



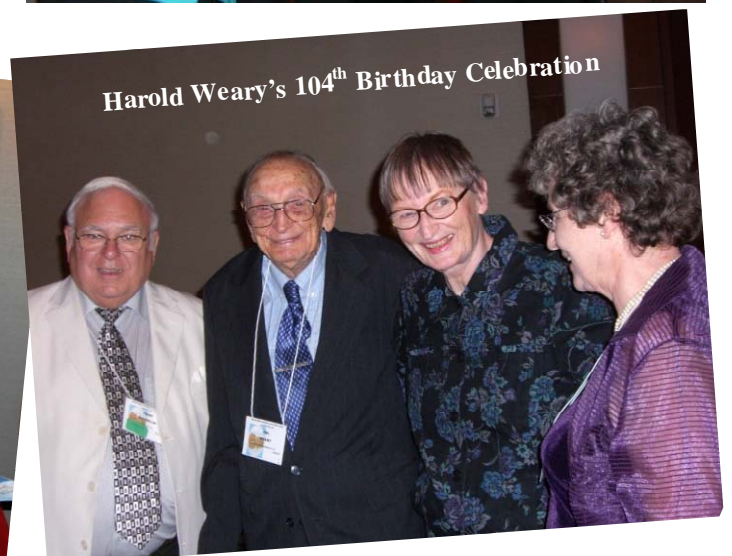
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Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

By the time you read this, our 2012 Convention will be history. I will have been elected as your new President, a position I humbly accept. **Ron Bertacini** will be moving on to the position of past president. Ron's tenure as president and service to RUAEA since 1996 has been nothing short of out-

standing and his will be tough shoes to fill. On behalf of all RUAEA members, I extend our gratitude to Ron for all he has done for us. And, his service to RUAEA has not ended, as he will continue to serve in another capacity.

As President, my effort will be to keep RUAEA alive. We have a shrinking membership, shrinking funds, declining interest in our conventions, difficulty in finding new officers and directors. Yes, we have the good ol' boys and ladies who keep on volunteering. There are many familiar faces I have seen and enjoyed working with since joining RUAEA in 2000. I thank you and all the new faces who have come aboard for your support. I pledge to recognize each of you and support you in any way I can. I will need your help in increasing our membership along with sharing innovative ideas to keep us alive.

Yes, we will continue to have challenges with the new company; however we will endeavor to have a liaison with United to solve issues that affect our membership. Most of us spent a lot of years with the old United Airlines and Continental Airlines. We all, for the most part, put our hearts and souls in the respective companies. Those are memories and for myself, they are very good ones. We must now go on with the new and look for members from the new company. In closing, I look for your support and I promise you mine.

Hank Gosselin
President – RUAEA

RUAEA Announces Officers and Regional Directors

- ➔ President - **Hank Gosselin**
- ➔ Executive Vice President - **Mike Richards**

- ➔ Vice President of Conventions - **Marilyn Marcy**
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- ➔ Past President - **Ron Bertacini**

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- ♦ Florida region - **Paul Brown**
- ♦ Midwest region - **Helen Cauwels**

Correction to October 2012 issue



We failed to acknowledge the photographers who contributed to the cover article, 10th Annual UAL Maintenance Get Together. They were **Richard Langland** and **Jack Raynor**. We thank them for their contributions and apologize for the omission.

Photographers who contributed to the convention photos in this issue ~ In addition to acknowledging our RUAEA photographer, **Rich Surma**, we also thank **Alex Klaus**, **Frank Dellinger**, **Marilyn & Tom Marcy**, and **Francis Domaratius** for their photos.

Annual Benefits Enrollment Reminder



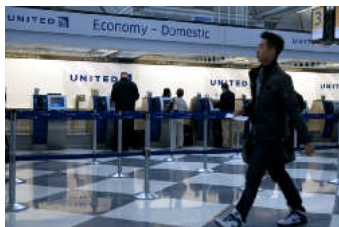
The 2013 Annual Benefits Enrollment period is **October 24 through November 9** for retirees. The enrollment package was sent in mid-October and for some, the enrollment worksheets were mailed separately. However, beginning October 24, you may access the Your Benefits Resources site 24 hours/ 7 days a week to view plan rates and your plan options. This is your opportunity to view benefit options and make elections that are effective January 1, 2013.

Dependent Certification is now a part of this year's enrollment process. This annual process involves confirming dependent relationships and their eligibility for benefits. Certification will be completed with just one click via Your Benefits Resources, at the "complete enrollment" step of the election process. Co-workers and retirees who do not complete enrollment during the enrollment period will be required to certify dependents at the start of 2013.

If you will be adding dependents or changing beneficiaries, you will need their names, birth dates and Social Security Numbers. Per federal regulations, you will be required to provide your dependents' Social Security Number(s) (for U.S. citizens and residents).

Beginning October 24, please visit Flying Together at flyingtogether.ual.com and select the Employee Services tab > Benefits or call the United Airlines Benefits Center at 1-800-651-1007, M-F, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Central time for assistance. For prescription drug questions, call Express Scripts/Medco directly at 1-877-701-9945.

United enhances ZED eTicketing for interline travel on AS



Eligible co-workers, retirees and pass riders may buy electronic Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) tickets on Alaska Airlines (AS) for a small processing charge per segment through the ID90T website, available through employeeRES and Flying Together.

Co-workers and retirees also may use ID90T to buy ZED eTickets for travel on Frontier Airlines (F9), Hawaiian Airlines (HA), Era (7H) and Spirit (NK). Paper tickets are no longer issued for interline travel on these carriers. Information on ID90T and eTicketing procedures – including new instructions for resetting passwords on the ID90T – is available on the Other Airline/Interline Travel page on the Travel tab.

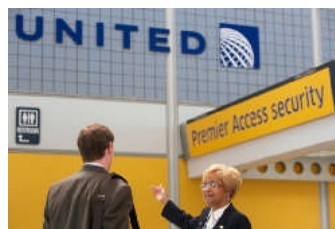
Washington Convention Arts & Crafts Donors

Thank You to the following who donated to the Arts and Crafts Raffle:

- * **Sharlene Aukofer** - Blue scarf
- * **Ruth Blackwell** - painting, Scenic Wooden Wagon
- * **Ruth Blackwell** - painting, Window to the Countryside
- * **Claire Byle** - 2 wrist bracelets
- * **Joan Carmichael Foote** - Tote bag with Capital red bird
- * **Joan Carmichael Foote** - Woven wall hanging
- * **Joan Carmichael Foote** - Photo of Viscount flying over the Capitol building
- * **Joan Carmichael Foote** - Holtzinger print of Norfolk airport in 1939
- * **Sharon Cole** - Table runner
- * **Sharon Cole** - Coasters, two sets
- * **Natalie DaCunto** - Baby blanket and hat, three sets, one yellow, one salmon, one pink
- * **Francis Domaratius** - 24 note cards, handcrafted wooden pen, writing box

- * **J. Echardt** - Acrylic painting, Autumn Harvest
- * **Pearl Fjugstad** - Hand weaved basket
- * **Friend of United** - Stole
- * **Ursula Fuller** - Water color, Young Spanish Señorita
- * **James Hafterson** - 2 Pottery sets, cup and bowl
- * **James Hafterson** - Candle Holder and tea candle
- * **Charles W. Hallsted** - 11 matted photographs
- * **Len & Laverne Haubl** - 2 Wine bottle cheese trays
- * **Len & Laverne Haubl** - 3 Glass jewelry pendants
- * **Marie Libby** - 7 Lap blankets
- * **Catherine & Rich Llewellyn** - Pottery, Light House night light
- * **Catherine & Rich Llewellyn** - Pottery, pot and coaster
- * **Lu McGill** - Sterling silver and pure silver bracelet
- * **Lu McGill** - Necklace, Sterling silver
- * **Lu McGill** - 6 Sterling silver ear wires
- * **Lu McGill** - Sterling silver pendant
- * **Nancy Pater** - Santa Claus holiday decoration
- * **Linda Scriven** - 4 Framed prints of different United Airlines planes
- * **Bob Taiclet** - Small wooden turtle bank
- * **Janet Terada** - 2 Gold rat tail chokers
- * **Ruth Verplanek** - 5 Black and white photos of Capital Airlines
- * **Nancy Wright Meyer** - 2 Doll dresses and bloomers
- * **Nancy Wright Meyer** - Heirloom doll dress and bloomers
- * **Nancy Wright Meyer** - Lavender crochet top
- * **Kay Youch** - Christening outfit (Gown, Boots, Cap)

TSA PreCheck helpful tips and Q&A



TSA is expanding TSA PreCheck, an expedited security screening program for eligible customers, at EWR and IAD hubs. This brings United's total number of airports with TSA

PreCheck lanes to 13.

MileagePlus members, including co-workers, may sign up for TSA PreCheck at united.com/tsaprecheck for travel on revenue tickets. However, bookings for co-workers traveling on passes are not linked to their MileagePlus numbers. To be eligible for TSA PreCheck when traveling on an employee pass, co-workers need to enroll in a Trusted Traveler program such as Global Entry, NEXUS or Sentri, to have the information included in your pass travel boarding passes. To learn more and to enroll, visit Global Online Enrollment System (GOES).

United has received several questions about enroll-

ing in these security programs. See below for some helpful tips and answers these questions:

Q: *I am already enrolled in a Trusted Traveler program such as Global Entry; how do I update this with my pass travel information?*

A: You may include your Known Traveler number in your employee profile. In employeeRes, go to Quick Links > Employee Profile > Add/Edit Secure Flight Information. Highlight the Secure Flight Document and click the pencil icon to edit the selected row. Select the “Known Traveler Pass/ID field” and enter the Known Traveler number.

Tip: Be sure that the name in your Global Entry profile matches the name in your employeeRes Secure Flight Document fields. TSA requires the names to match exactly, or you will not be selected to use the Pre-Check lane. To verify the name in your Global Entry profile, log into Global Online Enrollment System (GOES) <https://goes-app.cbp.dhs.gov/main/goes> and select “Change Profile.”

Q: *I’ve entered my Trusted Traveler information into employeeRES; why have I not been selected?*

A: Updates made to your employeeRES profile do not carry over to existing PNRs, so you must cancel and rebook the listings to include the Known Traveler number and any name updates. You should also double-check that your name, date of birth and traveler ID number match exactly.

Q: *How will I know if I can use the TSA PreCheck lane for my flight?*

A: Before you fly, check to see if the airport has a PreCheck lane. Visit united.com/tsaprescreening for a list of airports where TSA PreCheck is offered and determine what checkpoint you must enter through. When you reach a TSA agent at the checkpoint, your boarding pass will be scanned. If TSA selected you for TSA PreCheck on the flight, the agent will let you know and direct you to the TSA PreCheck lane. Please note, the TSA uses random and unpredictable security measures. Therefore, you are not guaranteed expedited screening for every flight, even if you have applied to the program.

New tool helps re-book customers from some over-booked flights



A new tool may help alleviate the need for United’s airport co-workers to solicit volunteers or to deny boarding to ticketed customers on flights over-booked due to operational issues. Contact Center representatives can now query these flights, identify customers who might benefit from

changing their itineraries and offer to change customers’ plans before they come to the airport.

In most cases of over-booking, flights actually depart at or under capacity. From time to time, customer service representatives need to solicit volunteers to take a later flight due to operational issues. They can be difficult flights for customer service representatives to manage, so the new tool has the potential to mitigate the impact in the airport.

“We target customers on over-booked flights, send them an email and route their calls to our specially trained Contact Center co-workers,” said Quality and Tactical Performance Managing Director Leslie Colbert. “We have had amazing success with the call-in rate and folks who are willing to move with our offer. Making these changes is always more customer-friendly and cost-effective for us than handling the issue at the airport on the day of departure.”

In the first three weeks of operation, the database helped UAL identify 720 customers who made use of the service to change their flights, with an average customer acceptance rate of 79 percent. United plans to expand the use of this process to assist with day-of-service recovery needs in the future, including proactively notifying customers when there is an aircraft substitution.

Current performance well above stats DOT reports for July



While United continues to run at its on-time goal so far in September, the DOT released its Air Travel Consumer Report for July and, United’s on-time performance was not what its customers expect or what the company wants to deliver.

United has taken aggressive action to improve since July, when the company finished at 64.2 percent arrival :14 (A :14). Those actions include adding spare aircraft and more ground time between flights and making changes to its technology to give co-workers and customers a more reliable product. The improvement trends United is seeing are very strong - its August performance (72.2 percent A :14) was eight percentage points higher than July. Through Sept. 16, its domestic A :14 was 80.3 percent, eight points higher than in August. The DOT report also reported an unusually high number of customer complaints for United. About a third of the complaints DOT noted for July resulted from the programming error that caused United’s website to display four miles as the total, roundtrip per person price for MileagePlus travel awards to, from and via Hong Kong, although the correct number of miles was

displayed on the same screen, on previous search and flight-selection screens and on United's mileage-award charts. UAL corrected the error and, for those customers who were issued tickets without sufficient miles in their accounts to complete their transactions, the company canceled their tickets at no cost and waived all fees. United provided return air transportation to customers who had already begun their travel. For customers who had sufficient miles in their accounts to complete their transactions, United deducted the correct number of miles at the time of booking.

Inflight recycling helps the Earth, helps co-workers



In an effort to reduce landfill waste and assist co-workers in need, Chelsea Food Services partners with Inflight Services to donate a portion of funds from recycling the aluminum cans flight attendants collect on board to the United We Care Employee Relief Fund. United recycles aluminum cans on eligible flights across the U.S.

Through August 2012, United has donated \$43,600 and expect to make further donations to United We Care from its Inflight recycling efforts for the remainder of the year. Last year, United donated approximately \$63,000 to the fund.

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Chelsea is part of the Food Services Division of United, with six kitchens in five cities (Cleveland, Denver, Newark, Houston and Honolulu). United's Inflight recycling program, conducted through Chelsea and with help from the company's contract caterers, supports United's Eco-Skies commitment to the environment.

