francisco. She retired in 2001 and moved to Nevada City, where she works for the National Hotel and where she learned about our group.

**Alice McPeak** gave the secretary report in the absence of secretary **Morgan**. The anniversaries for this month are: **Ernest & Joyce Romero** (63 years); **Robert & Mary Ann Burgess** (50 years); and five other couples with a minimum of 25 years!

The sunshine report was given by **Angie Dellinger**, who reported that she sent a card to the **O'Kellys**.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** told of the pictures she is taking at each meeting, so as to get each member's picture.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the report for the month.

Regional director **John Zoboli** reminded us about the 2011 convention to be held in Portland, Oregon next May. He also described some of the practical aspects of the merger. The Chicago operations center will move to the Willis Tower in mid October. By moving the flight attendant and flight officer to the ramp area at SFO, there will be a savings of \$140 in rent over a ten year period. He praised the Skynet discount program. He said there will be great savings. To access this, go to Skynet-Employee discounts.

**Ron Bertacini** told us continuing meetings are being held between RUAEA and the present and future UAL officers. He advised that we should keep up with current information about the National Health Care policies to see how they compare with Company policies.

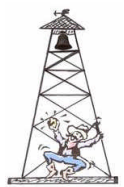
The meeting closed with a raffle. There were a large number of unique prizes, as many people apparently took **Alice's** urging last month to clean out their closets!!

#### Calendar:

**October 27** - The Creekside Bar and Grill, 555 Main St., Vacaville, hosted by **Martha & Charlie Szekretar**

**November** - No meeting

**December 8** - Alta Sierra Country Club, hosted by **Alice & Glenn McPeak** and **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**



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The Hangtown Miners' October luncheon was hosted by **Bill & Pati Kenney** at Rudy's Hideaway in Folsom. We have been to Rudy's in the past and once again enjoyed a private room decorated for fall. President **Jack Fitzpatrick** called the meeting to order after a delicious lunch, enjoyed by the 26 Miners in attendance. (It was a small but rowdy group this month.) Jack seemed to be in especially high spirits and several of us agreed that he and Judy might be rehearsing their routine for the comedy club circuit. Vice President **Jon Somplack** reported that he had attended the picnic at Sand Harbor hosted by the Sierra Roundup. He was very impressed and urged all of us to try to attend next year.

There was some discussion about the charity that we would be donating to this year. **Nancy DeVore** suggested the Children's Receiving Home in Sacramento. Secretary **Suzie Quinnell** asked everyone to come to the November meeting with any other suggestions so that we could vote and be ready to send our contributions out in December.

**Jack Fitzpatrick** talked a little about how much he had enjoyed being President this year and asked everyone to consider volunteering for a position for the next year. I think his exact words were something along the lines of "*Don't sit there like a bunch of rocks!*"

There were two anniversaries in October - **Gary & Mikki Dalleske** and **Ed & Lindalee Akin** (53 years). Those celebrating birthdays included **Bill Kenney**, **Jeanette d'Amico**, **Tom Kenny** and **Judy Fitzpatrick**.

#### Calendar:

**November 1** - Sierra Banquet Center hosted by **Tom & Suzanne Kenny**

**December 6** - hosted by the **Czapkays** and the **Raynors**

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Our September meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> at one of our favorite places, La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa, the food was wonderful as always. We had 31 members and guests in attendance.

President **Joanne Huhn** called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence for September 11. The day will live with all of us. Joanne thanked our hosts **Maria & Nick Van Kruining** who were assisted by **Ron Huhn**.

Treasurer **Judy DeFord** had to wear two hats because VP **Maddy McKinnis** is recovering from surgery. Maddy is looking forward to returning next month. Judy announced our guests, **Lee Trevelyan**, guest of **Clare & Barney Hagan**. Judy also brought us up to date on our finances, which still look good.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced September birthdays: **Nick Van Kruining**, **Delbart Clark**, **Lou Legnetto**, **Matty Matchinegg**, **Richard Hanna**, **Lois Schwind**, **Ann Burnett** and **Norm Davis**. Nick was the winner of the Birthday lunch.

The anniversaries were **Rodney & Gussie Mederios** (52 years), **Norm & Ann Burnett** (23 years), **George & Lois Schwind** (61 years), **Larry & Madelyn Schmidt** (24 years), **Vic & Elaine Kristan** (67 years) and **Larry & Elaine Wilson** (45 years). We sang Congratulations to all.

Verda informed us **Delores Burda** passed away on July 25.. Her Celebration of Life took place on September 4. Verda sent a card to **Norm & Ann Burnett**, thinking because they had missed a few meetings, they were under the weather. Lo and Behold, Norm & Ann were on a trip. Now that is good news.

It was good to see **Pat Maus** back. Pat has fully



recovered from knee replacement surgery in just two months. That has to be a record. Brandon says she's doing great, can walk, can't dance but is learning how to skip.

Our autobiography for the month is **Roger Casterline**, RUAEA Western Regional Director. Roger was born in St Paul, MN. At a young age, his family moved to Western MT where Roger attended Glacier Park High School. After graduation, he got a job selling vacuum cleaners, which proved to be quite an education for a 17 year old. He left that job to become a Heavy Equipment Operator. Then the Korean War started, Roger enlisted in the Army and spent 18 months in the Pacific. When he was discharged, he returned to Heavy Equipment construction. When a slow-down came, he decided to take advantage of the GI Bill and attended Montana State, where he received a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Roger went to work for Pan Am for 5 years and when they were going to shut down the operation at SFO they offered him a job in NY. He tried UAL at that time, but it didn't work out; so off to NY with his bride of three months. When they returned to San Francisco, Roger worked at Lockheed. Finally, 2 years later, he joined UAL. That was in 1965 and he teamed-up with **Brandon Maus, George Schwind** and **Nick Van Kruining**. He says "*they were the good old days. Lots of fun!*". Roger retired on April 1, 1994 after 29 years.

We have a nominating committee for next year's officers. **Oscar Chambers** has volunteered. **Joan Chambers** and **Pat Leahy** will assist.

Next luncheon will be held at the Quail Inn at Oakmont on October 14<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **George & Lois Schwind**.

#### Calendar:

**November 11** - Mountain Grove Inn, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**

**December 9** - Quail Inn, hosted by the Officers

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I'm writing this report a few hours after our October ReLAXers meeting. Good timing - I did pick up a bit of news to relay to you all. I didn't get a chance to talk much with **Jim Ferrance**, one of the organizers of the September 27 LAXRR reunion - it was a great party I hear, and such fun to chat with working buddies from "the good old days". I am looking forward to Jim's

News to Share report for more details. In the meantime, many thanks are due to the organizers and to those who attended. **Dick Pendleton** said that they not only enjoyed the reunion party, but they planned some time to become reacquainted with the surroundings of El Segundo. This included a visit to the wonderful Old Town Music Hall. That is the movie theater which shows movies from the '30s as well as entertaining with their wonderful old pump organ - as Dick said, the same two old guys are still running the place. If you live nearby or are ever stuck at LAX on a Fri, Sat or Sun, it's a fun place to visit.

At the meeting today, it was a real pleasure to see some of our members who've had health setbacks preventing them from attending for several sessions. **Olga Jean Barnes** made it! She looks a bit thinner, but really great with her same wonderful smile. Keep it up Olga Jean, we really missed you. And **Jo Ann Briggs** was there at the door making sure we had paid (I had forgotten to send money - for shame!) and keeping track of the goings on. She advises her vision is nearly back to normal, a slight blur which is expected to eventually go away. Everyone is so pleased for the recovery of both of them. I finally found out about **Dottie Kopec** who has been absent from meetings for probably a year. She is living in a seniors' complex called Belmont Village. I believe it is in the Torrance area. **John Daley** has visited her and advises she is doing well, having come through surgery for colon cancer with flying colors - no chemo nor radiation. That is such good news, Dottie. I will check with John soon as I can to get her address. **Jan Sherbet** was unable to attend - not feeling well, at all. She can be reached at 2709 183<sup>rd</sup> St., Redondo Beach, CA 90277, (310) 542-1997. **Geri Berley** is facing having to have spinal fusion surgery. We all wish her the very best - hope the surgery goes well and the recovery is fast and easy. **Ester Horompoly's** husband, **Louis** has had a really tough time for nearly two weeks with severe back pain. He's been to doctors and in the hospital with lots of tests, only to be told there's nothing wrong! Oh, yeah? As of two days ago, she said he's improving a bit, and at last eating pretty well again (the pain had completely killed his appetite). Ester is a great cook, so you know he's been totally miserable if he can't eat her food. On top of enduring Louis's pain and their shared anxiety, they had to cancel their trip to Germany and Turkey - a great disappointment. They can be contacted at 7456 W. 91<sup>st</sup> St., L.A., CA 90045, (310) 645-0153. One more health report is about **Beverly McAlister** who had surgery on Sep. 20, for herniated spinal discs. She reported as of a few days ago that now, going into the 4<sup>th</sup> week, her walk is stronger to the extent that she can walk around the track, almost. Also, her arms are better, she can comb her hair pretty well - at least the front. She doesn't guarantee the appearance

at the back. Good luck, keep it up Bev! She is at 5224 Verdun Ave., L.A., CA 90043, (323) 294-8140. The latest news from **Steve Braun - Val** advises he's healing on schedule, but cannot put weight on the injured leg as yet.

Reporter **Ray Ginocchio** relayed his close encounter in his "old faithful red truck" while en route to the dentist. On September 16 at 8:50AM, he was making a left from Hawthorne into Lomita (been there – it's a wide, busy intersection and that was rush hour!). Another driver was in a big hurry and "*T-boned my truck on the passenger side so hard he penetrated the right hand door and side so deep that my good old faithful red truck is now completely totaled but I am thankful to be alive and well*". I have some questions for Ray - do I recall correctly, that intersection has controlled turn lights - did the other guy crash the light in order to crash your truck? And, as the saying goes "*how did the other guy (and his car) look? Did he get at least a little bruised up?*" Do let us know the gory details, Ray.

I chatted with **Nancy Bessenbacher** who was really excited to tell about her recent trip to Charleston, SC. They went there for the Yorktown reunion - her husband served on her. At the same time as that reunion was the Congressional Medal of Honor presentation ceremony, also on the Yorktown. She said she'd email me the details, but I don't have it yet - more next month.

One short comment about the non-rev rules and regs in connection with the merger, announced by pres. **Hal Klobe** per info from **Howard Lackey**, our RUAEA rep (who is at a board meeting this week). Most everyone has read the info from Skynet regarding UA folks travel on CO - we are boarded after CO employees, but (and this I hadn't heard before) before CO companions. Keep reading Skynet – don't believe the varied and ridiculous rumors flying thick and fast. My reaction to rumors has been pretty much right for years - listen to it, laugh at it and wait to see it in writing from an official source.

And that's it for now. It's now 9PM and I now go on to write three reports for our co-op association board meeting at 9AM tomorrow. A snack then back to it, so until next month, ta ta!

*Do you realize that at any given moment, you're as young as you'll ever be?*

*Do you realize that at any given moment, you're as old as you've ever been?*

#### Calendar:

**December 2** - Christmas Party at the Proud Bird.

**December 4** - Fantasy Flight. Volunteers needed. Call **Laly Savoy** to volunteer – (310) 225-2553.

**February 3** - Regular meeting, location t.b.a.



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Well, now we **all** have probably received via email our first **pre-Halloween** (good timing!) false-rumor-scare about a possible change in our boarding pass priority. Relax and settle back. There will be more. One of our local and perhaps wiser UAL retiree members sent me a quote from our late beloved and much admired President Ronald Reagan: "Trust, then justify."

In place of our September general meeting, we had our annual September picnic in Menlo Park. The weather was perfect, not too hot, not too cold, not too windy, and the steaks were perfect ... Not too rare and not too well done, as prepared by our absolutely perfect volunteer buyers, cooks, servers and helpers. Thanks, y'all ... We appreciate **all of you!** And please remember: long-time Food Coordinators **Vera & Walt Kina** are requesting help and replacement ... their years of service are almost over. Please give them a call and offer a helping hand!

