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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Hi Folks,

The San Diego Convention is now over. I really hope all who attended were well satisfied. I know I am. Wow, now we are headed east to Pittsburgh next year. The years sure pass quickly. Nothing slows down for us fellow retirees. Pittsburgh is a great city and there is a lot to do and see in the area. Some of you may have attended the previous convention in Pittsburgh, which was outstanding. So please put it on your 2015 calendar for another great RUAEA Convention. RUAEA is alive and well, but, we do need more members. If each member would sign-up a new member in the coming year, that would be wonderful.

Hank Gosselin

President – RUAEA

2015 Annual Benefits Enrollment, November 3 – 14



It's always important to review your medical options that you have available and make a selection that's right for you. Only you understand the health care needs that you and your family might have in 2015, so take the time to review your options. Remember that choosing the right benefits is important. Use the available resources to make decisions about your benefits.

This year, United is *going green* and will not be mailing enrollment – decision guides to homes. However, you can expect to receive your annual enrollment worksheet in the mail before the enrollment period. In addition, you will receive a benefit confirmation statement in the mail after the enrollment period. And only if you elect a new medical option for 2015 will you receive a new medical plan ID card.

For details about the 2015 benefits updates, you can:

- ❖ **Review** the benefit enrollment – decision guide online. Visit flyingtogether.ual.com > Employee Services > Benefits, under the What's new section. There you will find the 2015 Decision Guides. On demand print copies will also be available beginning November 3, via phone requests through the United Airlines Benefits Center at 1-800-651-1007, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Central time.
- ❖ **Call** the United Airlines Benefits Center beginning Monday, November 3 at 1-800-651-1007, Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central time for assistance.
- ❖ **Remember**, there will be a benefit correction period from November 17 through 21 for any final corrections or changes to your benefit options.

Group Universal Life (GUL) Insurance Reminder ~ If you have any questions about your retiree Voluntary GUL, please contact Minnesota Life at 1-866-887-1043 (7 a.m. – 6 p.m. Central time) for assistance.

Flying Together Access Reminder ~ Keep in mind that your login password to United's Flying Together web site must be refreshed every 90 days. If you do not access the web site very often, here are some steps to resetting your password online.

1. Use Internet Explorer as your browser
2. Go to flyingtogether.ual.com web site
3. At the login page, select the "password reset" link in the grey area at the bottom of the login page and follow the prompts to reset your password.

If you experience any login issues, please call the United Help Desk at 1-800-255-5801 or 1-847-700-5800.

Convention News Final

It's not good bye, it's till we meet again next year!

The 2014 RUAEA Convention in San Diego, we are sad to say, has come and gone and everyone is on their way home, and I pray for a safe return for all. We were blessed with a beautiful moon shining through the palm trees as we enjoyed a lovely dinner outside in the Tiki Pavilion Courtyard. Lovely music and soft lights set the stage for a wonderful dinner and a Polynesian Extravaganza, with dances and music from the Islands of the Pacific.

We had about four hundred in attendance and they all enjoyed the tours of the San Diego area. The Lawrence Welk lunch and show tour received a special bonus. On the bus back to the hotel, they were treated to a flyby from the Blue Angels as they were practicing for the weekend air show. A perfect end to a great day!

The 2015 RUAEA Convention will be held in Pittsburgh, September 23rd – 26th. The hotel hosting the convention will be the Double Tree by Hilton Pittsburgh-Green Tree, their address is 500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. More information will be coming your way as the year progresses.

I have enjoyed being your Convention Correspondent this year and as I say farewell to you, I proudly pass the torch to the Pittsburgh correspondent who will be announced to you in the forthcoming issues of the RUAEA Newsletters.

A fond farewell you all of you!

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RUAEA Election Results

Officers 2014–2015 ~ President – **Hank Gosselin**, Executive Vice President – **Virgil Gooselaw**, Vice President Conventions – **Ron Bertacini**, Treasurer – **Pam Ziebarth**, Secretary – **Diane Webb**, Past President – **Ron Bertacini**.

Regional Directors ~ Southern California – **Hal Klobe**, Northern California/Nevada – **John Zoboli**, Southeast – **Linda Scriven**, Midwest – **Helen Cauwels**, Arizona – **Chuck Cole**, Northeast – **Treatie Karwoski**, Western – **Roger Casterline**, Mountain – **Sharon Burbank**, Northwest – **Jack Hoober**.

United and AFA announce enhanced early out for flight attendants



United and the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) announced recently that United will offer its flight attendants an enhanced early out program. United also announced that it will be recalling all flight attendants who are on voluntary and involuntary furlough.

United will offer lump-sum payouts of up to \$100,000 for flight attendants who apply for the early out and meet certain service and eligibility qualifications. The company will award early outs in seniority order by subsidiary. United has committed to award at least 1,000 early outs at subsidiary UA, 1,000 at subsidiary CO and 100 at Continental Micronesia (CMI), and it may award more depending on the number of interested applicants.

Smooth moves: System prioritizes seat assignments after aircraft swaps



Aircraft swaps are a fact of life, but a new seat re-accommodation platform United has developed will help the company create a better experience for its customers. Previously, United's system put customers in the same seat number, but 23B on one aircraft type is not necessarily equivalent to 23B on another. United saw customers moved from an aisle to a middle seat or from Economy Plus to United Economy, and often families were split up. Rather than simply matching seat numbers, the new platform

considers seat adjacency, customer status and seat type when reseating customers.

When there's an aircraft swap within 72 hours of departure, the new platform assigns crew rest seats first to support the operations. After that, it prioritizes customers based on their Premier status and fare class as well as the type of seat they've purchased. The platform puts customers in the same seat attribute (Economy Plus or exit row) and seat type (window, middle or aisle) whenever possible and maintains adjacency, so if customers are traveling together on the same PNR the new logic will reseat them together. If the same seat attribute and seat type are not available, it assigns customers into the closest, best-available seat.

LAX Customer Service Representative Glenda Laurenza recently re-accommodated 120 customers after a plane change and *"everyone who had a window seat still had a window seat,"* she said. *"It's an easy recovery when you're able to say, 'you can still get your choice of seat.' There's less confrontation, and it's less stressful for us and for the customers."*

United has deployed this new platform systemwide and is seeing good performance so far. *"The new platform will help to significantly improve our customer experience and minimize disruptions due to aircraft swaps,"* said Marketing Systems Director Kajal Narasimha. *"It will also save money by cutting down on the number of refunds we have to issue when we move people from Economy Plus seats to standard economy seats."*

Torgy's Travel Tips



Since I last wrote my column for September's edition, I traveled on our new 787 service non-stop from San Francisco to Chengdu, China. UA is the only airline offering non-stop service between Chengdu and the United States so this is an important route for the company. You may have never heard of Chengdu, but it is China's 4th largest city with a population of 12 million, plus an additional 2 million in the surrounding area considered greater Chengdu. It is located in Sichuan province, in southwest China, the gateway to Tibet. You may be more familiar with the dining tradition of hot, spicy food from this province if you frequent quality Asian restaurants. And who is not acquainted with China's most famous animal, the giant panda? Well, Chengdu is home to the Giant Panda Breeding and Research Center. Commercially, Chengdu is the up and coming high-tech center of China which makes our route to SFO an economic treasure. The flights are timed perfectly for departure and arrival at each city and ground operations at the Chengdu airport are handled extremely well. As a standby, I was afforded the upmost in courtesy and was given clear instructions where to check-in, and where to wait in the lobby for flight clearance. I was lucky to get a business-first seat both ways – a great way to use a vacation pass because the flight is over 14 hours long.

But Chengdu has much more to offer. The city is home to the 1 year old Global Center – the 2nd largest building by floor space in the world (second only to Dubai Intl Airport's terminal 2). This architecturally gorgeous building houses a huge hotel, a water park with beach, hundreds of stores and restaurants, movie theatres, ice-rink, and offices. It is located in Tianfu, the city's new high-tech zone, easily accessible via subway and bus. Directly across the street is one of many beautiful parks with a lake, bike trails and walking paths. Of course, there is a Starbuck's on the corner! A visit to the Giant Panda Breeding and Research Center is a must for animal lovers and you get to see the baby pandas in the nursery plus juveniles and adult pandas frolicking all around. The park-like grounds are beautiful and there are red pandas, swans and peacocks to view as well. If you book in advance, you can choose the option of the *"opportunity to hold a panda"*. The cost is USD \$550 *"donation"*. This opportunity consists of donning sterile coverings and having a panda weighing about 60 lbs placed on your lap for about 20 seconds or less, depending on the demeanor of the animal. The panda is usually placed with its back to your chest – you cannot see the face. They take a photo of you and the panda and then whisk you out quickly so the next guest can enter. It is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for most people so it is popular and the money goes directly to research support. But there are plenty of opportunities to view the pandas quite closely without choosing this extra option if cost is a factor.

My first visit to Chengdu was in 2000 and the changes that have occurred here in the last 14 years have been astounding. Where there once were outdoor street markets with live chickens, rabbits and eels ready for the farmer to butcher on the spot, there are now gleaming supermarkets. Bicycles are nearly nonexistent now, having been replaced by electric motor scooters. Freeways and toll roads are new and are jammed with cars by Mercedes, Ford, GM, Toyota, BMW, etc., not compact cars like in Europe. Post offices handle banking - letters and stamps are a thing of the past being usurped by electronic data. My effort to purchase a few postcards and mail them to the US turned out to be a lesson in futility. I did manage to finally find some cards to buy and a

post office worker, after much pleading, did dust off an old box from the back room containing stamps, but my mail was evidently never picked up from the duct-taped “China Post” mail box. It’s been 3 months and nary a card has arrived!

Opportunities abound for sightseeing within and outside the city and most all signs are posted in Mandarin and English, both on the roads as well as street signs and public transportation kiosks. The city is clean and safe, but as in most Asian cities, only drink bottled water. In the evenings, don’t be surprised to find what look like “flash mobs” popping up with coordinated dancing and music with participants ranging from kids to elders in their 80’s and 90’s! This is a common pastime occurring on empty school grounds and corner parks in the early twilight. It’s quite a delightful way for residents to join their neighbors and get a little exercise at the same time. Until next time, happy travels!

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 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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Our Gulf Coast Chapter met on September 8th at the Cubi Bar Café in the NAS National Aviation Museum. We only had 12 in attendance this month. They were: **Bill Hayden, Rick & Carol Herrick, Monica Leonard, Ray & My Owens, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey.**

Members unable to attend this month were **Jim & Penny Alston**, away in D.C.; **George & Denny Atteberry**, still in Indiana; **Bill & Ann Delavan**, still in Maryland; **Bob & Carol Dorsey**, in Maine until Nov.; **John & Myrl Eisinger**, at a golf tournament, **Conrad Hamilton** in Maryland, **Doug & Edna Horne**, unable to make long trek this month; **Charley & Sheila Pritchett** were at Warner Robins Air Force Base to welcome their

daughter home from a 3-year tour in Hawaii; **Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl** had house guests; and **Tommy & Sande Zander** are back in New Orleans and we hope to see them soon. We were so sorry to hear that **Billie Learned** had an accident at home, she broke a rib and sustained other injuries, she's been in hospital and rehab and their sons came from California and Alaska to help take care of her. She is recovering nicely and hopes to be better soon. **Park Learned** has had to be in Westminster Village Senior Residence while **Billie** is recuperating. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of them. We were glad that **Monica Leonard** was able to attend so soon after minor surgery. She is scheduled to have knee replacement next month. Heal quickly, **Monica!** **Steve Wilkey** will have surgery to remove a pre-cancerous tumor on his head this week. Prayers are with you, **Steve**.

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by President **Bob Schwartz**. Raffle tickets were sold by **Barbara Serra** and **Bill Hayden** and the winning ticket was drawn by **Ed Southworth**. The winner was **Barbara Serra**. Congratulations! Winners of the extra cookies were **Bill Hayward**, **Carol Herrick**, **Monica Leonard** and **Ed Southworth**.

There were no corrections to the Treasurer's Report or the Minutes.

October birthdays are **Ray Owens** (1), **My Owens** (8), **Billie Learned** (10), **Ann Delavan** (11), **Bob Dorsey** (16), **Jim Alston** (22), **Bill Delavan** (23) and **George Atteberry** (27).

November birthdays are **Bob Schwartz** (8), **Penny Alston** (17), **Myrl Eisinger** (23), **Maureen Hurst** (25), and **Jeanne Reinoehl** (30). Happy Birthday to all of you!

