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One Nation Under God
Ron & Barbara Bertacini and
Bishop Mascherino



Barbara Bertacini, Bishop Mascherino
and Cheryl Jensen with beverage cart



Joe Bradley &
Frank Egges



Clipped Wings members



FLIGHT 93
NATIONAL MEMORIAL



Flag & Clipped Wings members

Read about the Anniversary Event in the Writers' Column Article in General News Section



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Letter From The President



Several times in the past, I have encouraged members who do not have a computer or are not comfortable using a computer to think about getting one or make friends with someone that does have a computer. Since the new management at United wants to make all their communications to co-workers and retirees via the Internet, having computer access is becoming more important. We at RUAEA will do our best to keep members apprised of changes via our Newsletter and Website. Of course, the website requires using a computer but this will give information in a more timely manner since the Newsletter, as great as it is, has to be printed and mailed.

Sometime in October, Skynet and Insidecoair will be merged into a new website called Flying Together. Once the final details of the new pass travel program are ready, those details are to be posted on that website.

Last month, we talked about various actions that are being tried to make changes in the announced new pass travel program. As of now, there is nothing new to report. The EEOC complaint is reportedly being investigated. The website noted for information about the complaint and how to join in was incorrect and should have read www.theunitedretired.com. Regarding medical insurance, some folks misunderstood my comments last month about the fact that we have no information about what happens after 2012. Some assumed or read into that, that all benefits would cease after 2012. That is not what the company is saying; they are only saying that they have no details as to what options, etc. will be available after 2012. These are trying times for many of us and so many are expecting worst things to come since the new pass travel plan was announced. If my tone at times sounds like we are giving up, I apologize because we have not given up ... it is just frustration rearing its ugly head.

Finally, we have been advised that starting in the first quarter of 2012, the company will begin providing badges to all retirees. More details on just how this will be accomplished are forthcoming.

In closing, I would reiterate, RUAEA is making every effort to keep the benefits we have from United and to make improvements. We want to thank all who continue to support us in these difficult times. Your emails and phone calls are appreciated.

Ron Bertacini
President – RUAEA

The Writers' Column - September 11th Tenth Anniversary in Shanksville by Ron Bertacini

September 11, 2001 ... Most everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing that fateful morning. Barbara and I were at home in Roseville, CA when we got a call from my son in Atlanta that something bad was happening in New York. Barbara had returned home from Boston via San Francisco on United on September 10th. She remembers what a beautiful day it was in New England. Barbara also remembers that there was an unusual calm in the airport that day.

Now ten years later, we went back to Pennsylvania for the 10th anniversary ceremonies that were being held near Shanksville near the site of United's Flight 93's impact. This was a two-day event and Barbara and I along with Cheryl Jensen were attending with over 100 Clipped Wings. Actually, there are two memorials in the area. The federal government is establishing the Flight 93 Memorial National Park at the impact site and the surrounding area. A few miles away is the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel.

Somerset, PA is the closest town with accommodations and all were sold out by early February. We ended up in Johnstown, PA about 30 miles away. Johnstown is quite historic in its own right. It was ahead of Pittsburgh for many years in steel production and the site of three devastating floods. The first was in 1889 when a dam burst up river and the town was hit with about a thirty foot wall of water.

On Saturday September 10, 2011, there was a ceremony dedicating the Flight 93 Memorial National Park with Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush speaking along with Vice President Joe Biden. Unfortunately, due to congestion on the roads surrounding the site, we were unable to attend that ceremony. All reports were that the three dignitaries made beautiful and meaningful speeches. With so many dignitaries in the area, there were reports that 2200 Secret Service people were in western Pennsylvania that weekend. Since we could not get to the Flight 93 Memorial National Park, we did manage to go to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. The visit turned out to be very beneficial and informative. We were able to meet and spend time with Father Al Mascherino, the founder of the Chapel. Father Al has been battling cancer over the last couple of years. Actually, he had three different cancers and through treatment, was declared cancer free just a couple of months ago. Another piece of good news was that Father Al has been hoping to acquire a 757 beverage cart to be displayed at the Chapel. This would be the type of cart that the passengers used to smash into the cockpit door. Someone at United got the message and a cart was delivered to the Chapel at about midnight on September 9th.

A few words about the Chapel. It is a small building that many years ago was a church. The building fell into disrepair and was being used to store seed and other things for the local farmers. After the events of 9/11, Father Al decided he had to do something to honor the memory of the brave souls on Flight 93. He was able to acquire the property selling some of his personal belongings. Through donations and hard work along with assistance from the 84 Lumber Company, the Chapel was completed by the first anniversary of the September 11th attack. More information can be found on their website www.flight93memorialchapel.org.

On Sunday the 11th, we started early as the proceeding at the Flight 93 Memorial was to begin at 0830. We arrived at the entrance to the park about 0630 and were moving quite well then suddenly we were creeping for the next few miles. We with the thousands of others parked in a field and were then bused to the ceremony site. Unfortunately, not much has been done in the last ten years. Some walkways have been installed and a low wall with the names of each of the 40 individuals on the flight has been erected. The wall is in relation to the flight path the plane was on before impact. Two bells have been installed near the pathway, one large and next to it one not so large. A temporary stage and seating for a few thousand people had been set up. There was background music and at 0846, we were called to a moment of silence to remember those on American Flight 11 (North Tower). At 0903 we were called to a moment of silence for those on United Flight 175 (South Tower), again at 0937 were called to remember those on American 77 (Pentagon), and then at 1003 we were called to remember those on United Flight 93. After a pause, the names of the 40 passengers and crew of Flight 93 were read with bells being tolled after each name. This was followed by speeches by the governor and many other local political figures. Along with all the Clipped Wingers were many current Flight Attendants in uniform ... there were also many other attendees in their respective uniforms.

We then headed over to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel where ceremonies were to begin at around noon. The ceremonies got under way about 1300 since traffic conditions delayed some folks. Father Al started with some introductory comments followed by the Presentation of the Colors and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The North Star Choir was on stage to sing hymns. These are school children from the area, I would guess between nine and thirteen years old. The most moving part of the ceremony was when the North Star Choir sang the hymn You Are Mine and in between stanzas, one of the members came forward to recite a short bio on one of the passengers or crew member of Flight 93, this continued until all forty names had been mentioned. Many tears were shed on and off the stage. It would be great for those interested to go to www.youtube.com/user/TheNorthStarKids which gives a 14 minute video of them singing at the Chapel.

Father Al then acknowledged the Flight Attendants from Newark, 55 had come by chartered bus. These Flight Attendants with their associates in the CAUSE Foundation financed the donation of Flight 93 Crew Memorial. It is a 16 ton black granite obelisk with the names and likenesses of each crew member etched on its six sides. There are also 4 black granite benches with the names of each passenger engraved on them. The monument is situated in the garden behind the Chapel. Father continued by thanking Clipped Wings for their ongoing donations and President Barbara Vincent said a few words. Next was Frank Egges, a member of the Philadelphia Independents ... Father wanted to thank him for his collecting of donations on behalf of RUAEA and the retirees from United. Frank was able to give Father Al a check for \$500 which put the combined retirees' donations through Frank to over \$20,000. Frank introduced Joe Bradley, President of the Independents and me as President of RUAEA.

The last two on the agenda were Mrs. Lois Dupre Shuster of the National Garden Club who dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Marker as a tribute to the Armed Forces that have defended the United States of America. The marker is adjacent to the Chapel. The last speaker was Colonel Joseph Retta, USMC (Ret). His speech was a fitting finale to a memorable and emotional day.

Both the Flight 93 Memorial and the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel are in need of donations. President Clinton is heading a fund raising campaign for the Flight 93 Memorial. The Chapel does not have that same clout. The facility is small and there is nowhere to expand at the present location. A plan is afoot to acquire a large parcel closer to the Memorial site. The next step would be to move the existing Chapel along with monuments to the new location and build a more fitting memorial around it. To quote from the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Complex Foundation, *“Completed in November 2001, the Chapel serves tens of thousands of visitors annually. However, the Chapel lacks both the facilities and adequate capacity to display the Collection or provide for visitors’ needs. Additionally, the Chapel is structurally fatiguing, endangering the sacred memories which it preserves. The Foundation is dedicated to the construction and ongoing operation of a new Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Complex, that will preserve the original Chapel, include a new Heroes’ Museum to display portions of the Collection and exhibits addressing the events of September 11, contain a new enclosure for the United Employees’ Flight 93 Crew Memorial, and provide the basic facilities; such as parking, restrooms, kitchen and dining area, and gathering spaces; necessary to meet visitors’ needs.”* The Chapel is non-denominational. With both memorials the need is great ... millions of dollars are needed for both. The websites for both have information not only about the respective sites but how to donate for those that are so inclined.

Flight 93 Memorial, www.nps.gov/flni

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel www.flight93memorialchapel.org phone 814-242-0955

Another way to support the Chapel is to buy merchandise from the online gift shop.

Finally, other items are available from the Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department and their website is www.shanksvillefirecompany.org

Benefits Enrollment



The 2012 Annual Benefits Enrollment process is coming soon. This is your opportunity to view benefit options and make election choices that are effective January 1, 2012. This year, there is a change of benefits administrators, so be sure to read your benefits communications materials that you received in the mail as the online tools and resources have changed. For more information, please visit Flying Together at flyingtogether.ual.com and click on the Annual Benefits Enrollment banner in the lower left corner of the homepage; or go to Flying Together > Employee Services > Benefits. If you need assistance, beginning November 3 (not before November 3rd as the number will not be active), you can directly contact the new United Airlines Benefits Center at 1-800-651-1007 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Central time.

Enhanced Flying Together coming soon for all co-workers



Flying Together became the common intranet homepage for all co-workers in October, marking another level of integration as United nears the one-year anniversary of its merger.

Currently, there are three homepages, making the online experience cumbersome and inconsistent for co-workers. Getting everyone on the same page — literally — is the next logical step for the intranet as United works toward operating as a single airline.

All the tools and information you need from Insidecoair and SkyNet will still be accessible, but now directly through Flying Together.

The updated, enhanced Flying Together will offer better navigation, customization options and a comprehensive search tool.

Save more on CO, UA premium, international pass travel



All UA and CO co-workers, retirees, early-out participants and eligible pass riders will now receive a 50 percent discount off zonal employee discount (ZED) fares for travel in premium classes on the other subsidiary's U.S. domestic flights, including Alaska and Hawaii.

The discount was previously set at 33 percent off standard ZED fares. The new discount reduces service charges in the interim pass travel program that UA pass riders pay to fly on CO flights, as well as the charges CO pass riders pay for travel on UA flights.

The increased discount also applies to all classes of service on international flights, flights within the Micronesian islands and between GUM and the Micronesian islands.

UA and CO pass riders will continue to pay applicable service charges for traveling in international economy and all premium classes on their respective subsidiary carriers.

United urges all pass riders who have pending reservations for CO flights to cancel the bookings in employeeRES and re-list to get the deeper discount. Pass riders will not need to re-list for UA flights, since discounts are applied on the day of travel.

Service charges for buddy passes/companion passes remain the same for flights on both subsidiaries.

The increased discount is part of a series of pass travel enhancements United has introduced in recent months, including fee-waived domestic economy travel for eligible pass riders and combined UA and CO flight schedules in employeeRES. The changes are an interim step until the company introduces its integrated Pass Travel program which will coincide with its single Passenger Service System (PSS) starting next March.

Government awards United record number of city-pair contracts



The United States government recently awarded United more than \$974 million in estimated contracted revenue from travel by government employees and contractors during fiscal 2012 on 1,741 city pairs.

"This is the largest amount of revenue and largest number of city pair awards ever awarded to a single carrier," said Military and Government Sales Manager Tom Billone. United won the contracts for 975 domestic and 766 international city pairs.

The General Services Administration (GSA) has been managing the program for more than 30 years. It has grown from 11 markets to more than 5,000. Airlines compete to win these contracts on a route-by-route basis.

In awarding city-pair contracts, the GSA considers the availability of nonstop service, total number of flights, flight availability, average elapsed flight time, availability of jet service and price of service.

Fitch upgrades United's credit rating



On September 15th, Fitch Ratings upgraded the issuer default rating (IDR) of United Continental Holdings, Inc. (UAL) and its two airline operating subsidiaries to "B" from "B-". Fitch credited United's performance since the closing of the merger last October.

"In the face of heavy fuel cost pressure during the first half of 2011, UAL has consistently reported industry-leading revenue per available seat mile growth while funding heavy debt maturities out of internally generated cash flow," Fitch Ratings reported.

The agency said an upgrade to "B plus" is possible over the next one to two years if United continues to generate positive free cash flow and reduce adjusted debt levels. It also cautioned that a downgrade could occur if the global economic stress reduces demand and revenue or if the industry experiences a "large fuel price shock."

The IDR reflects United's ability to meet financial commitments on a timely basis.

“We will never forget”



One by one their names were called.

On a clear morning and under a brilliant blue sky, the names of the 18 crew members on flights 93 and 175 rang out across the south lawn of the Operations Center in Elk Grove where more than 200 United co-workers, retirees, former co-workers, families and friends gathered for our 9/11 remembrance ceremony.

Standing in front of the 9/11 memorial garden planted on the first observance of Sept. 11, Jeff and Pete McDonald alternately read the names. After the last name was called, everyone joined together for a moment of silence to reflect on the tragic events 10 years ago.

Afterward, Ellen Maisel, a United retiree, made her way through the crowd to the front of the garden. She placed a bouquet of flowers at the base of the plaque at the center of the 27 bushes planted in remembrance of those who were killed or who lost family members that day.

“I don’t want to ever forget them. That’s why I came and the flowers were a small tribute,” Ellen said afterward. *“I was in flight crew planning at the time. I knew the captain on flight 175, and he sent me a note that morning that he would talk to me when he got to Los Angeles.”*

Others brought flowers as well, and many filed past the memorial garden to pay their respects.

Earlier, Pete welcomed everyone who came to honor and remember colleagues who died on flights 93 and 175. *“Today, we take time to grieve for those we lost and we remember that they died in service to our airline,”* Pete said. *“September 11 had a profound impact on United, on our industry and our nation,”* Jeff said. *“We will never forget the co-workers, friends and family we lost on that day.”*

9/11 memorial garden dedicated at new site



United recreated its 9/11 memorial garden on the grounds of the Friendship Park Conservatory, near the Operations Center at Elk Grove. This ensures that the garden will endure and be well tended after the Elk Grove property is sold. United has relocated most of its co-workers from the Elk Grove Operations Center to offices in Chicago and the property is listed for sale.

Jeff and Pete McDonald dedicated the new garden in memory of those who died on Flights 175 and 93. A number of current and former co-workers who headed up United’s humanitarian response following the 9/11 attacks attended the dedication.

“The park district will take expert care of our memorial garden for years to come,” Pete said. *“The new location is close to O’Hare, our Chicago reservations center and in the area where many United co-workers and retirees reside.”*

Like the memorial garden at Elk Grove, the new garden consists of 27 bushes and a maple tree. The bushes represent each United employee who died on 9/11 and other employees who lost family members. The original plaque and two benches have been relocated to the new memorial garden site. Friendship Park Conservatory, 395 W. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines, IL 60018. Phone: (847) 298-3500.

Jeff meets co-workers at first-ever Hawaii CEO Exchange



Responding to co-worker requests since the merger close, Jeff hosted a CEO Exchange on September 30th, in Hawaii. More than 300 co-workers from the Hawaiian islands came to hear a business update from Jeff and ask a number of questions, ranging from intra-island flying to the outlook for the Hawaii reservations center to the culture of the new airline.

“We are building a new culture, taking the best of United and the best of Continental,” Jeff said. *“We want to make this a*

company you want to work for, customers want to fly and investors want to invest in.”

Responding to a question on the feasibility of intra-island flying, Jeff said United won't do it. He said United will be more successful adding non-stop flights from the West Coast to the various Hawaiian islands, like its recently added LAX to Hilo (ITO), Hawaii, route.

Asked about healthcare benefits, Jeff said that United wants to give co-workers an array of choices to select a plan that's best for them and their families.

Co-workers join the fight against proposed U.S. tax increase



Four CLE employees spent a day in Washington, D.C., lobbying against a proposed increase in aviation taxes. Capt. Doug Eades, Flight Attendant Kayla Steiner, Customer Service Agent John Adams and Airport Sales Agent Jerry Wang joined four Delta employees based at Cincinnati, Ohio, in meetings with Sen. Rob Portman, Sen. Sherrod Brown, Rep. Steven LaTourette, Rep. Pat Tiberi, Rep. John Boehner and Rep. Steve Chabot or members of their legislative staffs.

“Co-workers help us personalize the process,” said Congressional Affairs VP Nancy Van Duyne. *“After the co-workers met with the Ohio members, they had a real appreciation for how bad these taxes could be for jobs and service in the state of Ohio.”* This is part of an effort by United and the ATA member airlines to stop a new \$100 departure tax and prevent passenger security taxes from being raised from \$2.50 a segment to \$7.50 a segment.

United encourages all co-workers to tell their elected officials - by email, Twitter or Facebook - that they're against this aviation tax proposal. Please go to www.stopairtaxnow.com for information, helpful links and a letter you can send.

The US airline industry already has 17 different taxes and fees imposed upon it and its customers - more than any other industry. Now the administration is looking for number 18. Airlines drive \$1.2 trillion in economic activity, and it's important to the health of our economy.

If these major fee increases occur, airlines may be forced to cut service to small communities, costing jobs not only in the industry but in all the businesses that depend on air travel. United will continue to report on the steps it's taking to combat this tax.

MileagePlus 2012 changes reward United's most valuable customers



In September, United announced the 2012 MileagePlus program features, which emphasize extra recognition for its best customers.

“We absolutely have every intention of acknowledging and recognizing both the frequent traveler as well as the travelers that are creating the most value (for the airline),” Exec. VP and Mileage Plus President Jeff Foland told the Associated Press. *“We want to make sure that we're providing the right balance to the program to accomplish both of those tasks.”*

Customers who purchase tickets in premium cabins or at higher fare classes generate more revenue for United, so the company is offering more bonus miles for those flights. Tying rewards to dollars spent rather than distance flown will make those tickets more attractive to our high-value customers. Also, to earn and retain the loyalty of its most frequent flyers, United is offering new redemption opportunities for all levels of Premier member status.

Training and tools are in place to prepare reservations and customer service agents to answer customer questions. United also has set up a microsite for customers with more information at www.mileageplusmergerupdates.com.

United targets Priority Baggage delivery improvements



As United's most loyal customers, Premier/Elite and Star Alliance Gold and Silver members deserve the best service. Priority baggage handling is one of many ways United treats these customers extra special, and it's important to get it right.