It is with regret we report the passing on September 20<sup>th</sup> of 84 year old **Donald Raymond Milburn**, a San Mateo, CA resident who worked for UAL for 25 years at the SFO Maintenance Base. Previously, he had served as a U.S. Merchant Marine officer during World War II and later, in the U.S. Army. In his spare time and after military retirement, accompanied by his now belated wife **Barbara Grady**, he played guitar and once created a dance band and performed for many years at local social functions. He is survived by his four sisters, **Opal Garton, Lois Nankervis, Doris Franco, Alma Siebergartner** and stepchildren **Bryan, Arthur** and **Timothy Grady**. Cards may be sent % the foregoing at **Don's** former address, 612 Alta Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403, **or** % his former church, Grace Lutheran of San Mateo, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94403 where he had been active. The angels are watching over him now.

With 2 Blue Angels flying over my house this very moment, this "*minute-whoops-this-second*", it reminds me to mention our annual October volunteer UAL employees and retirees preparing who will be helping out at the annual "UAL Fleet Week Family Day" at the SFO Maintenance Base opening this coming weekend. It was SUCH fun last year. Last year we wore pink T-shirts. This year the T-shirts will be orange ... Might make the male volunteers a bit happier?

**Personally Speaking:** NO September meeting and little fodder for this article, here's a quickie recipe, a cross between candy and a cookie:

### **Butterscotch Haystacks:**

1 pkg. butterscotch chips/morsels, approx. 11 oz.

One can 10 oz. cashews or chopped walnuts

One 5 oz. can chow mein Chinese noodles

**Melt** butterscotch according to pkg. directions. Stir in nuts and noodles. Spoon onto wax paper; let dry or place on cookie sheet & refrigerate ... Hardens faster that way. Makes a quickie "candy-cookie" snack!

### **Calendar:**

Retirees General Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month except for September (picnic) and December (holiday), 11:30 a.m. promptly for the business meeting, followed by lunch (potluck or a "special" meal) and entertainment at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd (Shell and East Hillsdale Blvd. (Shell and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380. Mail should be sent to UAL, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404

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Our guests this month were **William T. Klear** and **Jess Rocha**. We always hope we impressed them so that they might consider joining our select group.

Rejuvenation is in the air and the travel bug has bitten many. Returning from trips are **Ella & George Sousa** who traveled to Spain & Portugal with their friends from the Sirs Club. **Margie & Alex Klaus** drove 4025 miles from S.F. to Mt. Rushmore; Park City; Bryce National Park; Las Vegas; Custer to name a few; **Bill Reichert** was fishing in the wilderness; **Billie Cramb**, while visiting her daughter in England, had the chance to house sit an additional couple of weeks for her daughter's friend. **Dave & Nancy Walb** went to Indiana for a cousin's fish fry, class reunion, trip to Mackinaw Island, Michigan & Canada. **Rita & Bob Matkovich** have been enjoying their newly acquired motor home, rendezvousing with their children and grandchildren. **Russ Courier** attended a reunion in Denver for the 398 Bomber Squadron. Safe landings have been made by all!

**Bill Reichard** tripped while fishing in the wilderness and had to wait while his fishing friend hiked 8 hours to find help. He will be wearing a cast until his fractured tibia mends. **Dee & Stan Kolman** are back at breakfast after a long recovery for Stan's broken leg bones suffered during a fall in the Holy Land. **Jean Jenkins**, between house sitting in Morgan Hill and

Tracy, is undergoing tests to find out why she has less energy these days. Could you be doing more? **George Smith** is in a care center to get the physical therapy he needs while his daughter is working to set up home care when he returns. **Anna & Dwayne Howze** were at breakfast and Anna seems to be recovering nicely from her knee surgery. She is looking great!

Wise men and women say that our Fall luncheon at Michael's at Shoreline was a hit. Hosted by **Bill & Rosemarie Reichard** and President **Dave & Joanne Saso**, fifty-five of our members enjoyed a delicious lunch, great oldies of the 50's and 60's music, a raffle and a special guest, an Elvis impersonator. Elvis serenaded our members with his "hits" and charming personality plus kisses. Everyone had a great time.

It is with regrets that we note the passing of **Nancy Bachelor**. She and **Lou** had moved to Oregon to be nearer their children. Lou's parents were missionaries in Hawaii during his youth so he and Nancy loved visiting their old friends there when possible.



### **Calendar:**

(8:00 AM Friday Breakfast at Holders Country Inn in Cupertino across from the Home-Depot)

**October 29** - Halloween Theme Breakfast

**December 1** - Ladies Christmas Luncheon at Loon

Wah, hosted by **Joan Dahl & Nancy Walb**

**December 7** - Winter Banquet at Mariani's



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I missed last month's newsletter because we were on a caravan traveling in our motor home with nine other couples and their RVs. We had a wonderful trip going up the Oregon coast and then on to the Columbia River Gorge. We were blessed with beautiful weather and only one rainy evening but that was OK because we were all tucked away in our RVs. I love to hear the pitter patter of the rain on the roof of the motor home.

We were in Minden, NV for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual UAL reunion before we left for Oregon. We had a wonderful time seeing old friends and co-workers. **Jack Raynor** and **Larry Nagley** did a great job again, setting up everything for all of us so we could all sit back and eat, drink, and be merry. I know they had a lot of help from their spouses **Marge** and **Tamara**; thanks to both of you too. A special "thanks" to **Sandy Arnold**, who slaved



over the hot barbeque, cooking the burgers and hot dogs that we all enjoyed.

Our August luncheon was held at Kelley's Brewery in Manteca. The luncheon was hosted by **Hans & Regina Weber**. We had a delicious meal, as always, and no one went home hungry. There were 37 people in attendance and **Ron Bertacini** joined us as our guest. Ron gave us information about the UAL/Continental merger.

The luncheon/meeting in September was hosted by **Max & Chris Fountain**. **Gloria Gemberling** was kind enough to take some notes for me since I was not there. The luncheon was held at the Pine Tree Restaurant and there were 30 members in attendance plus one guest, **John Zoboli**. John brought us up to date on the UAL/Continental merger. Hopefully, this merger will be a good thing for everyone.

Before you know it, the holidays will be here. It seems like summer is still around because Mother Nature has brought us some very hot weather for the end of September.

We always meet on the second Thursday of every month. In November, we will be meeting at my favorite place and that's the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs. Our Christmas luncheon will be held at the Saddle Creek Restaurant in Copperopolis.

If you would like to join us at any of our luncheon meetings which are always held on the second Thursday of the month, please call our President, **Joan Verbaere**, (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

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Our September meeting was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> with 21 members and guests. We welcomed back **Jackie Ormiston** and **Bill & Shirley House**. **Arnold Hansen** brought a guest, **Bob Sample**, and **Roger Casterline** brought **Brandon Maus**. Many of our "regulars" were absent due to various vacation plans. We hope to see them back next month. We have decided to cancel the Race Day at Golden Gate.

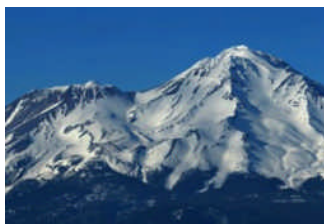
The **Harguths** were the lucky ones this meeting. **Hoagie** won the 50/50 and **Marilyn** won the pie!

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. No need for reservations. We encourage you to attend and bring your guests. We have representation from many departments.

### Calendar:

**November 8**

**December 13** - Annual Christmas Party & Toys for Tots collection)



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Can you possibly imagine a more perfect time than sitting by the Sacramento River, on a warm day, having a delicious lunch with friends? Well, that was what we were able to experience for our Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> picnic for the Northstaters. The weather really cooperated. The local chapter paid for the meat and everyone brought their favorite salad or dessert. It was a great success and the food was truly delicious. **Hal & Phyllis Burdick** brought games and prizes for the 34 attendees to participate in. Hal is very good at wood working and the toys he donated for the prizes were very nice.

We had four birthdays in September. **John Zoboli**, **Klaren Odor**, and **Jim & Dolores Bunton**. The only anniversary announced was **Bill & Sharon Simonton** in October.

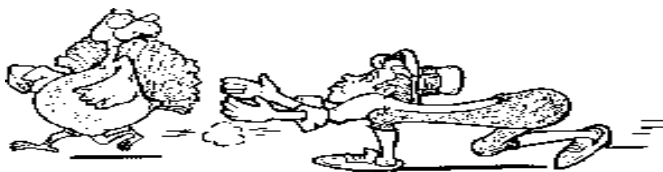
**John Zoboli** gave a great report on the status of the merger. Everyone can get up to date info on SkyNet "Lets Fly Together". Also, SkyNet has great discount programs. There will be new uniforms, logos and a new interim pass travel plan. He also announced the dates for the convention in Portland, Oregon in 2011. They will be May 22-28<sup>th</sup>. John encouraged all to plan ahead and attend.

It was decided that with our extra monies in the treasury, we would donate to the Flight 93 memorial Chapel in Pennsylvania. **Billy Jorgensen** will be involved with sending the money to the correct place.

The winner of the 50-50 raffle was **John Isabell** and the winner of the \$15.00 gift certificate was **Merritt Odor**.

### Calendar:

**November 18** - Meeting/Luncheon will be held at Marie Callender's in Chico beginning at 11:30 A.M. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to **Sharon** through email or phone so we can get a better count for the restaurant.



## COLORADO

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On September 15, the Mile Highers Chapter celebrated Oktoberfest with a fall luncheon at Helga's German restaurant. We thanked **Barbara Chapman**, **Laura Coats**, and **Nancy Goodyear** for making all the arrangements. **Barbara Chapman** and **Nancy Goodyear** were dressed in German dirndls; **Gerrie Pawley** was dressed in a Bavarian outfit. We also had an Austrian chap play the Zither with German music. **Nancy Goodyear** brought some of door prizes that she had purchased in Germany on a recent trip. The food was excellent. It was good to see **Walt & Elizabeth Bumberger**. First timers were **Hedwig Benson** and **Charlotte Wade**. **Pat Dulin** and **Virgil Gooselaw** returned their 50/50 winnings to the chapter. A good time was had by all!

On October 2, the Mile Highers, 45 strong, gathered at the United Training Center Cafeteria for the monthly breakfast. Our guests were **Stella Mendoza** and **Thomas Brunz** from Alliant Credit Union. Thomas is the newest member of the Alliant Team in Denver and brings his expertise, in financial planning. The service he provides is free of charge and something our members seemed to be interested in. They held a drawing and **Carole Longbella** and **Pat Brankin** were winners.

**Tom Goodyear** reported that **Kay Smith** had surgery; her home address is 14091 E Marina Dr. #401, Aurora, CO 80014. **Jack & Oma Green** have also been under the weather, their address is 8312 Yarrow Ct., Arvada, CO 80005.

**Virgil Gooselaw** reported that **Walt Hanson** is now home to complete his recovery from an auto accident. The family requests no visitors at this time and they will advise us when it is OK to pay a visit. His address is 419 S. Victor Way, Aurora, CO 80012.

We are also saddened to hear that **Elizabeth Eaton** passed away on 9/28/10. She was the widow of **Thurman Eaton** who passed away a few years ago. Thurman started with United in CYS in 1943. The Eatons were very active in the Mile Highers Chapter.

The following folks returned their 50/50 winnings at the breakfast: **Dean Moberg**, **Ray Shoults**, and **Rich West**. Thanks, folks!

*Our Christmas luncheon will be on December 8 at the Holiday Inn Select, Denver-Cherry Creek. The address is 455 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver CO. Social hour 1100 and Lunch 1200 noon. Menu choices:*

- ❶ *Roasted Pear Salad, Radish and Bleu Cheese with Baby Greens and Pear Vinaigrette (no nuts).*
- ❷ *Bourbon Glazed Pork Loin topped with a Port and Fruit Reduction Sauce and Apple sauce.*
- ❸ *Roasted Turkey served with dressing whipped potatoes and gravy.*
- ❹ *Baked Tilapia served with a sweet saffron cream sauce.*

*Dessert is Pumpkin and Pecan pie.*

*Iced Tea and Water.*

*Your entrée choice of the above for \$19.00 P/P.*

*When you send your check, write your choice of meal on it and if you have guest(s), include their names on the check. Send it to Harriett Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211 by December 1, 2010. Phone (303) 477-2918.*

May we wish you a happy Thanksgiving!