Our meeting then became Show and Tell Time! Several members brought memorabilia from their years of employment with United. **Ed Southworth** brought several pins and a cap. **Monica Leonard** told us she was selected in 1996 as the Flight Attendant awarded a trip to the Olympics in Atlanta. She and a friend received 5 days, 4 nights and 6 tickets to different events. She had several pictures of their trip. She was also Flight Attendant of the year in 1989. **Steve Wilkey & Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** brought several pins and other interesting items. **Annie** was Flight Attendant of the year in 1985. **Rick Herrick** brought several items from his early years with United plus he still has a clicker from a strike. **Bob Schwartz** brought a picture of IMC in Indianapolis and a window from an airplane that was engraved and presented to him when he was moved back to Chicago when IMC was closed. We had lots of discussion about memories we all have from our work years. What a fun time!

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 13th, at 11:30 AM at the Pensacola National Naval Aviation Museum's Cubi Bar Café in Pensacola, FL. We always welcome visitors. Our members live between Ft. Walton Beach, FL and almost to Mississippi so if you are coming to the Gulf Coast, please give us a call and plan to join us at one of our fun meetings.

Calendar:

October 13 - Cubi Bar Café in National Naval Aviation Museum, Pensacola, FL

November 10 - Same location at 11:30 AM

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We met Monday, September 8th at the Cheesecake Factory at the Summit in Birmingham. Those attending were **Bill Glenn**, **Bill Preston**, **Joe Jones**, **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, **Joe & Marie Duncan**, **Bobby & Jean Cox**, **Travis & Zoe Glass** and daughter **Terissa**, **Charlotte Gibson** and her mother, **Joann Benton**.

Those celebrating birthdays this month are **Donna Gooch**, **Gloria Singleton**, and **Pat Harmon**. And anniversaries are **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, **Ann Simmons**, and **Joe & Gloria Singleton**.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Charlotte Gibson**. **Herb Wilbanks** brought a plumeria plant that was won by Travis and Zoe's daughter, Terissa.

We meet on the second Monday each month (except July) and welcome all United retirees and their families and guests. If you are in the Birmingham area and would like to join us, call either **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288 or **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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I'm starting out the newsletter by honoring our August, September and October birthdays and anniversaries since my lists were in Arizona and I was in Illinois for 3 glorious months. So here goes. Birthdays ~ **Bob Maloney** (8/3); **Ginny Weiler** (8/10); **Richard Aaronson** (8/15); **Gene Hinnners** (8/21); **Eleanor Patterson** (8/25); **Olive Crowthers** (8/27); **Don Sellon** (8/29); **Vivian Klick** (8/31); **AD Cline** (9/1); **Lynn Cline** (9/13); **Harry Frazer** (9/20); **Donna Maloney** (9/26); and me (9/27). Anniversaries ~ **Maria & Ed Bobrik** (9/5); **Joe & Lisa Hopkins** (10/3); **Shirlee & Harry Frazer** (8/5); **Norma & Bob Lutzinger** (8/22 - 57 years); **Marge & Gene Hinnners** (8/27 - 54 years); **Pat & Ziggy Butkiewicz** (10/19 - 57 years); **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/25 - 56 years); **Pat & Ken Paulson** (10/28 - 54 years). I hope I honored everyone, if not, Azures should email me and I will be glad to pay tribute to your special days. Congratulations and I hope you have many more happy times.

Now for our November birthdays ~ **Phil Derbas** (11/15); **Pat Neal** (11/16); **Laura Ehas** (11/16); **Kay Heinig** (11/17); **Lisa Hopkins** (11/24). Anniversaries ~ **Joan & Richard Aaronson** (11/11 - 54 years); **Vic & Carol Liltz** (11/30).

Joe Hopkins' third and last "Let's Get Together In the Summer" luncheon was held at the Elephant Bar in Peoria, AZ on Friday, September 26. Attendees were **Joe & Lisa Hopkins**, **Joan & Richard Aaronson**, **Ed & Maria Bobrik**, **June Murphy**, **Rose Barry**, **Ken & Pat Paulson**, and **Vivian Klick**. What a great way to keep in touch with Pebblecreek friends and Azures members during the long hot summer months. You go, Joe!

Friday, October 17 was the Azures first meeting (picnic) of the 2014/15 season. We met at Beardsley Park, 12555 West Beardsley Road, Sun City West, AZ. Meet & Greet started at 1100am at Ramada #3 and a catered lunch from Jimmy Johns started at 1200 noon. Price was \$10.00/each for choice of roast beef or turkey sandwich boxed lunches including a pickle, chips, and a cookie. The Azures chapter supplied the refreshments. **Vivian Klick** and **Rose Barry** co-hosted as our "entertainment" gurus with a rousing game of BINGO. I will report on the winners in next month's issue; and, also, our 50/50 winners.

Lou's Tivoli Gardens, 12535 West Bell Road, Surprise, AZ will be our November meeting spot where we will celebrate with our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 15 (Sat.) starting at 1100am. The cost is \$15.00/each and checks should be sent to **Joe Hopkins** at 3333 North 151st Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395. Reservations should be made by November 8, 2014 for planning purposes.

Don't forget to get your checks sent to **Sherry Muoio** if you plan to attend the performance of "White Christmas" at the Arizona Broadway Theatre, 7701 West Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ (623)776-8400 on December 6. Tickets are \$67.50. We will meet in the Lobby area and proceed to the theatre at 1200noon for lunch and show starting at 2:00pm. If you have any questions, call Sherry at (623) 572-4828.

On Saturday, December 13, we will celebrate the start of the holidays at Briarwood Country Club, 20800 North 135th Avenue, Sun City West for our annual Christmas luncheon and meeting. Price of lunch to follow with separate note to members closer to the event.

Azures members: Some emails have been returned to me and I'm assuming there has been changes to our email addresses. Please contact me with your new addresses so that I can communicate upcoming events. I have forwarded most of the correspondence to your home addresses but, if I've forgotten any, please let me know. My phone number and email address is at the top of this letter.

Breakfasts for November will be the 4th and the 18th at Coco's, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City, AZ starting at 0800. Please call **Sherry Muoio** to reserve at 572-4828 by the Monday night before.

Calendar:

November 15 – Lou's Tivoli Gardens - Thanksgiving Dinner

December 6 - Arizona Broadway Theatre Performance of "White Christmas"

December 13 - Briarwood Country Club – Christmas Holiday Luncheon

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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The 2014 RUAEA Convention in San Diego, CA is now over. What a great time we had. Our Re-United chapter had 26 members in attendance. We enjoyed seeing everyone there, all the tours that were available, the Hospitality Get-Together, the business meeting, the Benefits Panel Presentation, and the climax – the Banquet on Saturday night, with the “Pride of Polynesia” as the entertainment. We were able to enjoy the evenings in the Tiki Pavilion Courtyard. The committee worked very hard to showcase their fine city. Thanks for all your time and effort. Next year the RUAEA Convention will be in Pittsburgh, PA at the Double Tree by Hilton.

Our September 26th Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner was enjoyed by 18 of our members. **Ginny Rockenhauser**, who is the Registrar for the Convention and **Fred Rockenhauser**, the Treasurer, were at the breakfast and updated the group on the finalization of the Convention. They will be hosting the luncheon in November at the Golden Corral. One of our members, **Doris Ailshie**, is on our sick list. We hope you feel better soon, Doris.

Our October 18th Luncheon at the Apache Wells Community Center in Mesa, hosted by **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck** will have a speaker from the Arizona Honor Flight that coordinates trips for World War II veterans to Washington. The luncheon will be reported on later, as well as our Breakfast on October 24 at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, AZ.

Our November luncheon is Wednesday, November 12, starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Golden Corral, 1318 N. Cooper Rd, in Gilbert, hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**. We will have a private room. More details will be forthcoming. We hope to see many people there. Remember, if you have worked for or are retired from United or Continental, and are at least 55 years old, we would love to have you join us at our luncheons or breakfasts. We are definitely a social group! Contact either our President, **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at indind75@yahoo.com or our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

Our next Breakfast will be held November 21 (before Thanksgiving) at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, to let her know you'll be there. She can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

The Fantasy Flight is coming up on Friday, December 5th. Have you gotten your raffle tickets yet? Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00. Help support the Fantasy Flight and get a chance to win one of the great prizes. See **Peg Snowdall** or **Rich Vehring** for tickets. We're still collecting various items for the children. We are in need of trucks for the boys and Barbie dolls for the girls. Also needed are cute stuffed animals, socks, gloves, knit hats, sizes for 5-7 years old, stadium-size fleece blankets, travel size soaps, shampoos, body lotion, tooth brushes, and small tubes of toothpaste. All of these items go into a large gift bag, which each child receives. We also need comfortable walking shoes to give to the ladies living in the Navajo Nation, where a charter school is located. Bring your items to one of the breakfasts or luncheon coming up, or see **Peg Snowdall**, if you have any questions.

We have the following Birthdays in November ~ **Mary McLain** (11/6), **Bob Rowan** (11/12), **Jan Eiken** (11/16), **Pam Gerstung** (11/22), **JoAnne Gaudioso** (11/24), **Lyn Walter** (11/26), **Ed Dawes** (11/27), and **Buzz Nicholaisen** (11/29). Happy Birthday to all of you! We also have two couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in November: **Skip & Carol Ward** (11/2/63), and **Harry & Doreen Cloud** (11/11/72). Happy Anniversary to both couples!

Calendar:

November 12 – Luncheon at the Golden Corral, 1318 N. Cooper Rd., in Gilbert, starting at 11:00 a.m, hosted by the **Rockenhauers**

November 21 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd., in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by Wednesday, November 19 at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

December 3 – Christmas Luncheon at Palo Verde Country Club in Sun Lakes, hosted by the **Wards**. More info will be sent.

December 19 - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner (Note: This was moved up one week because of Christmas).



TALL PINES

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Greetings from the Prescott Tall Pines Chapter!

Our September luncheon meeting had a very light turnout, but it is early in our new season of meetings, so we are hoping for more member participation in the future. You all come, because we always have a good time!

Our next luncheon meeting will be on November 18th, at the Lone Spur Café, 11:00AM

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This correspondent was unable to attend the September luncheon but thanks to our secretary **Doris Clark**, I am able to give an account of the happenings. Sixteen were in attendance at the luncheon hosted by **Ed Kokot**. Winners of the 50/25/25 were **Doris Clark** and **Jenny Cable**. Oh, by the way, August winners of the 50/25/25 were **Doris Clark** and **Len Nicholson**.

November functions will be in two parts ~ the tour of the mirror lab at the U of A and a luncheon at the Claim Jumpers following the tour. You are not required to attend the mirror lab tour to attend the luncheon, but **Pat DiLallo** needs to know who will be attending both or just one of the venues. Specific information about both events has been posted in the local newsletter.

The Christmas charity has been Seniors for Kids. If anyone has a charity that we might help, please send that request to either **Sandy Lawyer** or **Pat Dilallo** for consideration.

November Birthdays ~ **Sue Anderson-Hampton** (2nd), **Leland Benner** (9th), and **Barbara Johnson** (11th).

The convention in San Diego was a great success when the airline people were in charge. There were a few bumps in the road but none of them came from our group. Tucson Roadrunners gave a good showing ~ **Chuck & Sharon Cole**, **John Bennatts**, **Sandy & Jeff Lawyer**, **Phyllis & Ray Potsic**, **Dora & Gordon Starr** were in attendance. If I missed anyone, I apologize since I just got over a cold from the weather in San Diego, can't take humidity over 8%. The RUAEA 2015 convention will be held in Pittsburgh. Also as a point of interest, I learned that the newsletter is not getting enough letters and they would like to receive more. Also learned, we have 53 chapters of RUAEA but all local members do not belong to RUAEA. They are not the same entity.

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We did not meet in September. Since I was unable to attend the Convention, I'll be waiting to hear from **John Stilwell** just what was discussed.

Not much news this month except the weather has turned hot and dry. Even the beaches have had little relief when the temperature reached the lows 101's.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 15th, hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**.

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The Desert Sunbirds' September Luncheon was held at Del Webb's Sun City Shadow Hills Restaurant in Indio. Thirty six members and guests enjoyed selections from the Restaurant's Luncheon menu including Turkey Wrap, Cobb Salad, Caesar Salad, and a Patty Melt. Good eats! Our Hosts were **Werner & Brigitte Brunken**, and **Bill & Lia Schultz**. Our hosts also provided some "extras" for our 50/50 raffle, and I'll get to that later.

Two guests this month: **Doreen Roberts** brought a friend, **Linda Allen**; and **Dede Utzinger** brought **Frances Hennekam**, who worked both Ramp Services and Customer Services in LAX.

The **Brunkens**, prior to hosting this luncheon, also chose a motor vacation (see last month's report - **Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan**). No details here, but I understand they traveled 1800 miles throughout the Southwest. The **Waiss**' missed this Luncheon, as they were enjoying an Alaskan Cruise.

We have not seen the **Penningtons** for some time, so **Elaine Aggson** called and talked to **Jenny** and their son. Jenny & Al are both suffering age-related illnesses, and sadly, will no longer be able to come to the Luncheons.