According to Star Alliance, premium customers say they currently receive their bags first about half the time. In addition to an awareness poster campaign at its hubs and other select locations, United's Baggage Performance team is pleased to introduce more ways to measure whether the company is meeting its priority delivery goals - visibility that will help drive improvements.

"We are investing more than \$7 million in new technology including permanent photo eye scanners that will provide a high level of tracking at all large hub carousel locations," said Baggage Resolution Service Center Director Brian Keene. "We will also roll out our handheld scanners at additional stations so we can accurately track the progress of these important bags."

United encourages co-workers to continue to tag Elite/Premier and Star Alliance Gold and Silver member bags with the brightly colored "priority" tags, and co-workers loading and unloading baggage should continue separating these bags to facilitate quick access and delivery upline.

Flight Ops to implement new procedures



United will implement the next phase of its revised flight operations procedures as scheduled as a next step toward obtaining a single operating certificate (SOC) from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

United's training for its pilots relating to the single operating certificate is safe and professional, and United is a safe airline. The FAA, the federal agency that oversees airline safety, has carefully and professionally reviewed and approved United's training.

On September 29th, a federal court in New York denied a request by the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) master executive council at its UA subsidiary to delay implementation of the new procedures.

As United expected, the court did not agree with union leadership and denied the union leaders' attempt to delay United's single operating certificate. The judge's ruling said the FAA's earlier approval of United's training plan negated ALPA claims that allowing implementation to proceed as scheduled would jeopardize safety.

"There is nothing in ALPA's submission to support a finding that the FAA has somehow been negligent in carrying its regulatory mandate," U.S. District Judge Sterling Johnson, Jr. wrote. "In light of the FAA's regulatory authority and ongoing oversight of all phases of the United and Continental merger, the court has no choice but to deem the increased risk to safety ALPA alleges as being too 'remote and speculative' to lift the union's TRO application off the ground."

The judge labeled as "specious" ALPA's arguments that a System Board of Adjustment (where a grievance is pending on this issue) could not remedy a dispute over this matter.

United continues onboard menu alignment



United aligned special meal offerings on UA flights with current CO offerings on October 1 as part of its plan to streamline products and create a consistent travel experience for customers.

With the alignment, United eliminated five dietary meal categories due to historically low order volumes. Diabetic, low-calorie, low-fat/cholesterol, low-sodium and lacto-ovo vegetarian meals will no longer be available.

United will also streamline special meal pre-order availability. As of October 1, special meals will only be available in premium

cabins for pre-order on its non-stop flights between EWR/New York-Kennedy (JFK) and LAX/SFO and between the U.S. mainland and Hawaii. Special meals will remain available for pre-order for customers traveling in all cabins on trans-Atlantic, trans-Pacific, intra-Asia and most South American flights.

United Clubs made their debut October 1



United's 50 United Club lounges in 39 airports worldwide made their public debut on Saturday, October 1, the one-year anniversary of the close of the merger. All former CO Presidents Clubs and UA Red Carpet Clubs will feature the new branding and signage.

"This is another significant milestone in the integration of our products," said Product Marketing Director John Yeng. "It is important for our customers to experience a consistent lounge product across both subsidiaries."

United has been working throughout the first year to standardize the offerings inside the clubs. The company offers members and their guests complimentary bar service, light snacks and beverages; business amenities; and personal assistance with reservations, seat selection, upgrades and boarding passes. United plans many more improvements in the coming months.

Red Carpet Club and Presidents Club members may access any United Club with their current membership credentials. Members also have access to participating Star Alliance affiliated lounges around the globe. For more information, go to united.com/unitedclub or continental.com/unitedclub.

Holding top position in hub markets gives United key competitive advantage



Being the No. 1 carrier in its hub markets is one of United's key competitive advantages. United will continue to hold those positions even as it adjusts capacity in response to the price and volatility of fuel.

In the SFO/Oakland (OAK), Calif., market, for example, United serves 60 cities compared to Southwest's 11 and Virgin America's 7. In total, United has 287 average daily departures and 32,000 daily seats in the third quarter.

Even though its year-over-year average departures are down by 3 percent in SFO/OAK, United remains the clear leader and provides more options for its customers. In 2011, United started new service from SFO to Hilo (ITO), Idaho Falls (IDA) and Oklahoma City (OKC).

Here is how United stacks up against its competition in SFO/OAK:

	UA/CO	WN	VX
Cities Served	60	11	7
Departures	287	143	39
Seats	32,000	19,000	5,000

United Daily will regularly publish competitive profiles of all United's hubs.

The Beat names United 'most admired'



Subscribers to The Beat, a leading business travel industry distribution and technology newsletter, named United "most admired airline" in the annual Readers' Choice Awards.

Readers, who are travel industry professionals, chose the companies in six business travel categories they "*most admire for its policies, management style and service for business clients.*" They could not vote for their own companies. For more information go to <http://www.thebeat.travel/blog/>.

Known Crew Member expands to SEA, MSP



Known Crew Member (KCM) has expanded its screening program for flight crew members to include Seattle (SEA) and Minneapolis-St. Paul (MSP).

CO and UA are participating in the test, so its cockpit crews are eligible to go through the exclusive new lanes. In addition to being in uniform, all pilots must have their airline badges and government-issued photo IDs to be eligible.

The program started as a proof of concept at ORD August 8 and includes Miami (MIA). KCM will add three more airports in the coming weeks - IAD, Boston (BOS) and Phoenix.

Andrew Chen, line operations manager in Flight Operations, said the program has been very popular with pilots who enter ORD from outside security.

The Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) has more information on the "Crew Pass" section of its website. KCM has posted more information at <http://www.knowncrewmember.org>.

Ask the pharmacist: What you should know about cholesterol



Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance that's found in all cells of the body. It has both good and bad effects on your overall health. Your body uses cholesterol to make hormones, vitamin D and substances that help you digest foods.

Too much cholesterol in the blood, or high blood cholesterol, can be serious. People with high blood cholesterol have a greater chance of getting heart disease. High blood cholesterol on its own does not cause symptoms; so many people are unaware that their cholesterol level is too high.

When your body has too much cholesterol, deposits of fat, called plaque, form inside blood vessel walls. The blood vessel walls thicken and become narrower (a condition called atherosclerosis). This change reduces blood flow through the blood vessels. Fatty plaques caused by high cholesterol can rupture, possibly leading to heart attacks or strokes.

What are your cholesterol numbers? It's important to find out what your cholesterol levels are, because lowering cholesterol levels that are too high lessens your risk of developing heart disease. When you get your cholesterol checked, your healthcare provider will give you a number for your total cholesterol level.

- ✓ A total cholesterol level of less than 200 is considered desirable.
- ✓ A total cholesterol level of 200 to 239 is considered borderline high.
- ✓ A total cholesterol level of 240 or above is considered high.

When your cholesterol is found to be high, your healthcare provider may also check the amount of LDL (low-density lipoprotein) and HDL (high-density lipoprotein) in your blood. LDL cholesterol is called bad cholesterol. HDL cholesterol is called good cholesterol. It's good to have low levels of LDL and high levels of HDL.

Lowering your bad cholesterol ~ Eating right, exercising and not smoking can often control cholesterol levels. If you have a high risk for heart disease, your healthcare provider may prescribe cholesterol-lowering medication and recommend changes in lifestyle. Many cholesterol-lowering medications are available as generics. If your doctor recommends a cholesterol-lowering medication, ask about an available generic medication that may save you money. Here are some tips for lowering high cholesterol levels:

- ✓ Increase your dietary fiber by eating more fruits, vegetables and whole grains.
- ✓ Lose weight.
- ✓ Increase physical activity.

Flight 93 Ground Zero & Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Anniversary Commemorations by Frank Egges



Joe Bradley, president of The Philadelphia Independents and his wife Gail, spent three days with my wife, Marge and I at Ground Zero and the 93 Memorial Chapel in Shanksville, PA. We attended services on both Saturday & Sunday.

For those who traveled with us in 2006, Ground Zero as you remember it has changed. It is very impressive. Ground Zero is now surrounded with black

pavement and only the families were allowed on the grounds. Each of the crew and passengers is remembered with their names engraved on an eight foot high light cream granite stone.

Many buses were used to shuttle visitors from the parking lot. There were so many visitors, that at one point, they had to close the entrance from route 30. Although we were located in an area where we could not see the speakers at the services, we could hear each one clearly.

We met RUAEA national president, Ron Bertacini and his wife, Barbara at the Memorial Chapel. Following Sunday services at the chapel, President Joe Bradley, President of RUAEA, Ron Bertacini, and I, Chairman Frank Eggles were introduced and we each spoke at the 93 Memorial Chapel. The Independents presented a check to Bishop Mascherino in the amount of \$500.00, making a total this month of \$1,000.00.

The singing presentation by The North Star Kids was very moving. When each child mentioned a name of the crew or passengers and gave a short biography, there was not a dry eye among those present. One of the North Star Kids could not stop crying during the entire ceremony, I wondered if one of his family members was on board Flight 93.

Some members expressed an interest in purchasing the Flight 93 flag as seen on the August and November RUAEA newsletter cover. It is available from the Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department and their website is www.shanksvillefirecompany.org. To donate make check to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, Pa 19073.

“EASY DOES IT” Recipe Column - Two more Dump Recipes



Preparation: Our fast-moving “holiday” predict oncoming busy days. So, methinks it’s time for a couple very simple “Dump” recipes. For those of you with a quick wit, I must explain: “Dump” means that you will first thoroughly blend the sauce ingredients in a small bowl. Then, transfer chicken pieces & sauce into a one- gallon freezer baggie. Seal the bag, then place, uncooked, in the freezing compartment of your refrigerator.

When you are ready to eat: Completely thaw overnight in your refrigerator. Remove from refrigerator & discard plastic bag. Dump chicken pieces & sauce into an appropriately sized oven baking dish (glass if possible but metal is OK) that has been lightly brushed with butter or sprayed with Pam or similar non-stick cooking spray. Bake in preheated 350 F. oven.

Baking Instructions. Using 4 – 8 pieces of chicken: For **boneless skinless breasts:** Bake approximately 25-35 minutes. For **wings, thighs, drumsticks,** bones in

or out, skin on or off: Bake 45 minutes or until done.

#1. Dump Honey Ginger Chicken

1½ Tablespoons honey
¼ cup chopped onion
1 Tablespoon soy sauce
1½ teaspoons ground ginger
2 Tablespoons sherry, regular or cooking sherry. (Taste to insure quality, of course!)
¼ cup fresh chives, finely chopped (or 2 Tablespoons dried & minced chives from a bottle.+))

#2 Dump Honey Glazed Chicken

2 teaspoons garlic, finely chopped (or 1 teaspoon already prepared bottled crushed garlic.)
2/3 cup apricot preserves/jam
1/3 cup soy sauce
1/3 cup catsup

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST CHAPTER

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Our Gulf Coast Chapter met on Thursday, September 22, at 11:30 A.M. in our same spot - Cubi Bar Café in Pensacola, FL. We love meeting in the Aviation Museum since the aircraft displays constantly change. We only had 13 members and two guests attend this month but that didn't stop us from having a great time! Members in attendance were: **Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Rick & Carol Herrick, Park & Billie Learned, Jeanne Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Harold Stofko, and Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey.** The Wilkeys brought two guests with them, **Don & Sandy Wood.** We all enjoyed meeting them.

I have received several emails, notes and calls from UAL retirees asking for info about former co-workers that they read about in our articles. I am sorry but I cannot give out any personal info but I do contact the person immediately and give them all your info and so far, everyone has been very excited to hear from former co-workers. Please let us hear from you.

Yvonne Schwartz, Secretary, brought a small photo album she had put together with pictures of our members plus pictures of some of our activities. We passed around the album and everyone seemed to enjoy looking at it. She will keep it current by adding more pictures as we have visitors and guests plus more events. You never know what our group will decide to do next!

Minutes and Financial Reports were emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent. We have found by doing this it gives us more time to chat with one another, which we all love to do!

Carol Herrick was the winner of our raffle and was her first time to win. Congratulations!

Billie Learned told us of her flight from Pensacola to Orlando and what she went through to get listed. She said it was worth the trouble and everyone she talked to was very nice and helpful. They had a wonderful trip

visiting old friends. **Bill Hayden** told us of his attempt to fly from Pensacola to Houston but all flights were full so he never got there. Sorry, Bill!

Annie Kirkpatrick-Wilkey answered many more questions about listing for flights. She is truly a walking encyclopedia on how to go about doing this. We are so lucky to have her as one of our members. She has also volunteered to make new name tags for us. They will have everyone's picture in their uniform on it plus where they retired from and their date of hire. We are anxious to see them.

Because of several conflicts for next month's meeting and then the Holidays approaching, we voted to change our meetings to the 3rd Thursday of each month but still at the Cubi Bar Café inside the National Naval Aviation Museum at NAS, Pensacola, FL. Our next meeting dates are Oct. 20th, Nov. 17th and Dec. 15th. If you happen to be down on the Gulf Coast on any of these dates, you are most welcome to come join us for one of our fun-filled meetings.

Our meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Calendar:

October 20 - Meeting

November 17 - Meeting

December 15 - Meeting

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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For the month of September, we held a social event instead of our usual monthly meeting. **Hank & Gay Fowler** were once again our gracious hosts at their beautiful home in Columbiana, Alabama. They provided entrees for lunch with other members bringing side dishes and desserts. Our secretary, **Judy Slover**, coordinated with members on specific items for the event to make sure that everyone had a variety of foods to choose from. A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by everyone.

Our president, **Herb Wilbanks** and his wife **Carol** were unable to attend. They were off to Hawaii to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Also members **Ken & Beverly Yeager** were unable to attend. They were off on a cruise through the Caribbean. **Joe & Gloria Singleton** also celebrated a wedding anniversary in September; they were able to attend the event at the Fowlers home.

Gay Fowler and other members had a surprise for **Gloria Singleton** and **Donna Gooch**. The two birthday girls were given greetings with cards and small cakes to take home. Our group always likes to acknowledge special days for members.

We were very happy to again see **Joe & Jane Jones**, ORDFO and ORDSW. Also **James Lee** (AUSOZ) and his wife **Brenda** were able to attend the event. We are looking forward to seeing both couples again and we hope they will be a permanent part of the group.

Our member, **Donna Gooch** invited **Jim & Audrey Weeks** to our meeting. They live in Milton, Florida. Jim worked as a customer service agent in Birmingham under Donna and then transferred to SATO in Montgomery at Maxwell Air Force Base. **Gay Fowler** worked with him in Montgomery as a customer service representative. Everyone was really happy to see them and hope they will visit with us again. We love having guests!

A special thanks to all of our "regular" retiree members, spouses and friends for continuing to make "Sweet Home Alabama" a great group of former colleagues and friends. If you live in Alabama, and you are not a part of our group, please consider joining us. Contact Judy at (334) 322-1161 or judyslover@mindspring.com.

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

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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Well, I think we have it! The 2011-12 “schedule of activities” is pretty much finalized and sent out to the members. Lots of correspondences back and forth between the Board members, thank goodness for computers. Joe was in Chicago, Mike, back and forth to California and Carol, back and forth to Chicago. Our first meeting was October 8 at Beardsley Park in Sun City West for our annual picnic, more on that in the next issue.

November 12 will be our “Thanksgiving” luncheon at Pebblecreek Golf Resort in Goodyear, AZ, cost will be \$22.00/person. The catering manager at Pebblecreek always does an outstanding job with turkey dinner plus extras. We’re hopeful for a good turnout. It’s not too late, get your reservations and money to **Joe Hopkins** before November 4.

Azures member news ~ One of our “little” travelers, **Vivian Klick**, went to Cadillac, Michigan for a niece’s wedding, September 23-26. She flew into Chicago, her old “stomping grounds” and then drove with another niece and her sister-in-law to Michigan for the weekend. Vivian said the weather was sunny and warm and they did the polka “all night long”. I think Viv is still celebrating from her August 31st birthday.

The Azures are pleased to welcome **Nancy Levinsohn** from SFO as an honorary member. Nancy will be in Arizona in November and, hopefully, we will meet her at one of our luncheons or breakfasts.

Vic and I took a short trip to Victoria and Vancouver, BC the middle of September, kind of a birthday/bucket list. We visited The Butchart Gardens and walked Victoria in the Inner Harbor, had great fish’n’chips at Barb’s at Fisherman’s Wharf, dinner at Joe Forte’s, took a city tour of Vancouver and had dinner at marvelous places, a Scottish Pub and Earl’s Grill. The sky was very overcast, the sun only came out for a few seconds but the area is very scenic and so much to see.

Only four Azures showed up at the September 13 breakfast. **Jim & Marlene Bechtold**, **Enza Scarso** and our new member, **Nancy Levinsohn**. Some discussion ensued about cancelling the breakfasts but I think that sometimes it happens that appointments and other commitments come up. When the “snow birds” return, the count usually goes up to 15-20 breakfasters. This was a point of discussion at our picnic. At this writing, the breakfasts will continue at Coco’s, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ at 0800.

Generosity towards others is a good measure of character. Words of Wisdom by Samantha Weaver

Calendar:

Coco’s breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98th and Bell roads. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 for reservations.

November 8

November 22

November 12 - Pebblecreek Golf Resort, Chianti Room (Thanksgiving), Goodyear, AZ - 1100 Cocktails/12noon Lunch - \$22.00/person

December 10 - Briarwood Country Club, Sun City West - 1100 Cocktails/12noon Lunch - \$23.00/person

PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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We’re back on schedule now and meeting for Breakfast and Lunch each month. The snowbirds should be back also. We have a nice variety of restaurants that we will be meeting at during the year. We’re looking forward to seeing more new faces each month also. If you’re new to the area and have worked or retired from United Airlines or Continental Airlines, and are 55 or more, we would love to have you join us. Just contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at jbrigante@lostshadow.com, or our Vice President,

Peg Snowdall at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net. They will be happy to give you directions and answer any questions you might have.

We had 17 members at our September Breakfast at Crackers at the old location. Our October 28 Breakfast will be at Crackers located at 1325 N. Greenfield Rd in Mesa. We will have a larger room there and be able to accommodate more people. The menu is the same and the prices are reasonable. At the breakfast, **Jim Brigante** advised everyone of **Ed Conlon's** death. We also have several members on the sick list, they are **Tony Ribeiro, Pete Kuspis, and Hank Falk**. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Peg Snowdall urged our members to be sure and fill out and submit the EEOC form and to write across the top to combine it with our Charge Number for the UA Retirees Class Action Age Discrimination Charge against United Airlines. Copies of the form were distributed to those not knowing about this form.