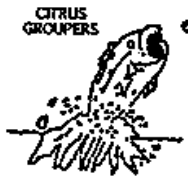
### Calendar:

**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 flattened pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

## FLORIDA

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The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance". Director Paul Brown discussed the merger between United Airlines and Continental Airlines. Although the government approved the merger, there is a lot more to come before the airlines become one. It will continue to operate as two separate airlines but will be managed by a single entity. Effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, United Airlines employees and retirees will be able to use their pass on Continental Airlines. However, no companion pass will be allowed.

**Mandy Ocampo** will look into a Christmas party/dinner to be held in December, the exact date is to be determined. It will most likely be at Katie Belle, same place as last year where the food is good and live music is great.

There was a vote on the floor and passed to make the monthly meeting to be held on the last Thursday of

the month instead of the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, effective in October 2010. The next meeting will therefore be on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Mandy Ocampo** will research the possibility of going on Sun Cruz Casino Cruise. It is a day-long cruise where a bus will pick up at Home Depot parking lot (Rte 441) at 8:00 am and back at 7:30 pm. \$25.00 fee includes the bus ride, the boat ride, \$20.00 voucher for casino match play and \$5.00 meal voucher.

There were no 50-50 raffles held at this meeting. There were no birthdays or anniversary celebrants at this meeting either.

To conform with our group's tradition, there will be no November and December meetings in lieu of the December Christmas party/dinner.

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On October 5, we gathered under sunny skies, with perfect temps and a wonderful breeze at the beautiful pavilion in Cypress Grove Park for our annual picnic. **Al Fields** led us in prayer for the feast set before us. Once again, members saluted or placed their hand over their heart as we turned to the American Flag and said the Pledge of Allegiance. Good thing it was a **big** pavilion as we had 51 members and guests join in the fun, food, and great conversations of the afternoon! **Mack Chandler** brought his Karaoke machine and crooned a few tunes for us amid much applause ... and some singing along too!

It was brought to our attention by **Linda Agnello** that Skynet not only has a new **look** but Linda shared some great new information on how to obtain ZED fares on CO as we go through this transition time. I took a minute to sign in and WOW, what a great system. Check it out! Easy to navigate pages! List yourself, gives you loads and prices, and you can check yourself in for standby just like we do on UAL. Even tells you where you fall on the SA list for any CO flight. Hope United integrates that into OUR system!

Prayers and extra-special-feel-better-soon well wishes go out to **Orlin Taylor**. Address: 4-B Jonquil Ct., Orange City, FL 32763. Phone: (386) 218-5625.

It was nearly unanimous that we hold our special Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the newest Bonefish Grill just north of the airport on Semoran Blvd. Tickets will be sold at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and also by contacting me, Rich Llewellyn, Ken Michels or Char LeGrand. Bring your checkbook

to the meeting and get yourself an early Christmas present! HO! HO! HO!

October Birthday Guys and Gals included **Al Fields, Betty Davidson, Joe Fitak, Elaine Tillman-Mannella, Mack Chandler** and **Cheryl Vosges**. Yours truly and husband, **Joe**, will be celebrating our 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month!

### **Calendar:**

**Luncheon time - first Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm.** Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road).

**November 2 - Luncheon**

**December 8 - Wednesday, Christmas Luncheon at Bonefish.** Buy your ticket today!

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We decided to have our September breakfast meeting on the second Friday of the month since the first Friday was Labor Day weekend. There were twelve of us in attendance and as usual, we all had a good time chatting, laughing and telling of our adventures with United Airlines.

**Angel Stokely** spent 5 days in Tokyo and 2 days in Alaska. Angel waited for two days to get out of Alaska. **Nancy Kopp** had a nice trip to Nashville, Tennessee to attend her Clip Wings Convention.

**Mel & Linda Volz** are in the process of selling their log cabin in Michigan. **Tom & Marilyn McNabb** have been very successful selling on Ebay. They are skilled at selling items at their true value.

**John & Nancy Dainus** spent 10 days on Kona celebrating their anniversary. **Bee McCarthy** has been very busy planning trips to the theater and the symphony for the Isles Yacht Club. **Joan Gilkison** just returned from a lovely two week vacation in California.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be lunch at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club. If any **United Airlines** or **Continental Airlines** employees or retirees are in town please call and join us for lunch on Friday, October 1st.

### **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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September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Acting President **Bob Lindstrom**. There were 19 members present.

Birthdays for the month were: **Jan Lindstrom** (9/27 and 28), **Flo Revillac** (9/11) and **Mary Martin** (9/19). We had no anniversaries to celebrate this month.

Minutes for the month of August were read and approved as corrected. Correction was **Jon Wilkinson** attended the RUAEA picnic and not Mechanics picnic.

Treasurer Report for the month of August were read and approved.

**O.C. Brown** reported on his trip to Canada. **Koko Griva** reported that he was going stand by to LA and the flights were full so he had to purchase a ticket at the last minute and it was expensive.

**Terri Breslin** reported that she was in touch with Gabrielle, our speaker for the picnic and if she was unable to attend that her grand parents would speak on behalf of Juvenile Diabetes. **Jim Hottel** said that everything was set for the picnic at Anderson Park on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Terri also reported that the Christmas flyers went out for the Christmas lunch which is December 6<sup>th</sup> at Spartan Manor at 11:00.

**Bob Lindstrom** and **Jon Wilkinson** reported on UAL and other airline news.

**Mary Martin** reported that we now have 60 paid members. There is a correction of **Koko Griva**'s e-mail which is [.net](mailto:net) and not [.com](mailto:com).

Sunshine report was given by **Terri Breslin**. **Sue Riedl** pulled a muscle and is walking with a cane; **Peg & Les Manuel** had surgery. Terri mentioned that **Sadie Tuten** said "hello" to all and sorry that she is unable to come to the meetings. Terri mentioned that it is with regret that she has to report that **Sophie Calkin** passed away September 8<sup>th</sup>. **Jon Wilkinson** mentioned that **Carlos Terrell** also passed away.

**Bill & Jean Linehan** reported that this will be their last year as Historians. They also reported that they will need to purchase a new album as all the others are completely filled.

Bob reminded everyone to wear their name tags or pay \$.50 to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Mary Martin will make name tags for \$.50. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

### **Calendar**

**November 1** - 10:30 Meeting at Tiffany's

**December 6** - 11:00 Christmas Lunch at Spartan Manor



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When I arrived for today's meeting, October 5, seven of the members were all sitting in a group outside the meeting room and said, "No one is here, where is Al, Janice, Barbara, Paul and Diane, Artie and Judith?" I gave them the news that they were all on vacation again and I was going to chair the meeting! We all marched into the private room for our meeting and **Frank Wise** decided to sit near me where Al usually sits. So, the eight of us were the only ones in attendance this beautiful fall day in Florida.

Al left me with the block of wood, meat tenderizer, rolls of tickets for the 50/50 and the progressive name stubs at the last meeting and advised me that I would be chairing the October meeting. Wonderful, I said, just hope all goes well. Everyone wanted me to hit the meat tenderizer on the block of wood to start the meeting, which I obliged and off it went.

We discussed several topics, the fact that travelling has a new dress code, more relaxed now and the fact that good jeans are able to be worn. Some of the members mentioned different medical plans they are involved in and trips they will be taking.

This meeting was very relaxed and went well, I thought. Lots of conversation, which is good.

**Mary Kay** and **Merrill Wetherington** could not make the meeting because they were making a last minute trip to Denver to visit a very ill brother-in-law. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

On November 9, **Ron & Diane Brodis** will fly to Oregon to see "Skate America" for one week and that the finals will be televised on November 14, in case you would like to watch the finals. This is on the order of the Olympics and should be quite interesting to watch. They also took a one day trip recently, with a group from the community where they live to Gulfstream Park, which they said has been enlarged and has a race track which only occurs during the winter months since it is too hot during the hot weather for the horses. They

also have a shopping center and thought maybe we should get a group together and make it an outing, the Park is located in Hallandale. Two years ago, they went and I wasn't able to go but since then, the Park has been completely renovated and is quite fabulous!

**Bill Nehls** is going on a 10 day cruise December 23 on Holland America Line and will spend Christmas and New Year on the sea. Bon Voyage! He plans on spending Thanksgiving in New Jersey with his family. Hard to believe we are speaking of Thanksgiving and the Holidays already!

**Frank & Jane Wise** are going to Sanibel, leaving October 6 for 4 days. Frank is still not over the virus he picked up on the cruise they were on and has lost a considerable amount of weight, the Dr. advised him he had a Bahamas virus!

**Chris Taylor** is staying put but announced she will become a Great Grandmother in April when her grandson and daughter-in-law delivers in April. Congratulations Chris, this is her first Great Grandmother event.

**Millie Rossi** will be staying put also as well as **Mari Hirjak** and **myself**.

**Chris Taylor** won the 50/50 and **Luster Smith** won the progressive which is up to \$6.00, but since she was not in attendance, the money goes back and we will try again next month.

We talked a little about the Holiday party which has been set for December 14 at 6PM. More details will be announced at the November meeting

A new member list of names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses were distributed to those in attendance and more will be given out at the November meeting, after that, anyone not in attendance, I will mail to their home.

I have tried unsuccessfully to reach **Luster Smith** so Luster, if you are reading this, either drop us a line or call someone since we really want to hear how you are doing.

**Wallace Armstrong** was going to attend with his companion **Karen** but they didn't make it, hopefully, he is OK and perhaps we will see them in November.

**Michael Carragher, Gordon McCourt, Luster Smith, Phyllis Vitel** and **Merrill Wetherington** are all celebrating Birthdays in October. Happy Birthday to you all; **Mary Kay & Merrill Wetherington** will also be celebrating their wedding anniversary, along with **Celina & Constantinos Xifaras**, and **Diane & Gordon McCourt**. Happy Anniversary to you all!

*On the Lighter Side:*

- ☺ *A new senior citizen motto: "Been there, done that, don't remember!"*
- ☺ *Things you should know, but probably don't:*
  - \* *Money isn't made out of paper. It's made out of cotton.*
  - \* *A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh cham-*

*pagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.*

- \* *Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.*
- \* *Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as medicine.*
- \* *Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.*
- \* *A tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion will make it instantly go mad and sting itself to death.*
- \* *If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar. (Good to know)*
- \* *Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.*

*Remember, have fun, think good thoughts only, learn to laugh at yourself and count your blessings. Don't forget to **vote!***

#### Calendar:

**November 2** - 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

**December 14** - 6PM Holiday Party – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

**January 4** - 12:30PM Luncheon/Meeting – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

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Twenty five Flyers including four guests showed up for our picnic lunch on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at the home of **Ray & Mary Owen** in McDonough, Georgia. It was a beautiful mild sunshine filled day, perfect for a picnic. It was so good to see **Bill Carlson** in attendance, along with **Don Sullivan** who is still recovering from knee surgery. Our guests were **James & Carole Carlson**, Bill's son and daughter-in law who brought Bill. **Colleen Austin**, **Don & Mary Lou's** daughter, and **Tina Meyers**, daughter of **Lyle & Joanna Meyers**.

Ray, our "Grill Meister" extraordinaire had 3 main meat dishes that were absolutely delicious. There was a smoked ham, beef tip, and pork ribs, along with home

made Brunswick stew, plus various covered dishes and great desserts. No one went away hungry.

**Fred Cron**, our 50/50 director along with **Bill Bowling** conducted the 50/50. **Bill Carlson** drew the winning ticket held by **Bill Bowling**. A short business meeting was held by **Bill Elk** where it was unanimously voted on and approved to move our monthly luncheons to the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, Georgia. They have a very nice meeting room, and wide selection of foods on their menu.

**Bruce Brodersen**, our Regional Southeast Director, gave a report on the merger and fielded questions on the travel policies that are in place at this time. It is predicted from various news sources that it will take over a year to combine the two carriers into one operation that was official on October 1, 2010.

#### Calendar:

**November 3** - Lunch at the Broadway Diner, 2:00 PM, 535 S. Glynn St. Fayetteville, GA. 30214, (770) 716-2828. Please note the time change.