Anniversaries this month and October ~ **Al Beuchel & Mark Kaplan** (32 years on 9/8); **Jim & Vivien Rotella** (56 years on 9/26); **Bill & Lia Schultz** (53 years on 10/28); and finally **Chuck & Marji Lamas** (1 year on 10/26). Well, you have to start sometime!

Vern Behnke won \$45.00 in the 50/50 drawing, while the Birthday Lunch was won by the same fella that celebrated his first anniversary (see above). Our hosts added a bottle of champagne and two bottles of wine to the drawing - won by **Carole Paquin** (champagne), **Dede Utzinger**, and **Fran Hennekam**. Lastly, the Center Pieces at each table were added - won by **Doreen Roberts**, **Linda Davis**, **Jan Kellerhals**, **Patti Sica**, and **Brigitte Brunken**.

Calendar:

November 12 – Hosted by **Patti Sica & Gay Traber**

December 10 – Hosted by **Carole Paquin & Doreen Roberts**

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on September 24 at Commodore Park at Lake Wildwood in Penn Valley, CA. It was a lovely day and we had a wonderful lunch hosted by Family Affair Catering of Grass Valley. This was hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**. We had 24 Gold Diggers. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Nortons** for hosting.

Before our lunch, the **Nortons** had us play "people bingo". When you arrived at the picnic, you got a bingo card with a tidbit of information about an attending member in each square. You had to find who matches the information and write his or her name in that square.

Officers Reports:

President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** told us about San Francisco Fleet Week, the Ninth Annual United Airlines Family Day at the San Francisco Maintenance Base scheduled for 11 am to 4:30 pm on Sunday, October 12th. This event showcases the maintenance center to employees, family members and friends. This will also feature the 6-plane Patriots Jet Team.

Vice President ~ **Phil Frank** thanked all members who have hosted luncheons this year and into next year.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for September: Those 50 years and over: **Roger & Mary Ann Burgess** (54 years); **Ken & Stephanie Norton** (53 years); and **Ronnie & Judie King** (54 years). **Harold Esola** led us in singing Happy Anniversary to them.

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

Roster Chairman ~ **Jack Raynor** had nothing to report.

Sunshine ~ **Alice McPeak** was not with us today but she did send a card to **Bob Miller**.

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

After our lunch our members played a couple of lawn games.

Calendar:

October 29 – Woody's Bar & Grill – Rocklin hosted by **Terry & Penny Greenacre**

November 26 - No Meeting

December 10 – Christmas Luncheon at Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley, hosted by the **Volkers** and **Wikstads**

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Thank You to Suzanne for these wonderful notes! Jane Gibson

The Hangtown Miners met on September 8th at the Sportsman's Hall in Pollock Pines which was a new restaurant for our group to try. This building was one of the original Pony Express stops during the Pony Express' peak history in 1860-61. The building has been restored and has been a landmark of the area for many years (the structure looks like a log cabin and has unique ceiling lanterns for the main lighting in the dining areas), but is now under new ownership. We all enjoyed our hearty lunch selections and the salads were beautiful and huge. This is a keeper and we will be back. Rudy extended a "Thank You" to **Joe & Lynda Lima** for making all of the arrangements for this luncheon that was enjoyed by all of the Hangtown Miners in attendance.

President - **Rudy Blazius** called our meeting to order by the skin of his teeth. They had been on a golfing event in Savannah and had one of those memorable flying trips home. When everything that could go wrong does and they were even flying as full fare passengers. Finally arriving home in the wee hours of the morning they were here, but I bet after lunch Rudy & Cindy went home and took a nap! Their luggage is still flying the Friendly Skies.

Baggage code **GGBAGEMP** - Rudy again suggests keeping this code handy when you are traveling on a revenue ticket. There have been times when a retiree is told they have to pay for their luggage since they are on a full fare ticket, we don't have to do that! Tell the agent to put in this code **GGBAGEMP** and it will give them instructions to send the luggage at no charge. Rudy needed this code when traveling just this past weekend.

Rudy asked who had a birthday in September and **Tom Kenny** owned up to his celebration the last day of the month. There were no anniversaries acknowledged.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** was not able to attend our meeting. He was golfing with Rudy and is still flying around on the United route system.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** was not at this meeting. Jane & Bill were on an Alaskan Cruise and we hope they are having a wonderful time. **Suzanne Kenny** is filling in for her this month.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** reported that our checking account is doing well. We should start thinking about what charities we would like to donate funds for selection and vote later this year.

Sunshine ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** was not at this meeting. It was noted that the Gold Diggers reported that **Angie Dellinger** had a knee replacement. We would like to wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her at a Hangtown Miners luncheon soon.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** continues to do a fantastic job keeping our photo/history book up-to-date with each meeting. She excels in the scrapbooking craft and we appreciate the time she spends on doing this for our Hangtown Miners.

Old Business ~ We are still looking for an appropriate place to have our very special December luncheon, preferably below an altitude that could have snow in early December. A few options are being pursued, but if you have a spectacular idea, please let Rudy know.

As we approach the end of the year, we also need to think about who you would like to have serve as your Hangtown Miners officers for 2015. Don't all volunteer at once!

Miscellaneous ~ **Thom Biro** has an old United Stock "Debenture" Certificate originating from the 1960's that he is graciously donating to the Hangtown Miners. It could possibly be sent to the United Museum for display or used as a special raffle at our Christmas luncheon. A unique item for the collector or United memorabilia buff.

We again have a request from **Gary Dalleske**. A few years ago, Gary brought to a luncheon a personal book that he wanted to share with our members - to give them an opportunity to look through. However, he neglected to take it with him that day. Apparently **John Muir** held onto it and brought it to another meeting that Gary was not attending. So, here's where we need your help: John gave this book to someone, a female someone. But he doesn't remember who! So, if you were the one John gave the book to for safe keeping, please bring it to our meeting so it can be returned to Gary. The book is a blue (I think) binder type with the United logo on the front. This contains personal memories for Gary and he would like it back.

We were contacted by **George Midwin**, a recent SFOOV UAL retiree. He is doing some research on the town of Volcano during 1945 and was wondering if someone in the area would be interested in doing some research. Please contact him at midwin4u@hotmail.com.

Rudy adjourned our meeting and the Drawing of Opportunity began: The **Ouchis** won the donators prize! Thank you to all who brought items for the drawing.

The next luncheon is hosted again by **Lynda & Joe Lima** with **Dan & Roberta Ouchi** on Monday, October 13th at the Red Hawk casino.



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On September 11, we met together at the La Gare Restaurant for our monthly luncheon, hosted by **Jan Blackburn** and **Val Hulsey**. They had decorated the tables with wine bottles wrapped in bright fall-colored paper with cute scarecrows adorning the tops! There were 27 members and 4 guests attending, and we had a nice time visiting before lunch was served, which consisted of choices of a salmon dish, pork chops and chicken in a red wine sauce; all very delicious!

Larry Wilson, Vice President, standing in for President **Brandon Maus**, who is still on vacation, started the meeting with a moment of silence commemorating the 13th anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11.

We also were keeping our thoughts and prayers on **Joan Chambers**, who has been out with serious back pain, and recently diagnosed with a tumor for which she is starting treatment. We should be getting an update soon. Larry thanked Jan and Valerie for hosting our lunch, and welcomed the members and our 4 guests: **Clem Shanahan**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**, **Jack Donahue**, guest of **Joan Olsson**, and **Ed & Margaret Nelson**, guests of **Nick & Maria Kruining**!

Since **Oscar Chambers** was home with **Joan**, the Treasurer's report that he had prepared was read by Secretary **Mary Wilson**. There is currently \$427.64 in the General Fund and \$609.11 in the Charity fund, a total of \$1036.75. Mary also read an invitation sent to our chapter by United Airlines, to join other UAL families for the 9th annual United Airlines Family Day, held on Sunday, October 12, 2014, at the SFO Maintenance Base with many fun events and activities for all ages.

Barney Hagen confirmed and verified the new "single" telephone number to reach United Airlines reservations, which is: 1 (877) 825-3729, effective now. No other travel pass information was shared.

Roger Casterline announced that he was recently re-elected as the Western Regional Director of RUAEA, and **Hank Gosselin** was also re-elected to his post as the President! Everyone congratulated them both for the happy outcome! Roger also revealed the arrival of the new 787-9 jet aircraft which is 30ft. longer than the 787-8; the former Continental Pilots are now flying them. The jets are currently being pre-serviced at the SFO Airport. He stated that there has also been a change in the retirement age, according to a US Congress ruling,

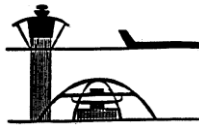
allowing the pilots to extend their retirement to age 65! He says the 2015 convention will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** presented the list of the birthdays for September: **Lois Schwind, Zelma Kibler, Norma Davis, Maria Von Kruining, and Dick Hanna**. The winner of the free lunch went to **Zelma Kibler**! The September Anniversaries are **George & Lois Schwind** – 65 years, **Larry & Mary Wilson** - 49 years, and **Larry & Madalynn Schmidt** – 28 years, for a total of 142 years, averaging 47½ years. A special gift was presented to **George & Lois Schwind** by **Joanne Huhn**, from our chapter. Verda also reported on the Paul McCartney concert she attended with her daughter. She said they had no problems getting to the show, and had a wonderful time; they only had a little “hitch” on finding their car in the parking lot after the concert. All in all they had a great time! She told a very funny “Mr. and Mrs. O’Leary” joke that everyone enjoyed. She mentioned she had sent out Get Well cards to **Charlie Anderson** and **Joan Chambers**, whom we hope to see soon at our luncheons! **Roger Casterline** asked for a show of hands of who are going to the RUAEA convention in San Diego next month; he says the 2015 convention will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Our next luncheon will be held at the Quail Inn, Oakmont, on October 9th, hosted by none other than **Ron & Joanne Huhn** and **Larry & Mary Wilson**! See you then!

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Our celebration days for October begin with a romantic love story. On October 15, 64 years ago, **Rachel & Gerald Luxenberg** were enjoying the festivities after their wedding vows had been made; Nate King Cole’s rendition of “Nature Boy” was being played and it became a special moment for both the bride and groom to remember. Last month, Rachel & Jerry were attending a niece’s wedding in La Jolla, CA. The bride announced the 64th wedding anniversary of her grand-parents was nearing; and in a lovely tribute to them; played Nate King Cole’s recording of that romantic moment on their wedding day. Jerry loved telling me this touching story and remarked that he and his wife are staying healthy and enjoying life.

Another special date was **Howard Lackey**’s birthday on September 13th. This day landed on Casino Night, being presented by our local Fantasy Flight. So we started the night off in the gaily decorated gambling room by singing a rousing “Happy Birthday” and presented him with a birthday cake of Tiramisu. Other Re-LAX-ers supporting Casino Night were **Art Cottrell** and his sister, **Ann Chorbi, Florence Hoy** and her daughters Janet and Debbie, **Hal & Donna Klobe** and our totally dedicated leader, **Laly Savoy**. What a great evening with entertainment by a Frank Sinatra impersonator, a very popular D.J. (who is a local postman), and several dancing “Showgirls” who livened up the gambling tables. What an evening to remember!

Those traveling **Schusters, Barbara & Peter** took off on a visit to the historic Normandy Coastline with friends from England. They continued on a river cruise in France and promised to return in time for the RUAEA Convention in San Diego.

Calendar:

October 10 - Proud Bird Restaurant



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I have just returned home from the RUAEA Convention at the Town & Country Hotel and I am very happy to be able to report to you that it was a great success and our convention will be remembered as one of the best.

I would like to mention our committee members whose hard work and time spent made this convention work so smoothly: **Betty Tomaino**, our RESANS President; **Elliott & Jackie Schwartz** ran the registration

desk; **Bill & Rosina Krefft** had a tour program that everyone said it was the best they had taken; **John Cunningham** who organized our evening entertainment and played with his own band, "The Zinchiladas", who performed for our Friday night Fiesta; **Louis Semon** was kept busy with all the visual signage and was always there when one of the Committee needed assistance of any kind; **Barbara Drews** acted as Publicity chair, monthly RUAEA convention newsletter and all the table decorations for the Fiesta Friday, Polynesian Banquet and the hospitality tables.

We had volunteers come in from other stations to help and lend us the always needed extra pair of hands. I am going to mention our San Diego Volunteers, many who adjusted work schedules to be able to spend the time to help us: **Annie Ongsioco, Paul & Joan Zadrozny, Roberta Parisi, Linda Smith, Barbara Tobin, Peggy Van Sickle, Rosario Zepeda, Wendel & Barb Johnson** and **Gloria Glaeser**. Next time you see this team at breakfast, thank them for all the hard work they did to make the San Diego Convention the best ever!