Jim & Peg wanted everyone to know they appreciated the great job **Rita Zarek** did in filling in for them this past summer during their absences.

The October 5th Luncheon at the Iron Oaks Country Club in Sun Lakes was hosted by **Jennifer & Chuck Strohmaier**. There were 41 attending. We had one new couple join, who are **Gee Gee & Ralph Alexander**, retired from LAX. Glad to have you with our Re-United Chapter! The tables were decorated with ten 8x12 pages filled with over 50 pictures that told the story of United Airlines in print advertising, and posters from the 1930's to the 1970's, plus there were several photo albums of our Re-United history that **Ginny Rockenhauser** brought to share. Our President, **Jim Brigante**, made announcements about the integration of UAL/Continental websites and passed information printed from the website.

The November Luncheon will be at the Golden Corral on Thursday, November 10, starting at 11:30 a.m. This restaurant is located on the west side of Cooper at 1318 N. Cooper Road in Gilbert. The stoplight is at W. Merrill and Cooper. This is an all you can eat buffet with varied meats, vegetables, fresh rolls and bread and an extensive salad bar and dessert bar. The price for seniors is under \$10. You pay and get your beverage as you enter. No alcohol is available. Contact **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** by Friday, November 4th with your reservation at bvrock@cox.net or by phone at (480) 655-1419.

The Fantasy Flight will be held Friday, December 2nd at the airport, with lift off scheduled for 7:00 a.m. For those that are able to help, I'm sure your help would be very much appreciated. **Peg Snowdall** is very involved in this project, so if you have any questions, please ask her. It's a very worthwhile event for under privilege children. Check with Peg if they still need donated items such as stuffed bears, Barbie dolls, socks, gloves, etc. for the children. The Book & Bake sale at the airport will be October 27, and decorating for the party will be Tuesday, November 15, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The following members have birthdays in November: **Mary McLain** (11/6), **Don Burns** (11/12), **Ed Rheam** (11/12), **Bob Rowan** (11/12), **Jan Eiken** (11/16), **Pam Gerstung** (11/22), **JoAnne Gaudio** (11/24), **Ed Dawes** (11/27), **Ellen Johnson** (11/28), and **Buss Nicholaisen** (11/29). Happy Birthday to all! We also have three couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries. They are **Skip & Carol Ward** (11/2/63), **John & Donna Smiley** (11/21/62), and **Ed & Rose Rheam** (11/22/52). Best Wishes!

Calendar:

November 10 - Luncheon at the Golden Corral, 1318 N. Cooper Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 11:30 a.m. Hosts are **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser** (480) 655-1419, or by e-mail at bvrock@cox.net.

November 18 - Breakfast at new Crackers location, 13258 N. Greenfield Rd in Mesa, starting at 9:00 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by November 16 at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

December 2 - Fantasy Flight at 7:00 a.m.

December 7 - Holiday luncheon at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes. Hosts are **Carol & Skip Ward**.

December 16 - Breakfast at Crackers. NOTE: change of date due to the Holidays.

January 12 - Luncheon at Grandview Steak House, hosted by **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck**.



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Our September 15th luncheon was held at the Red Lobster restaurant on the corner of River and Oracle Rd. Nineteen Roadrunners were there to enjoy a wonderful luncheon. **Bill & Bonnie Royle** hosted this event and our thanks go out to you two for making the arrangements.

Ed Kokots' term of office as president ends at the end of this year so **John Bennatts** was asked if he would be interested in the position and he said he would. So by a vote of those in attendance, John became the next president of the Tucson Roadrunners. His term will start in January 2012 and run for two years. The Vice President will be **Carolyn McGlothlin**, Secretary **Claire Byle** and Treasurer **Pat Dilallo**.

Now that our summer has come to an end and temps start to cool down, we will expect to see all our snowbird friends joining us at our next luncheon. It will be held at Shlomo & Vito's Delicatessen at the corner of Skyline and Campbell on October 20th. Ed will need a head count by October 16th. His phone is 229-2059.

I know that many Roadrunners did some traveling during the summer months, but we have several starting out in October. A Panama Canal cruise from Fort Lauderdale to Los Angeles and the lucky passengers will be **Pat & Rich Dilallo**. **Bill & Bonnie Royle** will have been to Buffalo, NY to attend a wedding and **Roger & Lyn Callihan** will have returned from a fall color trip in the New England States.

Calendar:

October 20 - Shlomo & Vito's Delicatessen

November 17 - Tanque Verde Guest Ranch Hosted by Alice Belzer and Donna Kuehn

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The month of September was not our time to meet so the news will be rather short. I'm fortunate to receive emails from **Mike Zoldak** and **Bob Wagner** at times so I know all is well with them. **Bob & Pat Wagner** will be hosting our next meeting on October 19th and are trying to locate a place. We like to meet at the Chumash Casino since it is midway between our members so the traveling isn't so far. Bob found out, thanks to **Dana & Bill Noyes** that their buffet is now offering a 2 for 1 lunch and the lines last too long for our group to get served. So Bob will be letting us know where we will meet.

There hasn't been any news regarding our pass policy, so I guess things have not changed and will be progressing toward the 2012 changes.

I had a friend fly from LAX to HNL this past week and she flew UAL. I looked on the Weblist and the flights she was on did not appear on the schedule. I found out later that it was a CO flight operated by UA. The plane was a 737-800 and from her description of the cabin, the flight was full, and the passengers packed in. The plane held 160 passengers and I just can't picture a 737 flying that route. I'm still from the old school when the 737 was mostly a commuter, but then again I haven't flown that much since being retired all these many years.

The new TV series "Pan Am" tries to bring back the great years when a Stewardess made the flight. When I worked in MDW Operations, no matter how bad the ticket agents were treated by irate passengers, the Stewardesses were able to sooth the situation. They were not only attractive and intelligent but well trained. We all have memories of the good old days, and I have some that I will never forget.

Until the October meeting, I should have more news from our members in the next Newsletter.

Calendar:

October 19 - Hosted by **Bob & Pat Wagner**

December 14 - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**

BRAZEN RAISINS



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Virginia & Jim Van Patten hosted the Brazen Raisins' September 2011 meeting; they decorated the tables with patriotic place mats and model 747 and 737 United airplanes. Virginia reported that **Gil Gilbert** had undergone open-heart surgery recently and is in a special care unit.

Dick Shryock had sent a note to **Mauricio & Carmensol Rehbein**, who had missed a number of meetings, urging them to attend; Dick quoted from a letter he had received from the Rehbeins saying that they were very busy and that Mauricio had had a pacemaker installed recently.

The Brazen Raisins were honored by a visit from UAL retiree **Larry Snavelly** and wife **Phyllis**; Larry told us that he had worked at the SFO maintenance base and retired in August 2000.

The Brazen Raisins' October non-meeting was hosted by **Nile & Lincoln Jones** at their resort outside Madera, CA; there was no formal meeting, just a party with a lot of good food.

Abdicated President **Dick Hayes** and wife **Hazel** reappeared as the job Dick thought he had evaporated.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

Palm Springs Area

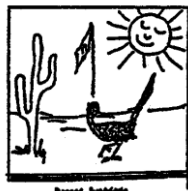
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Yours truly hosted the Desert Sunbirds September Luncheon, at the Palm Desert Greens Country Club in Palm Desert. Thirty two members and guests enjoyed Chef Mark's cuisine, especially the Strawberry Shortcake topped with a generous scoop of ice cream.

Anniversary congratulations to three couples in our Chapter: **Sean & Marilyn Foley** (53 years on 10/13); **Ray & Flo Silvestri** (54 years on 10/26); and finally **Ray & Rose Rieke** (61 years on 10/14).

Three guests this month: **Claire Staples** brought her sister **Louise** (as usual), and a long-time friend, **Doris Furman**. And this writer brought my Lady-Fair, **Marji Gomez**. Marji graciously came up with some door prizes, which were won by **Merv Myers**, **Claire Staples**, **Brad Zittel**, and **Melinda Lerg**.

President Elaine passed around the "Volunteer" sheet for hosting next year's meetings. It was quickly filled up, including next September, which was taken by new members at their first luncheon, **Dave & Kathy Wilson**, having recently moved to our desert area, in Indio. First meeting; paid dues to become members, and volunteered to host a luncheon next year. Congratulations and thanks Dave & Kathy. We'll look forward to getting to know you in the coming months.

Gwen Craven hasn't had the best September. She was on her patio, picked up her small dog to bring into the house. He squirmed (not wanting to go in), causing Gwen to fall, fracturing her hip. **Scoobie Wolfe** got her to the hospital. Surgery followed, and she is now recuperating at a local Rehab Center. After a couple days at rehab, it was discovered that she had another fracture in the hip, this one not as serious. Fortunately, this one appears to be healing on its own, so no further surgery is anticipated. Gwen looks forward to going home in about a week (as of 9/28).

Shirley Spittler continues to add to her "bucket" list. This time, an upcoming trip will include a ride on a llama.

The Birthday Lunch was won by ... **Me!** Well, it's only fair. **Merv Myers** won the 50/50 drawing.

Getting things done:

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Furthermore, the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute, and he wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service", said the minister; "but you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

The time came during the homily, and the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist began playing ... "The Star Spangled Banner!"

Calendar:

November 9 - Casino Morongo, hosted by **Fred & Jan Kellerhals**

December 14 - Monterey Country Club, hosted by **Elaine & Ron Aggson**



SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on September 28, 2011 at the Hide-A-Way Restaurant in Vacaville. This was hosted by **Charles & Martha Szekretar**. We had 33 Gold Diggers attending and two guests, **Bob & Micheko Allen**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Szekretars for hosting.

Officer's Reports:

VP **Orville Harshbarger** thanked everyone for filling the luncheon spots for this year. We still need hosts for March, April, May, July, August, September and October for next year. Next month's luncheon will be at Fats Restaurant in Roseville hosted by the **Bertacinis**.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for September: Those 50 years and over: **Roger & Mary Ann Burgess** (51 years) and **Ken & Stephanie Norton** (50 years). **Harold Esola** lead us in the celebration song.

Treasurer was not with us today.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** gave an update on **Dick Sandstedt**. He is home and getting treatments.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** was not with us today.

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** had rosters in the back of the room for anyone who wants them.

RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** was not with us today.

Northern California/Nevada Director was not with us today.

Billy & Joanne Blizzard wanted to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers they received in the passing of their granddaughter, **Sydney Lee**. She passed away at 7 weeks old with SIDS.

Calendar:

October 26 -Fats Restaurant in Roseville, hosted by the **Bertacinis**

November 30 - No Luncheon

December 14 - Alta Sierra Country Club, Grass Valley, hosted by the **Greenacres**

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Our October meeting was held at the Casa Ramos restaurant in Placerville on October 4th. It was hosted by **Joe & Lynda Lima**. The food and service was excellent as usual. Thanks to Joe & Lynda for hosting the luncheon.

The meeting was called to order by President **Jon Somplack**. Our next meeting/luncheon will be on November 1st at the Red Hawk Casino. This will be hosted by **Daniel & Roberta Ouchi** and **Lynda Lima** (again). Details will follow.

We are in need of several officer candidates for next year. Our group relies on several volunteers as officers to keep us moving. Without our officers, our group could not function. If you feel you would like to contribute your energy to the organization as an officer, let **Jon Somplack** know what position you would be interested in.

A sheet was passed around asking for hosts for the 2012 year. As of the end of our meeting, we still need hosts for February, March, August and November.

Peggy Bonetti spoke briefly about the December luncheon/meeting. It is planned to be at the Sequoia House in Placerville. There will be a choice of three entrees and reservations should be in by November 22nd. More details (cost, time etc.) will follow next month.

Anniversaries: No one came forth and admitted to having anniversaries in October. However, my records show that **Ed & Lindalee Akin** (10/6), **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** (10/10), **Tom & Andi Stuchell** (10/12) and **Bob & Carolyn Azbell** (10/24) all had anniversaries this month.

Joe Lima suggested the Senior Center in Placerville be considered for our yearly charitable contribution. They really provide a lot of services for local seniors. Treasurers report - \$863.96. Joe also suggested we look at the Golden Dragon Chinese restaurant on Broadway as a possible luncheon site. They have a separate room for a meeting and would have a buffet style menu.

John Zoboli gave a talk on RUAEA and UAL/CO developments. Mostly not good news for retirees. Sunday, October 9th was the Open House/Family day at the MOC. You can order I.D. wristbands at sf-familyday@united.com.

The meeting concluded with our usual drawing. Many thanks to these contributors: **Joe & Lynda Lima** (basket), **Cindy Blazius** (album), **Thom Biro** (jams), **Ann Czapkay** (pretzels), **Rosemary Heier** (snow globe), **Alice Somplack** (scent), **Raynors** (wine), **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** (wine), **Judy Fitzpatrick** (candy & wine), **Irv Wolfram** (candy), **Mary Lou Wagner** (plastic containers), **Jim Raber** (wine) and last but not least, **Pati Kenney** (vase with stand).



REDWOOD EMPIRE

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We held our September luncheon on the 8th at the La Gare Restaurant. Our President **Joanne Huhn** welcomed 34 members and guests and thanked our hosts **Nick & Maria Van Kruining**. The La Gare has such good food and the staff is just great. Joanne asked us to take a moment to reflect on September 11th and to remember to keep our families close.

Our Vice President **Barney Hagen** announced our guests: **Lee Trevelayn** and **Clem Shanahan**, guests of **Clare & Barney Hagen**; **Garrett Hanson**, guest of **Wayne & Zepha O'Kelly**. Garrett is Wayne and Zeph's grandson. **Ron & Sherri Quock**, guests of **Diana Quinn**. We also had the pleasure of having little **Sabrina Quock**, our newest and youngest guest.

Treasurer **Judy De Ford** gave us our "tally" for the month. We did well on the Charity Box at the picnic, so things look pretty good.

We didn't have any changes to the August minutes.

Our Sunshine Lady Burr announced our September birthdays: **Nick Van Kruining**, **Delbert Clark**, **Lou Legnitto**, **Matty Matchinegg**, **Dick Hanna**, **Lois Schwind**, **Ann Burnett** and **Norma Davis**. The winner of the Birthday Lunch was **Lois Schwind**. Our anniversaries for the month were **Norm & Ann Burnett** (24 years), **George & Lois Schwind** (62 years), **Larry & Madalynn** (25 years) and **Larry & Mary Wilson** (46 years). We sang congratulations to all.

Charlie Anderson is our Nominating Committee Chairman. It looks like he has everything under control and will announce his nominees next month.

The list for our Christmas Charities is available. Joanne has asked us to think about our suggestions for our donations this year.

VP **Barney Hagen** told us about the 9/11 Tribute and 9/11 "First Responder" F-15 Exhibit Dedication that was held in Sonoma County. The aircraft was a USAF F-15, the first to fly over New York City after the attack. The pilot was a UAL pilot. It is very special to have this in our "little corner of the world."

Joanne reminded us to remember our members who are not feeling well. **Matt Stilman** not "up to par," but he really appreciates the cards. We missed **Pete Bilsich** and **Edie Olson**; we hope to see them next month.

Treasurer **Judy De Ford** reminded us our dues are now due and payable. Our membership will be from January 1st to December 31st. Members whose dues are not paid by January 1st, will be considered delinquent and will be dropped from the membership. Judy will start to collect the dues at the October luncheon. You may also send them to **Judy De Ford**, 1829 Sandstone Drive, Petaluma, CA 94954. They are still \$8.00 for single and \$16.00 for couple.

We had a great raffle with many bottles of wine and boxes of chocolates.

Calendar:

November 10 - Fountain Grove Inn, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**

December 8 - Quail Inn, hosted by the Officers.

Re-LAX-ers

Los Angeles

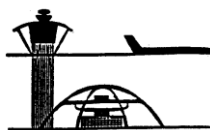
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Well, I'm baaack! Sort of! The right hand is still stiff and a bit numb.

First, **Thank You All!** I have received so many lovely, thoughtful and fun cards. They really make my days. A few notes about us sick-a-beds, but only a few. The right hand is good, and requires corrections by the left - takes time.

Tom & Carol Labrow are progressing after their auto accident. Carol got her brace off her right wrist about a month ago. But Tom is having a 2nd neck surgery today (10/7). Now it's my turn to send a get well card. If I can't get to the store soon, I hope they forgive my returning their card sent to me! Their ordeal is too lengthy for me to attempt, call or email them at tomlabrow@gmail.com.

Linda Muche has spent a lot of time with her daughters in CLE. Her strength has been returning - couldn't hold a granddaughter in early summer but by 5 weeks later could pick her up and carry her! She reports her pulmonary test of her last bout with pneumonia shows lungs stronger than ever, but it is expected the feeding tube will be around a very long time.

Barb Smith is much improved after the 8/4/11 stroke, but a long way to go. Will reduce my 24 hour caregivers & schedule to 6-hours a day, probably next week and have them help with some meal prep and accompany me on daily walks and to appointments.

I hear LAX folks reinstated retiree parking in ELot

And that's it! My right shoulder beginning to ache - nap time before lunch.

Calendar:

December 1 - How time flies - Christmas Luncheon



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Here it is, time for the newsletter and we won't be having our monthly breakfast until after this newsletter is due. That means not much to report this month.

It has been very quiet as everyone is out and enjoying the summer. I have recently returned from a visit with friends in Raleigh Durham, North Carolina. **Betty Tomaino** flew to Pennsylvania for a class reunion. **Robert & Debbie Taylor** were in Daytona Beach and visited with the SandDabs.

We have no special fall activities planned other than the monthly breakfast. We are working on a Christmas luncheon, and of course, the Mainliner Christmas dinner, both of which will be here before we know it.

Until next month, remember, *"Life is about learning. If you woke up this morning. You're not done."*

Calendar:

November 3 – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 10:00AM, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

GOLDEN GATERS

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No General meeting for this chapter in September so we were able to enjoy a new location for our annual picnic. Our usual monthly meeting place indoors at the Foster City William Walker Recreation Facility building was turned into a lively crowd of 96 members and guests, chomping down on delicious BBQ steaks, potato and green salads, baked beans and topped off with ice cream! The weather was, as ordered, absolutely beautiful. The lake, just a few steps away, was calm and winds were light, again, as ordered! Some of us were able to venture outside and sit on benches under the trees. This was fun since we usually only view the lake from inside the building's windows. And we definitely extend our immense appreciation to the workers who barbequed and put everything in place for the rest of us! Also, our thanks to those who ran the "horse race" games and directed the Bingo fun. A good showing was made by our attendees who brought canned and nonperishable food to be given later by our Charity Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** to organizations caring for those not as fortunate as we.

We're back to business on Monday, 24 October and we expect a good turnout since our after-lunch-and-meeting entertainment will be the Beledi Desert Dancers (i.e. belly dancers). (Ladies: tie your husbands down!)