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Fifteen Boise Gems members met for breakfast at JB's Restaurant on Monday, October 4 (**Ned Yundt**, **Marilyn Taylor**, **Marlene Croghan**, **John & Carole Bell**, **Joe & Joan Varady**, **Palmer & Bob Sarnoff**, **Denny Snyder**, **Charles and Shirley Perkins**, **Dave Adams**, and **Shirley & Rick Dempsey**).

**Marilyn Taylor** and her daughter Sharon toured the Oregon Coast for two weeks, they said it was beautiful – the only drawback was a cold for “Mother” (Marilyn). However, Marilyn did not let it stop them from having a good time between the coughing!

**Bob & Palmer Sarnoff** went to St. Louis for Bob's high school reunion. They took a spectacular side trip to Hannibal, Missouri, the birthplace of Samuel Clemens. Hannibal is a beautiful little riverside town and an enjoyable 90 minute drive from St. Louis.

**Dave & Carol Adams** went to MCI to attend Dave's 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion from Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, MO.

**Shirley & Rick Dempsey** attended Shirley's high school reunion in Foster City, CA, and visited with family in the San Mateo area. October must be the month for high school reunions!



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We had an overflow crop of retirees at Ritzzy's this September. We filled two long tables and all the surrounding booths, and all the comments were favorable. The restaurant requested we wear our badges to help in the checks to be issued. It should be easy if we all kept the badges in the glove compartment of our cars.

**Bob O'Connor**, who retired from ORDDMM, re-joined the Skyliners this September. Sadly, he is also mourning the loss of his daughter from acute leukemia in August. It is especially hard when a child passes before the parent. **Toni VanKampen**, who retired in January 2010, attended for the first time in September and plans to come back. We'll be looking for you.

**Virginia Hilkens** has moved to Sunrise Senior Living at 12828 S. La Grange Rd., Palos Park, IL 60464. A card would cheer her up, till hopefully she can return to her condo.

**Bonnie & Ed Meyer** are requesting your prayers for their daughter Kathleen who is undergoing heart surgery for a coronary ablation. Their thanks is a given.

**Bob Kalicki** celebrated the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth September 6<sup>th</sup>. He'll have a long way to go to pass up retiring **Bob Jacobson's** ninety years. As he's succeeding Jake as President of our Skyliners, he's following the right shoes.

**MaryKay & Gil Wojtal** are enduring minor remodeling in their home but are recovering by taking a three-week cruise to Italy and a land trip after docking in Florida.

**Tony & Helen** celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, their youngest granddaughter's high school graduation, seven grandchildren in college, and Helen's 29<sup>th</sup> birthday by sightseeing in Orlando.

**Darlene Marseglia** and husband advised a trip to Sydney and Cairns, Australia, and snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef was great. She also celebrated one son finishing his residency at Rush and on to Harvard for a fellowship while his elder brother graduated from one in Portland. In another direction, another son passed the bar.

**Jim & Louise Somerfield** visited **Penny & Wink Warren** in Elizabeth, KY; touring Lincoln's birthplace, the KY State Fair, and then on to a Paul Anka concert with **Kathy & Dave Gender** in WI.

**Mary Szabo** (retired) had a visit from her great nephew Andy and his friend from Belgium (both in their



twenties). In their first four days, they visited the Hancock Center, Sears Tower, United Center, Michael Jordan's statue, Navy Pier and Macy's. Mary's friend **Norm Pearson** did all that city driving and then on to Lake Geneva. They got to meet our crowd at the Northside breakfast in September; they were delightful. It was fun to meet youngsters from another country. They continued on to San Diego, Los Angeles, Monterey, San Francisco, Yosemite, Death Valley, Las Vegas, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Moab, Lake Powell, Grand Canyon and Phoenix. Ah, to be young again, I got tired just typing all their visits.

We had a lot of anniversaries in August, September and October. **Jane & Frank Whitecotton** (52), **Esther** (me) & **Al Broderon** (57), **Cathy & Bob O'Connor** (51), **Carmen & Xavier Chavez** (50), **Eleanor & Gene Vegais** (57) and the grand winners, **Angeline & Nick Romeo** (66).

About a dozen Skyliners will be joining the Loonies in October in Door County, WI for another five fun-filled days. The leaves will be turning and the hosts always find interesting tours and yummy restaurants. A fish boil is on the agenda this time.

The Southside had eighteen in attendance this time. **Mel Fisher** dropped in from his house and land in San Francisco, his houses, six horses and one donkey in Arkansas besides a café and a new place in Jupiter in Florida. With all the flying and car rentals, we know Mel is spending his stimulus money to help our economy.

Mel also made the raffle a little more exciting by donating five Lotto cards and extra five cash pots to add to the other three. The winners of only one time were **Rudy Maki**, **Tom Hurley**, **Savier Chavez**, **Al Broderon**, **Sylvester Gant**, **Agnes Pearson** and **Mary Brandt**. **Carlyle Brandt** won twice and following our tradition of letting any new addition to our gathering win, **Lutricia** won twice and hope this makes up for not being able to read my notes and not wanting to spell your last name incorrectly. Mea culpa!

#### Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**October 26 & November 30**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzy's Café and Backereaia, 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 (**November 10**)

Food depository - First Tuesday if each month.

**October 20** - Fall Luncheon, Bristol Court, Mt. Prospect

**December 6** - Christmas Luncheon, Avalon, Elk Grove Village



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The September Luncheon had 13 lively members attending on a beautiful warm and sunny day in downtown Chicago. Our table was set up at the north end of the room facing the Chicago River. We had a good view of some of the bridges operating for sailboats leaving Lake Michigan. Scheduled lifts occur on Wednesday and Saturday through October. There are 18 bridges, each with their own Bridge House. There is a Bridge Museum on the Michigan Avenue Bridge to learn more about the operation of the bridges.

**Ted & Agneta Jung** were to attend but had just arrived home from Europe the day before so were not able to come. They flew to Frankfurt and back and had first class both ways. They thought that the planes were not as full as usual and traveling in the middle of the week is always best.

I attended the United-Midway Gals & Guys 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Luncheon on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Manzo's in Des Plaines. There were 38 attendees, down from the 80 when the organization began in 1982. **Mary Szabo** was one of the founders of the group and she said there were buses that came from the south side for the luncheons. Since UAL moved to O'Hare and EXO in the early 60's, the number of employees left who used to work at Midway is decreasing but there are a lot of memories of the days when UAL was a much smaller airline and Mr. Patterson was a much admired President and CEO of the company.

Our next luncheon is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 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 15<sup>th</sup> so the hotel can be notified of the number of guests. Please note that the November 16<sup>th</sup> date is a Tuesday which is a schedule change and not the usual Wednesday. This is for this month only.

#### Calendar:

**November 16** – Tuesday – Lunch at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State and Lake Streets.

**December** – No luncheon scheduled



**THANKSGIVING**  
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As I head off into the east to drive one of my favorite routes, I-70 to Columbus; north toward Cleveland on I-71; Ohio turnpike to Pittsburgh and then home again on I-70, I'm looking forward to some brilliant fall foliage and visiting with friends. Indiana has had little to no rain since June and although some trees are turning, the bet is most of the leaves will just dry up and fall, but we'll see. **Ray & Hannalore Brabo** are also packing their suitcases as they travel to Seattle to celebrate their granddaughter's birthday, and then fly to San Francisco to nurture a son recovering after surgery.

**Helen Cauwels**, Midwest Director, was unable to attend our October meeting, but is planning to come for our November meeting when we will be collecting unwrapped toys for tots and hosting a Marine or two.

Happy November birthday to **Jim Gibson**.

And, may you all have a happy turkey day!

### Calendar:

**November 9** – Second Tuesday, IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room is available from 1:30 PM. meeting begins at 3:00 P.M.

**December 4** – Saturday, annual holiday gathering – at Twin Bridges Lodge, Danville, IN. No children under 21 years; call for reservations. Time to be announced.

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Just in case you noticed the missing Escapees report last month, it was intentional, as our meeting was changed to the 9<sup>th</sup> due to our host's request and the holiday, which was past the deadline day. I just thought no one would notice and I had little news. WRONG! Our newest newsletter team called to remind me that it was not received, so guess I will not try that again.

Anyway, we had 23 Escapees and 5 guests gather at the Mexican Fiesta in Dearborn, hosted by **Patty Gates**

and **Barbara Miller** on Sep. 9. Our guests included **Karen** who came with sister, **Sharon Jacob**. They had just spent a wonderful time in NV, including a helicopter ride to the floor of the Grand Canyon, which made Sharon slightly nervous as their young pilot kept looking back over his shoulder, which Sharon felt he was looking to see how close the propeller blades were to the canyon walls. Our other guests were; **Ginger & Paul**, kin of **Bill & Camille Wade** along with **Melinda Lewis**, who brought **Joan & Bobbie Rogers**, plus **Denise Ignas** (DTWRR). We were happy to see **Marcie Vance** despite the fact she had cracked her hip again. I think she is the energizer Bunny, in disguise.

Our Oct. meeting has been postponed to the second Thurs. again as **Bonnie Fleming**, **Sharon Jacob**, sister Joan & I, will be in Door County for the Loonies get-together and I had to take over hosting this Oct., which was not the original plan. However, I can already taste the fish boil, my favorite event and also looking forward to God's beautifully painted scenery this time of year. I am a little disappointed that I have heard a couple of our regulars will not be attending this time. However, never fear, it is always a good time with this bunch of Loonies, despite the fact there is always some unplanned disaster that seems to follow us, I can hardly wait.

Sadly, we said our final goodbye to **Gary Herkimer** who left to join the angels on Sep. 19<sup>th</sup>. Gary worked both in reservations and at the airport in DTW. He was also on the UAL baseball team, a special guy, who always made his family and UAL family as top priorities. He will truly be missed. Love and prayers to wife, **Ruth Ann** & family @ 13033 Edgedale, Belleville, MI 48111. Also our love and prayers to **Gay Givens**, @ 7466 Bingham, Dearborn, MI 48126-1429 who lost her Mom August 27. Gay and brother, Ron have been taking turns being care-givers to their Mom for several months and she left peacefully for her eternal life with them both at her side.

### Calendar:

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

## MINNESOTA

### NORTHERN LITES

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There were 36 of us that day in September and we were pleased that **Cindy White** was able to make it again. We haven't seen much of her in recent years, so

it's always a pleasure to have a chance for a visit. Another face we see only briefly (in the summer) is that of **Jack Spalding**. By the time you read this, he'll have vacated the Land of 10,000+ Lakes & boogied back to Florida before it gets too chilly. Tsk, tsk, tsk!

It seems impossible that the Credit Union is celebrating its' 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary! It was just a sprout, newly-formed, when we all joined, right? It has stood by most of us with a steadfastness that the big banks should emulate.

Minnesota annually puts on one of the largest State Fairs in the country & this year there were 3 record-setting-attendance days during the 12-day run. Over 1.8 million folks went through the turnstiles to eat, view the exhibits, watch little animals being born, eat, check out the farm equipment, go on carnie rides, people-watch, eat ... Many people admit it's the food that brings them back. Well, how can one resist chocolate-covered bacon on a stick, right?

**Nel Brawner** is not letting any dust gather under her shoes. She recently returned from a bus trip to New York City, PHL, Hershey, PA & the Flight 93 Memorial. She'll be home a few weeks, and then it's off to Ireland. **Lee & Diane Storlie** recently visited Farm Fest in Boone, IA. It's an amazing weekend of farm exhibits & shows which draws over 240,000 people from all over the country & world.

The 50-50 raffle counted **Sonja Gunderson** among the winners. We're so glad, because now she shouldn't be disappointed for awhile. She had had a dry spell after winning very consistently for years, which, of course, earned her the moans from the rest of us.

We were saddened to hear of the death at the end of August of **Wayne Thompson**, former MSP employee. Unfortunately, we have no address for next-of-kin.

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**

### **GOLDEN'EARS**

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What a typical fall day with a temp of 73° and rather breezy. Thanks to **Jim Braden**, there were 39 who enjoyed the outing at the Prairie Crossing Vineyard. It was great to see **Paul Steuri** and his helper **Jaime**. Paul had not been to one of our luncheons for a long, long time. Everyone was glad to see him.