Our next breakfast is at the Pt. Loma Café on November 6th at 10:00.

To clarify a question I have been receiving: the TSA Aviation Security Fee which begun on July 21st, is not charged on Positive Space co-business. Space available vacation ePasses. Economy cabin pass travel. Service-charge applicable passes, passes purchased for premium Cabin service does not apply if you have more than 25 years of Service.

We will be discussing our convention and upcoming plans for our Christmas Luncheon. Hope to see you there.

Calendar:

November 6 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106- 2394

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September 22nd was our annual Picnic. Those who volunteered arrived before 10am! Since President **Jerry Underhill** was the chief cook, the regular business meeting was suspended for the most part.

While the steaks were cooking, **Harriet Kunze** was busy selling raffle tickets and collecting donations for the food drive. Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** stepped in for the President and made announcements – mostly about when the steaks would be done! Shortly after noon, 66 hungry guest enjoyed steaks, potato salad, green salad and **Barbara Underhill's** (no longer) secret recipe baked beans. There was lemonade and beautifully decorated cakes for dessert. Thanks to all the volunteers: Cooks – **Jerry & Barbara Underhill, Bernie Schneider, Jerry Marsala** and **Bob Taiclet**. Set-up – **Walter & Vera Kina**. Servers – **Donna Taiclet, Ben Vietz, Pat Marsala, Mary Hughes, Shirley Campbell** and **Mary Guenther**. Game Attendants – **Donna & Bob Taiclet, Shirley Dickenson, Rex Reelfs** (Races) and **Ralph Trullinger** (Bingo caller). Roving helpers – **Kathy Hutt** and **Pat Ortega**. It was a great event!

In other news, our chapter was well represented at the RUAEA convention with 12 members attending - **Jerry & Barbara Underhill, Zelma Kibler, Roger Casterline, Bernie Schneider, Pat Ortega, Betty Garner, Dolores Frank, Almira & Charles Pilgrim, Mary Hill** and **Patricia Niland**. It was a lot of fun and we'll be looking forwarding to sharing with the chapter.

Calendar:

November 24 – Potluck. Entertainment provided by Scott Holiday (Guitarist and Singer)

If any of you are visiting the SFO area and are here during our monthly meetings, please join us – we'd love to see you. We meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell Blvd and East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Mail should be sent to: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404

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In November we are all looking forward to Thanksgiving, and the 2014 RUAEA Convention is just a memory, but what a nice memory. It was informative for our groups and time was well spent with friends, and renewing old acquaintances. The hotel was in a perfect location, central to many attractions. Each person with whom I have spoken had a favorite activity, from a Harbor Excursion, sitting with an “adult beverage” at the Del, lunch in La Jolla, the musical show in Escondido, or touring the USS Midway. One of our members, **Bill Mansur**, could have given us his own personal Midway tour since he served on this ship “in peace time”. **Keith Olthof** also served on an aircraft carrier of the “Dutch” variety. Thank you San Diego for a Job Well Done! You have a beautiful city and were gracious hosts.

Congratulations to **Roger Casterline**, who was re-elected to the office of Director of the Western Region! We look forward to another year of Roger keeping us up-to-date on RUAEA and Industry News.

Sam Cramb, one of our former presidents, held down the fort at our weekly breakfast while many of us were away at San Diego at the RUAEA Convention. We had fantastic attendance at the convention—30 members and 3 former members. Those members in attendance were **Marian Bruns, Roger Casterline, Karen & Bob Devlin, Claire & Lloyd Eber, Robin & Dave Garland, Zelma Kibler, Margie & Alex Klaus, Sherrie & Bill Mansur, Dan & Georgia Neilsen, Cicina Norton, Ann & Keith Olthof, Rosemarie & Bill Reichard, Al & Mary Lou Rogers, Cheri & Ben Scales, Merle & Boyd Sweet, Barbara & Jerry Underhill, and Sally & Tony Urso**. **Jeanette Frederickson** is one of our former members who is now a San Diego RESANS and she spent time with our group. We were also able to visit with former members, **Laverne & Len Haubl**, who are now Gold Diggers.

No sooner did we get home from the convention than we were off to the Annual United Air Lines’ Family Day at SFO where we enjoyed the air performance of the non-profit organization, Patriots Jet Team, car and aircraft displays, as well as other activities. Several of us volunteered at the UAL Historical Foundation Booth spearheaded by **Georgia Neilsen**.

Prior to the convention **Ann & Keith Olthof** had a fabulous trip to Belgium and The Netherlands to meet with many family members, some coming from as far as Australia. Prior to their European trip Ann & Keith had a cross country camping trip to South Dakota where they enjoyed visiting Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse National Memorials. They came home by way of the Oregon and California Coast, camping at resort-type sites along the way.

Russ Currier also enjoyed visiting the same South Dakota Memorials when he went to Rapid City for a 398th Bomber Squadron Reunion where fourteen WWII Veterans attended. In addition, Russ and his group toured the Minuteman Missile National Historic site which contains deactivated missiles buried beneath the rural South Dakota landscape.

Our newest members, **Julie & George Midwin**, spent three weeks in Tuscany where they rented an apartment. It has been interesting hearing about their Italian experiences. They had fabulous descriptions of excursions to out- of- the- way mountainous villages, and culinary stories which include Grappa and Espresso. George was happy he had taken along his “designated driver”, Julie, who became accomplished at driving a stick shift through the mountain roads.

Some members were able to bring some of their family to our breakfast; i.e. **Cheri Scale**’s sister, Susie, was visiting from Oregon, and **Bob Mattscheck**’s son, Chuck, joined our group before he heads back to school in San Diego. **Elfriede & Albert Grossmian** had a relative visiting from Germany when he got some R & R from the military. **Lynn Buchholz**’s daughter and son-in-law were here from Rochester, New York. Lynn enjoyed taking trips with them to San Francisco and Wine Country in Calistoga. Did you indulge in the traditional mud bath experience while in Calistoga, Lynn? It is always great to have family in our lives.

We are wishing **Jack Jenkins** a Get Well message after his gall bladder surgery. Hope you are feeling better.

In September the American Legion Post 642 in Cupertino, put on a Cook-Out for about 80 patients and staff members at Palo Alto Veterans’ Hospital. **Harry Willever** and **Bob Devlin** are American Legion members, and Harry gave us an update of this activity at one of our meetings. Members have been inquiring how they can be

of help to our veterans, and with Christmas just around the corner Harry had some suggestions. In addition to the usual magazines, paperback books, and sundries--donations that are always appreciated-- DVD's and CD's, Lap Blankets, Afghans, packaged underwear (for men and women), and jigsaw puzzles would be appropriate donations.

Nothing says, "Fall" like Football (not soccer, **Alex Kraus**), and **Sally & Tony Urso** were fortunate enough to have a 3 hour tour of the new San Francisco 49er Levi's Stadium, located in Santa Clara. Sally & Tony were appropriately impressed—with everything from the 49er Museum, the huge TV screens, to the luxurious UAL Suite. How great would it be to watch a ball game from that perspective!

On a beautiful fall morning in September many members of our UAL group met with **Dave Walb** and his family and friends to celebrate the life of **Nancy Walb**. We are all still numb from the news of Nancy's sudden death. We have been inspired by all the reflections of Nancy's life that were shared by her Tap Dancing group, her Square Dancing Group, and her friends and family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dave, his son, Adam, daughter-in-law Marilee, and grandchildren, Christina and Ryan. We feel blessed to have known this Angel we called **Nancy Walb**.

We want to wish a very Happy November Birthday to some of our members; **Charles Esqueda**, **Garrett Fahl**, **Dee Kolman**, **Mary Ann Lock**, and **Dan Nielsen**. **Karen & Bob Devlin** have shared a lot of things during their married life, and their birthday month is one of these things.

Bill Reichard and **Bob Matkovich** not only have November Birthdays, but also November Wedding Anniversaries. Rosemarie & Bill and Rita & Bob will have some celebrating to do. **Margie & Alex Klaus** have the big "five 0" for their Special Anniversary Day. Not to be outdone is **Sally & Tony Urso** who have another decade added to their 50th.

For this month's Newsletter we would like to share some information about **Russ Currier**. Russ is unique in many ways. For example, he is a rare individual who is a native of California. Russ was born in San Mateo February, 1925 and raised in Palo Alto where he graduated from High School in 1942.

After High School, Russ enrolled in a Civil Service sponsored program to train in aircraft maintenance for the U.S. Army Air Corp (USAAC), later to become the U.S. Army Air Force (USAAF). Once the training was completed Russ was assigned to work at Hamilton Field, San Rafael, CA (which was surplus by the military and was officially vacated in 1995).

The United States was now in WWII and Russ had turned 18 so he was drafted into the Army. He did his basic training in Fresno, CA. then sent to Mississippi for B-24 technical training. After completion of this training Russ was sent to Florida to train as an Air Gunner. The B-24 Liberator, also known as the "Flying Boxcar", was a heavy bomber with a long range ability and was a forerunner to precision-guided munitions. One might recall that Lieutenant Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. was the pilot of a B-24 that exploded in mid-air in an unexplained accident.

After completing the Air Gunner course Russ was assigned to a new B17 Flying Fortress crew for combat. Russ reflects how this reinforces the idea of "standard military procedure"; i.e. trained on a B-24 and assigned to a B-17.

Due to his specialized training, Russ was the ranking enlisted man, yet the youngest member of the crew, so he didn't let his age be known. During B-17 training there was a catastrophic incident in which a check pilot made an unsafe command, insisting that the squadron fly into a thunderhead between two cathedral clouds, and Russ's plane was so badly damaged it had to be scrapped and another plane in the military exercise broke in half and the crew perished.

After about 3 months Russ's crew received a new B-17 and headed to a base about 30 miles north of London where they were stationed and flew 35 missions! (Some Trivia: Clark Gable flew 5 missions as a waist gunner. Tom Landry flew 30 missions as a B-17 pilot, and James Stewart flew 20 combat missions in B-24s.) Russ's missions included raids on Berlin, Dresden, Battle of the Bulge, and oil targets in central Germany and the Ruhr Valley. Russ states that his Bomber Squadron encountered fierce opposition as well as encountering the new Messerschmitt Me262—the aircraft that was the world's first jet fighter! On one mission they lost both starboard engines, but the pilot was able to return the aircraft to the base on two engines, and the pilot received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his flying skill. Russ returned to the United States from the war in Europe in March 1945. When people hear of his remarkable story he says that this was "just high school and college age kids doing what they were trained to do".

Russ attended Cal Areo Tech in Glendale, CA and Northrup Institute in Englewood, Ca. after World War II. He began working for United Air Lines (UAL) in May, 1948. Russ was an Engine Shop Mechanic until 1955. He was first to pass the new Initiated Exam and became a Shop Inspector. It was during this time, 1959, Russ worked on procurement and the setup of Tooling and Equipment for the Jet Engine Shop. Russ was a Test Cell

Foreman from 1966 until 1972, after which he became a Shop Inspector until his retirement in November, 1987 from SFOPI.

Once retired, Russ was able to enjoy his hobby of woodworking, and furniture building. He also enjoyed traveling when his wife, Joanne, was well. One of the most memorable trips was a Safari in Kenya.

Russ's wife, Joanne, was a Registered Nurse who worked in Labor and Delivery Rooms. They have two daughters, one who is a Carmelite Nun. They had a grandson who served two deployments in Iraq, came home, graduated from college, and tragically, was killed in a motorcycle accident.

Russ is reluctant to talk about himself, but with "gentle urging" we were able to get him to share some of his experiences! Thank you for your service to our country, Russ, as well as your sense of humor, and for being a tremendous addition to the UAL family.

Calendar

Every Friday – 8:00 am Breakfast at Holder's Country Inn, De Anza Blvd., Cupertino across from Home Depot)
9:00 am

December 9 - December Holiday Luncheon at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara

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The meeting was opened by President **Bob Brooks** at Mace Meadow Golf Club in Pioneer. We were seated in a room overlooking the golf course, which was going brown due to the drought status of our state. President Brooks thanked **Keith Hudson** and **Joan Verbaere** for hosting the luncheon.

A silent moment was observed in respect for the events of September 11, 2001, following which President Brooks led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Brooks introduced our guest, a 2 month old adorable little girl, Kennedy Kiss, granddaughter of **Bobby & Eleanor Wood**. Kennedy captured the heart of all present. She has been invited back.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** gave his report, indicating all bills and deposits are current and we have a balance of over \$600.00 (report may be viewed at any meeting).

Sandy Brooks indicated she is still unable to get a firm commitment from the Sonora Conference Center for our Christmas luncheon. She will work on a firm answer and cost during the upcoming month and we will know by next meeting where the luncheon will be held.