Ben Vietz, Magda Frei, Joan and Don Brochu, and myself were all in such good company on September 23! Sponsored by Supervisor **Adrienne Tissier** of the San Mateo Board of Supervisors, we were very fortunate to have attended a 3+ hour "Older Driver Class" in nearby South San Francisco. The very personable **William W. Chiang**, Legislative Aide was there to represent Supervisor **Tissier**. To begin, after delish sweet rolls and coffee, a very thorough and easily understood workbook was given to us. This was prepared by members of the Senior Volunteer Program of the California Highway Patrol, **Frank Shissler, Wallace Rapozo, Victor Lee**, and the late **Patrick Moore**. San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) was well represented by speaker **Jean Conger**, Senior Mobility Project Coordinator. SamTrans is a lot easier to use than you think it is! **Rosemary Robles**, Senior Driver Ombudsman, Driver Safety Manager, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) spoke, providing information totally unknown to some of us. Another excellent speaker was CHP officer **Art Montiel**, who patiently answered all of our questions. We were also given the newest (2011) California Driver Handbook. We received pamphlets as follows: "What to do in case of a Vehicle Collision", "Driving Under the Influence", "To Report Threatening Emergencies-Cellular 911", "Involved in a Fender Bender?", "Tips for Safety Behind the Wheel", "Senior Safe Mobility", "Senior Mobility Guide-Staying Connected in San Mateo County", "But It Really Wasn't My Fault", and, "At the Crossroads". This will keep us busy for a while! **Random Notes:** We learned quite a bit that day, including: If you are a nervous driver, if possible, confine your driving to the lighter traffic hours, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is wise to sit back as far as possible and practical behind the steering wheel because, upon impact, the car's air bags explode faster and with more power than you would ever imagine! Before changing lanes, remember to first look over your shoulder. Cars already on the freeway have the right-of-way. Carry a small hammer in front with you so that, if necessary, you can break every window in the car for an unexpected exit. Each time before entering your car, check your tires: flat or low on air?). Regarding semi's or other large trucks, stay away from them; when it is safe to pass, do it quickly. Never let anybody get out of your car at a traffic light. In case of an emergency vehicle behind you, pull over one lane or to the right as soon as possible. In conclusion, all of the class was given a "Certificate of

Completion – CHP” inscribed with our name. (P.S. Did I forget? After class, we were all treated to an absolutely delicious lunch (fresh fruit even!) and, there were prizes!)

If you are interested, the next two classes will be: (1) Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m., Westlake Community Center, 145 Lake Merced Drive, **Daly City, CA**. Class size is limited to 45 participants. (2) Wednesday, February 29, 2012, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Twin Pines Community Center, 20 Twin Pines Lane, **Belmont, CA**. Class size is limited to 50. **Pre-registration** is required for either class: telephone (650) 363-4572.

“Online visitors” recently returned to California are the lively former members, **Nancy & Harry Mitchell**, Masonic Home, 34400 Mission Boulevard, Union City, CA 94587, email: nancyharrymitchellsr@gmail.com. Their great photograph will be passed around at our October General meeting. **Harry** is quite the poet, so I’m including one of his humorous ones, which many of us will find quite relevant.

“Cleaning Poem. I asked the Lord to tell me why my house is such a mess. He asked if I’d been ‘computering’, and I had to answer ‘yes’. He told me to get off my fanny and tidy up the house. And so I started cleaning up ... the smudges off my mouse. I wiped and shined the topside. That really did the trick. I was just admiring my work. I didn’t mean to “click”. But “click” I did, and oops I found a real absorbing site ... That I went SO way into it. I was into it all night. Nothing’s changed except my mouse.”

Another “snail mail” visitor who would like to be remembered by our group is former Pennsylvania Airline, then Capital and finally UAL retiree **Stephen J. Wasuta**, 173 Wayside Drive, Turlock, CA 95380. His 93rd birthday falls on October 19. He takes no medication of any kind except his vodka tonic before dinner ... well done, **Stephen!** (I will be reading his entire letter and showing his enclosed photograph at our chapter’s 24 October meeting.)

Remember **October is Membership Renewal month** ~ \$10 annual dues are among the smallest in all of our 59 retiree chapters. Your renewal must be in no later than **January 1, 2012**. We know you would like to be included in the next Membership listing so that you can find your friends and they can find you!

Check this out: Our continually hard working Local and International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** continues to amaze! (Bet you wish you had her in **your** chapter! We treasure her; you can’t have her!)

(1) Would you like to take a tour without getting on an airplane and one that leaves from right here in San Francisco? Splendid ... what we’ve waited for. On October 6-21, 2012, the Princess Cruise Line is presenting a 16-day **SF-Honolulu round trip** experience you’ll love. This is for 16 days, great pricing and lots of fun.

(2) **Overnight Trip Plans In The Works**: (a) California Northern Coast, 3 nights, 4 days, May or June 2012. One night in Hopland, one night in Fort Bragg or Mendocino Area. (b) Lake Tahoe area and Apple Hill, 2 nights, 3 days, April 2012. (c) Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon, 3 nights, 4 days, August or September 2012.

(3) **Day Trips In The Works**: (a) Christmas Trees and Lights, 3 or 4 December, **2011**, Duarte Poinsettia Farm, many individually themed and decorated homes. (b) Wood Carving, Pescadero – Phipps Ranch, lunch in Half Moon Bay – date open. (c) California Highway Patrol tour and lunch – date open. (d) Guide Dog Graduation Ceremony – date open. (e) Angel Island and picnic – date open. (f) Roaring Camp and BBQ – date open. (f) San Francisco Presidio – Disney building – date open.

(4) Individual trips to Ireland and Eastern Canada with some train sections - interest shown – date(s) not set as yet.

(5) NOW comes the important part ... **please read!** To facilitate plans for all of the above, **Ginger** is required to set dates based on **your** interest. Repeat: It is imperative to get your feedback so that she can proceed successfully and at “full speed ahead”. 2012 is just behind the corner. Please telephone (650) 224-1865) or email Ginger ASAP at gingersfo@aol.com.

The last General meeting and entertainment program for the year will be on Monday, November 28, with the absolutely fantastic **Tibor** and **Elena** on piano and violin ... always our favorites.

Personally Speaking:

(1) Do you dispose of your prescription drugs (pills/liquid forms) properly? Millions of us are flushing unused medications down the toilet. Sewage treatment plants and septic systems are not designed to deal with such contaminants and are not required to be equipped with pharmaceutical filter devices. Researchers have identified traces of pharmaceutical drugs in the drinking water supplies of some 40 million Americans. Low levels of pharmaceuticals, including antibiotics, hormones, contraceptives and steroids have been found in 80 percent of the rivers and streams sampled. These drugs can alter the behavior and reproductive functions of fish and mollusks. Some fish species in New York’s Jamaica Bay are experiencing “feminization” - the ratio of **female** to male winter flounder was 10-to-one in the studied area. If there are no “Take-Back” programs in place near you or at your pharmacy, throw the drugs in the household trash. But first, take them out of their

original containers and mix them with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter. Up to you: put the medication into a sealed bag or other container to eliminate leakage, and then, into your kitchen garbage.

(2) Now this is “really personal” but as the proud grandmother of 10, I have to brag about the *twins*, **Justin** and **Nicole** who will be 11 years old on the 11th day of the 11th month of 2011 ... ie. 11/11/11! That just **has** to be good luck!

Calendar:

Only 2 monthly meetings left ... 4th Mondays, October 24 and November 28, 2011. Meetings begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380. Mail should be sent to UAL – SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

SFO/SJC



SOUTH BAY RETIREES

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Thirty-five happy South Bay RUAEA members enjoyed a sunny day in San Francisco visiting the Walt Disney Family Museum in the Presidio, with lunch afterwards at the Beach-Garden Chalet. The delightful day was organized and led by **Dave & Joanne Saso**. Our Royal Coach driver Jim gave us an extra treat of a narrated tour of Golden Gate Park.

Congratulations to **Charlie & Barbara Brown** who celebrated their 60th anniversary and were presented a special anniversary certificate by our President **Alex Klaus**.

We're also about to enjoy Oktoberfest at Harry's Hofbrau in San Jose. Our hosts **Karen & Bob Devlin** and **Joanne & Dave Saso** have promised an afternoon of good German food, a silent auction, raffle, plus special entertainment by **Darryl Coe** and gute Freundschaft.

We hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving.

We meet **every Friday morning at 8 AM** for breakfast and a short meeting at **Holder's Country Inn** on DeAnza Blvd. in **Cupertino**, across from Home Depot.

Calendar:

October 28 – Halloween Breakfast

December 1 - Ladies Holiday Lunch at Loon Wan Restaurant in Cupertino, hosted by **Joan Dahl**, (408) 996-2161 and **Nancy Walb**, (408) 867-1112.

December 6 - We invite you to join us at our **Christmas Winter Holiday Lunch** at Mariani's Inn & Restaurant in Santa Clara. Hosts are the officers of the South Bay RUAEA. Contact Dave Saso (408) 266-9547.

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I missed another newsletter because we have been traveling in our RV or flying around the country. But I will do my best to update you on what has been going on with the San Joaquiners. I believe this article will be in the November issue.

The September luncheon/meeting was held at The Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs on Thursday, September 8th. The luncheon was hosted by **Bob & Sandy Brooks**. There were 27 people in attendance and as always, the food there was delicious. This is my favorite restaurant and I am so sorry we had to miss this one.

The pass program has been discussed. As yet, nothing official has been sent to employees/retirees for this new program. Everything we know has been through the rumor mill. Also this month, we will be receiving our open enrollment paperwork for medical.

Don Nesja and **Jack Walls** were both not available for the September meeting. **Bob Brooks** ran the meeting for our chapter and **Sandy Brooks** filled in for me and took some notes. Thanks so much to both of you for all your help.

I have some sad news to report - **Doug Daniels** passed away on September 28th, 2011 at the age of 89. I'm sure many of you already know about Doug's passing. Doug has been a long time member of our chapter.

Larry Brinsfield had to have another surgery on his neck on September 9th. He has been having a rough time since he fell last winter at his home. Hopefully by the time you all read this, he will be on the mend and feeling great!

We were happy to see **Bobby & Charlene Wood** at our luncheon in August. Charlene has been ill and has not been able to join us for several months. She fell again at her home and broke the rod in her femur. Now she is waiting for another surgery to correct that problem.

It has been a great summer and we have all been busy travelling and having parties and barbeques with our families and friends. Seems as though summer came and went so quickly and soon the holidays will be upon us. In November, we'll be setting our clocks back an hour and we will have less daylight hours. Hopefully, you will all have a very Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy that turkey that we wait for from year to year.

Our chapter always meets on the second Thursday of each month and we hope you will join us. We have a lot of fun and good food at all the different restaurants in the different towns. If you need any information or if you have any questions, please call our president **Don Nesja** at (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.



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Our September meeting was held on the 12th with 28 in attendance. It was good to welcome back **Hoagy**, **Trudy Engeldinger**, **Liz Griffiths** and **Jan Nichols**. Thanks (again) to **Carol Parks** who brought the American flags and decorations. We all shared our memories of September 11.

The 50/50 was won by **Tracy Blanchard**, and **Rich & Georgia Bouska** received a meal for two contributed by the Sizzler. Big thanks from me (Diane) for **Emma Lou Olson** taking over my Cashier and Food Ordering duties.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO members to attend. We have many different departments participating.

Calendar:

November 14

December 12 – Annual Christmas Party and Toys for Tots

January 9

February 13

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Lazy Days! Just right for running away! That is what 21 North state retirees and spouses did on September 29th for a beautiful picnic at Anderson River Park. Sacramento River was still high and it presented a background of calm and the start of a beautiful fall in the North state. Thank you to **Sharon Simonton** for making the reservation at Anderson Recreation Department. A great picnic was had by all. **Merritt Odor**, President of the Northstaters, represented the group and bought beautiful Tri tips and sausages cooked by Merritt and his crew. Everyone brought a dish and dessert. A great time was had by all.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Jim & Delores Bunton** both celebrated birthdays as well as **Klaren Odor**. **Bill & Sharon Simonton** will be celebrating their 19th anniversary and **Richard & Raejean Skelly** celebrated their 49th anniversary.

Merritt advised the group about an open house at the San Francisco Maintenance Base. The date was October 9th. Four passes were given to each employee/retiree. We would be able to see the jet shop, the Blue Angels, the test cell center and even a car show. Again, discussion took place on next year's pass travel and the fact that EEOC has filed a formal complaint against United for discrimination.

Hal & Phyllis Burdick talked about a new service for gas and electric. They provided handouts and a web site that everyone can look at for a discounted Gas and Electric cost.

Our member profile this month is **Jim Bunton** ~ Jim started his career at United Airlines in SFO in 1960 after attending Reedley College. Jim started as a mechanic and then advanced to inspector in the Turbine Shop from 1964-1967. He left United and went to work for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft as a field representative stationed in Los Angeles at Western Airlines and Continental Airlines in the Engine Maintenance shops. He was transferred back to United at SFO as a service representative where he spent two more years. Jim was then transferred to Air France Engine Maintenance Overhaul shop in Paris, France for two more years. He then went back to United in the SFO Engine shop for Pratt and Whitney and was able to spend an additional four years. Off to Connecticut he went for four more years as a field service desk person. Back and forth he went between Pratt and Whitney in France and United in SFO and finally ended up for United at SFO as a SAMC engine maintenance controller. After five years he retired from that position.

Jim has since spent his time consulting in Scotland for Rolls Royce on the Harris engine and in Brussels at Sabena Airlines in the Engine shop engineering for four summers. He then represented Liebherr (A320 climate control) for a year and a half.

Jim now lives in Corning, California with his lovely wife Delores where he enjoys flying a little 150 Cessna and is active in the local EAA club.

The winner of the 50-50 raffle was **Jim Bunton** and the winner of the \$15.00 lunch gift certificate was **Dick Hooning**. The next meeting/luncheon will be held Dec. 1st at a site to be announced.

Calendar:

December 1 - To be announced.

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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The Mile Highers held their monthly breakfast at the usual “watering hole”, the United Airlines Cafeteria in the Flight Training center. There were 55 retirees, friends and family in attendance.

Good to see **Robert Roebuck** and **Roger Bottomley**. **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** brought their daughter **Dianne Adkins** and their granddaughter **Rachel Adkins**. Come on back!

Tom reported the passing of **Dan Langan** on September 23. Dan worked in EWR, DEN and IAD as a Control Center Manager. It was also mentioned that **Dumitri** of Dimitri’s Restaurant (who many know) is having some challenges. His wife **Pam Palaea** has been diagnosed with the horrible neurological disease (Lou Gehrig’s disease (ALS)). Dumitri worked in CLE and DEN in Customer Service and Reservations, before going into the restaurant business. Pam’s address is 11773 East Pacific Place, Aurora, CO 80014, if you want to send her a card.

Harriet Ahr mentioned that everyone should save their Mile Highers’ address book; new ones will not be printed until next year because of the cost. An update sheet will be available at the Christmas Luncheon to insert in the present book. Thanks, Harriet for keeping up with the addresses, it’s greatly appreciated!

The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings were **Bob Bottomley**, **Charles Hassler** and **Thom Rowland**.

The Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 7, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Select Cherry Creek, 455 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80246. We plan to have a special guest this year, **Ann Plunkett Jackson**. Ann is the daughter of the first President of RUAEA, **Tom Plunkett**; he served from 1975 to 1977. The luncheon price per person is \$19.00, social hour 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Menu: Pear Roasted Salad, Vegetables and Potatoes. Entrées: Grilled Salmon, Herb Roasted Chicken, and Bourbon Glazed Pork Loin. Beverage and Dessert are included. Please make your reservations by November 28, and make your check payable to RUAEA Denver Chapter. Mail it to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211. Be sure and include your entrée choice on your check and if you bring a guest please include their name and entree choice.

Also, don’t forget an unwrapped Christmas present (ages 4 to 8) for Santa’s sleigh ride.

The Mile High Chapter wishes you a happy Thanksgiving

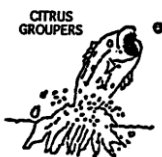
Calendar:

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

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On September 29, we met at the Nancy Lopez Country Club for a lovely luncheon. There were 22 in attendance. President **Don Nellans** led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by **Charles Wirth**’s Treasurers Report citing \$310 in our treasury. **Lydia Wirth** announced the birthdays and anniversaries.

Claus Brinnitzer discussed the dinner and theatre for our Christmas Party on December 15, matinee performance in Hudson, Fl.- cost is \$49.50. Call **Don Nellans** for more information, (352) 861-8486.

Let's not forget our November day trip. Hard Rock Cafe in Tampa, November 3, Meet at WalMart on Hwy. 441 in Lady Lake, at 7:15 a.m. and return 6:00 p.m. \$25.00 covers the bus trip, gambling money, and a food allowance. It will be a great trip.

Marie Oris won the 50/50, congratulations.

September Birthdays: **Gary Green, Barbara Green, Anita Joanni, Mancy Ocampo, Russell O'Hara, Carol Spalding.**

Anniversaries: Mr. & Mrs. **Daniel Solomon** and Mr. & Mrs. **Frank Wood.**

Calendar:

The last Thursday of every month, 11:30-1:30, Nancy Lopez Country Club, 8455 SE 172 Legacy Ln., (352) 753-1475, just South of Hwy. 42, on Buena Vista Blvd. Anyone needing directions or questions answered may contact our President, **Don Nellans**, at nellansdon@aol.com or phone him at (352) 861-8486 as **Joan Brandonisio** is on vacation.



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There were 14 present at our October meeting which included **Amy Brant**, a friend of **Penny Logan** and **Paul Brown**, our Regional Director. President **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting. Notes from absentees were for other meetings, appointments, working, not in the area. The **Gammills** will be back soon from WI. A note from **Nancy & Frank Thomas** letting us know they miss us but are getting settled in CA. Frank complains about the chilly weather there.

Marion Johnson was our Birthday celebrant. **Nelson & Honeylou Funkhouser** were Anniversary celebrants, 59 years together. The 50/50 was won by **Herb Gardner** for the second month in a row. We'll keep a watch on that. **Penny Logan** gave a Treasurer's report. This led to a discussion of how to divide the money to give away to charities. The decision was made to give to Hubbard House which serves cancer patients, Christmas boxes for servicemen run by AmVets, and Children's Miracle Network & the Genesis Fund of MA who helped **Emily Veracka's** granddaughter a great deal through all her physical problems and many operations. There may be a collection of articles needed in both the Hubbard House & AmVet boxes. More information should be available before our next meeting.