Julianna, owner of the vineyard, showed us the

equipment they use in processing the grapes. They have 3 acres of grapes on their ground and not far from them; they have another parcel of land which has 7 acres for a total of 10 acres of grapes. You people on the west coast probably think that is nothing with your large vineyards but, here in the Midwest, it was exciting to go to one and see what they were like.

We have been advised that **Pete Carlentini** passed away and a Memorial Service was held on September 2. Our sympathy to his family.

**Wes Wilbur** passed away August 17 after spending time in the hospital since July with congestive heart failure. His service was held August 20 at the Grimes United Methodist Church in Grimes, Iowa. Our sincere sympathy to **Mary** and her family.

**Jim Casey**, after having 3 surgeries and 22 pints of blood for a removal of a cyst on his bladder as well as having his spleen removed; he went through two weeks of rehab, and then more recuperation at his daughter's. Jim is now at home as of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Our best to Jim that he regains his strength real soon.

**Jane Sesto** is having a set back with a malignancy which she had a few years ago. She is undergoing treatment. I called **Helen Taylor** to see how she and **Stan** were doing and she said she celebrated her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 30. She still enjoys her huge garden and loves to weed, water, and harvest everything from strawberries to potatoes. I told her that's what keeps her so young.

**Clair Soseman** injured his leg and it ended up to be in the sciatica nerve. He is undergoing physical therapy and said that was helping. **Gary Procopio's** mother passed away after a long illness. Visitation and a vigil service was held on September 20. Our sincere sympathy to Gary and his family.

### **Calendar:**

**November 2** - Bohemian Café – Hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

**December 7** - Christmas at Anthony's – Hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

**January 4** - Old Country Buffet

## **NEVADA**

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There were 11 attendees at our September meeting in spite of the last minute change of location. Austin's



closed without notice and the group hastily reassembled at IHOP, thanks to quick work by **Kathy & Joe Robinson** who arranged this last minute luncheon location. The menu included both breakfast and lunch items.

If you are interested in donating to the Flight 93 Chapel, contact John for the information.

Information on the Christmas luncheon menu will be presented at our October meeting. The date is set for Monday, December 6, 2010.

Winner of the 50/50 was **Pat Flanagan**. September birthdays were celebrated by: **Elizabeth Brown, John Brown, Ray Knutson, Jeff Nimori and John Zoboli**.

**Note: Our October Meeting will be held at IHOP** located on 9786 S. Virginia St., Reno, (775) 853-6655. Directions: from south bound Hwy 395, take exit 60 onto South Meadow Parkway, right to Virginia St, turn right at Virginia St to IHOP. From north bound Hwy 395, take exit 60 onto South Meadows Parkway, left to Virginia St, turn right at Virginia St to IHOP. **Austin's has closed for business.**

At the October meeting, we can take a vote to see if we want to continue at IHOP or return to Black Bear, where the hostess from Austin's is now the manager.

Also on the agenda for the October meeting will be Food Bank donations, which usually occurs at our Christmas luncheon.

### NEW JERSEY

#### THE GARDEN STATERS

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Well, the Gardenstaters met for their annual picnic on August 25<sup>th</sup>, at Merrill Park in Colonia and after a slight detour, everyone found their way eventually. The weather wasn't the greatest; however, we had a pavilion to sit under to keep us dry.

The turnout was good, we saw some members we haven't seen in a long time. Nobody left hungry, all the hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken, salads and baked beans (if you like them) you could eat. The women brought their best homemade desserts and even the President, **Dick Confer**, bragged about his pound cake (although, we doubt that he made it).

All sorts of games were played with lots of prizes and I believe everyone walked away with something. We are all looking forward to next year's picnic, hopefully, the weather will be better.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Report:

The Gardenstaters met at Snuffy's Restaurant in

Scotch Plains on September 29. Vice President **John Deily** opened the meeting with a Flag Salute. President **Dick Confer** was on vacation. A moment of silence was held for **Jak Jaken** and **Cornell Marable's** son who passed away.

**Violet Etler** read the minutes of the previous 2 meetings and **John Murphy** gave a Treasurer's report for the last two months. John also reminded everyone the plan to attend Hometown Hills Playhouse, and that he is collecting the money. It is the Christmas Show on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is \$55.00.

**Marty Etler** reported that he and Vi went to Shanksville, PA to see the memorial of United Flight 93, it was very emotional and we met with the Priest who takes care of the Chapel. We also visited the sight where the Federal Government is building their memorial at the location where the plane went down.

#### Calendar:

**October 27** - Halloween Party, wear your favorite costumes.

### NEW YORK

#### BUFFALO CHIPS

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

September 20<sup>th</sup>, twenty-nine Chippers met at Jades on Broadway in Depew, NY. This friendly restaurant has been a favorite of **Jim & Corrine Golombek** for some time and they finally convinced us to share the experience with them. We had a family style meal with 3 entries and enough food for everyone to try each of the entries. This was followed by a choice of 3 desserts and again, there was enough for everyone to sample each. Just so your mouth can water as ours did; the selections were single servings of Cheesecake, Cream Puffs and Éclairs.

Topic of the evening centered on the number of current retirees or former fellow workers who had passed away in the past 90 days. **Margaret Gerner**, wife of **Paul Gerner**, **George Wallsehauser**, **Thomas Amedick**, **Bill Owens** and **Mike Bowerman**, all retirees and former Buffalonians. Also discussed was the sudden illness of **Bob Izydorczak**, husband of **Joyce (Joan)** who passed away about a year and a half ago. Bob became aware of a tumor on his lung about 6 weeks ago and was told cancer had spread throughout his body. He passed away 3 days after the dinner. Our condolences and prayers to them

One pleasant outcome of the evening, the entire group decided that we should return to Jades for our Christmas luncheon in early December. Plans are underway to do just that and the notice will be published about November 1<sup>st</sup>.



### **NEW YORK METROS**

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Fifty three members attended a delightful day at Milleridge Inn, accompanying by enjoyable meals and great conversations. After the Pledge of Allegiance, **Jimmy Richardson** read the minutes of the meeting. We remembered all those who are ill or have passed away in silent prayer. Jimmy informed us that if anyone wanted to know about the UAL benefits, they could go on [www.ualbenefits.com](http://www.ualbenefits.com) for more answers. He also informed us about the UA/CO merger. He also mentioned he and his wife traveled Continental from LAS to EWR and it was delightful not having to change planes in ORD or DEN. Only problem, his car was at LGA.

Monetary donations were also asked for the Marathon School this year. Please no toys. Donations will be collected at the next two meetings. Please keep **Rose Schneider** in your prayers. She is going to have a hip operation on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Our Christmas party is just around the corner, **Diane Talochino** asked if anyone who decides to go, would they please call her (516) 623-8225 or E-mail – [Deelee62@aol.com](mailto:Deelee62@aol.com) to let her know, cost \$28.00, same as last year.

**Werner Buck** and **Marge Hansen** just got back from a trip to Germany. They had quite an experience and enjoyed themselves immensely. **Jim & Lorraine McFadden** are back from their vacation in Hawaii, both looking good. We had a surprise visit from **Michael & Mary Carragher**, up from Florida. It was nice to see them looking so well. Next month, we will be voting for our Treasurer and Vice President to lead us into the next year. **Ed Pozzi** was nominated as the next Vice President and **Paul Cohen** was nominated for his old position as Treasurer, we are asking all to give some thought about who will receive this honor.

October Birthdays: **Frank Thomson, Rudy Wolf, Dan Duran, Marilyn Holdsworth, Jim Richardson** and **Kathy Richardson**, wishing many more Happy Birthdays. October Anniversaries: **Joan & Dave Curtin** celebrating 56 years of marriage; **Geraldine & Pete Korsch**, 53 years, **Roberta & Nick Manfredo**, 51 years, **Jim & Kathy Richardson**, 40 years, **Rose & Julius Schneider**, 28 years. Congratulations to All! It's really nice to see long lasting love these days.

### **Calendar:**

**November 3** - 1200 Noon - Milleridge Inn

**December 1** - 1200 Noon - Milleridge Inn - Christmas Party

**January** - No Meeting

### **GUYS AND DOLLS**

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'Twas a damp, dreary Tuesday, when 10 hail and hearty souls met for our October meeting. We were seated in the main restaurant where we enjoyed a particularly tasty luncheon.

Much of the conversation centered on the merger, especially the boarding priority while flying standby. We'll see what the future holds for our health benefits. Some aircrafts are already in the air with the new logo.

**Betty Williams** reported on her wonderful trip to Russia with her family. She was pleasantly surprised by the openness and brightness of Moscow. She said the architecture was incredible as it was in St. Petersburg where they traveled by train. They were fortunate to get tickets to the Bolshoi Ballet and the Mariinsky Theater. Her granddaughter is there teaching English to Russian children. Betty had the luxury of flying first class round trip and said it was like having your own little apartment.

**Ratimer Sunderic** warned of trying to use an inter-line ticket after the expiration date. He was flying back from Serbia to JFK on LH where he's never had a problem. The agent refused to board him and he had to buy a full fare ticket.

Our friend, **Anne Dean**, has been hospitalized with heart problems. Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

**Daniel Duran**, a loyal member of both the Metros and Guys and Dolls, celebrated his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. We wish him best wishes, good health and a smooth ride to 95!

Our next meeting will be our holiday party on December 7<sup>th</sup> - a familiar date. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** or **Barb Hill**.

### **Calendar:**

**December 7** - 12noon - San Martin

*Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often.*

*~Johnny Carson*

## OHIO



### **OHIO BUCKEYES**

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On the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, we gathered at the Grand Pacific Hotel for brunch with 62 members in attendance. Since we had an early start, we all had time to mingle, talk and catch up with friends. Our thanks to **George & Nancy Oncu** for hosting this month's meeting and for taking care of all the details. We welcomed **Don Burrill**, a guest of the **Oncus**, and a UAL retiree, to our meeting.

Our president, **Dolly Taucher**, had a few words to say before our brunch got under way. Dolly spoke about September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and how we must never let it be forgotten as the years go by. Just as Pearl Harbor is remembered as a day that "will go down in infamy"; we all need to remember that 9/11 was an atrocity. Time goes by and our memories fade. I'm sure most of us do not remember the facts of WWI and WWII and we should not let the facts of these attacks fade for future generations. We had a moment of silence for personal reflection.

The meeting was then turned over to **Dave Placko** who lead us in prayer before brunch. We all had plenty of food to enjoy and the company was even better.

We continued our meeting after brunch - A number of members who are having health issues at this time, our prayers are with you and your families ... some we are aware of and others that have not been in touch. Those we know about are: **Perry McKnight, John Gaudio, Andy Striegl, Barb Vauls, Pat Hendy, and Tom Sturgeon**. Some of you are home and some are in the hospital, but wherever you are, know that we care.

A very "Happy Anniversary" to the following: **Frank & Janet Osborne** - 56<sup>th</sup>, **Tom & Carol Hamlin** - 48<sup>th</sup>, **Don & Kathy Elster** - 44<sup>th</sup>, **Perry & Judy McKnight** - 22<sup>nd</sup>, and **John & Carrie Kercel** - 21<sup>st</sup>. In keeping with our celebration, a joyous round of "Happy Birthday" was sung to **Sharon Gatesman, Gloria Roth, and Margie Sandstrom**. To those of you who weren't with us to celebrate, we do send our song to you wherever you may be. A special birthday wish to **Marie Placko**, who was accidentally left off of last months listing. Better late than never!

On a sad note, we were notified at the meeting of the death of **Lloyd Rhea** who passed away on 8/25/10, in Columbus, where he was living. His son kindly called to let us know.

The UAL Employee Credit Union will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> year and is looking for photos from 1935 and forward. Contact **Larry Page**, (773) 433-0468.

Last, but not least, in this report is our 50/50, which is handled by **Dave and Marie Placko**. The winners were **Sandra LeMasters** and **Don Burrill**. Congratulations to you both! Don may want to come back since he was just visiting, and got lucky. Hope to see you again!