Tech Ops rehearses for 787s



In one of the final preparatory steps before taking delivery of United's first Boeing 787 Dreamliner, United successfully showed how its training has prepared the company

to respond to an assortment of maintenance-related scenarios based on the real-life experiences of early 787 operators.

The system-wide 787 "dry run" exercise included six case studies taken from the logs of airlines that have been flying the 787 since last fall.

"Everything we dealt with during the exercise has already happened to a 787 in service," said IAH Line Maintenance Manager Dave Caster. *"What we need to know is exactly how we'll respond in the same situations."* Dave helped coordinate the drill along with 787 Service Ready Team Manager Ian Hankin, IAH Service Engineering Director Gavin Jones, and representatives from Boeing, GE and other business partners.

Dave and three others — Technician Ed Bleakley, Lead Technician Blain Hill and Supervisor John Richardson — ran the operation from the IAH Zone 3 Supervisor's Office and maintained contact with Tech Ops Maintenance Control and the hubs and stations where the scenarios played out. The cases ranged from fuselage damage caused by ground equipment to replacing a gasket to lightning strikes on descent into an airport with no Tech Ops presence.

Overall, Dave said, it was a major success. *"We were able to produce an accurate, detailed and timely resolution to all the situations."*

United also identified a few areas that can use improvement, such as computer support, and will address them before the next drill, which will take place in IAH after delivery of its first 787.

Flight "Emmy 1" arrives at LAX



It's that time of year; the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards, and once again United proudly flew the famous Emmy Award statuettes from ORD to LAX.

United pulled out all the stops for two very lucky statuettes representing the shipment. The pair got the "star treatment" at ORD, checking in at Global Services, boarding through the Premier Access line and flying to LAX in United First aboard a Boeing 757.

United celebrated the flight, designated "Emmy 1," with a special gate event. Co-workers and customers had the chance to hold an Emmy statuette and snap photos. Members of the media, including Good Morning America, joined the event as well.

ORD Customer Service Representative Sally Warren, who helped check in the statuettes at Global Services, said she was excited to be a part of Emmy 1. *"This is probably the most precious 'cargo' I've ever worked with,"* she added. LAX co-workers, customers and photographers greeted Emmy 1 with fanfare upon its arrival.

United is the official airline sponsor of the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles. United and the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences have been partners for more than 10 years

**Pilots support military veterans,
help award-winning documentary take off**



In 2010, approximately 400 pilots donated \$20,000 to help send injured U.S. war veterans on a mountain climbing expedition in Nepal. The 11 veterans documented their experience, and the resulting story led to the film, "High Ground."

The documentary is coming soon to Houston, Dallas, Austin, Seattle and Columbia, MD. Visit www.tugg.com/highground to view upcoming events or request a screening. It will be theatrically released on November 2 in New York, Los Angeles, Denver and Columbus, Ohio. Co-workers are invited to visit www.highgroundmovie.com to learn more, says Airbus A320 Pilot Instructor Matt Murray, who served as co-producer and co-writer of the film and climbed with the veterans.

"United pilots sponsored two of the veterans on their journey: Steve Baskis, who was blinded by an IED (improvised explosive device), and Chad Butrick, whose lower leg was amputated," Matt said. "The film shares an incredibly important message about the significant issues that our veterans face."

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles



There is good news and there is not so good news. The not so good news is that Bishop Mascherino is not doing well. He has a lot of pain, even though he had an operation. However, he is still upbeat and making plans for the future. He uses Tek bank to communicate via the internet. Please remember him in your prayers.

The good news - the Auditorium will be built. Ground breaking was on September 22; with completion planned for November 10th. The dedication ceremony for the Auditorium will also be Saturday, November 10th.

We just received a check from the Independents, in the amount of \$500.00. This makes their contribution to date \$15,500. These donations are received through their Newsletter.

The following have made donations of \$1,000 or more, Clipped Wings and Atlanta Retirees, including IAM Lodge 1322.

Did you know? At the memorial at ground zero, the tall stones honoring the forty crew members and passen-

gers are lined up in same direction flight 93 crashed.

Correction for September ~ The first paragraph in last month's newsletter was a direct quote from Bishop Mascherino.

To make a donation, make check to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to Frank J. Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

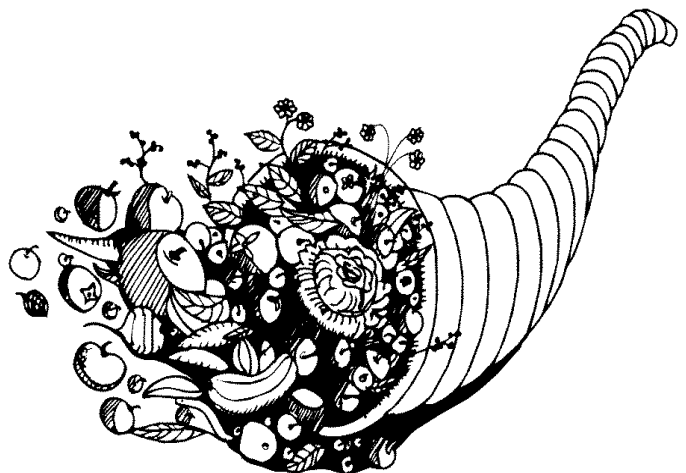


All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note**: *Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter*), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net, please copy Francis Domaratius at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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

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LOCAL NEWS

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Thursday, September 20, found just 11 members of our Florida/Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter meeting in the Cubi Bar Café in the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, FL. Even though there were so few of us, a great time was had by all! Members in attendance were: **Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Harold Stofko** and **Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey**. We were sorry that **Barbara Serra** was unable to attend because she had to fly to Nashville to be with her ill sister.

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order at 1:00 PM after lunch. Bob assisted **Bill Hayden** in selling the raffle tickets. To the surprise of everyone, **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz** won the raffle. That never happens! The Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report continue to be emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent.

Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey were in attendance again. They had been unable to attend since the June meeting. Discussions centered around changes with procedures for flying. **Annie** has volunteered to do another training session for us next month on how to do ZED fares and mobile apps for United on your phones. She helped a couple of people in attendance that had specific questions.

Harold Stofko asked if anyone knew about voice recognition for the computer. **Rick Herrick** was well versed on it and gave us all lots of info. He said Dragon 12 program is highly recommended.

Bob Schwartz then read some info that had been received regarding the United Florida Retirees reunion they are planning in Feb. in The Villages, FL. Bob is encouraging some of our members to attend. Since Bob does taxes between January and April, they will be unable to attend. It sounds like it will be lots of fun.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM (very short this month!) but we all stayed and talked for awhile.

It is still very warm down here and the beaches are still beautiful. The Aviation Museum is fantastic and if you have never seen it, you should plan a trip down

here! We'd love for you to come down and join us for one of our meetings. They are the third Thursday of each month and we always meet at the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL.

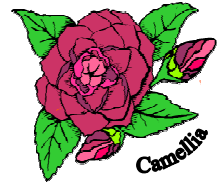
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October 18 - 11:30 AM

November 15 - 11:30AM

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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The October meeting of Sweet Home Alabama was held at Lloyd's Restaurant in Shelby County.

Herb & Carol Wilbanks attended the RUAEA Convention in Washington, DC, and will give an update on this at our November meeting.

Both **Bill Preston** and **Jean (Bobby) Cox** are having cataract surgery this month.

Paul Brown advised President **Bobby Cox** that a Southeast Convention will be held at The Village in Orlando during one weekend in February (Friday - Sunday). Room rate will be \$110.00 per night, further information will follow.

United has announced inaugural Chicago - Mobile, Alabama service effective April 9, 2013.

Bobby Cox advised that next month we will vote on a later starting time for our meetings.

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Our annual picnic at Beardsley Park in Sun City West was held on October 13 with approximately 40+ members in attendance. We catered, from Chick Fil A chicken sandwich and chicken salad box lunches, very, very good and, picked up beverages. Our treasurer, **Joe Hopkins** reported a surplus in our bank account, so we treated the members to lunch with one option; they paid their \$5.00 dues for the upcoming year. It worked, we had a good turnout.

Joan & Richard Aaronson asked that we bring used and unwanted books to the picnic for their collection for a book sale to be held sometime the first part of

November in Terminal 2 at Phoenix's Sky Harbor Airport. The proceeds will help fund the United Fantasy Flight on November 30 held in Terminal 2 at Gate C. The website for information or contributions is www.unitedfantasyflight.com.

For those who don't know, the invited 100 kindergarten and 1st grade homeless children in the Phoenix area are treated to lunch, a United-sponsored airplane ride, a special gift each at Gate C in Terminal 2 where they will step off the plane into a "winter wonderland" with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, a balloon man shaping animals and hats out of balloons, dressed-up Disney characters and animals, face-painting, activity booths and, blowing snow. Volunteers are pilots, flight attendants, active employees and retirees. It is breath-taking and the children thoroughly enjoy it.

On a sadder note: We've heard from **Jim Bechtold** (DENMM) that his wife, **Marlene**, isn't feeling well lately and we should all keep her and Jim in our prayers. Also, our thoughts and prayers go out for **Suzanne Hughes'** stepmother who is not well. She came to live with Susie and **Sherry Muoio** last year when her health started failing. Sherry, also, has been seeing the doctors because of a blood disorder which the doctors can't seem to determine what it is. Sherry has been the "backbone" of the Azures for so many years and we pray she'll overcome this setback. **Don Bergstrom** continues to improve after his three operations this past year. **Annie** reports he still doesn't have all his strength back but they are able to visit friends and have dinner out, etc. So, what's wrong with taking a long nap in the afternoon, we're retired, we can do that!

Our November 10 luncheon will be held at Pebblecreek's Tuscany Falls Chianti Room with the usual turkey and trimmings and pumpkin pie. If you haven't already, get your \$22.00 check to **Joe Hopkins** as soon as possible so that we can plan the attendance.

Breakfasts continue to be held at Coco's, 98th and Bell Roads, Sun City West, AZ at 0800. November dates are the 6th and 20th. **Jim Bechtold** (623) 465-5423 is still taking your reservations or call **Sherry Muoio** (623) 572-4828 if you will attend.

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Thanksgiving is coming up fast. Have you made any plans yet? We hope you plan on coming to our luncheon in November, as well as our breakfast. We haven't met for lunch since last spring, so we hope we have a good turn-out by our members and guests. Our

luncheon will be held Thursday, November 8th at the Golden Corral, 1318 North Cooper Road, in Gilbert, starting at 11:00 a.m. Our time in the luncheon room will be at 11:30 a.m. The cost for seniors is \$7.49. The restaurant is located north of Guadalupe, south of Baseline on Cooper/Stapley. The stop light for the turn into Golden Corral is Merrill. What a good deal! Our hosts are **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**. Please contact them at bvrock@cox.net or by phone at (480) 655-1419 to let them know if you plan on attending. Almost all of the snowbirds should be back by then, so we should have a good crowd.

Our November Breakfast will be held on Friday, November 16th. This is one week earlier than normal because the following week is Thanksgiving. As of this writing, there hasn't been anything reported as to where we are going to meet for Breakfast. Our plans are to change to a restaurant large enough to accommodate our larger group. We have been meeting at Crackers and Company Café in Mesa during the summer as our group is smaller during that time. Look for an email or a mailing on where we will meet in November.

Plans for the Fantasy flight for Friday, November 30th are progressing nicely. We will be having 42 children from Concordia and 56 from Children's 1st. That is a total of 41 boys and 57 girls; ages kindergarten and first graders. Wow! Our own **Peg & Phil Snowdall**, plus Capt. **Bob** made a presentation to the Mesa Lions Club; and they will be hosting a fundraiser for the Fantasy Flight as well as providing pajamas for all the children. Books and items for the Bake Sale are very much needed. If you have anything you wish to donate, either contact **Peg Snowdall** at phomfeldt@cox.net, or call her at (480) 396-3317. The Book and Bake Sale will be held **Friday, November 2nd** from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Decorating for the Fantasy Flight will be **Tuesday, November 6** at Gates C & D, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Also, it's not too late to pick up items needed for the children such as stuffed animals, Stadium-size fleece blankets and socks & gloves to fit kindergarten and first graders. **Peg Snowdall** is collecting all these items. You can bring these items to the Luncheon at the Golden Corral on Nov. 8th.

We had 20 members at our Sept. 28 breakfast. Three of our members are on the sick list. They are **Joel Matteson**, **Roger Veillette**, and **Don Burns**. We hope each day will be better for them. On a sad note, we heard **George Quintal**, one of our original members, passed away September 25. Condolences can be sent to his wife, **Connie**, at 8924 S. Sun Lakes Blvd., Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. Congratulations to our own, **Bob Hallden**, who was just elected to the position of AZ Region Director! We know he will do an excellent job!

The **RUAEA** Convention in Washington DC, which was held Oct. 3 – 7th, was a success and everyone at-

tending had a good time. We will be reporting more about this in next month's newsletter. Thanks to all the work **Mari McColl** did as Publicity Chairwoman for the Convention. She did a good job informing everyone about all the aspects of the Convention.

As a reminder, membership dues for **RUAEA** are \$25.00 a year. Applications can be obtained via email, US mail or from www.ruaea.org. Please include your file number on all correspondence and mail to **RUAEA**, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. The monthly newsletters are very important and worthwhile keeping up with your fellow workers, plus the latest information about our company. It's a wonderful newsletter and worth your while subscribing to it.

We have the following Birthdays in November from our chapter: **Joe Ficek** (11/5), **Mary McLain** (11/6), **Ed Rheam** and **Bob Rowan** (11/12), **Jan Eiken** (11/16), **Pam Gerstung** (11/22), **JoAnne Gaudio** (11/24), and **Ed Dawes** (11/27). Happy Birthday to all of you! We have three couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this month: **Skip & Carol Ward** (49 years on 11/2/63), **Harry & Doreen Cloud** (40 years on 11/11/72), and **Ed & Rose Rheam** (60 years on 11/22/52). Way to go! Happy Anniversaries to all!