Don Nesja is home now after a stay in the hospital for pneumonia. **Guy & Nancy Hoffman** are absent as Nancy's Alzheimer's has progressed and Guy is not comfortable bringing her into a group situation. **Ace Edkin** was present and awaiting further information before making a decision as to treatment for his rare cancer.

We adjourned to eat our lunch, and returned for our birthday attendees (**Ace Edkin, Al Svare, Bob Blair** and **Chris Fountain**). Our anniversary attendees were **Bob & Joy Blair** who celebrated 59 years of marriage.

John Zoboli presented his report from RUAEA. The 2014 RUAEA Convention in San Diego is sold out (October 1-4). He also noted that a retiree is not required to be a member of RUAEA to attend the convention.

The Credit Union is switching to online statements. The paper ones will cost a member \$1.00 a month if you wish to continue to have them sent US Mail. Instructions on how to set up online statements are included with the last statement.

Retiree and Employee phone access is changing. If you didn't receive the new phone number, see John for a copy of a flyer.

United is taking deliveries of the larger 787-9 which is 20 feet longer than the -8 model.

A UAL flight from IAD-Beijing was turned around and returned to IAD when the FBI advised the flight crew of a possible international kidnapping. Parents were awarded joint custody of a 4 year old boy and the mother was taking the son to China without proper authorization.

Our hosts moved to our closing raffle (which was wine from Verbaere Winery and a 50/50). The 50/50 was won by **Ace Edkin**, the wine by **Bob & Joy Blair, Nancy Buddington, Rudy & Elma Reyna, Al & Betty Svare, Ken Wesela** and **Bobby Wood**.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month (our next meeting is October 11) but, since we meet at various places, you can call our president, **Bob Brooks** at (209) 772-9814, for meeting information.



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our September meeting was held on the 8th with 23 members and guests. Some of our regulars are on cruises, but will be back in time for the Convention in San Diego.

Jan Soderstrom gave a presentation on her volunteer work with her Therapy Dog at the San Ramon hospital, wonderful work! Jan joined United at DTWRR in 1968. She is one of our new members.

Tom Johnson brought in more Airways Magazines and our book exchange was plentiful! Tom advised that AMTRAK is offering their "Take 5" fares again on the Capital Corridor. Pay one full fare and take up to 5 for \$5.00 one way.

Carol Parks, our "table decorator" at each meeting was rewarded with the 50/50 payout this month. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Carol Parks** donated some delicious wine for our 50/50 raffle.

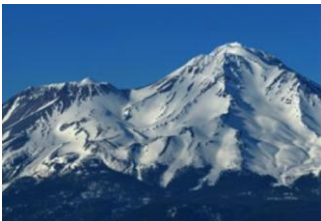
We meet the 2nd Monday of each month and have an ongoing book and magazine exchange as well as new or used Christmas cards. The leftover books are donated to the Contra Costa Library for their book sales and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. **Barbara Cunningham** has kindly offered to accept and distribute the cards. We welcome all UA and CO retirees.

Calendar:

October 13 – Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord

November 10 – To be announced

December 8 – Christmas Party and Toys for Tots collection – Zio Fredo's, Pleasant Hill



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Northstater's Vice President **Richard Skelly** called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. **Merritt Odor** was sick and unable to attend so Richard held the meeting.

Visiting today were friends of **John & Chris Isbell**, **Walt & Franny Grunherr**. We had 21 retirees, spouses and guests for our luncheon/meeting. Richard thanked Sharon for setting up Anderson River Park. The group thanked Richard for buying the meat and **Leo Nacar** and **Bill Simonton** for doing the cooking.

Richard asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Richard & Raejean Skelly** celebrated 52 years of marriage and **Carl & Grace Franke** celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Sharon Simonton read the minutes from our previous meeting and they were approved as read. Sharon also asked for approval for an additional \$25.00 that was spent on moving from KC Grove #2 to Cottonwood Grove because of the rain. Cottonwood Grove had a covered area protected from potential rain. **Phyllis Burdick** made a motion to OK the increase and **Carl Franke** seconded it. All were in favor.

Treasurer **Vanessa Pratt** gave the treasurer's report stating we have \$460.71 in the treasury.

There was some discussion on the open house at the SFO Maintenance Base that was held on October 12.

Richard questioned whether everyone was happy with the meal at the Holiday Inn. There seemed to be no objection to the menu, however, when Richard books it again, he will mention to the staff that we would like some other choices.

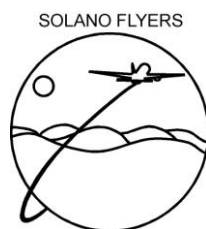
Sharon talked about the E-Mail information from **John Zoboli** on new phone numbers for UAL Benefit Services. Sharon also had hard copies for those that do not receive E-Mail.

John Isabell won the 50/50 raffle and **Kay Neidlinger** won the \$15.00 lunch certificate.

There was some discussion concerning the next meeting. Since the schedule of the meeting should be Thursday, November 27, which is Thanksgiving, it was decided to push back the meeting until December. **Bill & Sharon Simonton** offered to have the meeting at their house on Saturday, December 6th. The group voted to purchase the meat and everyone would bring a side dish. Also, since it is Christmas time, we will be doing a gift exchange. Ten dollars maximum on the gifts; just make it fun. Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

SOLANO FLYERS

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Submitted by Harold Mitchell, Secretary

We had 26 members including **Charles Johnson** and **Richard Cox**, new members; attend this month's meeting along with special guest, **John Zoboli** our N. CA/NV Region Director, at the Benicia Grill in Fairfield. Also in attendance were **Harold & Barbara Mitchell**, **Frank Uhl**, **Bob Zweighardt**, **Louis Pell**, **Rudolph Arsaga**, **Bill & Joanne Blizzard**, **Bob Ritche**, **John Francis**, **Pad & Eileen Gardner**, **James Ellison**, **Diosnel & Luci Perez**, **Ben Reed**, **Robert & Ellie Ewald**, **Allan & Peggy Pochop**, **Jack Hornfisher**, **Aujla Sukhdarshan**, **Eugene Boyce**, **Jamie Schwafel** and **George Struges**.

The meeting was kicked off by President **Allan Pochop**. **Peggy Pochop** and **John Zoboli** celebrated their birthdays and John is also celebrating his 26th anniversary as well this month. We discussed new places to have our meetings besides the two we alternate between every other month. This will afford us new experiences plus a larger variety in our diets, not that any of us are on one. We also discussed having our Christmas luncheon a month early this year. Our normal location will be charging twice as much from now on during December but we can get it free if we use it in November. We voted to have our chapter pay for the meal as a way of returning some of what we all contribute each month.

Allan Pochop encouraged all of our members to contact the United Benefit Center Help Desk, 800-651-1007, regarding their eligibility for retiree life insurance. If you don't know about it and don't use it, it's like throwing money away. He also told us about the new phone number, 1-877-825-3729, United is making available to reach frequently used services.

John Zoboli discussed the 2014 RUAEA Convention in October. **Jack Hornfisher** mentioned he was going so he was asked to represent the Solano Flyer's while there. John also stated that access to the Maintenance Base was going to be restricted from now on. He said the credit union was switching to online statements and that the retiree and employee phone access number was changing as mentioned above. He told us that United was taking delivery of the larger 787-9 and that a flight to Beijing was turned around and returned to IAD because of a possible international kidnapping.

Our organization will be contributing 10% of our Decembers treasure balance, 5% each, to the Solano Food Bank and the Opportunity House both of which support our local community.

In the end, **James Ellison** won the 50/50 drawing for this month.

Calendar:

October 8 - Meeting at Denny's in Vacaville.

COLORADO



DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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We met for our monthly breakfast meeting at the Denver Flight Training Center on September 6. We had 32 people in attendance. **Tom Goodyear** brought the meeting to order. We thought we had escaped news of anyone's passing, but the news came about a week later. **Olen Trenary** and **Frank Scholle**, both of DENMM, and **Phillip Miller**, DENTK passed away.

Roy Rardin, DENTK fell from the third step of his front porch on Sept. 30th. He sustained a concussion, a broken nose and three broken vertebra in his neck. After a five hour operation and several days in rehab, he returned home. He welcomes cards and calls, **Roy Rardin**, 15461 E. 33rd Ave., Aurora, CO 80011, (303) 364-5946.

Virgil Gooselaw, DENMM, spoke about the DENMM breakfast meeting at Gala Gardens on September 20th. There were approximately 40 attendees. We know that several different previous working groups gather during the month to renew or celebrate friendships. There are reservations groups, ramp service groups, flight attendant groups etc. If you are aware of any of these smaller group meetings, please let me know and I will be happy to share the news of those attendees. At our Mile Highers breakfast we have a majority of maintenance retirees, as one attendee (female) who retired from the Continental kitchen reminded us. "What a great place to see all these men".

We had our 50/50 drawing which is a great way to support our chapter. The following were winners, **Bill Brehmer** (2 times), DENMM, **Phillip Miller**, **Walt Hansen**, DENMM, **Charlie Hassler**, DENMM and **Matt Ohr**, DENMM. Along with their returning their winnings, we also collect recyclable aluminum. So bring your aluminum to the next meeting.

The RUAEA annual Convention was in San Diego, October 1-4. Several members attended the convention, but the October 4th breakfast meeting was still at DENTK with **Harriett Ahr** and **Sharon Ahr** hosting the 50/50 raffle.

The Denver Chapter was represented at the convention by approximately 15 local members. We had a great time visiting with acquaintances and enjoying the tours of San Diego. The next convention will be in PIT. Hope to increase our numbers in PIT, as California was the largest representation for the 2014 convention.

Calendar:

November 1 - Breakfast meeting at DENTK 8:30

December - Watch for details of the Christmas luncheon

FLORIDA

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We had a light turnout of 12 today as many of our members are still "up north" for the summer or busy with other events in their lives. **Lowell Johnston** was busy with his check ride and **Janet & Larry Horton** had company. But we were really happy to see **Bill Lowry** back from his recent heart attack and cardiac rehab. He looked and feels better than ever! We were also able to help him celebrate his 65th anniversary from when he started with United. I'm sure it seemed like just yesterday.

President **Dick Coughlin** gave us an update of some health issues. While they are of concern he mentioned that he's taking 2 new drugs that are really helping. Gotta love those drugs! He will be undergoing some more tests and doctor's visits so our thoughts and prayers are with him. Today was his lucky day though as he won

the 50/50 raffle drawing so maybe the winnings will help cover his new drug habit. I think those drugs also helped his joke supply today. They were awesome!

We heard from our guests in August, **Bob & Dina Goetz** that they enjoyed their visit with us. We look forward to seeing them again in the future.

Our only birthday honoree present was **Karen Gammill**. She mentioned that it was a milestone birthday (39 again) so we wished her the best!

Penny Logan provided us with a treasurer's report. And **Bobbie Rieck** told us about a charity that could benefit from our donations. It's called Cuda's UnHooked. The Mission of Cuda's UnHooked is to provide necessary support to students dedicated to becoming educated, independent, contributing members of society. Thanks Bobbie for your recommendation.

Vice-President **Steve Moddle** told us about his recent trip to Chicago and visit to the Museum of Science and Industry. Of particular interest was the United 727 that is hanging from the ceiling! It was quite a feat to get it there and many hours of volunteer work went into making it a great display. Steve checked his old log books and found that he had flown every seat in the cockpit of that particular plane! What a legacy for him and his family.

President **Dick Coughlin** talked about UAL events including the kiosks at ORD for do-it-yourself bag tagging, the extension of our leases at DIA and IAH, improved food service on some flights and classes, and also mentioned what American Airlines has done to their retiree benefits.

Before closing, **Bobbie Rieck** related that any time we know of someone in need of prayers to let her know and their name will be added to the prayer chain at her church. Thanks Bobbie for caring!

2nd report: We had a another light turnout of 11 today for various reasons: **Steve & Lillian Moddle** were accompanying a 90 year old retired UAL pilot to a reunion of the Berlin Airlift pilots. **Bud & Karen Gammill** were in Illinois enjoying beautiful weather (just wait!) **Rick & Marion Johnson** were busy with appointments and **Larry & Janet Horton** were enjoying a motorhome trip. We also heard from our San Diego connection **Robert & Deborah Taylor** that they will be attending the convention next week and that promises to be an exciting time. We hope the problems with the center in Chicago don't affect our members from getting to and from the convention.

President **Dick Coughlin** gave us some good news relating to his ongoing health issues so we are hopeful for the best outcome possible. He gave us an interesting update of current events within UAL, plus he was in rare form with his stand-up comedy routine!

Our only birthday honoree with a family member present was **Omar Logan**. **Penny Logan** said she would convey our wishes to him as he's home nursing some dental work. Our Company anniversary celebrant was **Lowell Johnston** who started in October of 1960! Congratulations!