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless"*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Report:

Fall officially arrived last week and we are waiting for those beautiful fall days with sunshine and pretty leaves falling. But, we have some fun things to do during this cool and rainy day. The Buckeyes met on the evening of October 6 at Northfield Park to try their luck with the trotters. This fun evening was hosted by **Dave & Sharon Simpson**, and we thank them for all the planning and effort which went into organizing this event. We had a total of 45 members enjoying the trotters and dining on a really great buffet. We had a slightly smaller attendance this year due to a variety of reasons from some who are recovering from surgeries, some minor illnesses, and other plans, etc., etc., etc.

We want to extend our "Birthday Best Wishes" to all who are celebrating their birthday during the month of October. Also, "Happy Anniversary" to all who are celebrating during this month. I know you missed the serenading that goes with the "birthdays", so, we will try to make it up to you!

Sadly, we lost one of our members last month. At the request of family, the chapter has sent a donation to the Salvation Army in memory of **Lloyd Rhea**. Lloyd held a Life-time membership with the Buckeyes. He had been living with his son in Columbus, Ohio at the time of his death.

*"Room for improvement is the largest room in the world!"*

### Calendar:

**November 3** - Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center, 7370 Columbia Road - Olmsted Twp, Ohio 44138, Prepaid - Deadline - Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> - Gather at 11:30am - Serving 12:15pm

**December 1** - Christmas at Coppertop Banquet Room - Cherokee Hills, Prepaid - Deadline Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors open 12:00 noon - Buffet 1:00pm

**January** - No Meeting

*Got no check books, got no banks. Still  
I'd like to express my thanks - I got the  
sun in the morning and the moon at  
night.*

*~Irving Berlin*

## OREGON

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It seems we have a comedian in our midst. **Cliff Blare** has been telling jokes after the luncheon and it is fun to have a little humor to start the meeting. **Charlie Stemper** presented **Jack Harper** with a cake to celebrate his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The drawings for September were as follows: Door prize - **Shirley Walker**, Birthdays - **Bob Bills** and **Connie Bauer**, Anniversary - **Joe & Betty Alff** and 50/50 - **John Carter**. You have to come to a meeting to be a winner!

Don't miss the November meeting. Our speaker will be Dale Emanuel with Goodwill Industries. She worked at a television station in Portland for several years before joining Goodwill.

**Jill Bills** and **Anna Miller** both experienced health related issues last month. They both are doing well. **Glen Swanson** was in the hospital overnight with what they thought was a TIA and **Gaylean Swanson** is wearing a boot as a result of a broken bone in her foot. The **Pitmans** are both getting better. **Merle** is eating and gaining weight and **Lois's** back is healing although she still experiences periods of pain.

I am sorry to report that **Jerry Ludeman** died of cancer on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Jerry worked at PDXFF and retired after 34 years of service. Our condolences go to **Lorene** and family. It was announced that **Lyle Sperb** died on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Lyle retired from PDXMM. He is survived by his wife **Jean** and children. Jean has been experiencing heart problems; however I don't have the status of her condition. I know everyone sends their thoughts and prayers to both families.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon, Wed and 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 10** - Veteran's Day/Thanksgiving with Speaker

**December 8** - Christmas Luncheon

**January 12, 2011** - New officers/Social

## PENNSYLVANIA

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Soon, the frost will be on the pumpkins and ole man winter will be back. The Pit-Stoppers Fall luncheon will have been held on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - so it will be covered in the next edition of the Newsletter.

Welcome back to treasurer **Barb Seaholm** and husband **Mac**. They spent 17 days out west - flew into DEN and toured parts of New Mexico, Utah and Yellowstone Park. Barb has advised the board that she will be turning in the "checkbook" at the end of the year. All you Pit-Stoppers, we need a volunteer.

I'm sorry to report the passing of former PITCG **Stan Koffman**. He worked at PIT from 1962-1980. Our condolences also to **Jim & Vivian Rotella**, former Pittsburghers on the passing of Jim's brother **John "Butch" Rotella**. Jim & Vivian's address is 6493 Oakmont Blvd., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240, (760) 320-0545. **Ed Kerestes** is recuperating from heart surgery and **Bob Wagner** is awaiting word on his second attempt at surgery. It seems the hospital did not have the proper tool needed for Bob's surgery - Wow!

**John Schiralli** is still at Grace Manor Rehab - wife **June** is holding up pretty well after 4 months of John's being in the hospital and rehab.

Our Northeast Director **Treatie Karwoski** missed the RUAEA Director's meeting in her favorite city due to an accident. Treatie says she's fine and will update us at the Fall Luncheon - Can't keep a good woman down. **Carl Chiocchi & wife Dee** have not been up to par this year. I spoke to Carl and he advised me Dee had been under the weather and had been hospitalized recently. We missed them and hope they will be back with us soon.

**Cathy Matteson** and yours truly volunteered at our local Panera's restaurant benefiting the Young Women's Breast Cancer awareness foundation. **Betty & Paul Musko's** daughter **Lisa Edmonds** chaired the event and has done so for the past several years. Of course, Mom and Dad are right there working along side.

Belated Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday to hubby **Bernie**. Thanks to all who contributed their thoughts and memories to my daughter-in-law Connie who compiled them into a beautiful book.

### Calendar:

**December 2** - The Golden Girls Luncheon





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It was good to see everyone after our summer break. We had 25 members plus 2 guests attending our September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The hotel hired a new chef so our buffet was "new and improved". It is still a bargain at \$12.00 pp. President **Joe Brad** opened the meeting. **Joyce Lindenmuth** led us in prayer. Joe added a remembrance for the passengers and crew lost on 9/11, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Ruth Ann Adams** called the hotel to give us an update on **Ed Casey**. Ed has had some serious health problems and is now staying with his daughter in Mullica Hill, NJ. Cards and well wishes may be sent to: **Ed Casey**, 7 Greenbriar Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062.

**Jim Fanto** celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. We plan to flood him with cards and good wishes.

We were sad to learn of the passing of **Jim Gallagher** and **Larue Haycock**.

Our guest and speaker was **Treatie Karwoski**, Director of the NE Region. Treatie spoke to the group about the upcoming merger with CO Airlines and the status of our travel benefits. She discussed the proposals that are on the table. Treatie is optimistic about the future of the retiree's ability to get on flights. She had a lot of interesting information. Apparently, CO employees and retirees like the United pass benefit. CO travelers do not pay for First or Business class which appeals to the United pass riders. We hope to have more information in the next few months. For the present, we continue to list and get our ETKT as we have been doing.

**Pat Lyons** won the 50/50 and **Carol O'Neil** won the free lunch. Our Flight 93 Chairman, **Frank Eggles** is still requesting donations for the chapel. Make checks to: Chapel 93 Memorial and mail to Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B 307, Newtown Square, PA 19073. Please remember to include your name, address and file number.

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On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 17 chapter members met at 2 PM at the Golden Corral restaurant in SLC. By the next day,

**Don & Pat Graves** were on their way to Yuma in Sunny AZ - we wish them a safe trip. Hurry back!

**Mike Scown** whispered that his lovely mother, **Shirley Scown**, turned a healthy happy 80 on October 6<sup>th</sup> - it couldn't be, she looks so young! Happy Birthday, Shirley!

**Bob Turgeon** visited, this time without wife **Judy**; **Doug Peterson** came to the meeting, and so did **George Dalton**; **Bill Berg**; **George & Kip Lufkin**. **Pete & Jackie Loyola** enjoyed the cordial visit, and so did **Hank & Mary Bon**. Mary related that she was hospitalized for a short time to determine why she would suffer from occasional vertigo, with no real results.

The **Loyolas** and the **Murdocks** departed earlier than the rest, to go to the funeral services of one of their longtime colleagues: **Claire Stewart Shuholm** who, after retirement, had settled in St. George/UT to take care of her sister, **Lucille Stewart Nesbitt**, who had hired on many a SLC employee under the tutelage of her UAL boss, **Ott Williams** ... in the early 1940s! For many years, Claire had served as executive secretary under the SLCCS leadership of **Dale Peak** and **Frank Murdock**. Gravesite services were held at the Wasatch Cemetery, and the family highly appreciated the UAL representatives.

**Betty Davis** called to relate that she had hurt herself in a fall and would not be able to come. Last week, **Lila Maughan** was visited by **Brigitte Murdock**, and Lila seemed to be in good spirit as to her own health.

In response to last month's blurb in the RUAEA NL, this correspondent received a pleasant email from one of our Florida RUAEA members; **Terri Breslin**, whose husband **Paul** and **Frank Murdock** enjoyed their Alaska fishing trips in years past. Thanks, Terri, for your kind words!

### Calendar:

**November 2** - Coffee Time at 10AM, Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., Murray;

**December 7** - Catered Lunch, 12noon, (\$TBA), Cornerstone Comm Ctr., 10194 Cornerstone Dr., S. Jordan.

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Forty-four of us attended the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at Fairwood Country Club, which was hosted by **Mary & John Luke**. Vice President **Phyllis Bowman**

facilitated the meeting while President **John Haferbecker** was out of town.

**Hank Gosselin**, a member of our chapter and RUAEA Executive Vice President, addressed our group regarding the merger and handed out packets of information from United and Continental, respectively. Hank also talked about next year's national convention scheduled for nearby Portland, Oregon in May. Since Portland is relatively close to us, travel by automobile, bus or train will be an option to flying.

**Mary Luke**, who also serves as our Membership Secretary, was recognized for her work in signing up 11 new chapter members in recent months. Mary received a good response to letters she sent out to retirees living in the area, based on a computer run provided us by Regional Director **Jack Hooper**. **Phyllis Bowman** also had good luck in signing up 5 former chapter members who had let their membership lapse.

**Bob Brumfield** mentioned that members are welcome to visit the Retiree Travel Desk in the Air Freight building during its hours of operation, 10 AM – 2 PM, Monday through Thursday. Be sure to call ahead at (206) 433-4218 to receive instructions on how to gain access through the locked door. **Helen Stanger** reported that **Charlotte Rouso** has undergone surgery and has been under nursing care since then. For those wishing to send Charlotte a card, her home address is 13029 NE 73<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kirkland, WA 98033.

We had another very successful picnic again this past August, hosted for the fourth consecutive year by **Jerr & Irene Opperman** at their beautiful home on the East Hill of Kent. And in 2011, the Oppermans are going to take a well-deserved break, and not host the picnic next year. They certainly deserve to have a chance to once again be able to enjoy the picnic as regular guests and not have to worry about all the planning and work that goes into putting on the picnic. This means we're looking for new hosts for our picnic. We're asking that anyone who has a home and yard they can make available to us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in August please let **John Haferbecker** know by January 1<sup>st</sup>. If we're not able to use a private home next year, it means that we'll have to go back to a city park for our picnic. City parks can be quite restrictive, including limiting our beverages to the *non*-alcoholic types.

The door prize winners were **Ted Parks**, **Dona Westpfahl**, **Mike Bratovich**, **Sid Harris**, **Edna Paulson**, **Evalena Hatcher**, **Richard Devereux**, **Betty Paul**, **Herald Bowman**, **Bud Dice**, **Rita Reynolds**, **Jim Small**, **Wyman Anderson**, **JoAnn Bernovich**, **Vivian Andereson**, **Sid Reynolds** and **Edna Harris**. **Evalena Hatcher** won the 50/50 raffle.

Members celebrating birthdays in November are **JoAnn Bernovich**, **Adelaide Haferbecker**, **Marlene Nelson**, **Sidney Reynolds**, **James Small**, **Doug Chris-**

**tenson** and **Jackie Stenger**. November wedding anniversaries are being celebrated by **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen** (48<sup>th</sup>) and **Ernie & Marlene Nelson** (61<sup>st</sup>). Congratulations to all the celebrants.

People have asked me how I like living in the assisted living facility I've been calling home now for almost two years, and I have to say, it's a pretty nice place. The facility has a 16-passenger van that takes us shopping on a regular basis and, to spice things up, has mystery trips where they take us on day trips to unannounced, but interesting, places in the Seattle area. On these mystery trips, I've seen parts of Seattle that I didn't know even existed, and it has been fun. We also have luaus and other activities here in the building. So I'm doing fine, although I haven't driven my car in about a year now. I often wear my United Retiree cap when I go out, which receives good comments, as among our residents we have retirees from Pan Am, Northwest and Wien Air Alaska.