Hope we have a good turn-out for our get-togethers this month. Remember, we're open to anyone who is 55 and over and has worked for **United** or **Continental Airlines** at any time. We welcome any new visitors. Contact our President, **Shirley Claggett** at ind75@yahoo.com, or by phone at (480) 354-7610, or our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at phomfeldt@cox.net or by phone at (480) 396-3317. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Calendar:

November 8 – Luncheon at the Golden Corral, starting at 11:00 a.m., 1318 N. Cooper Road in Gilbert. Hosts are **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**, byrock@cox.net or by phone at (480) 655-1419.

November 16 – Breakfast – TBA. Contact **Peg Snowdall** at phomfeldt@dcoc.net or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

December - Luncheon at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes. Hosts are **Carol & Skip Ward** - TBA



TALL PINES

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Our September get-together in beautiful downtown Prescott was attended by 16 members. Items discussed were the upcoming Holiday Season schedule. There

will be no regular meetings in November and December. Our Christmas party will be held at the Prescott Steak House on Tuesday, December 4th. Happy hour at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. The restaurant is located at 520 Miller Valley road.

Don't forget to contact **Jeannie Risdon** for your Fantasy Flight tickets. Tickets are only \$5.00 each, so get them while they're hot! First prize is \$787 and gift card prizes will also be awarded.

We welcomed to our group guests **Dave & Jan Monroe**. Dave is a retired Continental captain and we are hoping to have them as new members. The Monroes can be reached at 1421 Escalante Drive, Prescott, AZ 86303.

Calendar:

January 15 - Luncheon/meeting at the Lone Spur Café, 11:00 am.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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There were 20 members, including one guest that had arrived at the Teresa Mosaic's Restaurant on the 20th of September and we were waiting outside while our table was being prepared when one of the greatest sights we have seen in a while occurred. It happened to be that the 747 carrying the Endeavour space shuttle flew over the University of Tucson, made a circle and came back, passing nearly over our heads. What a way to start a luncheon. I think our hosts; **Loretta & Wayne Norman** may have had something to do with that happening. Thanks guys for hosting a great outing. The setting and food was excellent.

Our guest was **Ann Borucki**, **Sandy Lawyer's** Mom. Ann is becoming quite a regular guest and it's always good to see her at our luncheons. The 50/25/25 was won by **Pat Carera** and **Ed Kokot**.

It was decided to have an October luncheon even though the National Convention is taking place in Washington. So our luncheon will take place on the 18th of the month at the Cheesecake Factory at the Tucson Mall. The address is 60 W. Wetmore just east of Oracle Rd. It will be hosted by **Sandy & Jeff Lawyer** and they will need a head count by October 16th. Call her at (847) 826-2640 or email selawyer@gmail.com. The event will start at 11:30.

Ed Kokot will host the November 15th luncheon at Shlomo & Vito's Delicatessen at 2870 E. Skyline Drive on the SW corner of Skyline and Campbell. The lunch will start at 11:30 am. Also in November will be our

tree trimming at the Reid Park Zoo on the 27th. We will meet at 11.00 am and go out to lunch afterwards. **Gordon Starr** is the leader of the event.

Calendar:

October 18 - Cheesecake Factory at the Tucson Mall

November 15 - Shlomo & Vito's Corner of Skyline and Campbell

November 27 - Tree trimming at the Reid Park Zoo

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The month of September was a no-meeting month. I received one bit of news that should affect all our members. Our past member, **Kathy Shurtleff**, who has not attended our meetings for a couple of years, informed us that her husband **Bill** passed away. The last information I received from her is that she and Bill would be living on a boat and cruising wherever and whenever they wanted. Bill attended a few of our meetings along with Kathy's mother. Bill's obit could be found on www.encinitaschapel.com. I've always said that you never learn about people you know until you read about them in their obituary. I hope you can open Bill's obit and find out what a remarkable person he was. Our prayers are with Kathy and her family and hope she can start attending our meetings again.

As a correspondent, I read all the articles in the Newsletter and the letters to the editor. I have not flown since the takeover by CO, but the way our retirees are treated by ticket agents, in regarding boarding procedures, must be pretty frustrating. Let's hope that good news for the retirees comes out of the convention.

I'm sure a lot of us have read about the shuttle Endeavor that was flown to LAX on September 21st. I saw it fly over the Central Coast toward Vandenberg AFB and then onto LAX. I used binoculars and was able to get a first hand view of the fly-by. It lasted only a few seconds, but I was glad that I was able to view this historical event.

Our next meeting will be on October 17th hosted by **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham** at the Glen Annie Golf Course. **John Stilwell** will be attending the convention and will represent our Chapter.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

Palm Springs Area

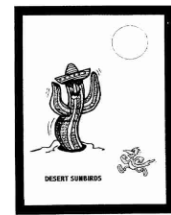
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On another warm - OK, hot day in the desert, thirty brave souls met at Macarios Grill in Indio for the Desert Sunbirds' September Luncheon/Meeting. Thanks to our hosts, **Dave & Kathy Wilson**, we dined on Grilled Chicken Salad, Chili Colorado Burritos, or Enchiladas Verdes de Pollo. You could've fooled me! I thought the last item was Chicken!

Only one guest this month, **Marji Gomez** (my guest), although she keeps getting smaller, as Elaine announced that Marji is a 1/4 guest this month. What will happen next time, as I am bringing Marji again? Stay tuned!

In July, we reported that the Sunbirds had 244 years of anniversaries to celebrate. But in October, we are flying by that number with 301 years for six couples. **Al Beuchel & Mark Kaplan** (30 years on 10/17); **Ron & Barbara Napier** (49 years on 10/26); **Bill & Lia Schultz** (51 years on 10/28); **Sean & Marilyn Foley** (54 years on 10/13); **Ray & Flo Silvestri** (55 years on 10-26); and **Ray & Rose Rieke** (62 years on 10/14). Wow! Congratulations to all!

Sad news! After writing the above, but before sending it to press, I found out that **Ray Rieke** (mentioned above) passed away on September 24th. Ray & Rose, long time members of the Sunbirds, had moved to a retirement home in Union City a few years ago, so they had not been to any luncheons for quite a while. Sympathy cards may be sent to **Rose Rieke**, 34400 Mission Blvd., #1341, Union City, CA 94587.

Sick call! **Jim Clapper** came to the luncheon with-out **Liz**, as she has been having problems (undiagnosed) in the last few weeks. We were pleased to see **John & Maureen Schultz**, as they had cancelled last month's meeting, when Maureen woke up that morning with heart attack symptoms. She was taken to the ER, where she underwent many tests; but released later that day when it was determined that she did not have a heart attack.

Howard Lackey, our Regional Director, made an appearance, as did **Ben & Shirley (Spitler) Schiewe**, and **Ron & Barbara Napier**, all of whom we have not seen for a while.

Congratulations to **Mark Kaplan**, who finally bit the bullet and retired, after 40 years. This was Mark's first "official" meeting as a retiree!

In other news, the Sunbirds decided to, once again, make the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission our design-

nee for our Christmas Charity. Last year, we filled three carloads of gifts for the kids, and I have a feeling, we will top that this year.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Maureen Schultz**, and **Brad Zittel** took home \$40.00 from the 50/50 drawing. Lastly, our hosts, Dave & Kathy, included in the raffle potted cactus plants on each table. There were five winners: **Fred Kellerhals, Shirley Spitler, Jim Clapper, Howard Lackey, and Melinda Lerg.**

Calendar:

November 14 – Hosted by **Gay Traber & Patti Sica**

December 12 – Hosted by **Ron & Elaine Aggson**



GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on September 26, 2012 at China Buffet in Citrus Heights. This was hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**. We had 42 Gold Diggers attending and 3 guests. Guests of **Charles & Martha Szekretar** were **Edna Brown, Cathy Tammen** and **Carla James**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Esolas for hosting.

Officers' Reports:

President ~ **Terry Greenacre** had nothing to report other than to remind us that he sent out a couple of emails; one regarding new checked luggage rules and the other regarding annual benefits enrollment.

Vice President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** stated that we now have a host for the October meeting. We will not have a luncheon in November and our December luncheon will be on a Thursday this year, on December 13th at Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley. He will be bringing a sign up sheet for next year's luncheons at the next meeting.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for September. Those 50 years and over: **Ken & Stephanie Norton**.

Treasurer ~ **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance.

Sunshine ~ **Angie Dellinger** sent a sympathy card to **Bob Sample** as his wife passed away.

Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton** had nothing to report.

Roster Chairman ~ **Jack Raynor** has extra rosters if anyone needs one.

RUAEA ~ President **Ron Bertacini** talked about Family Day on October 7th at the Maintenance Base at SFO. There is some info in the newsletter. There will

be a lot of activities going on. You will get to walk thru a couple of airplanes and the big event will be the Blue Angels. This event will be open to employees, retirees and family members. Ron also wanted to give the Gold Diggers a big "Thank You" for our support over the years.

Calendar:

October 31 – Old Spaghetti Factory in Folsom hosted by Robert & Judith Miller

November 28 – No Meeting

December 13 – Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Once again, the Hangtown Miners wound up at a great place to enjoy a good meal and catch up with friends. Los Pinos had a separate area for us to dine. Probably a good idea as we had a good turnout - 27! - and there was no shortage of conversation.

Once lunch was finished, our president, **Jon Somplack**, brought the meeting to order. We welcomed back **George Rivas** and his guest, daughter **Alison**. **Thom Biro** also brought his daughter **Dawn**. Remember, if you have any friends/relatives who you would like to bring to one of our luncheons, you're more than welcome to do so. If they also happen to be former United employees, maybe they would like to join our group. **Tom Kenny** and **Judy Fitzpatrick** have the good luck to have September birthdays - congratulations to you both.

Old Business ~ **Tom Kenny** reported that all the paperwork is in to the IRS. It will be about 2 more months until we have our official non-profit status. Jon took a deep breath and lamented that he wished we didn't need to do this. But, in the future, the changing of officers, especially the treasurer, will go much smoother.

New Business ~ **Jack Fitzpatrick** mentioned that time is approaching to nominate our new officers for 2013. A nominating committee is needed for this process. Jon suggested that we think about who we want to be on the committee and we will put it together next month.

President's Report ~ Nothing new from Jon.

VP's Report ~ Unfortunately, Rosemary became ill the night before our meeting so she could not attend.

Secretary's Report ~ Jane did not have anything to report.

Treasurer's Report ~ Tom reported that our checking balance is \$494.95. There were two checks issued, one to the IRS for the onetime fee of \$400.00 and a check to **Jane Gibson** for chapter postage. Tom gave the Secretary a copy of the letters from the IRS.

Sunshine Report ~ Marge was not at the meeting.

Historian Report ~ Jon likes this position - he just prints out the minutes and puts them into a binder!

RUAEA Report ~ Neither Ron or John were at our meeting this month.

After Jon closed the meeting, **Joe & Lynda Lima** handled the raffle in Rosemary's absence. Items to raffle were donated by: **Pati Kenney** (grape jars with biscotti); **Ann Czapkay** (Poppy Cock); **Tom Kenny** (t-shirt); **Thom Biro** (dessert wine/late harvest); **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** (wine); **Dorean Ames** (wine bottle holder); **Joe & Lynda Lima** (basket); **Bill & Jane Gibson** (fresh veggies). **Thom Biro** won the "blue ticket".



REDWOOD EMPIRE RETIREES

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30 members signed up but due to illnesses, only 26 members and guests enjoyed the fabulous luncheon at La Gare on September 13.

President Barney welcomed everyone and thanked **Jan Blackburn, Valerie Hulsey, and Charlie & Bernice Anderson** for hosting. Unfortunately, Charlie was a little under the weather this week so they were not able to attend, so a big thank you to **Al Bentham** for jumping in and selling Raffle Tickets.

VP **George Schwind** and **Lois** are at a reunion today so Barney introduced our guests: **Ed & Margaret Nelson**, guests of **Barney & Claire Hagen**, **Zelma Kibler**, guest of **Roger Casterline**, **Sara**, guest of **Ruth Loy**, **Pam Kopak**, guest of **Elise Kuhl** and **Aase Jensen**, guest of **Kathy Staples**.

Barney explained that the Vice President normally steps up to President the following year but he had not spoken with George yet about this. Much to Jan's surprise, she learned the Treasurer's position is a two year term and Barney announced that Valerie volunteered (read was coerced) into being Secretary for another year.

Treasurer Jan reported we are still in the black, but barely. The total balance as of 8/9/12 was \$740.91 of which \$146.70 is in the general account and we have \$594.21 in the Charity Fund. The dues need to be increased to \$10 next year so it was M/S/P (B. Hagen/V. Burr) to increase the dues as of January 1, 2013.

Joanne Huhn announced there was a list of charities we had previously supported on the check in table and she asked that everyone stop by and take a look as decisions would be made in November. Money is always donated to the Earl Baum Center for the Blind in honor of **Zepha O'Kelly** but the others will be voted on.

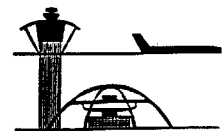
Sunshine lady Verda announced **Nick van Kruining, Delbert Clark, Lou Legnitto, Matty Matchinegg, and Richard Hanna** had birthdays this month. Nick must have bribed all the others not to come as he was the only Birthday Person present to celebrate with us. None of the Anniversary folks, **George & Lois Schwind, Larry & Madalynn Schmidt** and **Larry & Mary Wilson** were present but we sang to everyone anyway. Verda also reported that **Milt & Marie Cavalli** celebrated Milt's 99th birthday at LaHonda, CA where Milt lived as a boy. His father had a grocery store/bar there and that's where Milt and his brothers worked. The Cavellis live in San Mateo, CA in their own home and have assisted care several times a day.