Penny Logan provided us with a treasurer's report and **Gloria Marcantoni** won the 50/50. We also received a generous donation to our treasury from **Dick & Frieda Coughlin** for the United Space Shuttle picture. Thank you for your gift and we hope you enjoy it for many years to come.

We are starting to plan for our Christmas luncheon and hope to hold it at the New Smyrna Yacht Club on Thursday, December 4. More information to follow as we put this together.

Calendar:

November 6 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

 **THE ORLANDO**
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It was a beautiful day as 34 members of the Real McCoys gathered for lunch, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, as **Ernie Vosges** held the flag. We welcomed long-ago members, now current members, **Bevan & Elaine Vice** all the way from Daytona Beach! What a great surprise to see them. Hopefully it won't be years before we see them again!

The membership agreed with little persuasion to cancel the November picnic plans and just have our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 4th, Election Day. It was also voted by the majority that we hold our

Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 2nd. The Bonefish Grill by the airport will be the location once again. Time and details at the November meeting. Generally, the RSVP and check must be received by Char, our treasurer, by the Friday before the lunch.

Tom Cannata advised the group that he and **Al Fields** had visited both **Stu Hunter** at Winter Park Memorial Hospital and **Don Ulman** at the Tuskawilla Nursing and Rehab Center and both these guys are in serious need of our prayers – Now! **David Leighty** is still recovering from surgery, and **Barb & Joe Fitak** are both at home and doing much better. Please, keep those prayers coming.

October Birthday Wishes to **Al Fields, Joe Fitak, Mack Chandler, Cheryl Vosges, Lois Fields**, and yours truly, **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**.

And, as always, prayers of healing and strength for all our members and their families.

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm

November 4 - Golden Corral on So Semoran Blvd

December 2 - Christmas Lunch at the Bonefish Grill – RSVP required

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Our October 6th picnic meeting was called to order at 11:15am by our President, **Beverly Alderdice**. It was as usual a fun meeting. It's a shame that only 27 of us could make it. The minutes and our treasurer's report were read and approved.

Birthdays this month ~ **Terri Breslin** and **Ethel Cargill** (10/10), **Carolyn Lodge** (10/13), and **Peggy Manuel** (10/15). Wedding anniversary ~ **Carolyn & Dave Lodge**.

Sunshine report: **Mary Martin** was ill and Terri will be sending her a card. Terri also passed out information about our Holiday luncheon.

Gabriel's mother and grandparents were our guests at the picnic. They wanted us to know that Gabriel was very disappointed that she could not be at the luncheon due to her class schedule. She is attending Pasco Hernando State College in Wesley Chapel. Her mother read us a letter from Gabriel thanking us for our support and letting us know what is currently happening in her life.

Only one person traveled this month. **Helena Kocovar** purchased a ticket to San Luis Obispo and unfortunately missed her connection in Denver. Lucky for her - since she paid for the ticket, she was treated just like a real person and actually got to her destination earlier than she would have on her original itinerary.

Our meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

Our next meeting will be at 10:30am on Monday, November 3, at the IHOP. As a reminder, our December meeting will be at the Heritage Springs Club House on Thursday, December 4, in conjunction with our Holiday luncheon - Cocktails at 11am and Buffet at noon.



TREASURE COAST

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Our Luncheon/Meeting for September was held on Wednesday, September 3 with a robust crowd of 20 Members. To get the meeting going, President **Al Popek** asked **Diane & Paul Leibisch** to give us the horror story of their return to Florida from their recent trip to Berlin. What a nightmare it was indeed. Our orders had been taken for lunch and as she finished the story, lunch was served and as usual, silence was the theme.

After lunch was completed by all, **Al Popek** brought down his giant meat tenderizer and brought the meeting to order. His first duty was to request that we take a minute of silence in memory of the lives lost on 9/11.

Some of our topics were travelling on passes and some tips were in order, especially international travel, Al found out that Easy Scripts has a lenient clause in their orders if you are about to go on vacation and will not have enough meds to last you until you return. This particular rule will be give only twice a year and the date of the order for your next supply that is reflected on the bottle is overridden. Good to know.

We took a vote and Wednesdays will be our new meeting day effective with our October meeting. The Christmas Party will be discussed in detail next month and a lot of members paid their dues. If you haven't, please send a check made payable to **Diane Leibisch**.

Think about running for office for in October, we will take nominations and hopefully some members will come to the bar and volunteer for offices, we need a rest!

The birthdays for September were announced and here are the celebrants: **Michael Carragher** (10/6), **Mary Kay Wetherington** (10/22), **Arnold Lakso** (10/25). Happy Birthday to all and because **Sharon Kirk's** Birthday is the first of the following month (11/1), she is wished a Happy Birthday by all. Anniversaries for October are **Ed & Vicky Snyder** (10/7), **Merrill & Mary Kay Wetherington** (10/29). Happy Anniversary to both couples! **Ed Snyder** won the 50/50 and **David Damon**, our newest member, won the progressive but since he wasn't in attendance, the money goes back for next month's drawing.

I almost forgot to mention that **Al & Janice Popek**, **Diane & Ron Brodis**, **Barbara Dodenhoff** and **Sharon Kirk** will all be attending the convention in San Diego.

Look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

2nd report: Since a lot of our members went to San Diego for the convention, we moved our meeting to October 8; and since the meeting was moved, there was not enough time to get in our Newsletter so this will have to suffice.

President **Al Popek** and his wife **Janice** are part of the group attending the convention so when they return, they will fill us in on the happenings up to date. **Diane Brodis** represented me in the Correspondent meeting so she will fill me in on any updates. **Ron Brodis** sat in for **Al Popek**.

Judith Frage is ill and our prayers are with her.

Birthdays for November are **Sharon Kirk** (11/1), **MaryKay Wellington** (11/4), **Arnold Lakso** (11/15), **Edgar Snyder** and **Bob Williams** (11/22), and **Soni Bodmer** (11/23). Happy Birthday to all!

Anniversaries are **Michael & Maureen Carragher** and **Sharon & Tom Kolibab** (11/16), **Paul & Diane Liebisch** (11/18), **Bob & Pat Williams** (11/26). Happy Anniversary to all!

Don't forget to get your dues in for 2015 as soon as possible. Remember to respond to Bob's reminder emails and our meetings are now on Wednesdays. Elections for new officers, think about running to be a board members.

The date of the Christmas/Holiday Party will be announced at our meeting on October 8.

Live, Laugh and Love, the clock is ticking and it is later than you think. Remember to tell those you love that you love them don't take anything for granted.

Until the next time, God Bless all and God Bless America.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Calendar:

November 5 – Wednesday, Luncheon/Meeting - 1230PM, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

December - No Luncheon Meeting date for Christmas Party to be announced

January 7 – Wednesday, Luncheon/Meeting - 1230PM, Wahoo's, Stuart, FL

FIRST COAST SUNSHINERS

Jacksonville, FL

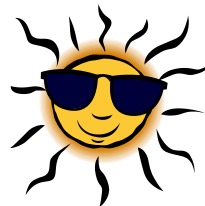
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September 11th was the 3rd meeting of our newly formed group and we had our "regulars" **Edith Morse**, her daughter and son-in-law **April & Tad Rivers**. Also back were **Bill & Eleanor Hughes**. And we welcomed a new member **Sandy Danielson**. Sandy recently moved to St. Augustine so we hope she becomes a regular part of our group as well. We did hear regrets from a few more local retirees that weren't able to make it but hope to in the near future so we are growing slow but sure! **Edith Morse** brought some more memorabilia to share and

Bill Hughes talked about some great restaurants in San Francisco. We learned **Sandy Danielson** is a huge dog lover!

Since it was the anniversary of 9/11, we remembered the day by talking about where we were and what our thoughts were as we watched the events unfold. While it was a sad day for all Americans, as part of the United family we felt a special connection to those in "our" airplanes. May they rest in peace!

After catching up on "what we did over the summer" we talked about the new way United is calculating Mileage Plus points, and the diversion of the United B777 to Midway Island in July. We reminisced about some early airplanes: DC3's and Viscounts. Back in those days, you had to make many stops in route to your destinations. In that respect the good old days are better now! We also talked about the new Frontier Airlines service non-stop from our little Regional Airport in St. Augustine (city code UST) to Washington Dulles. They are operating an Airbus 5 days a week. Early fares were \$14! It's a wonderful option for us to use to connect to somewhere out of Dulles!

We had no birthdays or Company anniversaries for September so we just celebrated our being together! Our next get-together will be in November and we hope to see some more new faces as well as the "old." If you know any retirees in the Jacksonville area, please pass our information along to them. We'd love to have them join us!

Calendar:

November 13 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 416 Commerce Center Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32225 (904)727-7460

GEORGIA



DIXIE FLYERS

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Our Flyers met for our monthly luncheon, 50/50 drawing and information news on UAL's. The **Carringtons** drove to a 200 mile yard sale or a highway covering parts of Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. Every home site along the road had items for sale.

Frank & Barbara Russey celebrated their 50th anniversary, and we bought a sheet cake and cookies for the flyers. **Bill Elk** won the 50/50 and donated to the Ladies in distress amounting to \$39.00.

Recent birthdays ~ **Mary Broderson** (8/29). Retirements ~ **Richard Thompson** (8/2002), **Stan Cebula** (9/1993). **Sybil Voss** going to her 60th High School reunion in NW Iowa and also will be attending RUAEA Convention.

She will attend the correspondent meeting representing the Flyers. **Wormy Bowling**, along with her sons renovated Bill's house as well as 7 lawnmowers disposed of?

The Flyers met October 1st, the group was small so **Fred Cron** did triple duty for the Pledge, prayer and 50/50. **Bill Elk** heard UAL might be returning to Apple as present computer system is not up to speed.

Birthday in October ~ **William Foles** (2nd), **Bob Balas** (7th), **Jodi Wallace** (3rd) and **Barney Knotts** (28th).

Retirements in October ~ **Balas** - 2002, **Bill Elk** - 2001, **Barney Knotts** - 1993, and **Don Sullivan** - 1981. The **Carringers** donated 2 boxes of envelopes and a pen for correspondents.

Next meeting will be on November 5th at Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, South Glynn St. (770) 716-2628.

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet regularly for lunch. If you are interested in joining us, send your email address to HNLRTUA@gmail.com and we will email you the details. All retirees are welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.



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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again ... lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested, please send your email address to annmedve@aol.com and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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I'm beginning with the same two sentences that I used last year at this time: "A *very special occasion for the Boise Gems is our September potluck meeting each year. Aside from being a time of fellowship, our Memorial Picnic is a time to honor those former members who are no longer with us.*" We count it a blessing that no new names were added to the list this year. Gathering at the same park again were **Ileen Bunce, Louise Duvall, Susan Wallace, Marilyn Taylor, Denny Snyder, Charles & Shirley Perkins, Marlene Croghan, and David & Carol Adams.**

A while back, David noticed in our local newspaper that a **Captain Lee** who flew for United for many years had passed away here in Boise. Also, the Statesman reprinted a full-page article titled **LINDBERGH PRAISES AVIATION SPIRIT OF IDAHO.** The date is September 5, 1927. One of the subtitles reads: *Lone Eagle Gets Rousing Ovation at Banquet Here*, and under that found the following: *500 Guests Burst Into Heavy Cheering as Honored Visitor Takes Seat; He Urges Airport Be Kept Up to Date.* And I think you'll like this one: *Mountains Easy as Ocean Lindy Tells Boise Writers. "Mountains aren't any harder to fly over than the ocean if you have the right kind of machine. The motor of the Spirit of St. Louis has never been overhauled since the Paris flight; the aforesaid motor is not of the rotary type, but radial."*

David & I are looking forward to our time in San Diego. We also use this car trip as an opportunity to visit several friends and family members, both going to the convention and as we follow the coastal highway after our time in San Diego ends. Not long ago we drove as far east as Hannibal, Missouri. Sadly, it was to be at a memorial service for a dear friend of David. Thankfully, just one year ago we spent a few wonderful days with them.

We all are familiar with these precious friendships. What a gift they are!

Calendar:

October 14 - 11:30 - Lunch at Jerry's State Court Café, 6767 Fairview Ave, Boise

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Sweet November! Our winter is upon us, supposed to be colder and snowier than last year. I'll be waiting for invitations from all you Snowbirds in Florida, Arizona and California. Yes, I know, "Don't wait too long, Jan". Let's skip the obvious mention of Thanksgiving. Let's get right to the important day, Black Friday! Yes, ladies, credit cards ready, cash is better, since there are so many scammers out there now. November 2, we put our clocks backward; gain an hour of sleep, supposedly. One couple I know argued twice a year if that was a 25 hour day, and in April, if that was a 23 hour day. Nobody ever won, they've been married over 50 years now, couldn't have been that important. It just always made me chuckle. November 11, our day to thank our Veterans for keeping our country safe and free. Since they were from the Greatest Generation, maybe we should send them back. They'd straighten out all those countries that are giving us a hard time.