There was a discussion started over the new TV program PanAm. Talk began about the "good old days" of flying when it was fun. Talk about flight uniform and different changes in them over the years. Remember those long flights when those great meals were served: Meat sliced before you, steaks, large salad tossed before you, and ice cream bowl and wonderful egg omelets for breakfast and a buffet of snacks during long trips. Ah!

Prez Dick had some funny jokes this month that even **Rick Johnson** laughed at. Our Regional Director **Paul Brown** gave us what information he had of the company, which wasn't too much. No change in the pass policy which remains as is. I read somewhere where it was not so much a merger of UAL but a takeover. Paul mentioned some FL Chapters want to get together in the future as a group and meet somewhere such as The Villages. There was a positive response from Sand"DABS" for this. Prez Dick read some other information he had of the airline industry.

Cruising seems to be the fun vacation these days. **Dick & Frieda Coughlin** will miss our next meeting as they will be on a 7 day cruise to the Caribbean. **Al & Irene Warner** will also be cruising the Caribbean the last part of November. It was a good meeting and lots of fun. We said our good-byes until November.

Calendar:

November 3 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

December 1 - 11:30 - Halifax Yacht Club - (Note the date is 2nd Thursday of December)

THE ORLANDO REAL MCCOYS

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The Real McCoys welcomed back the gallivanting **Llewellyns**. President **Rich** & First Lady **Cathy** were in Ohio to celebrate their 50th with a huge party of all the kids, grand and great-grand kids they have been blessed with by son, Rich, and daughters Tassie and Wendy! Many of their CLE friends from MM/GQ/PV also joined the celebrating!

This month we welcomed **George Gleason** and wife **Liz**, our newest members! And, oh my goodness, **OB & Bonnie Taylor**, **Joe Segarra** and **Bo Bohannon** had lunch with us too. Nice to see all of you again! Couldn't stay away huh!!

November 1st Picnic ~ Cypress Grove Park, 290 W. Holden Avenue, has been reserved from 10am – 5pm. Please come and join us around 11am. We will have the burgers and hot dogs ready to eat **promptly** at 1200. Please bring the dish of your choice to share. As in the past, soft drinks, water, coffee, paper goods and condiments will be provided by the chapter.

The Bonefish Grill, 5463 Gateway Village Circle will again be the location for our Christmas Luncheon, which will be held on Wednesday, December 7th. It was agreed that the price will remain the same, at \$13.00/pp for each member and one guest. Additional guests will pay full price. **Char LeGrand** will be taking reservations and collecting cash and/or checks. So, pack that checkbook or cash stash in with that yummy dessert or casserole you'll be bringing to the picnic! We will be voting on which charities will receive our annual donations at the Christmas Luncheon also. Last year, 60+ folks joined our festive gathering. Let's do it again! RSVP Deadline is December 3rd.

Our October Birthday Guys - **Al Fields** and **Joe Fitak**. Girls - **Lois Fields**, **Betty Davidson**, **Cheryl Vosges**, and **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**. Just one Anniversary this month - **Elaine & Joe Mannella**, celebrating 5 amazing years!

Stan Halterman is checking out some new destinations for next year and welcomes any ideas you might have. Give him a call at (407) 852-6773.

Calendar:

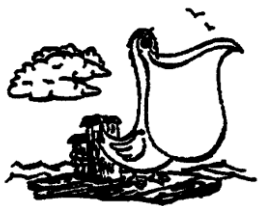
Luncheon - First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Golden Corral, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road

November 1 – Picnic

December 7 – Christmas Lunch at Bonefish Grill

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA PELICAN DROP-INS

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The Pelican Drop-Ins held its monthly meeting on Friday, October 7, at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Ft. Myers at noon. A delicious lunch was served. There were sixteen members in attendance. This was the first regular meeting of the fall schedule.

No outside speaker was scheduled, but two members “filled the bill.” Former flight attendant **Wanda Schmoyer** entertained with stories of experiences during her active years of “flying the Friendly Skies.” **Ed Clarke** talked/updated us regarding the EEOC claim that has been filed. He brought forms for anyone to sign and submit if they have not already sent in a form.

Update on members: **Bibianne Schultz**, widow of **Ron Schultz**, attended. **Maxine Brown** indicated her husband **Roy** had suffered a stroke in July but is recovering. Hopefully he will be able to join us soon.

Former treasurer **Mel Volz** turned over the treasurer responsibility to **Marge Burg**. Mel has served in this position for many years. Election of officers for the year will be held at the November meeting. Annual dues are \$10 and are being collected currently.

The next Pelican Drop-Ins meeting will be held on Friday, November 4, at Sabal Springs.

Calendar

1st 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 12 meeting was attended by 17 members. After a moment of silence for the victims of 9/11, the report for birthdays and anniversaries were reported. Birthdays for the month of September are **Flo Reveillace** (90 years young on 9/11), **Mary Judd** (9/19), **George Urban** (9/20), **Willie Wilkerson** (9/23), **John Riecsc** (9/24), and **Jan Lindstrom** (9/27 & 9/28). Anniversaries for the month are **Ken & Deborah Wilson** (9/3). There were no visitors or guests attending.

The minutes for August meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report for the month of August was read and approved.

Note: We are in need of a Secretary and a Historian/Photographer.

Old Business – **Marty Fitzgerald** traveled to Minnesota for the month of August and will leave for Arizona this month. **Jim & Pat Hottel** traveled to Huntsville, Alabama with no problems even with the hurricane forecasted in the area. They also managed to return to Tampa Airport the same day that lightning had hit the control tower. **Ethel Cargill & Jon Wilkinson** traveled to Seattle and Alaska. In June, **Helen Kocovar** traveled to Vancouver and took Princess Cruises to Alaska. **Dave & Carolyn Lodge** reported that they spent three months in Chicago with the up and down temperatures which at times were reported hotter than Florida.

New Business - Acting President **Bob Lindstrom** reported on UAL news. Discussion was held on the benefits, insurance etc: It was brought to the attention of the members that IHOP would not be available for a meeting on November 7 so dates and times were given and the members approved Monday, November 14th at 11:30.

Membership Committee – **Mary Martin** reported that we have 68 paid members and distributed the new membership lists.

Terri Breslin placed a motion on the floor asking if we could send a donation to the Flight 93 Chapel Memorial. It was made and passed to send them \$250.00. If anyone is interested in sending a donation, write Terri at Pavaoh@verizon.net.

Sunshine Committee – **Terri Breslin** sent a sympathy card to **Bill Linehan** as his brother passed away on 9/5.

2nd Report:

Our meeting for October was held at 11:00 a.m. at Anderson Park. We had attendance of 32 members and 6 guests. Guest were **Judy & John Vento**, **Diane & Kevin Epifanio**, **Gabrielle** and **Samantha Epifanio**.

Anniversaries for the month were reported as follows: **Connie & Don Kuehn** (51 years on 10/8) and **Carolyn & Dave Lodge** (49 years on 10/20).

Birthdays for the month are: **Terri Breslin** on the 10th, **Carolyn Lodge** on the 13th and **Bill Linehan** on the 24th.

After the invocation by **Jim Hottel**, Acting President, **Bob Lindstrom** introduced our speaker **Gabrielle Epifanio**. Gabrielle has spoken to us many times throughout the years on Juvenile Diabetes. She has grown up with the disease and we have followed her progress and the advances. She is now 15 and has grown to be a

beautiful young lady. She is an honor student and very involved in sports. She stated how she juggles between the pump and shots. She is also starting to drive. Her mother is the 2010 Teacher of the Year and her dad is nominated for this year.

The September minutes were read by **Carolyn Lodge** and approved. The Treasurer's report was read by **Jean Linehan** and approved.

Travel ~ **Audrey Kutilek** reported on her trip to Vancouver with no problems. **Beverly Alderdice** reported on her trip by Continental to Hartford, CT and the customer service was very good. **Jorge Griva** told of his travels to Maine. **Patty Carlson** reported of her travels to Omaha, Nebraska.

New Business ~ **Beverly Alderdice** was wondering if anyone has heard how Father Al (who was involved with the Shanksville Memorial) was doing. United stock was at \$18.85 as of October 3rd. **Bob Lindstrom** had **Carolyn Lodge** speak about her involvement with the Susan G. Komen Walk on October 28, 29 & 30th. She stated this was her fourth year as a crew member and explained what it entailed. Bob stated that forms were available if anyone is interested in donating. **Terri Breslin** reported on the Christmas lunch to be held December 5, 2011 at Spartan Manor with the Hudson Middle School Jazz Band for entertainment. Social Hour is 11:00 followed by lunch at noon.

Committee Reports: Membership ~ **Mary Martin** reported that the membership lists was available and there was one correction. The Lodges phone number is (813) 994-7839.

Annual Picnic ~ **Jim Hottel** reported that the cupcakes we have for dessert today are a mixture of regular, chocolate and sugar free.

Sunshine ~ **Terri Breslin** reported that a get well card was sent to **Les Manuel** for shoulder surgery.

Historian/Picture Archives ~ We still need someone to step into this position.

Bob Lindstrom gave us an update on UAL news.

Calendar:

November 14 - IHOP in Trinity at 11:00 a.m. **Note new date for November only.**

December 5 - Christmas Luncheon at Spartan Manor at 11:00 a.m.



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The weather is cooling down somewhat and the rains seem to have stopped but we still managed to have 22 members in attendance along with Thomas from Berlin, our guest for the day. Unfortunately, his sister and niece, who didn't want to get out of the pool, were not able to attend. They have to return to Berlin so time is slipping away for them, and we understood.

Dana, our waiter, was celebrating his birthday so we naturally had to help him celebrate and of course, look at all the baby pictures, since the baby was born last week. The little boy is now in their household, and what an adorable baby he is and weighed in at 7 lbs 7 oz.

Jim Moorehead gave us a terrific lesson on how to list for your flights and find out where you are on the standby list. **Diane Brodis** uses her android phone and could tell where she was on the boarding list 10 minutes before flight departure. I thought cell phones were to speak into but it seems they do a lot more these days, wow what next? Progress is wonderful much of the time.

We spoke about the trip to the Gulf Stream Casino on December 8, it leaves from **Ron & Diane Brodis'** development at 8:45AM sharp, and about ten of the group decided to make the trip, I am still undecided! Anyone that wants to meet us at the Casino is more than welcome, just give a call and we can establish a meeting place.

The 50/50 was won by **Barbara Dodenhoff** and the Progressive was won by **Sharon Kirk**.

October Birthdays are **Michael Carragher** (10/6), **Gordon Mc Court** (10/27), **Luster Smith** (10/18) and where are you Luster?, **Phyllis Vitel** (10/26), **Arnold Lakso** (10/25). Anniversaries are the **McCourts** (10/11) and the **Wetheringtons** (10/29). Best Wishes to all! **Sharon Kirk** will celebrate her birthday November 1.

As usual, lunch and the service were A1 and we look forward to the plans for our Christmas/Holiday Party which is in the making.

As said before, if you want to join us, just come, we would love to have you in our group, you know the time and place and you won't regret it!

Don't forget to get your dues in by no later than December 1, send the check to **Diane Liebisch**.

On The Lighter Side:

- ☺ *A secretary must think like a man, act like a lady, look like a girl and work like a dog!*
- ☺ *The Empire State Building located in the heart of New York City, was constructed between the years of 1930-1931. It is designed to act as a lightning rod and, in fact, gets struck by lightning about 100 times a year.*

Remember to Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking!

Calendar:

November 1 – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting

December 5 – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 6PM Christmas/Holiday Party (in lieu of regular Tuesday, December 6 meeting)

December 8 - Gulf Stream Casino Trip

January 3, 2012 - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting - Happy New Year

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Our luncheon meeting at Broadway Diner on September 7 began at 2PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag. **Fred Cron** gave the Blessing for the food. Thirty seven Flyers and 4 guests, namely **Collen Austin**, daughter of **Sully & Lou Sullivan**; the two daughters of **Lyle & Johanna Myers**, **Tina Myers**, and **Melissa Lane**. Momma Myers is recuperating from right hip replacement surgery. I hope we will see her next year at the Peachtree road race? **Ezra Thompson**, grandson of **Richard & Dyanne Thompson**.

It was great to have **Wormy Bowling** in attendance after her surgery; it was a long road to a healthy recovery. **Ron Gunny** returned to his first meeting after the passing of his wife, she will always be remembered. The Flyers offer condolences to **Kim Schmidt**, **Joyce Blair**, **Fred Cron**, **Mary Owen**, and **Ron Gunny** on the losses of their spouses.

On a happier note, November 12, the Thompsons will have a 50th Anniversary Confirmation of their wedding vows. Many more years to come!

It took a threesome of **Fred**, **Bogie**, and **Ron Gunny** to handle 50/50 drawing which was won by **Wormy Bowling**, \$25.50, and an identical amount into our treasury that **Bruce Brodersen** guards with a tight fist.

Speaking of officers, our yearly election of officers will be shortly coming up. So consider yourself a candidate and let it be known.

Former Flyers **Lois & Elmer Koldorff**'s son Jeff had a cancer operation recently; it was a success, and returning back to health. **Marge Cebula** is still in rehab for the fall at a swimming pool; Stan says her speech is improving. **Kathy Carringer** returns after her surgery, we heard Tony made a good nurse!

As usual, meeting is held the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Broadway Diner 540, Glynn St., Fayetteville, GA

P.S. I apologize if I misspelled anyone's name; my father's handwriting is not the best!

2nd Report:

Thirty One Flyers and two guests were in attendance on October 5, 2011 at The Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA. Our guests were **Tina Myers**, **Lyle & Joanna Myers**' daughter and **Colleen Sullivan**, **Don & Marylou**'s daughter. This is our first Chapter Report since June as we were on break for July and August. Septembers' lunch fell on the seventh so we didn't make the deadline for publication. Quite a bit has happened over the last four months, so we'll be playing catch up for a time. **Don Shelley** led us in the blessing, and **Fred Cron** in the Pledge of Allegiance. The food at the Diner was very good as usual and everyone enjoys the

variety of the 200 plus items on the menu. **Tina Meyers** had a special treat for us, bringing homemade Halloween cookies from home for us to enjoy. There were ghosts and pumpkins nicely decorated with icing.

It was great to see **Mary Owen** back with us once again. **Stan Cebula** has been to the last two lunches and reports that **Marge** is making good but slow progress after her accident, where she fell during exercising. Everyone is hoping for her, a full and speedy recovery.

Joanna Meyers reported she is doing exceptionally well after having had her hip replaced. **Kathy Carringer** reports that her knee replacements are doing well after lots of therapy and getting better every day.

Fred Cron, assisted by **Bogie Wallace**, conducted the 50/50, won by **Marge Cebula**. Stan told us he had gotten a ticket for her and that was the one that won. Way to go Marge. Just goes to show you "winner need not be present to win and collect the prize". We know that will cheer her up.

We are happy to report that **Richard & Dayne Thompson** will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in November, and all the Flyers send our Congratulations and Best Wishes to them, and for many more happy years together.

Bill Elk held a business meeting where members voiced their concerns for what is happening at United along with merger news. **Bruce Brodersen**, our Treasurer, gave a report on the status of our treasury and answered members' questions. He reported receiving a Thank You card from the Promise Place for all the support and donations we provide them through out the year. Our members have traditionally given their time effort and financial help to those in need at the shelter for a number of years now.

On a sadder note, during the past five months, we have had a number of our Flyers pass away and we will remember them in memoriam as follows, **Pat Gunny, Jim Blair, Darby Yeska, Jewel Cron, and Ray Owen**. Our hearts and prayers go out to their family and friends, and they will be remembered and missed by us.

Calendar:

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

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Our October lunch meeting was held at JB's Restaurant in Meridian. Those attending were: **Shirley & Charles Perkins, Ned Yundt, Marlene Croghan, Bob & Palmer Sarnoff, Denny Snyder, and Shirley & Rick Dempsey**. Rick introduced our guest speaker, **Teresa Slagel**, who works at UAL in Boise.

Teresa stated the Fantasy Flight this year would be held on Friday, December 2, with the flight taking off at 9:00 p.m. They will have 100 children ages 6-12 years old. She is looking for donations to help offset the cost of the Fantasy Flight, as well as needing cookies for the children and the party before the flight takes off and people to sponsor gifts for the children. The gifts will be presented to the children from Santa Claus. Each child will have a list of toys and clothes so that the sponsor will know what his/her child needs. Teresa stated they are also looking at the possibility of having an activity center after the children check in for the flight since the flight is late in the evening. She suggested the children make thank you cards to Santa Claus, to the staff at UAL, and to the retirees who provided the children their gifts. It was up to us to decide which activity center we would want to participate in. Rick thanked Teresa for coming and updating us on this year's Fantasy Flight. A memo will be sent next week to all Boise Gem members regarding this event.

Next luncheon meeting will be November 7, 1:30 p.m. at JB's in Meridian. At this meeting, we will have information on our Christmas Luncheon.

Calendar:

November 7 – Luncheon, JB's Restaurant, Meridian, ID, 1:30 p.m.

December 5 – Luncheon, JB's Restaurant, Meridian, ID, 1:30 p.m.

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Feeling low last month and missing the September Northside breakfast, **Mary Szabo** graciously stepped in and collected the news. While she reported there was an overflow crowd, there was not much news to be shared but the place was humming with neighborly conversations.

Pat Ruha and **Mary Szabo** went to Manor Care to visit **Marge Daily**. Unfortunately, Marge remained motionless since her stroke. While visiting Marge, they also visited **Ceil Yates** who was recovering from a fractured pelvis due to a car accident on August 4th. Reports state she is coming along with her therapy. That's good news.

Our condolences to **Gil Wojtal** whose brother died August 23rd at the age of 64.

At the happy news side, **Lorraine & Mort Wax** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 3rd, but they didn't tell us HOW.

I got a call from **Nick Romero**, who is recovering from surgery, with news that he and **Angelina** just celebrated their 69th anniversary. Congratulations and wishes for many more.

Darlene Marsiglia and her husband had a lovely sailing weekend in Door County, Wisconsin.

A lot of Northside members (15 at last count) will be absent from the October breakfast because they're joining our Loonie cousins in Galena, IL. **Carol & Bob Faust** are hosting this time. Details of the trip and tours next month.

Helen Cauwels, our Midwest Director, attended the Memorial on Sunday, September 11th for the crew victims on Flight 93 of United Airlines. CEO and President Jeff Smisek and Sr. Vice President Pete McDonald gave brief speeches and then alternated reading the names of our crew members followed by a moment of silence in their honor. As a reminder, donations are still needed for the Chapel 93 in Pennsylvania which is dedicated to their memory.