Roger Casterline asked how many were going to the convention and about three members raised their hand. He asked how everyone was doing with travel and **Oscar Chambers** said they had flown to Eugene but had to take a train home. Most agreed things are getting a bit better. Everyone was advised to check out the discounts at employee reservations at www.flyingtogether.ual.com. Click on My Quick Links for lists of discounts available.

As always, the raffle was fun and lots wine and candy were given away.

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We have no September meeting; but do have some news to pass along. We attended our annual LAXRR Reunion last week and welcomed wonderful out of town guests, **Phyllis Easley**, all the way from Pennsylvania and **Charlene Walker** from Arizona. Only a few of us locals attended to hold the group together and cheer up our hard working leader, **Jim Ferrance**. We appreciate his efforts to update us on all the local news.

A quick check-up call to **Barbara Smith** found her gushing over her pile of Happy 90th Birthday cards. She loved the personal notes and wanted to remind us - to fulfill our dreams - and do it while we can! Don't look back in regret!

Another check-up call to **Betty Kopp** to see how she was feeling. She said the arthritic pain has lessened

somewhat; but the medication is playing havoc with her stomach. She and husband **Herb**'s happy faces are sure being missed.

Just had to call **John Daley** to tell him we'd been looking at lots of photos in the archives of reunion pictures; of his old buddies. He said that he's feeling much better and is now able to get around and do some things for himself! Great news! His present caretaker is moving away and he'll be looking for help. But as usual, he always has a funny joke or two to make you laugh.

Our dear friend **Fran Sturdivan** called to advise she is still having problems with swelling legs. She has a pace-maker and has just been diagnosed with a small cancer in the bladder. The Drs. will start radiation next week for a period of 6 weeks. Send cheery notes to her home: 569C East Tujunga Ave., Burbank, CA 91501. She added that she's going to look into Assisted Living soon; since she's getting close to the age of 87!

We have learned of the death of a long time friend from LAXRR, **Gayle Bauer Bryan**. She has passed on after a long bout of cancer. Cards may be sent to her sister, Trish Dugger at: 225 Mozart Ave., Cardiff By The Sea, CA 92007.

Hal & Donna Klobe, along with **Laly Savoy**; had a fun filled day spending several hours fundraising for our local Fantasy Flight on Employee Appreciation Day and got to see some wonderful friends still keeping United flying. Great fun to see **Suzanne Owen-Coffee** and **Fru Lavilla**. The later shift of **Marge Equihua**, **Sherryne Cummings** and **Alex Young** finished up the day at 11:00PM. Along day, but worth the efforts in funds.

Calendar:

December 6 - Christmas luncheon - Proud bird

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Twenty-eight of us enjoyed a sunny day at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. **Dave Saso** arranged this delightful and educational bus trip. We explored the exhibits of the jellies, seahorses, the kelp forest and its inhabitants and witnessed the feeding of the ocean inhabitants of the open sea. Lunch at Bubba Gumps was a treat, as many of us enjoyed ocean dining, tasty seafood, and good conversation. Thanks Dave, for a wonderful trip.

Our next event will be after the convention at Fiorillo's Restaurant in Santa Clara where our group will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the South Bay RUAEA. **Tony & Sally Urso**, and **Dave & Joanne Saso** will be our hosts. We'll bring you the details in our next issue.

We were very happy to see **Dwayne & Anna Howze** at our breakfast meeting. Both have been battling a variety of illnesses and haven't been able to join us. **LaDonna Eggert**, our Sunshine Lady has had to resign her post due to health issues. We appreciate all her hard work all these years. She and her husband **Gene** were instrumental in beginning the South Bay RUAEA chapter. By the way, if you enjoy bringing sunshine into people's lives, please consider being our Sunshine Person. In the meantime **Marian Swanson** and **Sally Urso** have been filling in for LaDonna. **Dave Saso** received a thank you from **Ruie Bradley**'s family for our donation to Hospices for the Foothills.

Save the date, Tuesday December 4th, 11am-3pm, for our annual holiday luncheon. This year's theme is a European Holiday. Our lunch will be held at Mariani's Inn and Restaurant in Santa Clara. The lunch includes entertainment, silent auction and raffle. Our officers are the hosts.

We have a few more couples who are celebrating special anniversaries. They are **Jack & Jean Jenkins** (59 years), **Albert & Elfriede Grossman** (51 years), **Kenneth & Rita Wahl** (61 years) and **Tony & Sally Urso** (58 years). Congratulations to all of you.

Fifteen of us attended the convention, but you'll have to wait until next time to hear what we thought about our time there.

We meet every Friday morning at 8 am for breakfast and a short meeting at Holder's Country Inn in San Jose, on DeAnza Blvd, across from Home Depot. Come join us.

Calendar:

October 16 - Fall Lunch at Fiorillo's Italian Restaurant in Santa Clara, hosted by **Tony & Sally Urso**

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Here we are now, it is the beginning of Autumn and soon the leaves will be turning colors and falling off the trees. So get out those rakes and get busy! I love this time of the year when the air is cool and crisp and the temps are no longer in the 90's and 100's. We surely

had our share of that this past summer. But now it's getting time to get ready for the holidays which will be upon us before we know it.

We'll be planning our Christmas Party soon. And Thanksgiving is almost here. Oh my gosh, time flies when we're having fun. We all had a fun time at our last luncheon meeting at Thomi's on September 13th. The luncheon was hosted by **Chris & Max Fountain** and as always, the food was delicious. It is always fun to attend these luncheons because it's a great time for all the folks to chit chat and catch up on the latest!

So why don't you come and take part in one of our gatherings. We always have a great time and good food. Until next month, please join us at one of our luncheons on the second Thursday of every month. If you have any questions or would like some information about our Chapter, please call our president **Don Nesja**, (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672. And Happy Thanksgiving to everyone from all of us!



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our September meeting was held on the 10th with 30 members and guests. Great turnout!

We welcomed back **Bill & Nancy Boyles** who had just celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, **Susan VonEmster**, **Joe & Margaret McGee**, **Roger & Emily Ehm**, **Gail Sexton**, **Pat McEnaney**, **Tom & Barbara Cunningham** and **Nolan & Mary Untiedt**. Wow!

An important meeting change ***** we will be meeting Monday, October 15th, rather than our usual 2nd Monday which would have been the 8th. Some of us are attending the RUAEA Convention in Washington, DC and will be returning on the 7th (loads willing) and it seemed a little too close.

Tom Johnson gave us a great presentation regarding his visit to Cheyenne, Wyoming. During WWII, it was a hub of aviation. At one time, UA had a MOC there and the "Stewardess Training Center" was there until the early 60's when it moved to Chicago.

Russ Miller won the 50/50 drawing, **Roger Ehm** and **Tom Johnson** won free lunches.

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

Calendar:

October 15

November 12

December 10 – Toys for Tots and Christmas Party

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What would a report from the Northstaters be without a weather report! After all the smoke and fires in the Northstate, we now have beautiful fall weather. We had a picnic at Lake Anderson River Park and needless to say, it was beautiful! Twenty one retirees and spouses had a wonderful lunch by the Sacramento River. **Merritt Odor**, our President, thanked **Sharon Simonton** for setting up the reservation, **Richard Skelly** for purchasing the delicious meat and **Leo Nacar** for doing some great cooking. Everyone else brought side dishes and we always enjoy this time together.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Klaren Odor** and **Carl Franke** had a September birthday. **Richard & Raejean Skelly** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. **Carl & Grace Franke** celebrated their 48th anniversary and **Bill & Sharon Simon-ton** will be celebrating their 20th anniversary in October. **Charlotte Puryear** was in the hospital with a back problem but now she is in rehab and doing very well. The group signed a card for her wishing her a speedy recovery.

Our member profile this month is **Don Arndt** ~ Don hired on with United in 1968 and started out at the auto shop at San Francisco Service Center. He worked there until the layoffs in late 1971. He was recalled in 1973 to the plastic shop and a month later went to the jet shop and worked the stall area for the JT9 and CF6 engines. Don worked there for 4 years and then went back to the auto shop to work day shift.

He went to the base auto shop and in the early 1980's he bid for the plane overhaul dept. He worked wide body 747, DC10, 767 and a few DC8s. Don made lead mechanic and went to the midnight shift on the wide bodies and then he went into a management position. Later he worked the special route crew. He then went into the Emergency Field Service Crew and did that from 1990's to 2000 and also had the DC10 #2 engine change Emergency Field Crew.

Don retired in 2000 and he and his lovely wife Ursula now live in Bangor, California. Since his retirement, he built his own house and also helped his son

build a house in Orland. Don enjoys some fishing and being retired from United.

The 50-50 raffle was won by **Don Arndt**. The \$15 gift certificate was won by **Ursula Arndt**. Due to scheduling issues, our November meeting has been pushed back to Thursday, December 11 in Chico at Marie Callendar's Restaurant. It will be held at 11:30 A.M. and Sharon volunteered to set it up.

Calendar:

December 11 - Marie Callendar's Restaurant in Chico beginning at 11:30 A.M. Come join us!

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DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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From October 3rd through the 7th, **Tom & Nancy Goodyear** and **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw** attended the RUAEA convention in Washington DC. Tom will report on the convention in the December issue.

Catherine Smith, widow of the late **Joe Smith** passed away on September 9, 2012. Kay was 91 years old.

Patricia (Loftus) Glover passed away on September 4, 2012 after a short illness. Pat worked in Omaha & Denver. Her late father was the Station Manager in Grand Island, NE.

Frank Heery had a massive heart attack and passed away on September 23. Frank was the husband of **Karen Heery** from DENTR.

Nancy Goodyear had a knee replacement on October 22 and is doing fine.

John Hotchkiss started with Capital Air Lines in 1952 as a line service mechanic in Washington DC. John and his family transferred to Denver in the 70's as a Flight Simulator Technician & retired 60 years later.

Ron Akara retired in August after starting in 1949 as Steward on the Hawaiian flights. May we wish these retirees an happy retirement. Please come & join us at our monthly breakfasts.

The Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 7 at the Holiday Inn Select, 455 South Colorado Blvd. (parking is free). Social Hour 11:00 to 12:00 noon. Bring an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl 4 to 8 years old. Cost is \$19.00 per person. Make checks payable to RUAEA Denver and mail to **Harriet Ahr**, 4576 Hooker St. Denver CO 80211. Dead line is November 30. Please list your menu choices and the friends you are bringing on your check. Menu choices are: Grilled

Salmon or Roast Pork Loin or Chicken Cordon Bleu. Coffee, Ice tea will be serviced. Garden salad with choice of dressing. Baked potato, Greed Beans Almondine. Dessert pumpkin or pecan pie.

Continental's retirees Christmas luncheon will be held on December 12. For details call **Don Le Furge** at (303) 364-1494.

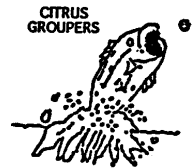
Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on December 1st at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35th Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast.

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Our president **Don Nellan** called the meeting together with the Pledge of Allegiance with 17 members in attendance. He spoke about our plans for our convention (Florida Retirees Uniting). Everything is going as planned and you will be able to obtain your tickets at the October meeting. **Paul Brown**, the Director of RUAEA, informed us that Medco will be changing to Express Scripts January 1, 2013. New planes have been purchased by United they are known as the 737-800, each has the capacity of 175 passengers and the 787 is coming soon.

We enjoyed our new meeting place this month, Arnold Palmers Legend Country Club. We will return to our original meeting place on October 25 which is the Nancy Lopez Country Club, 8455SE 172 Legacy Ln., (352-753-1475) just north of Hwy. 42 on Buena Vista Blvd. Anyone needing directions contact our President **Don Nellan** (352) 861 8486 or nellansdon@aol.com.



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There were 15 members present at our October meeting. Prez **Dick Coughlin** opened our meeting. We welcomed **Ed Martin**, who visited last month and joined us as a member today. He likes living at Spruce

Creek as they have their own runway. **Gloria Marcantonio** didn't make the meeting as she was in Emergency taking care of her hurt ankle from an accident she had. **Lowell & Anne Johnston** were in SFO. **Emily Veracka** had a Condo meeting to attend.

Birthday celebrant was **Marion Johnson**. **Nelson & Honeylou Funkhouser** celebrated 58 years together. Company anniversary was **Steve Moddle** with 47 years. Our Sand"DABS" Chapter is 16 years old this month. Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Rick Johnson** and the second drawing was won by **Bill Lowrey**. Treasurer **Penny Logan** gave her report. We'll make a decision what charity to give to after the holidays.

We had information come in for the Florida Region RUAEA Chapters who will meet together February 22-24, 2013. Anyone interested in going should contact Prez Dick for prices if you are planning to attend. The Citrus Groupers have lots of things planned for the weekend.

Our December meeting will be a week later, same time, but held at Halifax Yacht Club December 13. We received menu choices and will finalize our decisions by next meeting. Checks for the meal should be sent to **Frieda Coughlin** as soon as you make your choice of one of the two selections.

Prez Dick had some brief information about the UAL company as well as the American and Delta Airlines. It sounds like the new 787 will be called the Dreamliner and will be out November 4.

Herb & Molly Gardner went on a trip with the Daytona Senior Travel Club to New Zealand and Australia. Herb celebrated his birthday on the Great Barrier Reef. They had a wonderful time and really enjoyed beautiful New Zealand, both the country and the people.

There was an interesting bit of sharing by our pilots about their last flight. It was an emotional experience for some but a wonderful last day at UAL for them. On **Steve Moddle's** last flight, he had his son as his 2nd officer, Lil was on board also. The crew had a cake for Steve. **Larry Horton** was flying a DC10 across the country, at every radio contact they wished him well as he progressed through the flight. When he landed, he was given a copy of his radio contacts across the country. **Nelson Funkhouser** said on his last flight he let the co-pilot land the plane, it was an uneventful trip. **Ed Martin** said his last flight was on a 767 from Hawaii and added that it was not exceptional, when they landed he just got off and bid everyone A-looo-ha. It was a good meeting with a lot of jolly conversation. And remember, today's preparations determine tomorrow's achievements.