Our September breakfast on the North Side had about 25 people. Guess the weather scared them away. **Mary Szabo**, EXOIN, brought her niece Magda, from Lagrange Park. **Darlene Felske**, brought her friend, Darlene Dobbins. It looked like she enjoyed meeting all the Wild and Crazy United people. We still have news of people having falls, X-rays, aches, pains, procedures, biopsies, treatments, everything imaginable, except house-maids' knee. Still haven't heard of anybody having that. I'm sure we send good thoughts and a little prayer to all of our friends that are under the weather, whether we know their names or not. They are our friends, and deserve a little prayer. If you're the one that's sick, then, say a prayer for yourself, you're allowed. **Bonnie & Ed Meyer**, EXOCT, are expecting their 10th grandchild in April. Don't have all the information from the RUAEA convention that was held in SAN last week, but do have some good news. Our own Skyliners' board member, **Diane Webb**, ORDCS, was elected Secretary of the national RUAEA. Congrats, Diane, excellent news! Good luck to you.

Our South Side breakfast brought back **Marge Caliendo**, who still has some remnants of the shingles, but couldn't stand not being with us any longer. She looked great. Get your shingles shot now, folks, before you end up in pain and discomfort, for month, yes, months. They're harder to get rid of than your mother-in-law, you've been warned. **Mel Fisher**, returned, and brought five Lottery scratch-off cards for our raffle. Thanks again, **Mel**, what a gentleman. We had 14 attendees, others were out babysitting, doctoring, traveling, or staying home, getting some 'fine tuning' on their bodies. Ah, yes, the rusty years. **Gwen & Bill Brookins**, went by bus to Dyersville, IA, the home of the "Field of Dreams" movie. There was even a man dressed in a baseball uniform playing catch with the visitors. They had a great time. Our raffle was won by **Marge Caliendo**, **LaVonne Halach**, **Bob Pearson** and **Al Broderson**. The raffle tickets were won by **Bill Brookins**, **Gwen Brookins**, **Wes Roak**, **Jan Gawenda**, and **LaVonne Halach**. We were so happy **LaVonne** won twice because it was her 90th birthday. (Hope she doesn't mind I told) She brought candy for us, and Jedi's brought her a piece of cake, with candle. We all sang the traditional Happy Birthday to her, twice! Our dear **Rudi Maki**, EXOCT, passed away. He was a long time active member of the Skyliners and the Southsiders breakfast. He was buried in Hibbing, MN, his home town. We'll miss his smile and style.

Our Fall Luncheon was held at a new banquet hall, The Belvedere, in Elk Grove. The food was delicious, and they treated us very well. Something tells me we'll be going back next year. There were about 130 at the luncheon. Newbies were **Tom Moretti**, EXOIT, **Margie Burg**, EXORT, **Bill Burg**, EXOKF, **Jerry Tarkowski** and **Bob Smuszkiewicz**, ORDMM. Special recognition went to **Jerry** and **Bob**, because they were recipients of the Charles Taylor Master Mechanics Award in April. Another award winner, **Paul Temple**, ORDMM, was invited, but he's still working, after 50 years, and he couldn't get the day off to attend. Hail, oh great UAL!

The Northwood Loonies had their Fall Adventure in Oshkosh, WI, in September. About 36 retired UAL'ers attended. The group from Chicago included **Mary Szabo**, EXOIN, **Ginny Vlach**, **Helen Cauwels**, EXOAS, **Al Broderson**, ORDJL, **Char & John Roberts**, EXOKF, **Gerry & Linda Cilona**, EXOAN, **Jim Sommerfield**, EXOIT, **Shirley Johnson**, **Phil & Phyllis Capuzelo**, ORDFO, **Dale & Karen Richman**, EXOKF and EXOIM,

Gil & Mary Kay Wojtal, EXOWS, **Ed & Vivien Bukar**, ORDMD, **Pat Muha**, CHIRR, **Mike Pasquerelli**, ORDMM, and **Jan Gawenda**, OPBCM. Our old friends, **Bob & Carol Faust**, CHIRR, joined us. Miss them since they moved to DEN. Also, our old router friend, **Clyde Johnson**, OPBOP, permanent president of the Loonies.

Our dearly departed list includes, Dr. **Ralph Fennel**, ORDMD, **Andrew Klujewski**, father of **George Klujewski** and grandfather of **Greg Klujewski**, both from ORDCG. **Pete Kapischke**, ORDMM, found on his front lawn from an apparent heart attack. His wife died this March. **Britt Granholm**, ORDCS, now from PHXOZ, **Bob Kraves**, now from SEAMM, but worked in ORDMM for years. He was injured in a surfing accident years ago and never fully recovered. His son, **Bob**, works in ORDCG. Also, one of the funniest ladies on the earth, Joan Rivers. Irreverent, caustic, but said what we were all thinking. I'm glad I was here for her ride. Not too many old-time comics left on the planet. But with all the world problems, maybe God needs a good laugh occasionally, and wants all those folks up with him/her.

Happy Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for, especially old friends. Thanks for being there.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**November 12**). Second Tuesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**October 28**). Last Tuesday of the month.

December 9 - Christmas Luncheon, Avalon Restaurant, 11:00 A.M., Elk Grove, IL

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Indy Racers were happy to see **Linda Harris** at the September meeting. She has been busy with travel and planning a move. We look forward to her report from the RUAEA Convention in San Diego. V.P. **Wanda Bryce** conducted the business meeting for President **Chris Johnston** who had to make an emergency visit to the doctor following shoulder surgery. Attending the meeting were **Deanna & Ken Boeke**, **Hannelore & Ray Brabo**, **Margaret & Mario Bregante**, **Wanda Bryce**, **Carol & Jack Conway**, **Jim Gibson**, **Linda Harris**, **Dimple Rihel**, **Charles Theiss** and **Barb & Tony Urbanovic**. Winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Charles Theiss**. **Ken & Deanna Boeke** won the special door prize from Michigan that was donated by **Carol & Jack Conway**. **Wanda** reminded members that we would hold officer elections in October so that we can devote our November meeting to the Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" program and our Holiday Party. Members are asked to bring an unwrapped gift as a donation for the "Toys for Tots" program that provides Christmas gifts to underprivileged children. The November get together will be at the Mediterranean Grill in Avon on November 11th. We will have entertainment by musicians under the direction of our Indy Racer member, **Frank Prins**. **Wanda** said that gifts for our traditional "gift exchange among members" will be a part of the agenda. If Indy Racers would like to participate, they should bring a wrapped gift with the value of approximately \$15.00. Luncheon Entrée options include your choice of a Beef Kabob, Chicken Kabob or Seafood Kabob, each served with rice and green beans, or a 7 oz. Filet Mignon served with sautéed vegetables and potato wedges. Lunch also includes Hummus with warm Pita Bread, and your choice of a salad or soup and a non-alcoholic beverage. Cost for the luncheon is \$15 for members and \$25 for guests. For additional information about the party, call **Chris Johnston** at (317) 694-4406.



Indy Racers who enjoyed a great lunch and musical presentation of "Oklahoma" at Beef & Boards Dinner Theater were **Wanda Bryce**, **Carol & Jack Conway** (pictured), **Chris & Shary Johnston** and **Dimple Rihel**.

We send get well wishes to **Rita Prins** who is experiencing complications from back surgery.

Happy Birthday to **Myrtle Duty** (11/14), **Melanie Hall** (11/23), **Jim Gibson** (11/30) and **Concisa Loftus** (11/30). Happy Anniversary to **Dennis & Melanie Hall** (11/8).

Calendar:

November 11 - The Mediterranean Grill, 10230 E. US 36 (Rockville Rd.) Avon, IN 46123. Festivities begin at 1:30 p.m.

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The October 7 luncheon at Su- Chang's brought out 24 Nor'Easters for a much requested Chinese meal. Between conversations, we started with soup, chicken wing and beef teriyaki, then the meal! No one left hungry! We had two first timers, new member **Susie Dolgin**, BOSCS and I hope another new member, **Lucinda Suga**, BOSCS, BOSSW. Although our crowd is smaller, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves more. The 50/50's were won by **Bruce Casassa**, **Helmut "Moose" Umbley** and **John Delello**. Free lunches won by **Bob DePippo** and **Dick Vee**; champagne by **Frank DeStefano** and wine to **Carol Montalto**. The Progressive would have been won by **Paul O'Mara**, but you have to be there to win. Next meeting's Progressive will give the winner \$40. Be there!

It's been seven weeks since **Judith Austin**'s heart surgery and she advised she's doing real fine, feels great and looks great! Good for you Judith! **Loretta Coyle** is going to a Halloween Bash at the Wood Stock Inn, up in northern NH for the weekend. She will be Miss Piggy! I'm sad I'm going to miss this, hope she gets some pictures. **John Delello**'s quote, "*Another year older, just hanging in*". I told him I was going to start a rumor that Peg was pregnant! **Helmut Umbley** is our source of info on **Bill Shailor**, now in a nursing home. Helmut advised Bill is being himself, hanging in, but weak.

Well, it's evident by the lack of member participation in the September overnighter in northern NH, the Nor'Easters are not interested. The only Nor'Easters attending were **Bob & Sue DePippo**, **Frank & Janet DeStefano** and **Marie Dwyer**, plus non members. All agreed they had a great time. The organizer, **Susan DePippo**, advised it was so good, she will continue to organize overnighters, but not as a Nor'Easter venue.

Joan Twing set up a Facebook account for Nor'Easter members only. You have to befriend Joan to get access. The sight is informative and just plain fun. She will send out E invitations again for those who haven't responded. Reminder, this page is not open to public view, members only.

Jayne & John Regan celebrated John's 75th birthday at the Mohegan Sun casino in Conn. Hope you got lucky John!

November's birthdays ~ **Robert DePippo**, **Joseph Duda**, **Marcia Kilpatrick** and **Richard Woodworth**.

November's anniversaries ~ **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** (33 years) and **Paul & Mary Ward** (51years).

Calendar:

December 2 - Christmas party, Jimmy's Steer House, Saugus, MA

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18 Escapees & 2 guests gathered @ the Olive Garden September 7th hosted by **Sue Craig**. First timers were **Deborah Hill, Lacinda McManus** and **Harriet Smith**.

17 Escapees and 3 guests gathered October 2nd @ G. Sabu's Leather Bottle Restaurant in Livonia, hosted by **Joanna O'Brien**. We celebrated **Helen Venn's** (Joanna's Mom) 100th Birthday. Joanna says her Mom is still talking about it. Now she is one who never remembers anything so we are all very excited and happy for her.

Sharon Jacob and **Marie Cook** had a wonderful time in Oshkosh, WI. Our host; **Jan Gawenda** kept us busy the whole time. We visited the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Museum where we had the chance to have a Cockpit Climb in the P54, B25 and the Mosquito. We then drove to the Pioneer Hangers and enjoyed a guided tour of many vintage aircraft. Sonex was a big hit where we watched and learned we could build a recreational airplane. If you are ambitious and have lots of money like \$27,000 – \$35,000 you can buy your own kit and build your own airplane. One day we visited Bemis; a manufacturing company that packages everything from ketchup packets to dog food bags. Lastly, we visited the Paine Museum, a Tudor revival mansion and gardens designed in the 1920's for the Oshkosh lumber baron, Nathan Paine and his family. The interesting part about this is that no one ever lived in the mansion.

Calendar:

First Thursday of month, location varies, please call.

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Thanks to **Mary Brennan's** passing along her minutes of the September meeting, this submission was made possible as your correspondent was off in Canada chasing walleyes again.

The day was cold, windy and rainy ~ October came a month early this year. 23 Lites came for lunch and visiting. Our first chapter president, **Joe Balogh**, made the trek across the metro area from his home out west. September is usually when we see him; say, isn't his birthday in September? Hmmm... didn't he win the birthday roll of the dice last year? He and **John Beveridge III** celebrated their 30th year of retirement with a handshake.

Donna Krogman and **Rosemary Soltis** were among those who hadn't been seen in awhile. Summers in MN are so short and busy that it's surprising, actually, that so many make the time to attend our monthly gatherings.

Al Kilian had been having recurring headaches which is very unusual for him and the docs found he was having an issue and plopped him into the hospital. Surgery was performed and he was home after about 5 days. They took his Freedom Machine (car) away for a week or better, but he's back to normal now.

Diane Storlie is undergoing further treatment and is optimistic. However, she'd never turn down the offer of prayers and cards. 11532 River Hills Drive, Burnsville, MN 55337.

Joe Kelley had complications following cataract surgery; a big, bad old infection precipitated emergency surgery at the Phillips Eye Clinic in Minneapolis. He's hoping to regain full vision in that eye in a few weeks. **Nel Brawner** had carpal tunnel surgery (probably from too much fishing) and is doing fine. **Mary B.** brought Wisconsin chicken soup (cookies and banana bread) for those with health issues.