In early October, a special flag was raised above the Space Needle to publicize Seattle's effort to bring one of the three retiring space shuttles to the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field south of Seattle. **Bonnie Dunbar**, a former astronaut, is heading up Wings Over Washington, an organization connected with the museum, which is spearheading Seattle's effort. About 20 cities are trying to win the rights to become home to one of the shuttles; NASA is expected to make the decision by the end of the year. The National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. is presumed to have the inside track for receiving one of the shuttles, so the competition will be stiff for the remaining two shuttles.

**Bob Bryant**, retired from SEARR, passed away September 28<sup>th</sup>. He is survived by his wife, **Joan**, residing in Redmond, WA. Also, **Bruce Syrstad**, retired from Seattle Building & Maintenance, died September 27<sup>th</sup>. He is survived by his wife **Sylvia** of Des Moines, WA, and their four children and their grandchildren.

**Cris LeGassey** and **Sue Crane** organized another successful SEARR reunion at the Kona Kitchen in Seattle on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many retirees attended and enjoyed seeing their former co-workers again as well as the delicious Hawaiian food and beverages. Cris took a number of photos for posting online.

#### Calendar:

**November 9** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

**December** – No Meeting

**January 11** – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

*Celebrate Thanksgiving  
With Us!*

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

### THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

Fall has arrived, it's very cool here and we have had some long awaited rainstorms and high winds. Then it turns warm again and it's like an Indian summer with temperatures in the 80's. Ah, Fall in Washington!

Our President **Linda Scriven** is back from a long cruise and to date, I have not received the details ... they will come soon, I hope!

I missed the last Dulles Loungers monthly lunch, in September, so I have no report. The October meeting will have some more news.

This correspondent traveled to London recently, going eastbound in First Class and westbound in Business Class. I enjoyed wonderful service on both flights; arrivals on time and the flights were heavily booked.

London was full of late summer travelers and the theatres were very well booked up in spite of the fact that summer travel had ended. Lower hotel prices and various deals available had brought out the bargain hunters!

United is using Terminal 1 at Heathrow Airport and it is one mile from the check in counter to the gates. A suggestion for RUAEA members - Ask for the electric cart to take you to the gate, allow a minimum of 3½ hours to go from check in to the departure gate.

We are looking forward to the Holiday Season and some travels, perhaps to warm destinations,

### Calendar:

**November 10** – 12:30pm, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Drive, Manassas VA 20109

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Clipped Wings®, United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae and Flight Attendants, Inc., held their national convention September 22-25, at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville. Nearly 250 Clipped Wings® mem-

bers and guests representing 30 chapters attended. Under the guidance of **Mary K. Dana** OCC, members and chapters from throughout the country worked together to present this convention. This was the first one that was not hosted by a chapter in 30 years.

What a wonderful convention it was! Fun times abounded at all events. The "Grand Ole Convention" was dedicated to "stewardesses/flight attendants" who, though occasionally underappreciated, have made air travel safe, comfortable and enjoyable for the flying public during the past 80 years. Special recognition goes to those who have continued the spirit of the friendship, service and sharing by becoming members of organizations like Clipped Wings®.

During the fantastic "Night Falls on Nashville" banquet, **Barbara Boll Bertacini** RNO and **Norma Artzer Evered** SEA received the highest honor of the Jacqueline Jos Ceaser Distinguished Service Award. The Baltimore Chapter was presented with the Best All-Around Chapter Award.

The newly elected officers for 2010-2012 are:

- ★ President - **Barbara Fisk Vincent** SEA
- ★ Vice President - **Christel Hasenbring Ilg** CHI
- ★ Secretary - **Fran Owens Ponto** OCC
- ★ Treasurer - **Tina Winland** DCA
- ★ Editor - **Carolyn Supplee Radin** LAX

In addition to electing new officers, the organization, through its delegates, approved spending over \$35,000 for the following:

1. Financial support in the form of travel grants to parents of participants in the Special Olympics World Games in Athens, Greece, in July 2011.
2. A donation to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA.
3. A donation to the CAUSE.
4. A donation to UAHF.

The inventory of the popular Clipped Wings® airplane scarf is depleting rapidly. 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.

The new Vice President, **Christel Hasenbring Ilg** (CHI) will be writing the next article for this newsletter. You may contact her at [omachristel@aol.com](mailto:omachristel@aol.com). Please visit our official website at [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com).



## 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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**Welcome**

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# OBITUARIES

***Obit Notice Policy:*** Death notices sent to the Denver Office for publication in the Newsletter Obituary Column will be accepted only from a family member or personal representative in **writing**. The notice sent concerning the deceased must include:

- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

***Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.***

Retiree - **Carter, Ross L.**, on September 3, 2010, RICOZ, husband of Nadine W., 2 A.P. Hill Ave., Highland Spgs., VA 23075-1102

Spouse - **Eaton, Elizabeth R.**, on September 28, 2010, widow of Thurman H., DENMM

Retiree - **Montana, Richard**, on September 5, 2010, SFOLE, husband of Teresa, 1814 Woodside Rd. Redwood City, CA 94061

Retiree - **Reynolds, Grover**, on August 27, 2010, DCAMM, husband of Clara, 3527 Woodburn Rd. Annandale, VA 22003

Retiree - **Ricketts, Leland A.**, on July 18, 2010, LASOZ, husband of Sandra, 2421 Pine Circle, Urbandale, Iowa, 50322

Retiree - **Staples, Alvin V.**, on September 30, 2010, PHLMM, husband of Gladys R., 12930 Pipe Run Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22407

## **July 2010 SkyNet Listing**

**Ahlborn, Ralph J.**, PITCG 07/15/10

**Amedick, Thomas V.**, IADCS 07/06/10

**Baillio, David L.**, ORFOZ 07/30/10

**Barto, Dorothy L.**, WHQCT 07/08/10

**Beasley, Clyde D.**, ATLCG 05/10/10

**Bennett, Billie M.**, LAXMK 07/11/10

**Bergad, Joseph R.**, HNLFO 07/27/10

**Bertram, George E.**, IADMM 07/08/10

**Bloomquist, Bruce B.**, SFOFO 07/13/10

**Bowman, Carole M.**, LAXSW 07/13/10

**Bradley, Charles P.**, WHQMZ 07/19/10

**Braznock, Dolores**, CLECS 07/10/10

**Brecht, Karen A.**, DENSW 07/07/10

**Brechter, Carl F.**, SFORQ 07/16/10

**Butler, Christel N.**, WHQHR 07/31/10

**Carragher, Michael J.**, SFOPI 07/14/10

**Connolly, Joseph P.**, BOSCS 03/04/10

**Curran, John R.**, LAXCG 07/11/10

**Cutic, Martha K.**, DENSW 07/15/10

**Czochara, Dennis R.**, ORDMM 07/04/10

**Dowell, Jean Kathleen**, LAXSW 07/04/10

**Ferdin, Luis M.**, OAKUM 07/07/10

**Gilmore, Dortha R.**, SFOGH 07/04/10

**Han, Andrew Y.**, SFOPI 07/27/10

**Hoage, Jack S.**, PDXFF 06/20/10

**Horne, Nena M.**, LAXHH 07/26/10

**House, Eldridge**, ORDMK 07/26/10

**Hsu, Horace L. F.**, SFOCS 07/10/10

**Irwin, Robert E.**, SFOAU 06/24/10

**Jackman, Fred M.**, SFOOV 05/04/10

**Jankovich, Milan**, ORDOO 07/15/10

**Kreyling, Melvin**, SFOMP 07/02/10

**La Due, Robert E.**, SFOMM 07/01/10

**Lapinski, Constance I.**, CLECS 07/04/10

**Lares, Jenny L.**, DENHH 04/21/10

**Lofink, Adeline D.**, SFOGH 07/03/10

**Lynn Jr., Garth W.**, ORDFO 07/01/10

**Matz, Ronald H.**, PDXGQ 07/24/10

**Maynard, Cyril C.**, JFKMK 07/25/10

**Mc Kinney, Lovell L.**, SFOJJ 07/17/10

**Mc Millen, Walter P.**, SFORQ 07/20/10

**Moore, John M.**, OAKOV 07/24/10

**Naglich, Edward F.**, ORDPO 07/06/10

**Nieves, Linda Joyce**, JFKSW 07/26/10

**Oshima, Hiro**, SFOEA 07/29/10

**Osipoff, Gabriel N.**, SFOJE 05/11/10

**Philips, Richard R.**, ORDFO 07/02/10

**Placek, Donald A.**, DENFF 07/31/10

**Rauch, Rasheeda**, LASOZ 04/21/10

**Ricketts, Leland A.**, LASOZ 07/18/10

**Salgado, Julito T.**, ORDCG 05/12/10

**Schubert, Roxie E.**, SEAMK 07/02/10

**Sherman, Mildred L.**, SFOSE 07/16/10

**Simard, Donald P.**, BOSFF 07/22/10

**Slusser, Kenneth A.**, SFOMG 07/22/10

**Smith, F. R.**, CLEFO 07/05/10

**Sukosky, Michael C.**, LAXFO 07/31/10

**Taylor-Bodmer, Claudia T.**, WHQHR 07/25/10

**Tyler, Harvey L.**, SFOMP 07/07/10

**Wallshauser, George H.**, BUFGQ 07/24/10

**Whitaker, W. Kenneth**, HVOZ 07/23/10

**Woodward III, Ja,bish H.**, ORDFO 06/25/10

**Zawisza, Helen A.**, CLEHH 07/27/10

**Zumsteg, Howard O.**, SFOEG 05/27/10



## LETTERS



**Martha Gooselaw**

Martha Gooselaw  
Letters Editor

Hi members,  
I'm the person who edits the letters you send for the Newsletter. Your letters are of interest to retirees and especially those with whom you once worked, they are greatly appreciated. When you send them, you can make my job easier by making them as legible as possible.

### **WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

Jim Bechtold, Ann Beckman, Mary Bentham, Yvonne Blair, Frank DeStefano, Diane Douglas, Joan Foote, Dan Gillian, Patricia Gilson, Jean Landrieu, Betty Grant, Judy Macklin, Rudolph Maki, Fred Matsui, Raymond Mootsey, Emily Newberry, Irene Nightingale Nettler, Emily Pittman Newberry, Ruth Olenick, Ann Rumbaugh, Rosemarie Schaeffer, Dolores Steger, Eva Torres, Carolyn Schmus, Donna Wade, Minoru Yamamoto, Michael Zoldak

### **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.)*

#### **Joe B. Harris, P.O. Box 564, Alameda, CA 94501**

*The histories: Images Came Out of Our Radios!*

The radio programs back in the 1940s gave images for good imagination of what the story was about included such programs like *My Friend Erma*, *Archie*, *The Fat Man And Molly*, *The Lone Ranger*, *Dorian Grey*, and *The Shadow*. The announcer for the Friday night boxing also provided vivid descriptions that gave clear imagery to listeners. Other programs were *The Green Hornet*, *Johnnie Dollar*, *Duffy's Tavern*, *Tom Mix* and many more good ones. English words were spoken clearly to provide excellent images to the listeners.

All went away in the late 1950's because television ended all those old radio programs.

Friday night fights came from New York. Amos

and Andy came from Atlanta, Georgia. Lum and Abner came from Pine Bluff. Johnnie Dallas and Duffy's Tavern came from Chicago, Illinois. Charlie Chan and Boy came from San Francisco, California. The Lone Ranger and Tonto came from Mexico. There was a side kick by the name of Grubstake with a mule named Josephine. That show came out of Oklahoma.

#### **Glenda Fletcher, proud daughter of Alvin Vernon Staples**

My Dad Alvin Vernon Staples just passed away on Thursday, September 30, 2010.

One of his last requests was to have his notice put in the United Newsletter. Actually he requested it three times to be sure we did not forget.

You can get the complete information on [www.covenantfuneralservice.com](http://www.covenantfuneralservice.com). If you can't get it, let me know.

My Dad's place of retirement was Philadelphia, although through the years with transfers and layoffs had moved to others. He retired after 38 years.

During his time with United, he found a broken hydraulic line in the brakes of a plane as it was taxiing out for take off and my Dad noticed the leak. The plane would not have been able to stop upon landing if Dad hadn't seen this leakage and he probably saved lives that day. It wasn't written up in the newspaper but he did get a little bronze award with his name engraved on it.