Calendar

November 1 - 1130 - Red Lobster

December 13 - 1130 - Halifax Yacht Club

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September 10 meeting was called to order at 10:45 by VP **Bob Lindstrom** with 19 members in attendance.

Birthdays in September - **Flo Reveillac** (9/11 a young 91), **Mary Judd** (9/19), **Willie Wilkerson** (9/23) and **Jan Lindstrom** (9/28).

Discussion was held on travel and some were good and some were not so good as everyone is trying to figure out the new system. **Mary Martin** informed us that we have 51 paid members.

Jon Wilkinson is requesting any person who has reached their 74th Birthday and wants to play for the Oldest, Continuous, Senior Softball Team in the world (since 1930) and desires to join. Contact Jon - [@jonwilkins@hotmail.com](mailto:jonwilkins@hotmail.com) - or check them out at kidsandkubs@verizon.net. Play ball!

Terri Breslin will have more info at Picnic February - 2013, RUAEA Citrus Groupers chapter in The Villages - hosting a conference for RUAEA Florida retirees - Feb 22-24 - 2013. More info to come.

Our Fall Picnic was attended by 28 members and 5 guests. The meeting was called to order by President **Barbara Riecss**. Guest Speaker was **Paul Brown**, he filled us in on what is happening with the company. Paul talked about the RUAEA Florida Retirees Uniting in The Villages, February 22-24, 2013.

Gabriel and her family gave us an update on her progress with Juvenile Diabetes. Time has flown by - she is a Jr. in HS - driving and working. Her Mom stated that they are proud of how she is handling the disease.

Our meeting adjourned when the Pit Boss BBQ delivery arrived.

Calendar

November 5 - IHOP at 10:30 AM

December 3 - Christmas Luncheon, Spartan Manor - 11:00 AM Social, Noon Lunch. Hudson Middle School Jazz Band - entertainment. \$18 per person. Call **Terri Breslin** for more info



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We might have had a small number in attendance, 14 in all, but it sure was an active group. Our new 1st VP **Bob Langevin** stood in for **Al Popek**, our reigning President who was in Hawaii for a personal business trip of sorts, at least that is what he told us, and Bob did a super job of conducting the meeting.

We had two new guests, **Bob & Pat Williams**, who decided to come and look us over; well, they are now our newest members. Both Bob & Pat enjoyed our meeting and members; we also enjoyed having them and want to give them a Very Big Welcome to our Treasure Coast Retiree Chapter. Bob was the UAL employee who worked in the Legislative and Regulatory Department in Washington before retiring in 1993. They are such a nice couple, but all of our members are great people, we are most fortunate indeed.

Bob Langevin decided it would be a nice gesture for everyone to introduce themselves to our newest members and Bob & Pat gave us their background. They hail from Hobe Sound.

Some of the topics covered were PBGC, ZED ticket refunds, the Ocala meeting, a 2 day cruise, voting on November 6 which by the way is the same day of our next meeting, so please make sure you get out and vote, and your vote does count so do it! We did point out that you can now get the Newsletter and back issues on the Web; we all used Name Tags and everyone there was voting for them to be permanently used at each meeting. **Frank Wise** is going to verify with Benefits regarding special passes in case of death or serious family needs. If you need info on the Ocala get together, contact me **Jane Kerr**.

If you are having ZED fare refund issues, look in the July issue of the Newsletter, page 5 is the following address you contact for refunds and a form. United Airlines Refunds Department, Attn. Refund Accounting, P.O. Box 4607, Dept. HQJRF, Houston, TX 77253, please note **not Chicago!** Unfortunately, it does not give a phone number; however, I will try to get one.

The Progressive was won by **Vicky Snyder** and yours truly won the 50/50, seems like my luck in on the upswing for a change.

If you haven't paid your dues, please get them in ASAP and contact **Frank Wise** at mjfw@att.net or call him if you don't have a computer.

For some unknown reason, the October Birthdays were not in the Newsletter so Belated Wishes to **Mi-**

chael Carragher (10/6), **Arnold Lakso** (10/25), **Bobbie Vitel** (10/26), our November Birthdays are **Sharon Kirk** (11/1), **Mary Kay Wetherington** (11/4), **Doris Lakso** (11/15), **Pat Williams** (11/19), **Ed Snyder** and **Bob Williams** (11/22), **Sonny Bodner** (11/23) and **Ailene McCormick** (11/26). Happy Birthday to all! Our Anniversary couples are **Maureen & Michael Carragher** and **Sharon & Thomas Kolibab**, both on 11/16, **Diane & Paul Liebisch** 11/18, **Bob & Pat Williams** 11/26, Happy Anniversary to all! The Williams have a busy month of November between their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversary.

Well that's all folks, until next time, be happy, laugh as much as you can, keep healthy, love and be sure to tell those that you love you love them, don't assume they know, the clock is ticking.

Calendar:

November 6 - 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach

December - Meeting and Christmas/Holiday Party location to be announced

January 8 - Luncheon/Meeting, location to be announced

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DIXIE FLYERS

Our Dixie flyers met on September 5 at the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, GA. Pledge of Allegiance was said by **Bill Elk** and the Blessing of the food by **Fred Cron**, who also brought pictures circa 1949 of Atlanta Airport, with vintage planes and army barracks.

We had a good turnout of Flyers including **Elmer Koldorf**, **Bill Doherty**, and **Wormy Bowling**. Missing were **Roy Cross**, **Lyle & Johanna Meyers** and their two daughters Tina and Missy.

Bogie Wallace and **Fred Cron** conducted the 50/50; \$18 went to our local women's shelter and to **Doug Gofort**.

A small discussion of our flying privileges and boarding priorities and a circulating rumor our BP6's might be reinstated, too much to hope for, but miracles do happen!

Bob Balas and wife went oversea and had a pleasant experience. Bob has a list of United Employees Deceased back to 1959. **Fred Cron** has the list; hopefully he will copy it to pass around to our Flyers on October 3

meeting, always first Wednesday of the month. We are booked at our same restaurant till December, 2PM, ya'all come.

Gary Tuttle introduced retiree **R. K. Moore** (DENCg) from training dept, understand he was working with trainer **John Grassley**, small world when I worked DENCg, I also knew John. United had some very good if not great employees in the life of UAL.

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Aloha. The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter, however presently we do not have a chapter correspondent. We meet three times a year, in February, June, and September on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All retirees are welcome. The location and luncheon costs vary.

We look forward to seeing you in United's Little Corner of the World.

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Although our September attendance was down, we Gems managed to enjoy ourselves just fine! **Rick Dempsey**, a former president, led the meeting, as **David** was completing a Pacific coast bus trip. This retirement job of 15 years and over 600,000 miles follows 35 years with United in Boise. One week prior we met for our annual Memorial Picnic. It was a beautiful day, both weather-wise and otherwise.

Following are those who met at IHOP for our monthly meeting: **Bob & Palmer Sarnoff**, **Kathy Hihn**, **Marilyn Taylor**, **Ileen Bunce**, **Louise Duvall**, **Charles & Shirley Perkins**, **Sharon Kolins**, **Rick Dempsey**, and **Carol Adams**.

Bob & Palmer went to a wedding in Healdsburg, by way of Carmel. They stayed at the Cypress Inn and had a spectacular meal at the hotel. Then it was on to Napa. **Kathy** will be going to CLE and PVD on the 18th of September. This will be my first trip on United since we merged with Continental, it should be interesting (?)

Calendar:

November 13 - Monthly Meeting

December 11 - Christmas Party, 2:00 at Jakers in Meridian

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Happy Halloween to all our UAL retirees! Our changing leaves have been beautiful; truly God's masterpiece is our Fall.

Our Northside Breakfast had a new face, **Jackie Giri**. She and her husband, **Prasad**, from EXOKV, and daughter **Indira**, traveled to Puerto Rico last month. They were celebrating **Indira's** graduation from the Rajev Ghandi Medical University in Bangalore, India.

Another milestone was the 21st anniversary for **Paul & Marsha Sealock-Weber** in September.

Glenn Taras just became a grandfather for the seventh time. His son and daughter-in-law had a little girl, **Leighton** this summer. Birthdays were celebrated by **Arlene Malachuk**, **Mary Szabo** and **Hal Weary**. **Hal** turned 104 this month. He attended our Fall Luncheon, and he looked not a day over 85, must be all that clean United living. It's great that he can still attend our Skyliner Soirees.

Our luncheon drew a crowd of 150. Almost everyone had the super-duper stuffed pork chop. We took home leftovers for another two days. About 25 people went home with raffle winnings.

Richard Hoppel fell off a ladder while trimming branches on his tree, and broke his ankle. Surgery was performed and he will be in rehab at The Caremont, in Hanover Park for a few months. His address there is 2000 W. Lake Street. Hanover Park, IL 60133.

At our Southside Brunch, there were 18 attendees. **Carl & Mary Brandt** took a three day bus tour with the IAM to Iowa which included some gambling at the Meskwaki Casino in Tama, IA and a tour of the Arsenal on the Mississippi River. **Rudi Maki** went north to his home state of Minnesota over Labor Day weekend. He toured some of the 500 wooded acres of the Minnesota Zoo at Apple Valley. He then mingled with big crowds and high temps with his family at the Minnesota State Fair. Later he and his nephew traveled to Hibbing, his home town. **Lavonne Halach** fell and hurt her leg. She is recuperating at home. Her address is 8746 W. 26th Street, North Riverside, IL 60546. Our raffle winners

were **Mary Brandt, Al Eberhardt, Sylvester Gant,** and **Bob Pearson.**

Did you ever stop to think, and then forget to start again? Welcome to my world.

Next month, I'll list the names of the people who attended the Loonies Get-together in Siren, WI, and the DCA convention. So good to see we're still on the move and seeing the United States of United.

Calendar

Northsiders' Breakfast - Ritzzy's Café, 8:30 A.M. 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows. (**November 14** and **December 12**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southsiders' Brunch - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**October 30** and **November 27**). Last Tuesday of the month. No brunch in December.

Food Depository - First Tuesday of the month. Bus leaves the Training Center at 7:45 A.M.

Christmas Luncheon - Tuesday, **December 11**, Avalon Banquets, Elk Grove, IL

Presidential Election is Tuesday, November 6. Be sure to exercise this privilege.



LOOP GROUP

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There were 9 retirees meeting for lunch on a beautiful sunny and warm September day in Chicago. There is a new menu with gourmet type selections and the Chef visited our table to give additional information.

Ted & Agneta Jung had traveled to Germany and Sweden in May via UAL from O'Hare to Frankfurt. They traveled on Tuesdays and were boarded Business Class to Frankfurt and First Class on return to O'Hare. There were no problems with reservations or listings.

Marjorie Nelson visited her family in Scotland and traveled on a Tuesday in June from O'Hare to Newark and to Glasgow in Business First and the same back to Newark on a Tuesday. No problem with reservations or listings.

Both **Ted & Agneta Jung** and **Marjorie & Howard Nelson** are celebrating their 51st Anniversaries in October which is an achievement to be celebrated. Congratulations!

On the way to take the train back home, 5 retirees strolled down State Street and had our picture taken in front of the Chicago Theater where Willie Nelson was playing and Madonna was performing at the other end of the Loop. The photo includes **Lillian Mallstrom,**

Howard Nelson, Mary Szabo, Norm Pearson and **Marjorie Nelson.**

Our next luncheon on November 21st is cancelled which is the usual third Wednesday of the odd numbered months. Because that date falls on the day before Thanksgiving, on the 22nd, we will be saving ourselves for "Turkey Day". Luncheons will begin again in 2013.

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Fall has officially arrived after a devastating summer with little or no rain; the trees appear to have recovered and are changing to a kaleidoscope of orange, gold and reds. A perfect time for travel since schools have resumed and "standbys" space is more available.

Indy Racers have been anticipating our Nov. "Toys for Tots" program, when we enjoy the company of young men and women of the Marine Corp. Members donate unwrapped toys at an average \$10. Also on the agenda have been plans for our Christmas party. We are again celebrating at Charbono's Restaurant in Avon, IN on December 8, from 5-8 P.M. We invited both current and past members to join us. Please contact **Cheri Innis** for reservations at (317) 745-3332 by Nov. 15th.

Ray Brabo mentioned for those seeking employment opportunities in the aircraft industry. Boeing is hiring "mature" personnel. Apparently older employees take less time off and do a great job.

Dimpel Rihel recently traveled to Chicago to visit her daughter, newly married; and then jetted off to Raleigh to spend time with a long-time friend. **Charles Theiss** and his family enjoy "reenacting" living in the 1700-1800 era in period costume and camping. They recently returned from doing so in Pennsylvania at the national. Our globe-traveler, **Mary Chandler**, has been busy relocating to a local senior residence and putting her world trips on hold. However, she and I, plus **Ralph (Bud) & Eli Barnett** attended the Washington RUAEA convention.

Happy November birthday to: **Melanie Hall** (11/23); **Jim Gibson** (11/30) and **Concisa Loftus** (11/30). Best wedding anniversary wishes to **Dennis & Melani Hall** (11/8).

Calendar

November 13 - Emmy's Original Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beachwood Center, Avon, IN 46123. Room

is available for lunch from 1:15P.M. Meeting begins at 2:30 P.M.

December 8 - Christmas Party at Charbono's Restaurant, 128 N. State Rd. Rte 267, Avon, IN 5-8P.M. No regular meeting in December.

January 8 - TBA

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Our September 25 luncheon meeting once again took place at Isaac's Restaurant in Plymouth, MA, with a great view of Plymouth Harbor from their second floor dining room. Isaac's always has great meals, good service and a nice room. It is one of the nicer places we frequent. Despite its distance from Boston, we usually get a good attendance. I personally can attest to the best, large, most tender prime rib around!