Surprise! Surprise? Our Southside breakfast started out slowly because of rain, but little to everyone's surprise ended with a record 24. That number was swelled by new member **Gene Byline** and **Marge Caliendo** bringing her sister and brother-in-law, namely, **Jo & Mario DeGenova**. With 24, we had a raffle with 5 prizes won by **Rich Baltsen**, **Marge Caliendo**, **Carmen Chavez**, **Agnes Pearson** and **Yvonne Halach**. We broke our code of letting new members and guests win.

Agnes & Bob Pearson were surprised to hear they missed **Norm Pearson** (cousin to Bob) the previous month. Ships in the night?

Heading up north to his home state, **Rudy Maki** spent the first part of the Labor Day weekend attending the Minnesota State Fair, checking out the animal barns and exhibits. As this was also his birthday, he spent the balance of the day with his family members. His trip continued on the following September 7th and 8th at the Embassy Suites hotel for his sizzling (he said it, I didn't) 60th Class Reunion. Though he graduated from Hibbing High School, many of the committee members lived in the outskirts of the Twin Cities. The first day was spent at a picnic and the second day was a big dinner with hospitality parties following. He came back raving about how beautifully organized the reunion plans were.

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, (**November 29 & December 27**)

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzzy's Café & Backereia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**November 9 & December 14**)

Food Depository - First Tuesday, every month

December 6 – Christmas Luncheon



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September 21st was a picture perfect 73 degree day in Chicago where 10 retirees gathered for lunch. First time attendees were **Marjorie & Howard Nelson**. **Marjorie** retired from Flight Operations ORDFO after 40+ years. **Helen Cauwels**, our Midwest Director, joined us as well. We all decided this was a good day to visit the latest Chicago tourist attraction of the 26 foot tall sculpture of Marilyn Monroe on Michigan Avenue. As usual, there was a big crowd posing and taking pictures and we joined in and took our own photos.

Marjorie & Howard Nelson celebrated their 50th Anniversary by taking a Mediterranean cruise on the Holland American ms Ryndam. They flew S/A on a Tuesday in late August taking Continental from Chicago to Newark to Frankfurt to Barcelona getting first class from Newark to Frankfurt. The cruise was 11 days visiting 8 different ports. Returning on a Friday in coach seats via Continental was not a problem with excellent service on all segments.

One of our retirees, **Carole Petzold**, has been out of commission because she broke her foot in a freak accident at home which required surgery to insert a screw with recovery time of 4-6 months. You can be in touch with **Carole** at: 1246 Dover Lane, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. She can use some moral support during her long recovery.

There is sad news about: The death of **Flo Tabbitt** as the result of a fatal auto accident on September 15th. **Flo** retired from ORDSW in 1986 after 38 years starting her career at Midway. She became a Flight Attendant then a Supervisor promoted to Operating Chief for Stewardess Service at O'Hare. This lovely lady was admired by all that knew her.

Our next luncheon is scheduled for November 16th 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 15th so the hotel can be notified of the number of guests.

Calendar:

November 16 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State and Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

December – No luncheon scheduled

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Happy Autumn! Although the feel of fall is in the air and the leaves are turning a beautiful tapestry of fall colors, the high temperature today reached the low 80's. I sure wish I could be saying Happy Winter and stating the temps in the 80's ... no such luck! This time of year makes me feel super sad. Indiana has had the strangest weather this year. We went straight from a hard, freezing winter to an extremely hot summer. Hot enough to stay indoors. The past couple weeks, we've had rain and cold temps and now, here we are in the 80's. Hoosiers are saying that this is going to be a super cold and

“snowful” winter. Yes, before anyone points out that “snowful” isn’t actually a word, I have now made it a legal part of my vocabulary.

I hope this newsletter catches everyone in time to say that our November meeting will be held at the IHOP Restaurant and not the previously mentioned Paragon Restaurant. The previous gracious offer made to the Indy Racers for free lunch, a remodeled meeting area and new perks has been rescinded. We hope to see you at our regular meeting and lunch at the IHOP. Our meetings will continue to be held at IHOP through the month of March, 2012. During the upcoming months, our chapter will discuss a change of meeting places or not. We will keep you informed. November’s meeting is known as our Toys 4 Tots gift giving get together as well our chance to enjoy lunch with the adorable Marines who take and deliver our gifts. We ask that any gifts brought be left unwrapped.

The December 3rd Christmas party’s location and time has yet to be determined. We definitely will have a party ... the question is “where”. Since this newsletter goes out in the mail so late, we ask that you call either me at the above phone number or my cell at (317) 750-4727 or **Wanda Bryce** at (317) 821-8862 or her cell at (317) 408-8578 for all the current information. The one thing for sure is the date ... December 3rd!

We had a great turnout at our September meeting and enjoyed seeing all of our friends. Many will be leaving us for the winter months and they will be missed. **Warren & Gail Allen** will be leaving late October for the warmth of their 5th wheel in Alamo, TX but not before going to California to visit her daughter, grandchildren and son-in-law. They are also checking out Las Vegas area for the possibility of finding another “part time” home. **Wanda Bryce** made a brief drive to Florida to bring her grandson back up to Indiana. So many of us seem to be so busy of late and jumping from one place to another that it’s really hard to keep up. I’d like to apologize for not mentioning any upcoming birthdays/anniversaries. I cannot for the life of me find my paperwork. I wonder if this is the onset to senility ... hope not. **Mario Bregante** won the big “50/50 Jackpot” and went home a whole \$26.00 richer. Way to go Mario!

Calendar:

November 8 – IHOP Restaurant, 10143 Rockville Rd. (Route 36) Avon, IN. Room is available from 1:30 P.M. Meeting starts at 3:00 P.M.

December 3 – Christmas Party (No meeting)

January 10 - IHOP

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The Nor’Easters September luncheon was held on board the Odyssey, a luncheon cruise ship plying inner Boston Harbor. On an absolutely perfect day, a small number of our group set sail. The sit down meal was excellent, with four meal choices and plenty of leftovers. It was a treat to watch **Bill Shailor** and **Carol Montalto** do the Calypso, (sitting down of course). We sailed very close to the USS Constitution and Castle Island, both of historical importance during the American Revolutionary War. Also, sailing by the end of one of Logan Airport’s runways, where several planes flew right over our heads. We passed John Henry’s rather large yacht. As owner of the Boston Red Sox, I’m sure he can afford the docking fees at Boston’s historic Rowes Wharf as well as a large live in crew. All in all, it was a very delightful day. The only negative being more Nor’Easters didn’t participate in this fine event.

I sent a thank you email to **Helmut Humbley** for the Pabst Blue Ribbon (my favorite beer) thermo-serve mug he gave me last year. I advised, with this extra hot summer, the mug got serious use. He then sent me a photo email showing me his beer mug collection. It’s impressive, with over 200 items. He says most mugs are a variation of Budweiser brands. Helmut is looking for a “PBR Green Label” mug, anyone out there got one, let me know!

Helmut attended the Tailhook and A-4 Skyhawk convention near Reno NV in early September. He flew standby to SFO and thought it wise to drive a rental the remainder, rather than try NRSA. There were over 4000 Navy and Marine carrier pilots and crews at the Nugget in Sparks. He advised he met many interesting people, some legends in their own time. A guest speaker, Cdr. Paul Galanti, a former POW, jumped in one of Helmut's chutes when he was shot down. Both were in VA-216 aboard the USS Hancock in 1966. Helmut also stopped off in SMF to have lunch with past USS Hancock shipmates.

Two of my grand nieces, sisters, each gave birth to a baby girl. That makes me a great grand uncle, twice! Oh my – I'm getting old!

Skynet's new home page, "Flying Together", is designed to offer easy to get to information, for both UA & CO retirees/employees. I found it easier.

For those of us with computers, there is a relatively new address you should look at, www.theunitedretired.com. It is built by and for UAL retirees. Contained within is info of interest to all retirees, as well as info on a class action law suit concerning retirees' promised benefit of boarding priority. Check it out!

Well, despite the extra warm spring and summer and what looks to be an extra warm fall, this is without a doubt, the rainiest year I can remember here in NH, while parts of our country are in a drought. Perhaps it's time to take global warming serious. Learn how to go green everyone! One of the unexpected benefits is saving money, and that's green!

November's birthdays: **Robert DePippo, Joe Duda and Marcia Kilpatrick.**

November's anniversaries: **Edward & Kathleen Aldorisio** (11 years), **Bruce & Carleen Eddy** (30 years) and **Paul & Mary Ward** (48) years.

Always take life with a grain of salt. Plus a slice of lime and a large shot of tequila!

Calendar:

December 6 - Christmas party at Angelica's, Middleton MA,

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24 Escapees along with our special guest and Midwest Director; **Helen Cauwels**, gathered at the Café Bistro in Nordstroms at the Twelve Oaks Mall, hosted by **Joan Benoit** and **Marge Nicholas**. It was our first time to the café and a very pleasant experience, good food and service, plus our hosts had marshmallow Halloween treats for all. Helen addressed each table separately due to the noisy crowd (mostly us), which made it much more personal to everyone. Speaking of 1st time, we had a couple of first time ever attendees; like Helen, and **Mo (Kennedy), Gabriele**. We also had for the first time this year **Shirley Furdak, Barbara Miller & Carlene Moule** who came with her mom, **Dee Hegle**. Carlene looked wonderful and claimed she has been off oxygen for about 8 months now. This was our most welcome 1st time event ever, as we also welcomed new retirees for the first time, **Kathy Dewey, Sherry & Terry Lee, Pam Shamey** and **Sue Smith**. Yup! A Great Meet. Hopefully they all will make us a habit.

Too many sad times this month as **Marlene Heaney** said her final goodbyes to her mom; **Aletha Melow**, as she joined the angels in heaven and was laid to rest September 9. Our love & Prayers to Marlene and family @ 28160 Tremonte Drive, New Hudson, MI 48165.

Mo Kennedy lost her WWII veteran; **Gabriel** on September 8, as he joined his family in heaven. Mo said it was difficult to let him go but the cancer came back in full force and he did not want to suffer any more. Our love & prayers to Mo @ 2182 Via Del Aqua Cove, Ft. Mohave, AZ 86426.

Lastly, our beloved **Helen McLaughlin** passed away on 9/17/11. She was laid to rest September 24 in AL. This was really a shock as I had talked to Helen a couple weeks earlier and she said she was feeling better than she had in a long time and planned to come north this fall and hoped to visit with us all. I guess the good Lord

wanted her home. Condolences may be sent to **Flornia Singleton** @ 9229 Walden Dr., Van Buren TWP, MI 48111, who was like a daughter to Helen.

Finally, keep in your prayers our Loonie friend **Carol Potter** who I hear is now in hospice. Love & prayers to Don & Carol at this difficult time @ 2541 Belnap Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 and also to **Sam Geiger** who is recovering from foot surgery @ 7576 Whistlewood Dr. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315. Poor Sam has to stay off his foot for 8 weeks. We will miss you all this month in Galena.

Thankfully, I do have a bit of good news, as new retiree **Pam Shamey & Tom** were blessed with their second grandchild. Little Aliva arrived a couple days after Pam retired. I know that is going to keep her busy in her retirement days.

Calendar:

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

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NORTHERN LITES

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We had a good crowd for the September gathering: 41 attended, including a guest of **Lee & Diane Storlie** visiting from California. By the time this is read, however, many of our summer members will have headed back down I-35 to warmer climes. We're just glad they grace us with their presence when they're in the vicinity because we miss 'em when they're gone. We were sooo pleased to have **Gordy & Lou Olson** in attendance. Gordy's near-miss with the Grim Reaper was too close for comfort & we're grateful to see his smiling face.

Our chapter has taken a hit lately with the loss of three of our alumni. Their deaths have all been reported in prior newsletters, but a special moment of silence was observed at the meeting in the memories of **Earl Budahn, Tom Krieger & Sid Walker**.

Well, the intrepid Alaska salmon fishermen were present to relate their experiences in person. **Jim Simon & Rich Glattly**, with some chagrin, told about their week away & the bumps in the road they encountered. **Jim** read his poem about getting locked in the restroom in the SEA airport & **Rich** related the confusion with his lost cell phone & other snafus along the way. The net result, though, was a memorable trip with some very expensive fish in everyone's freezers.

The benefits (or not) of the shingles vaccine came up for discussion. Is it worth the cost? Our honorary Lites, **Tom & Judy Cafilisch**, reported that they'd been a part of the original study done by the VA. From what they later learned, those having had the vaccine in the study were protected completely or had vastly reduced symptoms when exposed to the virus. From their perspective, they thought the shots are well worth the expense.

We were pleased to be able to join in congratulating **Lenny & Ginny Tousignant** on their 48th wedding anniversary. Wow. How could that be? They're way too young to have all those miles under their belts!

I forgot to tell you last month that our good friend, **Jack Doke**, made a surprise visit to MN from his home in FL. He showed up at the annual picnic at Chetek, WI & just about blew everyone away! He looked great & vowed he's *still* "never had a bad day". That was his standard answer to airport customers when they asked him how he was in response to his greeting. We don't get many opportunities to visit with him anymore, so it was a real treat.

Every month, we have a roll-off to see who, of those having birthdays that month, will receive their lunch paid. Well, something happened to **Lee's** birthday list ~ it was missing a name! Of the four members (we thought) with September birthdays, only **Diane Storlie** was present & we assumed that she'd won by default. However, a little voice piped up from across the room & said "My birthday's in September..." **Gladys Hazekamp** got the opportunity to roll the dice, too & won! Well, Lee is good, but we just found out that he's not perfect☺.

A further donation to the Flight 93 Memorial Fund was discussed. The chapter receives requests for more money about every 6-8 weeks from them, so we decided to investigate the fundraiser (if possible) to see just what percentage of the money raised actually goes to the Memorial Fund. A decision will be made at a later date.

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

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What a great trip to Macedonia. Thanks to **Jim & Dorothy Braden** for inviting us to their “little city”. After lunch, we went to the Grist Mill Theater. It is very small but they have put on plays for many years using local talent. They were very lucky to get used seats from the Omaha Playhouse when the playhouse did their remodeling. Then on to the Stempel Bird Collection. All 44 of us certainly enjoyed seeing so many, many stuffed birds in beautiful glass displays. What a sight! You wanted to just reach in and pet one of them - they look so real. I can’t even tell you how many there are, but I do know that many of these birds are 100 years old. There was even a stuffed rabbit and squirrel hiding in the midst of the birds in one display. Quite spectacular! People from all over the world have been to Macedonia to see this unique collection. Then on across the street was the Pioneer Trail Museum. This building houses many of the articles we, as children, remember – well most of anyway!

Stan Taylor, age 90, passed away August 31. A Memorial Service was held on September 7 at the Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. Stan had been in failing health for the past few years; however, **Helen** made sure he attended our luncheons each month. He had been in Hospice for only a few days at the time of his death. He will be missed. Our sympathy to Helen and her family. She and Stan had been married 67 years.

Paul Steuri, age 89, passed away September 3 at Bergan Mercy Hospital. After falling and breaking his leg, they had to put a plate in and apparently that never healed. Consequently, they had to amputate his leg on August 29. In last month’s newsletter, it was stated that he was doing okay; however, things worsened which I was unaware of. A Memorial Service was held at the First Baptist Church in Bellevue on September 9.

Cy Buell, age 95, passed away September 15. His service was held Monday, September 19, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church, 8200 N. 30th Street. Cy still lived alone in his home and in July started having serious health problems.

I received an e-mail from **Hilde (Bennett) Schwan** saying she had to carry a card to get her through the security at airports now as she had total knee replacement on September 9th. All went well and now she has to go through physical therapy.

Calendar:

November 1 - Bohemian Café, hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

December 6 - Christmas Dinner, hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

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ROUNDUP

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There were 23 members at our September meeting and 1 guest. The guest was **Don Withers**, son of **Mary Withers**, and a mechanic with UA in San Francisco.

United News: It appears the CO culture is permeating the new UA as CO management takes over. The new management sees no reason to respond to the retirees. By the end of this year, the flight deck will be paperless, using a special flight deck Ipad weighing 1.5lbs vs. approx. 38lbs of paper. This will save 16 million sheets of

paper and 326,000 gallons of fuel per year. There are several petitions circulating at this time about pass travel and related subjects. At this time, RUAEA is not in support of them, but if you want to join in, feel free to do so. Donna Towle, VP Employee Relations, has written a letter to all of the presidents of the retiree groups indicating the new pass travel policy, as written, will begin in 2012. Continued evaluation will monitor the new program performance. Another survey will be conducted in a few years.

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

Other Industry News: Jet Blue and Hawaiian have joined the ZED fare with UA/CO.

RUAEA: The 2012 convention will be in Washington DC, October 3 – 7, 2012. The hotel will be the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City which is close to Reagan National Airport. The room rate will be \$99.00 per day, which will also be available for 3 days pre- and post- convention. Due to the shortened convention, there will only be one banquet. The hotel will discount their restaurant food by 10%. You can review the hotel at www.crystalcity.hyatt.com. John has extra hotel brochures if you are interested.

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

Calendar:

October – Meeting at Jack's, 7671 S. Virginia St. at 11:30. This is the building that was previously Austin's restaurant.

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There is no chapter report this month as Violet Etler, the Garden Staters correspondent, is ill.

Calendar:

October 26 – Meeting at Snuffy's

November - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

December 14 - Holiday luncheon at Snuffy's.

NEW YORK



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September 14th, 34 Buffalo Chips met at La Bella Sicilia Restaurant & Pizzeria in Cheektowaga, NY for a pizza and wings night including Antipasto, Lasagna, Ziti with marinara sauce with Carrot Cake, Cannoli and Cheesecake for dessert. Everything went off without a hitch and plenty of leftovers were available for the takeout boxes provided. Everyone went home with something.

The meeting turned into a reunion of sorts as a number of really old timers from the Capital/United Buffalo Reservations office appeared. This office closed in 1968-69 and most of this group dropped out of sight. Guests of the evening from the old Reservations office were **Frank Lajakuno, Carol Covelli, Tony & Joanne Tamburello**. **Ginny Decker**, former BUFTO and now Boston, joined us as well as **Frank** (BUFCG) & **Mary**

Ann BUFCS) Palumbo. Frank is retired; Mary Ann is on long term disability status. The final guest of the evening was our granddaughter **Samantha Stevens** from Seattle. Thanks for joining us and come back often.

Cheryl Pelkey has dropped out of sight after selling her home; she has not been answering her phone but some suspect she is at her cottage in Gowanda, NY.

Norm (Butch) Buczkowski has lung cancer and apparently has finished taking chemo and getting ready for a radiation program. **Betty** reports he is very thin but still working part time at the Park Club and trying to play golf when he can. We all wish him the very best and will keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike Keller, driven by son **Paul**, made his annual visit between summers on Lake Ontario and winters in Corpus Christi, a true Snow Bird.