He also has a tie tack which says "BEST MAINTENANCE PRIDE IN WORKMANSHIP QUALITY IN RESULTS".

Dad also bowled on the United team for many years and wouldn't miss it for the world.

My Mom's name is **Gladys R. Staples** and the address is 12930 Pipe Run Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22407, phone number is (540) 785-9461.

We would greatly appreciate the notice being in the newsletter as an obituary and the complete story placed in the letter section.

I would like to thank **Veronica & Francis Domaratus** for helping to get the information out about my Dad and the phone calls they made in this effort. God Bless You!

#### **Rich Surma, 10 Grow Lane Suite 201, Streamwood, IL 60107**

The Orlando convention in May was the site of many exciting activities: pizza nights, tours, karaoke, and gala dinners. The Orlando committee put on a creative and innovative convention this year.

It was great meeting and visiting with our Chicago friends. Some of the members that I saw and spoke with included **Helen Cauwels**, who was voted in as the Director of the Midwest Region for RUAEA, **Marge Daley**, **Bob Jacobson**, **Carol & Bob Faust**, **John**

**Koehl, Rudy Maki, Lillian Mallstrom, Bob & his wife Mary Mamoyac, and Ed & Bobbie Meyer. Norm Pearson** came with **Mary Szabo, Jim Summerfield, Gerry & her husband Endel Vann** attended as well as **Mort & Lorrie Wax**. The Chicago contingency was in abundance in Orlando.

Many members went on the Kennedy Space Center Tour and found it to be educational as well as fascinating. This was the most attended tour of the convention.

The Friendship and Banquet dinners served delicious food and presented some wonderful entertainment. **Hank Gosselin**, Vice-President of Conventions, presented **Rich Surma** with a plaque in recognition for his photographic and video presentations for RUAEA over the years. This was one of Hank's last duties as VP of Conventions as his term expires this year and will be Executive Vice President of RUAEA. As the award was presented to Rich, the audience responded with a well-deserved standing ovation. The video presentations and photograph collages Rich has created for RUAEA events have been an aesthetically pleasing addition to the conventions menu. In particular, the film featuring "God Bless America" is a moving tribute to our armed forces commemorating both active and fallen soldiers in the history of our nation. This footage is one of the most touching and well-received among the videos shown. In his brief commentary upon receiving the plaque, Rich remarked that as we move on with RUAEA, our members should be "inspired" and help at their local chapters and in the RUAEA programs.

In June, WHQFM (Facilities and Maintenance Department) staged an event at World Headquarters advertised as a Breast Cancer Fundraiser, a continued effort from the annual Mother's Day Walk in Grant Park in May. **Angee Halama** and **Rich Surma** volunteered serving hot dogs and popcorn to those in attendance. Some of our Chicago Skyliner members were there, too, including **Barb Hanson** who is also involved with the Historical Foundation in Denver and her husband, **Usman Razvi** and **Bobby Singleton** who was the recipient of many prizes. Retirees were invited to attend but to insiders it represented more than just a fundraiser. OPC, alias WHQ and EXO, was opened in December 1961. Over its 40 years as offices for United Airlines, the campus has been through innumerable changes. The building is up for sale now as the first wave of employees will begin the move to Willis Tower in October 2010. Many retirees spent a portion or all of their careers at this facility in Elk Grove and this fundraiser served as the last opportunity to bid a fond farewell to the 66-acre campus. We'll miss the building and the memories we had.



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

I don't get around too well anymore as I turn 86. I go grocery shopping, doctor visits, get together with friends, and church. This accounts for most of my activities.

We don't attend many of our Rocky Top luncheons and sure miss the column in our newsletter. Apparently no one is sending in any information. There are some members with health problems that prevent them attending. We enjoyed the monthly update on our group.

We are having great weather and look forward to autumn with all of its beautiful foliage.

**Jessie Brock, 2751 Regency Oaks Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33759**

Being a "life member", I do not get a stamp to remind me of dues to be paid. This year I remembered and am sending a check to help with the postage.

I enjoy the newsletter as it keeps us posted of what is going on at UAL and all of the chapters of RUAEA. I have not been doing much flying, but hope to make it to Chicago soon. We have a great-granddaughter who will be turning one soon and would like to see her as a baby.

Keep up the good work in keeping us informed.

**Mildred Carl, C/O Reid, 136 W. Glen Lake Ave., Roselle, IL 60172-1147**

It is hard to believe that time has gone so fast.

Don started June of 1956 and I started March of 1957; both started in DCA with Capital Airlines.

We were married December 26, 1960 and will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> in December of 2010.

The merger brought us to Chicago; along with one special friend, **Mary Lou Tarrant** (Mrs. **Charles Tarrant**). We have enjoyed many cards games with her.

We have raised 3 wonderful daughters in Illinois. LuAnn and Lynda are in Illinois and Nancy is in South Carolina.

Lynda has been with United for 26 years, and like us she is waiting to see what the new merger will bring. We pray it will be good for all active employees and of course all of us retirees.

We say hello to the friends we both worked with and are now enjoying retirement.

A big thank you to the RUAEA staff for all their work in keeping all of us informed or all that is happening.

**Jack Hersh, 212 Beverly Drive, San Carlos, CA 94070**

UAL seems like a dream as I have been retired for 29 years. Since that retirement, I have (to me) lived a fantasy life. As soon as I took that early retirement, I

was hired by United Parcel Service as the Contract Maintenance Manager where I helped them start their Cargo Airline. I decided to leave them after we had eighteen 727s which was their goal to start their service. After that, I headed up teams that recovered two crashed planes. One was a 727 that crashed in Acapulco, Mexico and the other was a 737 that crashed in Kinshasa, Zaire.

When those jobs were done, I worked as a consultant for the next eight years for GATX, a leasing company. During that time, I worked in 29 States and 21 countries on 5 continents. In between those jobs, I was as an Expert Witness for law firms on 6 damaged and crashed commercial aircraft.

I then spent 3 years in Israel for another leasing company. We purchased five 747-100 passenger airplanes and converted them to cargo planes at Israel Aircraft Industries. The last job was in Singapore where we did a C check on one of those planes being returned off a lease.

I am now a docent at the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos, California and also belong to the SIRS organization for retired people.

I recently returned from my annual fishing trip off the west coast of Vancouver Island, Canada. My fishing partner and I limited out on Chinook salmon, Halibut, Red Snapper and various other Rock Cod.

I can't say enough about the wonderful job you people in Denver are doing for us retired people with the Newsletter.

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

Another year has gone and another year older. It has been a very good year in that I still am pretty healthy. A few aches and pains that will happen, so live with it! I did the work party on the USS Slater on the Hudson River at Albany, N.Y., the first week of May. I have been doing this for the last 11 years. I can't seem to get any of my original shipmates together any more. So seeing the guys on the Slater is about as good. Since the locals work all year, the ship is getting shipshape considering it was built in 1944.

Over the last few years, I have told of my fight with mice in the under house storage area and in my Ford Focus engine space. I caught the last of about 100 just before we flew East in May. About time as they were eating a lot of my dog food! My dog refused to try to catch any of them!

Any of you that knew me at LGA in the early 1950's remember I had owned 2 planes while I was there. I used them to fly to VA., on weekends to visit my Mother. They were a 1940 Taylorcraft and a 1951 Mooney Mite. I had rebuilt a wrecked Aeronca Chief in W.VA, where I worked before LGA. I got it from a re-

pair shop in VA, in December 1949 for \$125. The original owner died in the crash! I got it flying in June 1950 and used it until I left there to work at LGA in Apr.1952. By going through the FAA on the internet, I was able to find all of the owners. The last owner lives in Cincinnati, OH, and had owned the plane for 12 years. I wrote him and he answered with an e-mail and pictures of the plane and instrument panel. It looks fantastic 60 years after I rebuilt it! I sent him photos I had made in 1950 of the plane and the instrument panel. There were lots of improvements in 60 years. Over the years, 10 people have owned the plane; one fellow bought it twice.

I now found the histories of the other planes, The Taylorcraft's last owner of record had the registration dropped as he was taking it to Canada and get it registered there. The Mooney lost its registration a few years ago. Don't know it was destroyed or put in a Museum; I hope the latter.

That's enough for this year; I have to save some for the next letter!

#### **Delores O'Donnell, 7221 N.E. 182 St. # 102, Kenmore, WA 98028**

Hello to the wonderful staff who publish this special Newsletter each month. It doesn't seem possible that another birthday is coming in October.

There have been a lot of changes, some good and others not so good.

It is a challenge not having a cell phone or a computer.

Most retirees living in Seattle live on the south end and don't venture north. **Judy Higley** and her husband come over from Lake Chelan; Ann Fleming comes from North Bend. **Bea & Ross Hatch** don't drive down from Bellingham as it is too long for a 1 day trip.

I no longer volunteer for the Travel Desk as it is 25 miles of solid traffic and up 2 flights of 13 steps to get there. **Bob Brumfield** and **Rita Reynolds** coordinate it so well and have such a nice thank you lunch for all who do volunteer to help out

**Carol Soffell** brings her 1 year old grand daughter to lunch at the Fairwood C & G Club. SEARR meets twice a year for any former SEARR agents.

It is amazing the number of former air line employees who live here in this assisted living; and the stories they can tell. One man with a southern drawl from Georgia flew as a steward for 40 years and saw a lot of the world. NWA, WAL, EA, WEIN Alaska to name a few.

#### **Lloyd Norton, 2551 Cryer St., Hayward, CA 94545**

Thanks for the Newsletter. We are always glad to receive it. I worked for United for 35 years and have been retired for 29 years. About the only names I see



that I used to know are in the obits.

This past summer has been quite a year for us. We both are now 90 years old, and celebrated our 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

We are both in fairly good health. We stay home most of the time. We still have our second home in the Arnold, CA area; but don't go there as much as we used to.

Our e mail address is [nortonsoncruyer@aol.com](mailto:nortonsoncruyer@aol.com). We would enjoy hearing from any of my old co-workers.

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

It has been eighteen years since I took the money and ran. I'm turning 80 and getting married. Never a dull moment!

About one year ago, I joined the ranks of the legally blind. I'm fortunate to have VA benefits that are giving me new life skills and abilities to cope with this disability. I'm no longer able to read, but can detect the difference between blondes, brunettes, and redheads.

My entire tribe is coming to help me celebrate my 80<sup>th</sup>, including a granddaughter-in-law who is expecting. This will be my first great-grandchild.

My soon-to-be bride is the widow of a late close friend. We have known each other for 14 years, and have shared many an adventure in that time. Terry will continue to reside in SFO and I'll remain here in Olympia, thanks to UAL's frequent schedules between SEA and SFO. In addition to regular trips between our two residences, we plan to make occasional trips to Paris and Germany to visit friends and relatives.

I've been sailing a few times with friends on my little boat, though I can't get out like I used to. Perhaps the thing I miss most about growing older and losing my eyesight is the ability to jump in my boat and go sailing whenever I like.

*We appreciate your letters.  
Please keep them coming!*



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In early January 1943, under secret orders from the ATC, Rhoads and his crew flew a C-54 (DC-4) with a load of mail and top-secret cargo - plus 14 U.S. State Department officials - to the "Casablanca Conference" held by President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill in Casablanca, Morocco January 14 to 24, 1943.

Rhoads' route was San Francisco - Washington D.C. - Miami - Puerto Rico - Belem Brazil - Natal Brazil - across the Atlantic to Dakar Morocco - Marrakech Morocco - Algiers - Tunis - Cairo Egypt.

From Cairo, Rhoads flew short trips to Lybia - Palestine and Luxor (in the Nile Valley). He completed his "around-the-world-flight" via India - Australia - New Caledonia - Fiji - Canton - Honolulu - San Francisco.

The C-54 used 32,504 gallons of fuel in 150 flying hours and covered 31,380 miles. Capt. Rhoads reported ... *"All flights were completed in a routine manner and well within the allotted*

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On July 15, 1943 the Army delivered the first "Ops-Pacific" C-54 to the United base in San Francisco. The C-54 quickly became popular with Pacific ATC crews.

The "Over-Ocean" experience acquired during 7000 C-54 Ops-Pacific flights prepared pilots for United's post-war San Francisco - Honolulu flying.



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