We had 32 members & guests for lunch. Not often seen, **Pat & Bob Austin, Fred Jackson, Gerry & Margaret Peters, Audrey Joyce, Charlie Staula and Dayle Vee**. Of course, our normal regulars were all present. Our two newest members, **Joan Twing** and **Yvonne Fucci**'s presence showed they haven't missed a meeting yet! **Helmut Umbley**'s guest was one of his daughters, Susan, who just moved into Plymouth. **Oscar Bauerle**'s guest is his niece, **Sylvia Kirsh**. Sylvia advised me that Oscar's wife, **Lilli**, passed away in August. This is the first we've heard of it, so unfortunately, as a group we didn't offer condolences.

The 50/50's were won by **Peter Fusco** and **Bob Austin**. (See Bob, you got to come more often.) Free lunches were won by **Helmut Umbley** and **George Mavreles**. The progressive winner was **Fred Casey**, who was not present, so the progressive will be worth \$30.00 at the next meeting. Oh boy, oh me, I kept calling **Fred Jackson, Fred Casey** all afternoon!

Anthony Postale acquired an Aeronca 7EC Champ aircraft he is restoring from the ground up. He brought in pictures of the project he started last spring. His first picture showed just the naked frame. More pics showed his progression on this tandem two-seater. The entire body and wings will be fabric covered and painted. He advised that paint for this project cost \$100.00 a quart. Also, 100 octane fuel is currently \$5.75 per gallon. He will be buying a new power plant and hopes to be finished by next spring. Anthony has had a pilot and A&P mechanic license for many years.

Bill Shailor advised that his baby sister had a stroke, but is recovering fine. She lives in Utah, is a Mormon, has 67 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren and 4 more on the way. All I can say to this is, WOW!

Don Lewis had carpal tunnel surgery, right hand in September and left hand in October. Don & Pat took a cruise in-between from PWM up to Canada and down to BOS just to give Don a needed break from the two.

Dick Woodworth was diagnosed early last summer with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow. His blood pressure went down and his kidneys shut down. He was hospitalized, is doing better and is now in rehab. Drop Dick a card: c/o Rosewood Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 22 Johnson Street, Peabody, MA 01960. I'm sure Dick would like to hear from friends near and far.

Elizabeth Restiano's husband, **Larry**, passed away on September 7. Liz hasn't been a chapter member for several years, so we weren't aware.

By the time you read this, I will have had hip replacement surgery and working on rehab, if all goes well. I'm hoping I will be able to write the December contribution to our Newsletter. First time ever a hospitalization for me.

November birthdays ~ **Robert DePippo, Joe Duda, Marcia Kilpatrick** and **Dick Woodworth**.

Novembers anniversaries ~ **Edward & Kathleen Aldorisio** (12 years), **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** (31 years) and **Paul & Mary Ward** (49 years).

Calendar:

December 4 - Christmas Party, Angelica's Restaurant, Middleton, MA

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September had one of the smaller gatherings of Lites with only 27 in attendance. But they're the Hard Core, believe me! They're always there (except when they flee the Great Frozen Tundra for their warmer winter digs or go on bus trips around the region).

Our meeting in September was on the 12th, so many of us had the anniversary of the attack against our nation on our minds. Memories of "where were you" and "what were you doing" during that awful time were discussed. A further donation to the Flight 93 Memorial Fund was considered. The chapter receives requests for more money about every 6-8 weeks from the Fund

which is irritating, but after having investigated the fundraising of the charity and having found it average, we decided that we'd donate again.

One of the reasons that particular charity is so close to our hearts is the relationship one of our own, **Janet Meyer**, had with the surviving family of one of the heroes of Flight 93, **Tom Burnett** of the Twin Cities. Janet was the liaison between United & his family and she has related to us how deeply her communications with them affected her.

Our members on the prayer list are **Joe Eyestone & Jack Doke**. Jack is muddling along pretty well, but Joe's health is worrisome. Please keep them both in your thoughts & prayers. Another former MSP colleague, **Roy Simonson**, has passed on. We have no info on next of kin to express our condolences. Perhaps some of the readers in California can provide us with that info.

Our honorary member & good friend of **Bud & Jo Ayres, Tom Cafilisch**, had knee surgery recently, but had complications afterward of low blood pressure & erratic heartbeat. You might keep him in your thoughts, as well.

Thanks to **Steve Mayo** for sitting in at the President's breakfast at the Convention in Lee's absence. He did yeoman's duty by representing the Northwoods Loonies also! I guess Ida got the opportunity to sleep in while he was doing his well-appreciated job for us.

We're certainly glad to learn that the Company seems to be listening to the complaints from around the system about hinkyness (I just coined that word!) in the clearing at departure time of standby passengers. Our pal, **Norman Holen**, when traveling from MSP to LAS via DEN a couple of months ago, encountered a situation where she was boarded at MSP correctly using a Vacation Pass but when they cleared standbys at DEN, somehow her listing changed to a Leisure Pass in mid-stream. That pushed her priority down about 14 notches & the flight left without her. She thought it was peculiar & was able to find an agent willing to investigate what might have happened. Without being able to go into the computer software to track the transactions done, the agent couldn't determine just how Norma's listing got changed from Vacation to Leisure, just that it had. She eventually got to LAS, of course, but that little "anomaly" was a day-ruiner.

Arlene Kelley has resigned her position as Treasurer of the chapter & we're looking for a replacement. We thank her for her years of service & dedication to attending almost 100% of the meetings, particularly since she & Joe drive about 145 miles each way in all kinds of weather to join us.

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

NEBRASKA



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There were 44 in attendance at Lake Manawa. Even though we moved it from August to September this year trying to get a cooler time, the heat was still with us. Thanks to **Larry & Sharon Farrell** for setting up this cook-out. Thanks also to those who arrived early to help set up. We had many people who brought dessert and our sincere thanks to each of you. **Evan & Eileen Holly** brought a box of their home grown peaches to share. There were several people in attendance we haven't seen lately. **Harley & Bev Hughes; Jane & Frank Sesto; Bill Boner; Hilde & Dick Schwan;** and guests, **Jerry & Millie Corey**. We were happy to have **Sharon Farrell's** mother attend – **Helen Corey** was celebrating her 95th birthday.

Louie Stankoski said he doesn't feel like going much except to bingo one day a week. He is still being treated for his cancer. He has been taking chemo, but the doctor is going to put him on another medication this month. **Harley Hughes** had main valve and double heart by-pass surgery the week of September 10. He is at home recuperating and we all hope that he has a speedy and full recovery. **Margie Stiles** fell down some basement stairs on September 1 and broke her wrist. She had surgery on Tuesday, September 4 and the stitches removed September 14.

Drawing for the 25/25/50 winners were **Barb Soseman** and **Dick Weak**, each receiving \$25.00. Congratulations. Nice chunk of change.

Jane Sesto's cancer is still requiring many doctors' visits, chemo, etc. She really wanted to come this month as she and **Frank** had missed a couple of the meetings. Hopefully, in the near future, things will improve so they can be with us every month.

Birthdays for October are: **Lorraine Stanfield** (10/3); **Sandy Bender** (10/3); **Margie Stiles** (10/9); **Judy Nekonchuk** (10/13); **Kathy Faust** (10/15); **Mike Stiles** (10/19); **Ken Bender** (10/21); **Barb Soseman** (10/25); and **Bob Faust** (10/27).

I talked to **Charlie Cromling** and he said he is doing pretty well. The only driving he does is go to his church each Sunday. **Charlie** is 87½. He lives with his daughter and family in an apartment they fixed up in the basement of their home.

Calendar:

November 7 - Bohemian Café, hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

December 4 - Christmas Dinner, Anthony's, hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

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There were 18 members and 2 guests at our September meeting at Jack's. One guest was **Margaret Scholl**, who accompanied the **Robinsons**. The other guest attendee was **Larry Jackson**, a retiree from SFO who came with **Jim Compton**.

The 2012 Sand Harbor Picnic was once again a resounding success. Thanks again to all the volunteers who came early and helped set up. One glaring omission was a big THANK YOU to **Jim Wagner** for doing a splendid job monitoring the gate. Members from the Sacramento Gold Diggers, San Joaquiners and Hangtown Miners were all in attendance. Members in attendance voted to continue hosting the picnic later in August due to the diminished crowd at Sand Harbor.

Thank you to the Reno Chapter of Clipped Wings for again providing the dessert.

The 10th Annual Maintenance Get-Together in Minden, NV at Carson Valley Inn was another success with 89 people attending.

The 50/50 was won by **Bill Royal**, who summered in Reno this year.

September birthdays were celebrated by **John & Elizabeth Brown**, **Jeff Nimori** and **John Zoboli**.

We regret to announce that **Louise Helmer** passed away in May and **Bob Rutherford** passed earlier this year.

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John Deily opened the meeting with a flag salute and we observed a moment of silence for the passing of **Dan O'Leary** of EWR passenger service. There was much talk again about our pass system as it now exists. **George Whitman** had suggested that we try a training

session at our next meeting to get our people better acquainted with the computer with some of our more knowledgeable people. We'll see what happens.

John Murphy gave his "money" report and we are still OK. **Gene Boyer** won the 50/50 and the door prize. Me thinks something is wrong here!

Our next meeting will be on October 31 at 12 PM at Snuffy's. There is no meeting in November. Our Christmas meeting will be on December 12. We will be collecting "Toys for Tots" at this meeting. Let's carry on this great tradition, started by **Jerry Confer** for the US Marine Corps Reserve.

Calendar:

October 31 – 12PM, Snuffy's in Scotch Plains.

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At our October luncheon, we welcomed three members we haven't seen in almost a year, **Barbara Mueller**, **Rose Rerucha**, and **Ratimer Sunderic**. Ratimer just returned from his annual visit to Serbia where he has a small farm. He said the drought there has been awful so much of his garden suffered. He raised 2 piglets while there, but, unfortunately, the moral of this story is "don't get attached" as what is a pet today, may be dinner tomorrow. He reported that non-revs cannot check luggage through when connecting offline internationally. He had to retrieve his luggage in Munich, go to customs and passport control and recheck his bag to Belgrade. Also, his brother was not listed on the same PNR, so was unable to board with him on his priority.

Betty Williams travelled to ATL and found that if she wasn't listed for FC, she couldn't upgrade that listing if she couldn't be accommodated in coach. SHARES is unable to adjust the reservation to the higher class not listed, so the advice is to list for FC. She also feels that UA's former "buddy pass" system is superior to the "registered friends" format due to its flexibility.

Audrey Smolik had an eventful August. She travelled to Texas on a family emergency and while there was interviewed by a local newspaper about a trip she took to Uganda in 1970. It was such an intriguing story that it appeared on the first page of the Hallettsville, Texas Tribune-picture and all! Move over Katie Couric.

Apparently, the "seniority" situation on boarding priority is being revisited, so something may change.

On the cultural front here in the Big Apple, **Betty Williams** enjoyed the opening night of the Metropolitan Opera while April King "pirouetted" with the Paris Ballet.

Calendar:

December 4 - 12noon - San Martin. Please RSVP to **Marge Segal**, (212) 355-1788, or **Barb Hill** (212) 799-8061.

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Hello! In case no one noticed, we did not have a regular article in the paper last month. Since our meetings are automatically scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, we change it to the second Wed. due to Holidays etc., which fall in the first week of any month. Our luncheon in September was at an old favorite of ours. The Old School House which has had a lot of renovation work done in the past year. They opened for us, and we enjoyed our day there. **Vince & Norma Malena** were our hosts, and we thank them for taking care of all the details. We had 68 members get together for a great luncheon and time to visit with old friends.

Nancy Cleary brought her sister **Mary Merleno** as a very welcome guest. It is always great to see her! Welcome back to **Sharon & Bernie Garrah** who were finally able to get together with us again. Also, Welcome back as members, **Gene & Nancy Yost** and **Pat & Carmine Spagnoletti**!

Please keep **John Jeskey** in your thoughts and prayers. A very Happy Birthday to **Marjorie Sandstrom**. Also, to those of you who were unable to join us this month, our Birthday Wishes to you!

To everyone celebrating a September anniversary, we wish you many, many more. The following members celebrating anniversaries were in attendance: **John & Carrie Kercel** (23yrs) and **Frank & Janet Osborne** (58 yrs). Congratulations!

Fifty-Fifty! This month the winners were **Sharon Minelli** and **Earl Taylor**,

October Meeting ~ The cool days of October are slowly showing their colors, and it is a beautiful day. This month we are meeting at Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center. We are all ready for some very good food in this month of Oktoberfest. Our host couple is **Joe & Shirley Moses**, who have made

this so easy for the rest of us to just walk in and all the details are taken care of. Thank You Both! Our group this month totals 78 in attendance.

Dolly Taucher welcomed everyone, especially our guests, **Nancy Popovich**, daughter of **Vic & Betty Taylor** and **Elda Custer Jeskey's** sister **Lois**. **John** is home from the hospital, wanted to come to the luncheon, but decided to stay home instead. We do miss him!

At the last meeting, **Dolly** announced that she had something to pass out to many in the group. She proceeded to announce names and we gave each their envelope. She asked that they not open them till she was finished. What they found was a really beautifully worded poem for each of the married couples (suitable for framing), with the first name of each couple written on each side and a drawing of two arms holding hands. The poem reads – *Across the years I will walk with you in deep green forests: on shores of sand: and when our time on earth is through, in heaven, too, you will have my hand.*

On behalf of all of us who have received this lovely print, I would like to thank **Dolly & John**, her husband, for the work they put into this little gift, putting everyone's individual name on and printing them up. This month she passed them out to those who were not with us last month! She plans to make sure all of the poems are given as members attend.

Happy Birthday to each and every one of you with an October birthday ~ **Florence Alexander**, **Dave Cleary**, **Mary Ann Friedel**, **Marty Hassel**, **Jean Hughes**, **Len Luffler**, **Joe Moses** **Cathy Pytel**, **Arlene Taylor**, **Earl Taylor** and **Nancy Yost** were with us this afternoon.