The next get together is planned for the first week in December and will return us to our winter schedule of Lunches. Meeting is currently planned for the Jade Restaurant, Depew, NY.

GUYS AND DOLLS

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Fall is upon us and we welcomed **Ratomir Sunderic** back after the summer at his home in Serbia. He said there was a lot of work to be done due to inclement weather – “hail the size of golf balls.”

Marilyn Cheadle went to a 60th birthday party in Westchester, VA. This was given by the celebrant, **Susan Gallagher**, former Apollo. The attendees were retired UA/Apollo folk, many of whom worked at Rockleigh reservations center. She said it was fabulous and Susan did most of the cooking.

Betty Williams and her husband attended the glittering opening night of the Metropolitan Opera where they rubbed elbows with the likes of Barbara Walters and Henry Kissinger.

Marge Segal happily reported that the UN General Assembly meeting has come to an end. Her apartment is a mere 2 blocks from the locale, so there was the heaviest police presence in history, as well as 5 blocks completely closed off-now normal congestion has returned.

Jeanne Leo and her husband had a wonderful time at a niece's wedding in Iowa which was held on a farm. Weather cooperated and it was beautiful. They flew into Moline instead of Cedar Rapids as the loads were lighter.

Attendees said they've heard from retirees who have flown on CO and all very positive, even getting premium class on International flights.

Guys and Dolls is saddened by the passing of **Jules Schneider** of the New York Metros. Although he led that chapter, he and his wife, **Rose**, often attended our luncheons. He will be missed, our condolences to his family. Also to **Bev Cowan**, retired NYC flight attendant, on the loss of her brother, Oliver.

With earthquakes and hurricanes behind us, we really can't wait to see what the winter has in store for us!

Calendar:

December 6 - 12noon Holiday party - San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal** (212) 355-1788 or **Barb Hill** (212) 799-8061



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What a beautiful day for being outside. Sunny, light breeze, cool crisp air. Our President, **Jim Richardson** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then had us stand in silent prayer for those who have passed on recently, among those were **John Gibbs, Johnston Donovan, Dan Langan, Jim Treacy, Julius Schneider** and those unable to attend due to health or some other issue.

We had 6 members celebrating their birthday this month. They are: **Frank Thompson, Rudy Wolf, Daniel Duran, James Richardson, Kathryn Richardson** and **Marilyn Holdsworth**. We also had 4 couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this month and they are: **James & Kathryn Richardson, Roberta & Nick Manfredo, Geraldine & Peter Korsch** and rounding out the list are **Joan & David Curtin** with 57 years of marriage. Congratulations to all the happy couples.

Elections for President and Secretary were held: **Ed Pozzi** was elected President and **Caroline Manelski** was elected Secretary, both of these positions are two-year terms. Since **Ed Pozzi** was elected to the President post, the Vice-President post is open and **Charles Kaczinski** was elected to fill this position for one year. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks go out to **Jimmy Richardson** for serving as our President for the last six years. Thanks also go to **Madeline Klos** for the job she has performed as Secretary, never missing a deadline for the monthly report sent to RUAEA.

Everyone was asked to think of ways to raise money for our yearly Christmas Donation to the Marathon School - Raffles, Donations, etc. Please present your ideas at the next meeting.

Anyone who knew **Stan Portnoy**, it is reported that he is now living in the land of sunshine in Delray Beach, FL. His address for those who may want to contact him is 15365 Lakes of Delray, Delray Beach, FL, 33484.

For those who still surf the United Employee Intranet, starting this month everything will be under the Flying Together intranet homepage.

The Christmas Luncheon will take place this year at the Milleridge Inn, 1200 Noon on December 7th. For those who were not at the October meeting, please contact **Dee Talachino** at (516) 623-8225, or e-mail at DeeLee62@aol.com, if you plan on attending the Christmas Luncheon.

Calendar:

November 2 - Noon - Mileridge Inn

December 7 - Noon - Mileridge Inn - Christmas Party

January - No Meeting

February 1 - Noon, Milleridge Inn

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Here it is, the first week of October and we are having our monthly luncheon at a German-American Cultural Center and will be enjoying an early Oktoberfest. Our thanks for arranging the luncheon this month go to **Joe & Shirley Moses**. The weather this week has been beautiful and it would have been great if this could have been served outdoors. Gorgeous early fall day!

Our president **Dolly Taucher** opened our meeting and led us in saying Grace before our meal. We had 69+1 member in attendance. Our meals were wonderful; the service was great, from the serving of our salads to the serving of the dessert. It is such a nice place that a number of us stayed to enjoy each others company. It is on our calendar for 2012!

“Happy Birthday” wishes to one and all who celebrate their special day in October. We did have quite a few in attendance this month and they are as follows: **Flo Alexander, Ralph Bruggerman, Dave Cleary, Mary Ann Friedel, Marty Hassel, Len Luffler, Joe Moses, Cathy Pytel, Vic Taylor, and George Werner.** It is a real pleasure to let you all know that **Vic Taylor** is celebrating his 94th birthday!! His daughter, **Nancy Popovich** drove **Vic & Betty** to the meeting and we were all quite happy to have them with us.

We certainly cannot forget the wedding anniversaries in October and wish all who were unable to be at this luncheon the very best wishes from all of us. We did have three couples in attendance: **Bob & Flo Alexander** (55), **Joe & Shirley Moses** (54), and **Leo & Doris Schueler** (51). It is so nice to see all these 50 year+ anniversaries in this crazy world of ours. Enjoy and we wish you all many, many more.

There always seems to be some sad news to pass on, and our thoughts and prayers are with our friends through their health problems. **Marjorie Sandstrom** was planning on being with us, but she fell and broke her ankle. **Sue Tischke** has really been having a tough time and has been in hospital. They now have discovered a large aneurysm in the main artery of her heart and will require surgery. **Lou Gaydos** is also going through a very rough time and has been in and out of the hospital twice since our picnic. Please remember them and their families.

Fifty-fifty Time – **Dave & Marie Placko** have this organized so well! Big Thank You for handling all the money, tickets, etc. This month winners were **Vic & Betty Taylor** and **John Hughes**. Enjoy! Lucky! Lucky! Lucky!

**Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see.*

Calendar:

November 2 - Carrie Cerinos Ristorante, hosted by **Dave & Marie Placko**. Prepaid – Deadline October 20th. Gathering at 11:30, serving at 12:30

December 7 - Williams On The Lake, Medina, hosted by **Earl & Arlene Taylor**. Deadline – November 26th. Buffet, doors open 12:00 noon, serving 12:30pm

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There were 70 members at our September meeting. **Dennis Scheuerell** has asked that I provide this information each month since so many other chapters do so. The beautiful dahlias on the table were from the garden of **Gene King** and were arranged by **Kathy Russell**. The candy was supplied by **Nadine Holten**. Our speaker was Mark Noonan from Elders in Action. He explained to the group how this organization works with the elderly in our area to help them with senior related problems.

In news pertaining to the chapter, a vote was taken to change our By-laws to add Continental Airlines to Article VI, Section 1 making them eligible for membership in our chapter. We also welcomed a new member **Emily Pittman-Newberry**.

Winners for a free lunch were as follows: Door prize - **Ed Rommel**, Men's Birthday - **Charlie Stemper**, Women's Birthday - **Frieda Marley**, Anniversary - **Bill & Sam French** (41 years) and 50/50 - **Bruce DeFord**. The table decorations were given away as door prizes.

John Donaldson announced that **Joe Alff** and **Clifford Blare**, along with **Nadine Holten** will run for the two Director positions opening up in January 2012. The voting will take place at the October meeting.

On a happy note, **Chuck & Marylou Falbo** recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on September 1st, 1951 in Kenton, OR. Their friends **Dick & Frieda Marley** hosted a dinner for them with family and friends. Chuck and Dick both retired from PDXMM.

I am sorry to report that **Tom Harvey** (PDXCS) died on May 27, 2011. It was only in the past two weeks that **Paul Russell** learned of his death. Tom was a friend to so many people, worked at the PDX airport as an information guide and at one time was a NW Regional Director for RUAEA. He leaves a son Scott and family

in California. It also came to our attention that **Rosemary Brawner** (PDXCS) had a stroke and died on September 20th. I have no other information. Our condolences go out to their families.

On August 9, **Patti Cox-Hollosy** and **Veulah Lorts** were driving to the Oregon coast for a few days and were involved in an automobile accident. Veulah was life flighted to OHSU hospital with broken ribs, punctured lung and head injuries. Patti suffered less severe injuries but was hospitalized with two fractured ribs and a sternum fracture. Patti came to our meeting to tell us of the accident. Veulah has just recently returned home from a rehabilitation center.

This has been a month for some serious illnesses. **Cindy Passannate** recently received a kidney transplant and there have been complications resulting in further surgery. She is expected to return home from the hospital sometime the week of October 9th. Please send get well cards to her at 12675 SE Hacienda Dr., Boring, OR 97089. **Tommie Walker** was having severe back pain and the doctors found he had three broken vertebrae in his back. Fortunately, after doing an MRI, it was determined he has multiple myeloma (spinal cancer) and has undergone radiation and is now receiving chemotherapy. His home address is 920 SE 166 Pl., Portland, OR 97233.

Merle Pitman who has been suffering from cancer of the jaw recently had dental surgery to remove all of his teeth and is expected to receive new dentures sometime this month. **Lois Pitman** is receiving treatment for a leaky heart valve. **Jack Harper** fell and cracked two ribs but I understand **Cora** is taking good care of him.

The holidays are almost here. Please bring baked goods on November 9th to our Thanksgiving luncheon. It is a great time to sample all the wonderful goodies brought by our members. The Dew-er's Board of Directors will be meeting this month to make decisions about our Christmas luncheon in December.

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 122nd Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM.

November 9 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

December 14 - Christmas Luncheon and Party

January 11, 2012 – Social

OUR CLUB

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Twenty OUR Club members gathered at the home of **Steve & Cyndi Austin** on September 9 for the annual picnic. It was great fun and Steve & Cyndi were the ultimate hosts. In addition to graciously welcoming all of us to their home and large patio, Steve grilled tri tip roasts and chicken and Cyndi prepared a tomato/basil dish fresh from their garden. The side dishes were catered. Despite temperatures that crept into the upper 90s, the shaded patio and large mister fans kept us comfortable. A few members were caught, however, competing for space in front of the misters.

Appropriately enough, **Steve & Cyndi Austin** won the 50/50 drawing. Beautiful fall mums that Cyndi provided were claimed by **Linda Althouse, Jim & Jane Frincke, Jim & Sue Mattos, Steve & Sue Osborn** and **Bob Rogers**. We had an open-armed welcome back for **Ric & Gidget Walcha** after Gidget's spinal surgery.

Acting president **Neal Appleton** conducted OUR Club's quarterly business meeting. Nominations were made for 2012 officers. Secretary **Sue Osborn's** June 2011 minutes were approved as written and **Jane Frincke** read the treasurer's report in the absence of treasurer **Alberta Randall**. One of the primary topics of discussion was the new pass travel policy that is proposed to go into effect in 2012.

The October luncheon was held on October 7 at Tin Tin Chinese Restaurant in Medford with **Sue & Steve Osborn** hosting. Again, 20 attended and were treated to a festive Halloween themed Chinese lunch. Sue had crafted candy-filled, embellished coffins and witches hats to be raffled after the 50/50 drawing, and she & Steve

also provided trick-or-treat bags filled with edible goodies for each person. **Jim & Elaine Ellis** held the winning ticket for the 50/50.

Calendar:

November 4 - Doe Pope, Taprock Northwest Grill

December 2 - Jim & Jane Frincke, Holiday Party, Taprock Evergreen Room

January 6, 2012 - TBA

PENNSYLVANIA



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Our president **Joe Bradley** and his wife **Gail**, along with **Frank & Marge Eggles** attended the 9/11 memorial service in Shanksville, PA. On 9/11/2011, the United Memorial service took place at the chapel. Fr. Alphose Mascherino was presented with a plaque by a stewardess with a piece of the downed aircraft embedded in it to be displayed in the chapel. He has worked extremely hard and long to get the chapel built. The UAL representatives from EXO donated an engraved galley cart to be displayed at the chapel site. **Joe Bradley** and **Frank Eggles** were given an opportunity to speak at the service. Many thanks to Frank and Joe for their diligence and dedication to the cause of the chapel.

Our September meeting was held on the 13th. We held our own memorial service for flight 93. We followed the agenda used on September 10th at Shanksville.

Vice President Joseph Biden was one of the speakers. A quote from his mother resonated with the listeners. She often said to Joe when he was growing up, "*Courage lies in every heart and some day it may be summoned.*" The day came when courage was summoned and the passengers and crew took up the challenge.

Pat Lyons won the free lunch; **Joe Fanno** won the 50-50.

Our sick list includes: **Alan Edwards**, recovering from back surgery; **Dee Burrs**, recovering from knee replacement, she wore out the old one! **Betty Pyle** had a pacemaker inserted. **Leo Neelan** is undergoing treatments of chemotherapy

Congratulations to **Tom & Pat Lyons** on their 50th wedding anniversary on October 30.

We are selling Chapel photo magnets for \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. All proceeds are mailed to the chapel fund.

Calendar:

October 24 - 3pm prepare and serve dinner at the Ronald McDonald house in Wilmington, Del. We need more volunteers as some of our past volunteers have health issues. Come out and help!

November 14 - 12:30 pm luncheon at the Ramada Inn, Essington

December 12 – Noon, our Christmas luncheon and silent auction at the Ramada Inn, Essington. The price is \$20.00 and must be paid in advance. Start making your items for the auction now. Bring a filled shoebox for our veterans in Coatesville.

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On September 30, 38 members attended our Fall Luncheon at J. W. Halls. We couldn't get the members to take their seats as everyone wanted to socialize. **Carl Chiocchi** led us in prayer. The room got quiet as the food was served. As usual, the food was excellent. It was very nice to see **Dee & Carl Chiocchi**, they have missed

the last couple luncheons. **Ed Ike** attended without his wife **Kay**. Kay is still having some health issues. Ed & Kay will be leaving us soon. Once they sell their house, they will move to Boynton Beach, FL to be near family. They will be missed; you can always count on them to be at the luncheons. Another regular, **Ruth Redfern** was absent as she was attending a quilting bee in Mercer, PA. She is an avid quilter and throughout the year has made numerous quilts, giving them to her children and grandchildren. I think I will ask Ruth to adopt me, perhaps then I will get a quilt. **Lorraine Keith** went to her granddaughters wedding. **Barb Seaholm** has started her cardio rehab and is doing well. Other regular no shows, **Barb & Rich Guida**, and **Diane & Jim Weber**. **Bernie Juth** ran the 50/50 and the big winner of \$50.00 was **Bill Redfern**. Door prizes were won by **Bernie Juth**, **Rosemarie Lavelle**, **Pat Lavelle**, **Cathy Matteson**, **Carl Chiochi** and yours truly. **Bill Redfern** offered to take the bags of groceries and \$80.00 collected from the members to the West Hills Food Bank.

Our president **Jeri Juth** held a brief business meeting. The new company and the retirees travel policy is still being discussed. Jeri asked the members to give their ideas of different restaurants where we can hold our luncheons. Vice-president **Cathy Matteson** mentioned the convention in Washington D.C. in 2012. She is going to check on train service and wanted a show of hands who would be interested in taking the train. Quite a few were interested. Cathy also suggested going to the Rivers Casino, once again. There was a big applause, so I guess that means the group wants to go. **Betty Musko** gave us the update about The Young Women's Breast Cancer Events that will be held for the rest of the year. The new owners of J. W. Hall's, Mr. & Mrs. **Jeff Belsky**, made an appearance. They were both former long time employees with that other airline US Airways. He welcomed us and hopes that we will continue to support his restaurant with family and friends.

Happy birthday to our Scorpios, **Hank Cianciosi** (11/2), **Rosemarie Lavelle** (11/5) and **Karen Moliterno** (11/15).

You will be receiving in the mail your reservation form for our Christmas luncheon, December 2 at the Fez. At this time, you can include your 2012 dues with your reservations. Let's all try to attend; it's always a fun time. We never had a luncheon at the Fez, but they receive good reviews on their food and service.

Calendar:

December 2 – Christmas Luncheon, the Fez

December 9 - Golden Girls Luncheon, Felicity Farms

UTAH



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Our last SLC chapter newsletter told of our new presidency that was elected at our summer picnic, and a thank-you was given to our out-going officers. I just want to offer another big thank-you to our chapter secretary, **Brigitte Murdock**, who wrote the August newsletter and modestly left off her name. She has served as secretary for as long as I know and has done such a tremendous job of it ... thanks, Brigitte; I know you're only a phone call away!

I am **Laraine Jordan Darby**, the newly elected secretary. As an introduction: I was hired by UAL in 1962 as a stewardess/flight attendant, was trained in Chicago, and was domiciled in SFO. For a short period, I transferred to DEN and, eventually, returned to SFO. During my 8 years with UAL, I also served in DTWRR, then in Toledo at the airport ticket counter. I transferred to SLCCS to work as a ticket agent. A transfer became available to LASRR, which gave me the opportunity to work in their CTO.

While working at the Sahara Hotel, I won the LAS Interline Beauty Contest and was able to represent UAL in the International Beauty Contest in MIA; there, I was third runner-up to Miss Germany Internationally. All this was so long ago - but to me, at that time, it was very exciting. Shortly afterward, I quit to get married and start a family. My second husband, **Dave Darby** – a TWA pilot – also worked during those same years; however, we met only later in life and have a blended family of 8 children. That's enough about me.

I hope to highlight different members of our chapter in upcoming newsletters!

Our this month's get-together was very nice: 23 of us met at the *Totem's Café*, located at 538 S. Redwood Rd., SLC. A brief downpour of rain caught many by surprise, but we enjoyed the Café's country atmosphere as well as each other's company.

Our new president **Rich Papworth (Pappy)** greeted everyone and stated that we would not be holding our November Coffee Time and that our next get-together would be early in December for our Christmas party, which is in the planning stages. It is necessary for us to find a new location to hold our annual party; therefore, the new presidency will meet next week to check out the *Apple Spice Junction* at 6620 South 9th East, SLC. **Rich Papworth, Loralynn Brady (VP), Bob Turgeon (Treas.), and Laraine J. Darby** will be at this planning meeting. The next meeting places/dates will be announced as soon as they have been worked out and finalized.

As the leaves turn to brilliant colors here in the Wasatch Mountains and SLC valley, and the temperatures begin to change, we hope everyone is enjoying good health and prosperity. We feel so grateful to be living in such a beautiful place and to have each other to share it with. Until next time, reach out to those in need. Love to all.