Anniversary wishes go out to all those celebrating this month. Joining us today were: **Bob & Florence Alexander** (56), **Gene & Jacki Craig** (50), **Joe & Shirley Moses** (55), and **Leo & Doris Schueler** (52).

A big "Thank-You" to **Dave & Marie Plako** for handling the Fifty-Fifty! Winners were **Barbara Wachs** and **Steve Pytel**. Congratulations!

**Timely good deeds are nicer than afterthoughts*

**A new broom sweeps clean, but it takes an old one to get in the corners*

Calendar:

November 7 - Tony K' s, hosted by **Tom & Helen Hockett**

December 5 - Williams on the Lake, hosted by **Earl & Arlene Taylor**



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There were 66 members present to hear a presentation by Jeremiah Pyle from the National Weather Service explain the process of forecasting the NW weather. It was very interesting to find out exactly how they arrive at their forecasts. Jeremiah told us he was 26 but he looked 16.

Paul read a card from Shepherd's Door thanking us for the donations they receive from us each month. Our members are wonderful about bringing clothing and food supplies each month and **Dave & Pat Smith** take them to the center.

Chuck Falbo reported to me at the meeting that he had been hospitalized for a few days. Please contact him with your concerns about his health. **Connie Bauer** had heart surgery and **Joan DeCamara** had foot surgery in September. Our best to you in the healing process!

It was announced at the meeting **Jack Harper** would be celebrating his 90th on September 8th; however Jack passed away on September 25. Jack retired from PDXMM, was President of the Dew-er's and also Mayor of Sherwood for two terms. We send our condolences to Cora and the rest of his family. A memorial is planned for November 10 at 2:00 PM, Sherwood Senior Center, 21907 SW Sherwood Blvd, Sherwood, OR.

We also lost another member, **Robert Charron** who retired from PAA. Bob died on August 10th. We send our condolences to Joyce and his family.

If you haven't been to a meeting in the last few months you will find a bucket being passed around asking for a \$1 donation for Christmas baskets. It is hoped enough money is received to make two baskets for needy families.

Jane Futrell asked everyone at the meeting to come to her home and help her celebrate her 85th birthday on September 16. Jane called me this week and told me there were 77 who attended, about 20 Dew-er's with lots of food for all.

Don't forget to bring a dessert to the Thanksgiving luncheon on November 14.

Winners for the drawings in September were as follows: Door prize ~ **Inge Pempeit**, Man's birthday ~ **Jack Hooper**, Women's birthday ~ **Jane Futrell**, Anniversary ~ **Sam & Bill French** (42yrs) and 50/50 ~ **Dick Wahlberg**.

Calendar:

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

November 14 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

December 12 - Christmas Luncheon

January 9, 2013 - Social

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September 7 was a perfect early autumn day for the annual OUR Club picnic. **Steve & Cyndi Austin** once again welcomed 24 members and guests to their beautiful home and patio to enjoy great food, great company and great weather. Steve was the quintessential grill master, barbecuing tri-tips and chicken for all of us, while OUR Club members provided a wonderful variety of side dishes pot luck style.

Alberta & Russ Randall held the winning 50/50 ticket. Table decorations provided by **Cyndi Austin** - planters of colorful pansies and grasses -- were won by **Neal & Sonnia Appleton, Jim & Jane Frincke, Robert & Judy Machado, Doe Pope, Bob Rogers, Steve & Sue Osborn, and Russ & Alberta Randall**. Once again, thanks so much to Steve, Cyndi and everyone for making the picnic such a relaxing, delicious and enjoyable afternoon.

One of the highlights of the picnic was being able to claim Northwest Region Director **Jack & Nancy Hooper** for the day. Jack & Nancy came down from Washington state, and the gift of their time, presence and updating on RUAEA National was a special treat for all of us in Southern Oregon.

The picnic marked the date of one of OUR Club's quarterly business meetings. President **Jane Frincke** conducted the meeting, and a slate of 2013 officers was nominated.

Fast forward a month ~ **Jim & Elaine Ellis** hosted the October 5 luncheon at Hunan Gardens in Grants Pass. Eighteen came to the lunch and were rewarded with a nice afternoon of food and fellowship. **Bob Rogers** won the 50/50 drawing.

Best wishes go with **Jim Ellis** who underwent outpatient surgery on October 8 and to **Sue & Steve Osborn** as Steve continues the determined fight to regain his health. I thank everyone for all the well wishes when I had robotic surgery in Eugene, OR in mid-September. All your thoughts and prayers worked perfectly because I now feel better than I have in many years.

Calendar:

November 2 - Harry & Barbara Horne - TBA

December 7 - Jim & Jane Frincke - Christmas Luncheon at River's Edge, Grants Pass

January 4, 2013 - TBA

PENNSYLVANIA

THE INDEPENDENTS

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Hi all Independents and interested parties! This will be a "catch up" as I have had no report for a few months. Our September 10th luncheon at the Ramada Essington had only 19 in attendance. We can do better than that! We remembered the victims of the 911 attack in prayer and a moment of silence. The free lunch was won by **Walt Sonderman**, **Marlene Manning** took home the 50/50. Our bingo winners were **Bernie MacNamee**, 4 corners, **Marlene Manning** won X, and **Paul Lynn** won X and coverall.

We are collecting money to replenish the Ronald McDonald fund and are thankful for all volunteers who helped out. Send your contribution to the Independents and mail to **Alan Edwards**, 94 Overlook circle, Garnet Valley, PA 19061.

We send congratulations for Happy Birthday milestones to **Mel Manning**, 85 and to **Kathy Edwards**. Her family surprised her with a party for her 70th. You would never guess it! She looks like and is a great gal.

Kudos to **Lew Meyer**! He completed the "Race across America" in June. At the age of 79 years young, he and 3 other bicyclists pedaled for 9 days, 7 hours and 11 minutes one at a time for a total of 3000 miles starting in Oceanside, CA and ending in Annapolis MD. The amazing Lew finished racing with a broken leg and had to be lifted on and off the bike but continued pedaling. That is True Grit!

As we all get a "tad" older, illness does come into our life and the lives of our loved ones. Our ailing friends include, **Bill Carmen**, **Jim Vogel**, **Charlie Ferraro**, **John Houser**, **Tom Lyons**, **Al Edwards**, **Mona MacNamee**, **Barbara Fanto** and **Dick Divenney**, just to name some of them.

We were well represented at the convention. **Al & Kathy Edwards**, **Joe & Gail Bradley**, **Dee Burrs** and **Shirley Roberts** attended for us and to keep up on the latest developments.

Our meetings continue to be the 2nd Monday of the month. We break for the January and February months and then continue till June. Off for the summer and start

all over again in September. The price is \$12.00.

Please tell a committee member if you have any news you want published.

Don't forget to vote!



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I'm off to the RUAEA Convention in D.C. No news this month. Happy Birthday to the United States Marine Corp. Wishing you all a happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Calendar:

December 5 - Christmas luncheon at J. W. Halls

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We returned to Tanasi Clubhouse Restaurant in Tellico Village for our September 21 luncheon/meeting. Our hosts were **Sue & Jack Ferrell**. We were delighted to welcome their entire family for lunch. Another good job Sue and Jack! We had a total of 24 members and guests. It was good to see **Ed Valente** and **Pat & Ione Thompson**. It's been a while since they've made it out to a meeting. We brought it to everyone's attention the recent articles in the RUAEA magazine about pass travel. Everyone has found them to be helpful. Another good source is **Dale Harper's** e-mails. **Ed Valente** will get that information for our group. **Don Jeacock** thanked everyone for coming to **Jackye's** service and for the cards, flowers and calls. We will miss **Jackye**.

Several locations were discussed for our breakfast get-togethers. Herman and I will make arrangements to have the October 18th breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant on Parkside Drive in the Turkey Creek Shopping Center. We'll still meet at 9:30 AM. **Pat Thompson** won the 50/50 drawing. Door prizes were won by **Ione Thompson**, **Robbie Corbin** and **Betty Shipe**. We are still looking for November hosts and would appreciate someone volunteering. **Jack Ferrell** has recently completed his book "My Hero" and had it with him at the meeting.

Calendar:

October 18 -9:30 AM Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant. Take I-40 to Lovell Rd. Exit, go south to Parkside Drive. Go West on Parkside. Restaurant will be on the right. (Turkey Creek Shopping Mall)

November 15 - Hosts are needed!

January 2013 - Location to be announced.

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Fifty one Emerald City Slickers enjoyed sharing their summer experiences with each other at the first meeting of the fall on September 11 at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, Washington. President **Dave Jones** opened the meeting with a moment of silence, remembering those United employees lost on September 11, 2001. **Dave** showed slides from that day's *Newsline* regarding the proposed memorial to honor the fallen.

Vicki Shumaker, editor of our local chapter newsletter, *Contrails*, and her "other half," **Dave Helton**, were heartily welcomed. Though **Vicki** has no official connection with United Airlines, she volunteered many moons ago to take over the local newsletter, and we appreciate her talents and dedication!

We were pleased to have new member, **Joy Heritage** (SEACS) join us and to welcome our newest member, **Elizabeth Cairns**, a Sun City, AZ resident. It also was good to learn that a few delinquent old-timers have renewed their memberships over the past several months, in part due to concerted efforts of the membership coordinators.

Congratulations and a shaky version of "Happy Birthday" greeted **Don Hanson**, celebrating his 90th birthday with us that day. Treasurer **Helen Stanger**, will receive the royal treatment at the October meeting, as she joins our nonagenarians.

Happy November Birthday greetings are extended to **Jo Ann Bernovich**, **Warren Brown**, **Doug Christensen**, **Adelaide Haferbecker**, **Barbara Johnson**, **Rose Koller**, **Leonard Lind**, **Marlene Nelson**, **Sidney Reynolds**, **James Small**, and **Jackie Stenger**.

Phil & Mary Ann Andersen will celebrate 50 Golden Years in November. **Ernie & Marlene Nelson** also tied the November knot - 63 years ago. If we've missed anyone or have moved your special date to the wrong month or year, we apologize! We seem to have

several versions of our lists in circulation and are trying to consolidate and verify all the information.

Do you recognize any of these lucky winners of September door prizes? (You should, because we have a lot of repeats and a few of these folks seem to win every month!) Those with lucky tickets included **Phil Andersen**, **Vern Bogarth**, **Paul Burton**, **Richard Devereux**, L (aka **Bud**) **Dice**, **Don Hanson**, **Marion Hafterson**, **Dave Helton**, **Linda Jones**, **Noreen Krawczyk**, **Phyllis Lindblad**, **Ed Liesse**, **Edna Paulson**, **John Paulson**, **Sharon Penwell**, **Ginger Phelan**, **Helen Stanger**, and **Dona Westpfahl** (but **Chuck's** name was on the ticket!). As you can see, we have many generous donors who stock the prize table.

Doris Spence held the winning blue ticket, allowing her to walk off with the 50/50 prize.

To close the meeting, **Dave Jones** shared his and **Helen Stanger's** photos of "The First Look" at Boeing's Everett plant (see your September RUAEA Newsletter).

Though our news is more than a month behind, at this writing we are looking forward to the still-to-come October 9 luncheon meeting, when we hope to hear from some of our members who may have returned from the national convention in Washington, D.C. Others undoubtedly will extend their travels, and we'll hear about their adventures and their "takes" on the convention at our November meeting. Special thanks go to Past President **John Haferbecker**, who planned to sit in on the Correspondents' Breakfast for this correspondent to bring back updated marching orders for future columns.

Calendar:

November 13 - Lunch at Fairwood Golf and Country Club

December - No meeting

January 8, 2013

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Well, we finally had a meeting. We missed July and August, so I decided to have one at the end of September at Hunters restaurant Post Falls, ID. We had 15 people but three called and had to cancel. They always have good food. We will be having another one next month and the Host will be **Les & Vera Graham**.



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Greetings from the Nations Capital!

As you read this, the 2012 RUAEA Convention will be a happy memory for many participants. We greeted long lost colleagues and friends from our work stations and shared many laughs and perhaps a few tears as we remembered friends who are no longer with us.

Early fall is the perfect time to visit Washington, DC and some of our members brought their families to enjoy the sightseeing and many points of interest.

We look forward to hearing of reunions and reminisce about earlier times when we were all younger! Lets all keep RUAEA going strong, call a retiree and help them to join our organization.

Calendar:

November 14 – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas VA

December 12 – 1130AM, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas V. Toys for Tots, we will be joined by the Marine Corps, bring unwrapped gifts.

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Clipped Wings®, United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae and Flight Attendant, Inc held its national convention in Seattle this year “The Best of the Northwest” what a great time was had by all. Seattle really outdid itself.

This will be my last report for the RUAEA Newsletter; I would like to introduce you to **Bobbie Black** who will be writing the Clipped Wing reports for the next term of 2012-2014. I would like to also introduce the new officers for Clipped Wings 2012-2014 term. They are: President ~ **Christel (Hasenbring) ILG**, Vice President ~ **Bobbie (Frederick) Black**, Secretary ~ **Barbara (Lamb) McIntire**, Treasurer ~ **Tina Winland**, Editor ~ **Dona (Sizemore) Jennison**.

We would like to congratulate **Mary (Sensabaugh)**

Londal of Cleveland Chapter for receiving the Jackie Jos Ceaser Distinguished Service Award. Mary has been a Clipped Wing member for over 55 years and has started the Cleveland Chapter twice. Congratulations Mary!

Some of the happiest people at Convention were the members of the San Diego Chapter; they were voted the Best All Around Chapter for 2010-2012.

The Delegates to the Convention voted to allow former Continental Flight Attendants eligibility for membership in Clipped Wings®. We will be looking forward to having Continental Flight attendants and retired Flight attendants join our group.

Financial support in the form of travel grants for parents of Participants in Special Olympics World Games in South Korea was voted on and approved.

Scarves ~ **Cheryl Jensen** still has some of our wonderful Airplane scarves and ties available, please contact her at rjensen148@aol.com. The proceeds from the profit of the scarves help support Special Olympics.

Membership ~ If you are a former or present United, Capital, or Continental Airline Flight Attendant and would like to find out more about us, please contact **Bobbi Black** at bobbib203@gmail.com or **Christel ILG** at omachristl@aol.com.

It has been a pleasure writing the article for RUAEA for the past 2 years. I would now say Aufwiedersehn and Thank you.



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LETTERS



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

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

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Ruth Birkland, 1225 Vienna Dr., # 92, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

My first experience with the "new" United pass passenger listing system was back in April, when a change in plans found me in Jacksonville, FL and calling to Reservations to list JAX/ORD/SJC. I was astounded to learn the agent tell me that it would cost \$25 to list over the telephone. I had no alternative but to give her my

credit card number. The 8:30 PM flight out of ORD was full and the boarding procedure unprofessional but I did manage to get on. There was not even a bag of peanuts offered to anyone. The in-flight person, to my astonishment, announced "*Welcome to Continental.*" I agree with Mr. Maionchi's letter in the September Newsletter that Mr. Patterson would be very sad indeed.

Not to give up on my good feelings to the way I've known United, I am going to the Clipped Wings Convention in SEA. I bought a ticket on Alaska Air!

John Cunningham, 6433 Camino Viviente, Goleta, CA 93117-1523

Thanks for reminding me that I will be 93 years old in September. Eleanor and I are still "hanging in there"; even with some aches and pains.

We will with God's help celebrate our 71st anniversary on November 15th. Everything is beautiful.

Our best to the RUAEA Officers and many volunteers who put together the newsletter each month.

Gary Ikeya, 925 Carson Drive Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Thank you for notifying me that my membership had expired. I was away from home on an annual RV trip for seven weeks at the time my birthday passed and the renewal reminder came. In searching and reading through the "piles" of mail upon my return home, the RUAEA newsletters were placed in a pile to be read at my leisure, separate from the mountain of "junk mail" pile. Somehow I did not see the reminder nor did I remember that birthday time is renewal time,

I do enjoy reading each issue; there's always news about someone I've known or worked with over the years and now lives elsewhere across the country. The articles are informative and help keep me in the know about what's happening with the company. Thank you for the great job you're doing!

Anne Jones, 50 Castenada Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116-1405

I am always happy to see letters from and names mentioned of long ago friends and a September 11th birthday is celebrated a bit quieter these days. It is amazing how many colleagues have this birthday.

Thank you for the great job of keeping us apprised of all the overwhelming changes that are occurring within the New United (?) Airlines.

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

I am coming up on my 52nd anniversary of my hiring by UAL, and my 23rd year of retirement. Sadly, I recognize all too few names of the new members of RUAEA. I also recognize fewer and fewer of the names in the obits, but that's a good thing. Another good thing

is the fact that our Chapter (Desert Sunbirds), in the Palm Springs area of Southern California, has about 25 former co-workers and friends with whom I worked at LAXCS.

I had to finally give up playing golf about four years ago, as I don't get around very easily any more. But I found something fun to do while sitting. I have gone back to playing the organ. Long story short, I purchased my first organ in 1974, but a few years later, lost interest. I went through a period of about 25 years essentially ignoring the beautiful Wurlitzer in my living room. But four years ago (after giving up the golf), I took an interest again. I am now into my fifth year and my 6th organ. I am taking group and private lessons from a marvelous teacher, and having a ball.

Lastly, great big THANKS to all of you at the RUAEA Newsletter. You all do a terrific job.

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

Well, here it is Birthday time again; it seems like just yesterday I had a Birthday. They come too fast these days.

It has been an interesting year for us. In September, Gloria and I and our two sons attended the Air Races at Reno and we witnessed the terrible crash. It was about 200 feet from us. At one time the plane was heading straight toward us. The engine torque was what made it turn left to where it hit the tarmac.

In October, the Lockheed 10E that flew around the world in 1997 with Linda Finch was flown from New Mexico to Gness Field at Navato, where I have been working the last 15 years. It was to be made ready for another round the world flight by some women, but it fell through. Some of the permits did not work out. But, I got to help take off the right engine and right landing gear for repairs. This spring we reinstalled the gear and the engine after a complete overhaul. We had it all connected before Gloria and I flew east.

The only trouble we had flying East was getting out of San Francisco. It seems a dog got loose and all plane traffic was halted until he was caught, which took over an hour. Our flight was waiting! But then we missed our flight out of Chicago to Hartford. Instead of arriving at Hartford at 4:30 pm, we got there at 11pm. The rest of the flights all went well.

This was our 13th trip for me to work on the ship, the USS Slater DE 766, on the Hudson in Albany, N.Y., while Gloria visited with Jeff in Middletown, CT. We had a great time on the ship which is looking better each year. There is a great group of local folks that work on the ship all year.

While I was gone, the Lockheed was run up and when I got back all I had to do was finish installing the extra fuel tanks in the wings and install the engine cowl-

ings. It is now ready to fly back to New Mexico

On October 11, we had to put our dog, Spanky, to sleep. He was about 16 years old. This was the hardest thing I have ever had to do in a long time. I held him as he took his last breath. We said, "No more dogs"; and two weeks later Gloria talked me into getting "Buttons", a cockapoo at the SPCA!

On December 23 up in Navato, I had an attack of gall stones and spent a night in the Hospital there. There were two stones found and then the pain went away. So I got home on Christmas Eve. I had no trouble while back East, which was great. But July 1st I had a minor attack again at midnight. So I drove to the hospital at Burlingame, CA. Again the pain went away but I made arrangements to have the bladder removed on August 1st. This was the easiest operation I have ever had. I had no pain, and only a little tender. I am so glad that is not a worry again!

I have something to say about the passes. For 4 months I have tried to get my son, Jeff, on the pass list. I tried several times by computer and by U.S. Mail, but No Luck. Finally Dale Harper gave me a telephone number to try and I got through to a real person. I was told that we retirees can't get our son listed by clicking on "SON". We have to list them as a "FRIEND". It is no trouble and no Birth Certificate is needed as for a son. All you need is date of birth. I checked back to the proper page to find Jeff listed right away. Hope this will help someone.

Joan (Lewis) Lane, PO Box 216, Wilton, CA 95693

We have thoroughly enjoyed the Newsletter each month, without it we would have been completely lost. Thanks for the wonderful work all of you put in for us. My husband, Gerald (Jerry) Lane retired in 2000 with 47 years of seniority from INDEG. Jerry spent 42 years at SFO as an Engineer and loved his job. Jerry originally hired on as a mechanic in SFO and through the special programs that were offered then, he was able to get his Engineering Degree. His 42 years were spent in SFO then when IND opened, we went there for five years. At retirement, we moved to Oregon. Five years ago he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, a devastating diagnosis, as there is no cure. It's a disease that slowly takes their life away, memory by memory. Up to now he was doing fairly well and my son offered to add on to his home for us so I could continue to take care of Jerry at home. We sold the house and moved into a rental in California while the house is being built, we thought we had lots of time but his condition deteriorated dramatically. We had to place him in a facility last month as I could no longer care for him at home. What a heart-breaking decision it was and many tears have and continue to be shed over it. He still smiles and laughs a lot. Right now he thinks I'm his mommy, which is sweet. I

know he'd enjoy receiving funny cards, so if you remember Jerry, please let him know.

Timothy Weaver, 78 Kreglow Ct., Hedgeville, WV 25427

My wife and I have had a good year, well mostly that is. My wife had a minor stroke in May and after several weeks of in home therapy, she is doing fine.

Since I retired, I have put on a lot of weight. Our daughter, Kirsten went on a diet several years ago; so I decided to give it a try. Over the last year of the same diet and exercise program, I have dropped over 45 pounds. Now I am wearing jean sizes that I have not worn in the last 25 years.

I start my day mostly with whole grain cereal, ½ cup non fat yogurt and ½ cup of some kind of fruit. For lunch I have a garden salad with low-fat dressing or ½ of a sandwich.

For dinner I have no more than 5oz. of meat, a steamed green vegetable and a small starch.

For exercise, I like to walk outdoors as much as possible. I try to go at least four miles a day; this is a great way to keep in touch with the neighbors. On bad weather days, I run the tread mill inside. After dinner and before bedtime, I have nothing but water. It worked so well that it gave me the will power to stick to it. My doctor is impressed. He can't find any reason to put me on any kind of medication. He tells me he could use me in his office to counsel some of his other patients. I think at 71, I am truly blessed.

I thought I could get our house payment back down to the ratio we had with the monthly income back in 2004 with Wells Fargo. My pension got chopped because of what United did. So back in May of this year, we applied through the HARP program to refinance. We are getting a royal runaround. Every couple of weeks we are told that the adjusters have all the information they need and we should get a call in a few days to set up an appointment to sign for the closing. Then the next call we receive is one asking for more documents. It has been over 4 months and just the other day we were led through the same scenario for the sixth time. Now they want a letter of assurance from Met Life that I'll get that annuity for the next three years. I am filing all this stuff and soon I plan to meet with our congress woman here in Martinsburg, WV to get an idea of where to go with this. I believe they are considering our age and thinking that we will just give up.

Now I am wondering if there are other seniors out there that are having the same problem. Wells Fargo tries to assure us that they do not discriminate. But they don't watch the same ABC News that I watch. Diane Sawyer just recently reported that Wells Fargo was fined 35 million dollars by the Federal government for that very reason.

I know of a number of people much younger than my wife and I, who live in the same development, whose requests went through in a matter of weeks without a hitch.

Our daughter tells me she is now being allowed to refinance a second house which she rents out, through the same HARP program.

The way I see this is if it walks like a duck, looks like a duck, quacks like a duck, it most likely is a duck.

Keep up the good work on the newsletter. I look forward to it each month.

Forrest G. (Gael) Morris, 707 Glenridge Rd., Charleston, WV 25304-2701

The 32nd annual reunion of the 1979 UAL CRW Retirees Group was held September 21 and 22, 2012 in Nashville, TN, hosted by **Larry & Marcy Smith**. Friday night's dinner was held at the Music City Bistro at the Embassy Suite Hotel in Nashville. Saturday's get together and delicious luncheon/dinner was hosted by the Smiths at their home in La Vergne, TN. One of the special events of the reunion was the viewing of the 1990 reunion held in Nashville which 78 people attended.

Attending this year's reunion were **Alan Fields** of Orlando, FL, **Larry & Marcy Smith** of La Vergne, TN, **Betty Strickland** of Front Royal, VA, **Ken & Karen Zemerick** of Smithville, MO, and **Deanie Jackson, Betty Lambert** and **Forrest (Gael) & Doris Morris** of Charleston, WV. Family members and friends also attended some of this year's reunion activities.

The group voted to hold all future reunions in Charleston, WV, and that there would be no hosts for the reunions. Next year's reunion will be held September 27 and 28, 2013 in Charleston.

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



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WWII pilots traded their wartime wings for United Air Lines co-pilot wings. Colonels, Captains, Lieutenants and Civilian pilots sat side-by-side in classes at the Denver Flight Training Center.

30 or more pilots graduated each month and were assigned to the line, joining the approximately 1,000 Captains and First Officers already flying United's fleet of Mainliners and Cargoliners.



Co-pilot training included "Link" instruction and actual flight training in a DC-3.

Bombers, Troop Carriers or Air Transport Hospital and Supply planes and some were former Fighter pilots.

United gave due regard to their wartime experiences in the armed services, however, the company put all through a rigid "airline" training program – and a former colonel wasn't treated differently than a first lieutenant. Following the war, United required its flight personnel applicants to have a CAA Instrument Rating before hire. This rating requirement shortened co-pilot instruction time to five to six weeks, saving four weeks training.

In addition to holding a CAA Instrument Rating and Commercial Pilot's Certificate, the average post-war trainee was a military veteran with 1,500 to 1,600 hours of flying time, was 21 to 29 years of age and was between 5 ft. 7 in. & 6 ft. 2 in. tall. He had to have a mini-



Capt. George I. Myers, head of the Denver Training Center presents Raymond E. Nelson, a WWII flier, with United wings.

Nearly all of the 300 co-pilots who graduated from the Denver center in the year between Sept. 1, 1945 (V-J Day) and Sept. 1946 had extensive flying experience in war theaters throughout the world. A large percentage had been commanders of aircraft – multi-engined

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Classroom instruction included Meteorology and Navigation, operation of the DC-3, Flight Operations Procedures & Policies, Civil Air Regulations and a course on the United Air Lines Organization.

By Marvin Berryman DENTK Ret. - Excerpted from the Sept. 1946 "United News".

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Bless America, The Stars and Stripes Forever and many other favorites. It was a fitting conclusion to a great Convention that included celebrating **Hal Weary's** 104th birthday with his family. As always, if a chapter wants to host a future Convention, please contact **Hank Gosselin, John Koehl** or myself. We would be most grateful.

I would like to pass along an email I received after the Convention ~

The 2012 Convention was a rousing success. It was great to see old friends and make new acquaintances. The Dulles Loungers and I wish to thank all the attendees. We hope everyone enjoys the pictures and will join in the fun at the next Convention.

The Virginia Grand Military Band was the entertainment on Saturday evening. They started the program with *"Rhapsody in Blue"* and then led us all in song to the strains of the *Star Spangled Banner*, *God*

"Oh Marilyn, What a great convention! Thank you and your staff so much. My favorite tour was the luncheon cruise. The band on Saturday night took 50 years off most of our lives. They were terrific. Many of the veterans (myself included) especially enjoyed the medley of Military songs.

You all did a great job. Can't wait for the next one (where ever it might be)."

Marilyn Marcy – VP Conventions

Correspondents Meeting



Virginia Grand Military Band