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



September's gathering of the Emerald City Slickers is the latest on which we can report. (Is this what they call "living in the past?") As always, Fairwood Golf and Country Club staff pleasantly and efficiently served a delicious lunch, and we enjoyed socializing and sharing summer experiences. We all appreciated the information presented during the business meeting, well-handled by our local officers.

Before recognizing **Bob Brumfield's** 16 years of service to the Travel Service and introducing **Kathie Torgison**, the new manager, Secretary **Rita Reynolds** mentioned that she was able to open the Travel Desk with the help of President **Frank McAnulty**, when she was still working for him back in 1995. **Liz Cairns** was instrumental in setting up the project but was unable to continue as manager. That's when knowledgeable **Bob** stepped up. He has been the "go to" man, both locally and nationally as far as pass travel was concerned and undoubtedly is familiar to many of you who have taken advantage of services offered by the Travel Desk and through **Bob's** frequent articles in this newsletter. Following the successful establishment of the Seattle location, a second Retiree Travel Desk was organized in Portland at PDX and a third more recently in Chicago.

All these well-informed retirees were able to expand our knowledge of upcoming pass travel changes and revisions. **Kathie** announced new procedures for listing with Continental, American Airlines, Jet Blue, Hawaiian and Frontier (currently-held paper tickets on these two airlines expire in 2011), and British. **Kathie** also explained that the Apollo and FastAIR reservations systems we're used to have become a thing of the past, and we're taking steps backward in favor of the less sophisticated, harder-to-use, slower, more confusing and certainly less user-friendly Continental SHARES system, the considered opinion of those familiar with these systems, including Continental employees..

If you're local to the Seattle area, it is preferred that you use the (206) 433-4218 telephone number to reach the Seattle Travel Desk. It costs RUAEA money each time we access the toll-free 888 number (see important numbers in this issue). **Randy Greseth** and **Rich Holmquist** are additional volunteers at the Seattle Retirees' Travel Desk.

Ken Storey described a tour he put together last spring to lead a group of eight to Croatia with special mention of Dubrovnik's charms. He and **Judy** work with Grand Circle Tours out of Boston. **Frank McAnulty** and **Fran** enjoyed a 21-day cruise to Scotland, Iceland, and the Polar Ice Cap. They had an especially memorable first class flight home from Edinburgh on Continental.

Seattle retirees always are in a giving/winning mood. Each month we fill a table with books and magazines we have read and want to share with others, while keeping our eyes open in the hope of spotting a tome authored by one of our own favorites. After the meeting, **Chuck & Dona Westphahl** collect materials that haven't moved on to somebody else's library and deliver them to a Seattle hospital. If you've ever been starved for reading material in a medical waiting room, you know how much fresh publications are appreciated. Books

borrowed by chapter members are likely to be returned within the next couple months to give other readers a chance to peruse them.

A ticket for the door prize drawing is given to each attendee at the door with the donated prizes themselves displayed on a front table. To make compiling the names of winners easier, everyone now is asked to write his/her name on the back of his ticket. The first attempt at using this method, as directed by Vice President **Phyllis Bowman**, proved extremely useful to those of us who need to know such things. Prizes, themselves, donated by members, sometimes can be varied and clever. Bottles of wine remain the most numerous and popular gift, but other items might cause a winner to think twice or three times before choosing a bottle. Cans of salted nuts, packages of specialty cookies, Starbucks gift cards and admission to local attractions are some of the usual choices. A huge bouquet of freshly cut flowers took center stage in September.

September door prize winners included **Phil Andersen, Paul Burton, Casey Casanova, Dick Clement, Bud Dice, Fred Frye, Judy Higley, Gay Liesse, Mary Luke, Anita Malco, Katherine McKinnon, Ted Parks, Syd Reynolds, Helen Stanger, Judy Storey, and Ken Storey.**

Attendees purchase raffle tickets for a 50/50 drawing, awarded after the door prizes have been distributed. Half the proceeds are deposited in the healthy chapter treasury with the other half going to the winner who, at the September meeting, was **Anita Malco**. Twice a year, the chapter portion of the winnings is donated to the Retirees' Travel Desk, located in the Air Cargo Building at SEATAC.

Observing birthdays and anniversaries of members in attendance at monthly luncheons always is a pleasure. It would be great to be able to congratulate in person **all** the folks with special dates on their calendars, but instead we rely on the chapter and national newsletters. Only two Emerald City Slicker couples observe anniversaries in November. **Phil** (SEACG) and **Mary Ann Andersen** celebrate 49 years in 2011. Big one coming up next year! **Ernie & Marlene Nelson** (our Sunshine Lady) already have passed a couple significant numbers. They reach 62 years of wedded bliss this month.

With true fall symbols of yellow topaz for a birthstone and the chrysanthemum for their flower, our November birthday honorees are **JoAnn Bernovich, Doug Christenson, Adelaide Haferbecker, Marlene Nelson, Sidney Reynolds, Jim Small** (SEARR), and **Jackie Stenger**.

Gay Liesse thanks all those Seattle retirees who sent well wishes following her extensive back surgery.

Notice has been received of the death of **Matt Stilman**. Though more recently employed at another station, **Matt** once worked under **Ernie Nelson** at SEAGQ. Condolences to his family and friends.

Calendar:

November 8 – Luncheon meeting, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton

December – No Meeting

January 10, 2012 – Luncheon meeting, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton

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In July, we had our meeting at a restaurant in Coeur D'Alene called Bardenay. It sits on a large pond with water shooting up in the air. It was a hot day and we sat out on the back deck, we only had one large umbrella and it didn't keep us cool. There were only eleven of us, but we had fun.

We didn't have a meeting in August. We had a meeting at the Thai Bamboo restaurant in Spokane. There were about 15 this time and they had an open house and had dancers and 4 of us stayed and watched. It was very entertaining.

I would like to advise anyone who has children, grandchildren or great grandchildren to be sure their children have helmets on whenever they are using bicycle or skate boards. My grandson was on his bicycle, crossing the road and a truck pulling a trailer came over the hill and didn't see him in time and hit him. He was lucky as he had on his helmet and the doctor said if he hadn't, he wouldn't be alive today. He was in the hospital for about a month. He had a small concussion and a cut on his forehead and it took 10 stitches. Then they found later that he had a large fracture on his right leg and they put a cast from his hip to toes. He is now home and everything is going well. He started first grade this year. I never thought it would be my kid, so remember to put your kids' helmet on whether they want it or not. It could be your grand child at any time.

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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

After a blistering hot summer, the Washington, DC area is finally enjoying cooler weather. July 2011 was the warmest on record and we had more days over 90° than any other July's on record.

August was exciting as we had an earthquake on August 23rd that measured 5.8 on the Richter scale. Luckily, there was little damage in the Washington area, but the epicenter was the town of Mineral in Louisa County and they sustained serious damage.

The Washington Monument suffered some damage and it is currently closed to visitors while an inspection is taking place. We are advised that repairs will be made this winter and more details will follow at a later date.

Four days after the earthquake, Hurricane Irene arrived and we were treated to heavy rainfall and high winds for three days. Uprooted trees and downed power lines made for treacherous driving conditions. The flooding in the low lying areas made for tough times for some residents, with some homes lifted off their foundations.

The Dulles Loungers met on September 14 at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA and a crowd of about 60 enjoyed seeing old friends and colleagues after the long summer break. Our President **Linda Scriven** was ill with the flu so we did not have our regular program.

The first meeting of the 2012 Convention Committee took place on September 25th at the Hyatt Regency, Arlington VA. This is the host hotel for Convention 2012. The meeting was chaired by **Marilyn Marcy**, Convention Chairperson and was of an exploratory nature. We look forward to seeing you October 3-7, 2012. Come and enjoy the beautiful sights of the Nation's Capital at their best, in the fall season.

Calendar:

November 16 - 12 noon at Golden Corral Restaurant 10801 Bulloch Dr, Manassas VA

December 1 - 1130am, DCARR/IADRR Annual Res Reunion Lunch at J. Gilberts Restaurant, 6930 Old dominion Drive, McLean, VA 22101. RSVP to **Lucy Chatelain**, (703) 893 9030.

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Written by Barbara Fisk Vincent, National President, Clipped Wings®

"September 11, 2001, morning: Four commercial airliners are hijacked by Al Qaeda terrorists in a planned attack against the United States. Two are flown into the World Trade Center's twin towers in New York City. A third is flown into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. A fourth plane, United Flight 93, a Boeing 757 bound from Newark, New Jersey for San Francisco, California, is delayed for 25 minutes before its scheduled takeoff. After 46 minutes flying, when over eastern Ohio, hijackers in first class attack at 9:28 am, incapacitating the captain and first officer. Hijackers turn Flight 93 southeast, headed for Washington, D.C., most likely the U.S. Capitol. Just before 10 am the plane is seen flying low and erratically over southwestern Pennsylvania. At 10:03 it crashes, upside-down, at 563 miles per hour in this Somerset County field. There are no survivors. All 33 passengers, seven crew and four hijackers are killed."

Flight 93 National Memorial Pennsylvania ~ These horrific events continue to draw us together to remember and honor the heroes that were exposed that awful day. May we never forget the passion of the patriotism that was ignited through the brave and courageous reactions of the Americans.

The Tenth Anniversary of the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 brought over 100 Clipped Wings members and friends together in the Pennsylvania country side for the Flight 93 National Memorial dedication ceremony, the Tenth Commemorative Service at the national site, and the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel Anniversary Service.

We are truly a caring, sensitive and unique group. I am so proud that Clipped Wings® was so well represented by so many of us from all over the country. It was a personal emotional journey for each of us. We all process these events in our own way and in our own time. There was a certain comfort in experiencing all of this with people who understand. I will always remember being so grateful to be in the company of my friends as it was announced when each airplane crashed that terrible day. The impact of the announcements and moments of silence at the Memorial site created the same chilling fear as I had ten years ago.

There are two different memorial sites for United Airlines Flight 93. The flight 93 National Memorial is at the impact site and operated by the National Park Service, a division of the U.S. Department of the Interior. We attended two services at that location. On Saturday, September 10, 2011, the Dedication of the Flight 93 National Memorial featured an impressive list of speakers. President George Bush, President Bill Clinton and Vice President Joe Biden all emphasized the actions of the 40 passengers and crew as heroes as the first act in the war against terrorism. After the service, these men personally visited with the family members at the base of the beautiful Wall of Names as they viewed it for the first time.

The Tenth Commemorative Service was held at the National Memorial site on Sunday, September 11th. All Clipped Wings® members, EWR Flight Attendants, American Flight attendants were seated together. Family members personally announced each of the 40 names of those who perished, followed by the ringing of the Remembrance Bells. Sharing this day with the families is a bond that we all cherish.

The second memorial site is about three miles away from the crash site on a tiny country road lined with old wooden farm houses and corn fields. The Flight 93 Memorial Chapel is housed in an old one-room church building that was originally purchased by Bishop Alphonse Mascherino, familiarly known as Father Al, with his life savings in early 2002. Private donations of money, supplies and memorabilia have given this memorial a personal feeling. United Airlines EWR Flight Attendants have donated a beautiful monument for the garden among other things to support the existence of this Chapel of remembrance. Clipped Wings sent a \$4000 donation to the Memorial Chapel last month. There are plans for a future new chapel building to be erected on a yet undetermined site.

Father Al invited us to a special service at the Memorial Chapel on Sunday afternoon. He arranged for the 100 EWR Flight Attendants and the almost 100 Clipped Wings members and friends to have preferred seating. Pat Morris (EWR) hosted the service, Father Al presided, and the delightfully professional North Star Kids Chorus entertained us all with heartfelt musical arrangements. As they, in turn, gave us a few personal insights about each of the 40 people on Flight 93, we felt closer to the lives represented there than ever before.

As the President of Clipped Wings, I gave a few personal thoughts of the day at the chapel: "It is so humbling to be here in this peaceful place. I am in awe of the 40 courageous people who have brought us all together. As the National President, I am honored to represent Clipped Wings. We are a group of over 1200 current and former United Airlines flight attendants throughout the country. As part of the United family we share this loss. I speak for all Clipped Wings members as I give you our message of love and support to the memories of the crew and passengers of United Airlines Flight 93. We all are truly blessed to know Father Al. For his spirit and dedication to this Chapel of Remembrance - and all that it stands for - We thank you."

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Retiree – **Canfield, Henry M, (Hank)**, on 9/4/11, his 98th birthday, EWRPM, father of Ellen Ellis, Bette Warner and Roger Canfield, 1010 East Maple Avenue, Sterling, VA 20164-3213

Retiree – **Gavula, Myron**, on 1/28/11, ABEOZ, brother of Betty Cowles, 345 Russell Ave., Williamsport PA 17701

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July 2011 SkyNet Listing

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Brown, Carol B., FLLOZ 04/18/11

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Buechin, Michael J., HDQLZ 07/04/11
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Compson, Harry E., OPBCM 07/07/11
Cooper, Harlan D., DENPV 07/24/11
Cox, Al V., SEASR 07/19/11
Davis, Tommy, ORDDFF 07/03/11
Del Pino, Ricardo G., LAXFF 07/27/11
Ditzler, Beulah L., DENHH 07/23/11
Galles, Edward E., LAXFF 07/27/11
Gardner, John D., SEAFO 07/05/11
Glor, Donald W., SFOOV 05/19/11
Goehring, Gerald R., SFOEP 07/29/11
Harrison, Duane H., SFOFO 07/22/11
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Mochinal, Jo Ann A., IADCS 07/11/11
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O'Neil, Philip J., SFOJJ 07/10/11
Pereira, Shoko Manzen, LAXSW 07/11/11
Piechowiak, Florence M., BUFSS 07/29/11
Quinn, Francis C., SFOPD 07/24/11
Reid, Jean H., LASOZ 07/29/11
Rodriguez, John A., SFOBL 07/22/11
Ross, Norma H., SFOSW 07/03/11
Russell, Sara A., IADCS 07/06/11
Schnedler, Charles L., SFOSH 07/03/11
Schultz, Ronald E., ORDPV 07/14/11
Seyfried Jr., William J., SFOFO 07/01/11
Smith, Jeanne C., SFORR 07/20/11
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LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

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.

Martha Gooselaw
Letters Editor

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

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

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I am getting there in years, I guess (just turned 83) but feel lucky. I can still get around pretty normally; even though hikes to such places as the top of Yosemite Falls and world-wide sojourns are now just pictures and memories. I look forward each month to the newsletter online version, where I can pick and choose items of most interest to me. I particularly enjoy reading letters from retirees, which give a personal touch to the newsletter. It sure would be interesting to see photos of today's SFO Operations Planning Center to see the changes from when I worked there until '87. Thanks for all your work and keep 'em coming.

Joseph Coco, 257 Antofagasta St., Punta Gorda, FL 33983

Everyone connected with our RUAEA Newsletter should be extremely proud of the excellent edition produced each month.

After 22 years active time and 23 years as a retiree, I have only one suggestion to make, that to me would be a most helpful improvement. Is there any way to include the names of those pictured in the great shots taken of the attendees at the annual convention? Most of us have changed a little since we retired. I for one can't seem to put names to faces in many of the shots. Many times I don't even recognize co-workers that I haven't seen in 25 or 30 years or more.

I am sure the photo lab or who ever is taking the pictures these days could easily get the releases and names of those who agreed to have their pictures taken.

To me, that would make an already great newsletter, even better. These old eyes are not what they used to be. Even if you can't add the names keep up the great work on what is probably a thankless job.

Joe B. Harris, 703 Atlantic Ave. Apt 243, Alameda, CA 94501-2189

My football years in high school were 1945 to 1946, at Charlton Pollard High School. Our high school team was called the Bulldogs. I played wide receiver on the football team.

Our practice field was the park on Gladys and Mariposa. We played in an open field in a park near the fair grounds. The city bus gave tokens to all school children to ride the bus to and from school five days a week. The high school ball players got an extra token to ride home after practice.

One weekend our school played one of the so called toughest high school teams, and won. I did not play that weekend as I had missed practice.

Our coach, Mr. Warren said it was a surprise that our team won without me playing wide receiver. When I played under Coach Warren, I could hear the school calling my name in every game. That gave me courage to run faster for a touchdown with the ball in my hands.

There were always too many students who wanted to play football; so I was always ready to play.

Forrest (Gael) Morris, 707 Glenridge Rd., Charleston, WV 25304

The 31st annual reunion of 1979 UAL CRW Retirees Group was held September 23 and 24, 2011 in Charleston, WV. Friday night's get together and dinner was hosted by **Deanie Jackson**, widow of **George W. Jackson, Jr.**, who was CRW's City Manager, Sales and Operations, in 1979 when United Airlines closed its Charleston, WV station, and Saturday night's banquet was held at Fazio's Italian Restaurant in Charleston. **Bill Beck**, **Jack Cavern** and **Bob Taylor** were the Station's Supervisors when it closed. **Alan Fields** is current President of the 1979 UAL CRW Retirees Group. **Betty Lambert** has served as its Secretary-Treasurer since 1979 and has been the glue that has kept the Group together and the reunions going. A reunion has been held every fall since 1980 except for the year 2001. They have been held in several states but most have been held in cities where a former CRW employee transferred or currently lives. Attendance has declined a little through the years, but the reunions go on.

Attending this year's reunion were **Tom & Patty Brown** of Tampa, FL, their son **Steve Brown** of Charleston, **Alan & Lois Fields** of Orlando, FL, **Jane Huey** of Scott Depot, WV, **Jeff & Debbie Jackson** of Winfield, WV, **Carl Lipscomb** of Elkview, WV, **Phil & Gerry Shannon** of Colcord, WV, and their son **Marc Shannon**, of Midland, TX, **Larry & Marcy Smith** of La Vergne, TN, **Betty Strickland**, widow of **French Strickland** (Chicago Dispatch), of Front Royal, VA, and her daughters **Valerie Raistrick** of Front Royal, VA, and **Patsy Buck** of Manassas, VA, Jack & Jane Tenney of Greensburg, PA, Ken & Karen Zemerick of Smithville, MO, **Charlie Parsons** of Clendenin, WV, **Grant Stricklen** of Elkview, WV, **Roy Wood** of Valley Head, WV, and **Mike & Linda Davis**, **Ruth Diller**, **Bob & Wilma Graham**, **Betty Lambert**, **Forrest (Gael) & Doris Morris**, **June Davis** and **Ann Taylor**, all of Charleston, WV.

Next year's reunion will be held September 29-30, 2012 in Nashville, TN, and will be hosted by **Larry & Marcy Smith**.

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Jeff Smisek's message to employees & retirees

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