Lots of changes going on at MSP! Although it's been announced that the DEN-MSP route will in future be served with larger Mainline planes instead of Express jets, the staffing has been drastically reduced causing early retirements, furloughs and cutback of full time to part time. Those of us who have been around for awhile are seeing this type of thing for the umpteenth time. When will the Powers That Be at UAL figure out the value of the Twin Cities markets? We're hoping that some of those taking retirement will join us one of these 2nd Wednesdays of the month.

Another donation to the Flight 93 Memorial Fund was discussed and the decision made to continue funding it. The members present voted to donate \$50.

There were a few members present with birthdays in September, so the dice were rolled to determine who received the \$5 prize. **Diane Storlie** was the lucky winner, but **Joe Balogh** won one of the 50/50 raffle prizes. He graciously donated it back to the chapter coffers.

Several of the Northern Lites attended the Northwoods Loonies autumn gathering in Oshkosh, WI, home of the Experimental Aircraft Assoc. Museum and annual air show. Our hostess, **Jan Gawenda** of the Chicago Skyliners, ably assisted by **Carol Geiger** from the Grand Rapids, MI area, arranged some fascinating things to keep us occupied during the 4-day event. Those who couldn't make it this time were sorely missed (and talked about, of course). Seeing old friends and making new ones is the highlight of these gatherings and when Friday comes, it's hard to say goodbye.

Sad late news ~ the passing of two of our MSP/Northern Lites family ~ **Mike Munn**, who worked with us as a CSR in the late '80's and went on to Sales in AZ. Memorials to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014. **Dorothy Wood**, who with her husband, **Don**, were valued members of our chapter for many years. Her penchant for being lucky was well known. Condolences to the family: 5464 Butternut Circle, Minnetonka, MN 55343.

Those who have been attending our monthly gettogethers have decided to find another place for lunch. Those living in the Cities are tasked to come up with ideas, but as of this writing, the venue for our lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of every month is up in the air.

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We just returned from the RUAEA Convention, which was held in SAN this year. I started going thru my notes for information, and found that I will have a lot to talk about at our local chapter meeting next week. Many thanks to all the SAN members who worked very hard all year preparing. Hats off to the National Committee members and everyone who is involved in making each Convention successful! All local chapter RUAEA members who do not attend, don't know what they are missing. I know that stand-by travel is very difficult these days, and as we've aged, we "don't want to do that any more!" But, consider using your hard-earned retirement money for a well-worth "real" ticket to attend these wonderful Conventions. You will meet so many wonderful retirees, and it's so much fun to talk about "the good ole times" when United Airlines was a great airline. Please start talking about PIT Convention in 2015!

Happy travels! We look forward to our Christmas luncheon on December 8. Where has the year gone?



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15 members attended our September meeting at the Black Bear Diner. After some discussion among members present, it was decided that an alternative location will probably need to be found due to the high cost

of Sand Harbor facilities. It was generally decided that Bartley Ranch would be the site of our next picnic. Reservations for the Plaza Pavilion will need to be made early in 2015.

Maintenance Base access is now restricted to the Credit Union and the gift store. All the shops are off limits to retirees.

The Credit Union is switching to online statements. The paper ones will now cost members \$1.00 per month. Instructions on how to set up an online statement are included with the latest, last statement.

Retiree and Employee benefit phone access is changing. Please refer to your latest RUAEA newsletter or contact John.

August birthdays were celebrated by **John Brown**, **Joan Baillie**, **Jeff Nimori** and **John Zoboli**. The 50/50 raffle was won by **John Zoboli**.

Calendar:

October 13 - Black Bear Diner at 11:30 a.m.

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Our meeting opened with a flag salute by **Frank Worzocha**, followed by a moment of silence for **Kenny Dorn**, formally of Newark ramp service and **Rowena Livingston**, formally of EWR flight service. It seems that these tributes are necessary but never ending. **Rich Creighton** from local 914, talked about the buyout program United is giving to some of its employees, also about the reduction of some people from full-time to part-time. I can only guess the usual explanation for all this is that “*you don’t see the whole picture!*” How many times have we heard that before? **George Whitman** could use a secretary with all the calls he got at our meeting. What is that old expression? “*Friends are friends, but business is business*”. **John Murphy**, our money man, says our finances are okay and even looking better, thanks to those who have returned their 50/50 proceeds to our treasury.

Our next meeting will be on October 29 at Snuffy’s in Scotch Plains at 12:30 PM. Since we will have no meeting in November, those of us who are veterans are urged to bring our hats as a salute to Veterans Day. November 11, 2014. Our Christmas meeting will take place on December 10 at 12:30 PM at Snuffy’s. This will be our opportunity to continue our “Toys for Tots” program that was started by **Jerry Confer**. What a nice memory to keep alive. Our 50/50 was won by **Rich Creighton**.

**Treat your friends with kindness, you never know when you’ll need one.*

NEW YORK

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Let’s hope this is the last bad news for the Metros. Sadly, just about seven weeks after **Rosemarie Totaro**’s death, her husband **Joe** was found dead of an apparent heart attack in his home. Remember him and all our recently departed in your prayers.

It seems we are all experiencing a decline in membership. We had only 29 at our October 1st luncheon. We always have a good turnout for our Christmas luncheon so this is a reminder to let **Dee Talochino** know if you are planning to attend. She can be reached at (516) 623-8225 or deelee62@aol.com. Remember our special 50/50 drawing for regular attendees of the year, so get in another chance by attending next month’s meeting on

November 5th. Choice of entrées for December 3rd are: Chateaubriand, Stuffed Sole & Crabmeat, Chicken Milleridge and Loin of Pork

50/50 winners were **Joe Lilly**, **Frank Ferrara** and **Mike Schroeder**. Don't spend it all in one place.

No anniversaries or birthdays announced but I'm sure there were some, so many happy returns and many more. I shall highlight one of our members, **Jordan Levine**. His wife, **Mary Andriola Levine** was elected by the Tri-State of New York Magazine as one of the year's outstanding doctor in the field of Child Neurology. Though we haven't had the pleasure of meeting her, we certainly congratulate her. She and Jordan will be off to Coral Gables to stay with grandchildren Michael and Amelia while their mom, an architect, is on a trip to Panama, Peru, etc. Michael was in the top 2% of fifth graders in all of USA in math competition. Nice going, help Grandpa with his checkbook.

Donna & Ron Feingold enjoyed a Princess Cruise out of Copenhagen with stops in Oslo, towns along the coast of Germany, two days in St. Petersburg, returning via Finland and Stockholm. I did a similar trip a few years ago, leaving from Dover, England, up the Keil Canal and back through the Scandinavian capitals. It's a great trip.

I don't know where all our absentees are, but hope to see more Metros as summer travel lessens. We sure had a fantastic August and September. I think only 5 days got up in the 90's but Farmer's Almanac predicts a severe winter so let's keep going while we can.

Calendar:

November 5 – Milleridge Inn

December 3 – Christmas Luncheon at Milleridge Inn

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Well, folks, our get-together in Oshkosh, WI, is over and it was delightful! We had 36 happy people enjoy three days of fun and frolic. We had it scheduled earlier in the Fall than normal, so we had to give up the changing leaves, but we had fabulous weather. Blue skies every day, and no winter coats.

The first night, the 16th, we met and had dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn, our home for three nights. I should live that well in my own home. Beautiful hotel and a staff that bent over backwards for us. Their breakfasts were made to order, a variety of food fit for a king or queen.

The next day, we spent about three hours in the EAA Museum, with its vast array of aircraft from the Wright Brothers to the Space Ship One, built by Burt Rutan. Extra bonus was that we could get up into the cockpits of the B25, P51, and the English plane, the Spider. We were able to tour the Pioneer Hangars with a huge assortment of vintage aircraft from the glory days of barnstorming, in the 20's and 30's. Our tour guides were well versed and extremely knowledgeable of the aircraft and the era. Even saw a few with United's name on it. After lunch, we went to the Sonexaircraft Corporation, where they make and sell kits for their all-metal home-built monoplanes. The cost is around \$300,000, and takes about 700-800 man hours to build. Anyone interested? I'll give you their information. The fellas loved seeing this, plus looking at all the parts they used to assemble these cute little yellow planes. Yes, I did say, cute. Helps if you know how to fly and have a mechanical background. Dinner was at TJ's, a beautiful restaurant with a view of Lake Winnebago and many wind turbines in the distance. The sunset was beyond description. The food was delicious, too, our waiter was so great to serve all of us, and with a smile. A fun-filled evening was enjoyed by all.

Our Thursday the 18th, started out with a tour of the Bemis Corporation. They make packaging used by leading food, medical and consumer products across the world. We saw labels for puddings, coffee bags, lunch packs, chips, dog food, and so many more things. We had to sign a confidentiality agreement, so I can't mention any names. But believe me, if you eat it, chances are, they make the bag for it. Lunch was at Fratello's, on the Fox River. They had a micro-brewery, and more delicious food. Not sure how many had to let their pants out a little bit to get them to fit. The stunning Paine Art Center and Gardens was elegant and picturesque. Mr. Paine was a lumber baron, back in the 20's. He wanted a home for his family and a place to exhibit fine works of art for the community. Work started in 1927, along came the 1929 crash and the 1932 Depression. Work halted, but

was completed in 1948, when it was opened to the public. The astonishing part is, the Paines never lived in the house, none of them, not even the children. This beautiful Tudor mansion is opened to the public and is on the list of National Historic Places. There was a Matisse exhibit there at the time. Who would have thought, Matisse in Oshkosh? Our dinner was at The Charcoal Pit, more luscious, yummy food. Then back to the EAA Museum for a very informative presentation of, The Battle of Midway, how we won one of the decisive Naval battles of WW2. We got to walk around the airplanes again, so that was fun.

On Friday, we all said our farewells to our good friends and still talked about the things we saw, walked around, drove to and got lost, ate and just plain laughed about. It's so good to have another group of friends that we know we'll see in another six months. Just more crazy airline people in our lives. And I might add, the greatest bunch of people in the world. What other friends do we have that have traveled around the world, can talk just about anything and are pretty intelligent, too! We bring the "Friendly Skies", down to Earth.

Thanks to all in Oshkosh, the Hilton, EAA, Bemis, Sonexaircraft, the Visitors and Convention Bureau, TJ's, Charcoal Pit, Fratello's, the Paine, these people were invaluable to this trip. Also, **Marie Cook** from DTW for her home baked goodies, **Jo & Bud Ayers**, BWI and **Connie & Rich Glattly**, MSP, for their ice chests. To all the participants for bringing goodies and spirits. Special thanks to **Carol & Sam Geiger**, GRR, for their advice, mailings and storing all the supplies. Good trips like this don't just happen, you always have to have help. So, thank you to all for everything, especially for showing up. They all told me they had fun, I know I did. We had a variety of Mid-westerns attending, 19 from Illinois, 6 from Michigan, 5 from Wisconsin, 4 from Minnesota and 2 from Colorado. What a fabulous group we had, all willing to work together, and have a good time!

As of right now, our May meeting will be in Northern Michigan, hosted by **Doris & Clyde Johnson**, OPBOP.

We'll keep you up to date as plans are confirmed.

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We are fortunate to have seasons in the Northwest and our autumn has been beautiful. There were 75 at our September luncheon; **Inge Pempeit** brought her brother Heinz and sister-in-law Crista who were visiting from Germany. There were lovely bouquets of dahlias from **Gene & Lorie King's** garden that were given away to lucky members. They were **Jack Curtis**, **Barbara Martin**, **Charlie Stemper** and **Shirley Walker**.

A former member **Billy Davis** who now lives in Columbus, MO (retired UAL Skycap) sent me an article and I shared it with everyone at the meeting. **Paul Russell** called and had a delightful conversation with him.

Our sick list is short this month. **Carole Luyten** had serious lung surgery and is having a difficult recovery period; she's currently house-bound. **Lois Pitman** informed me that **Merle** has found a care center that he "loves". Merle has had many problems in the past two years but is doing nicely at this time.

I received word that four former members have died. **Cleo (Whit) Whitcomb** died on August 25th and was living in Bend, OR. **Frederick (Fred) Dixon**, Portland, OR died on September 13th, **Will Korbe** also of Portland, OR died on September 16th. **Gene Boyd** of Mesa, AZ died on September 6th. Our condolences to all of their family members and friends who remember them.

Our September anniversaries are **Joe & Betty Alff** (6 years), **Sam & Bill French** (44 years) and **Nancy & Jack Hooper** (36 years). Not attending were **Pat & Dave Smith** and **Irma & Harvey Larkin**. September birthdays are **Bobbie Bills** (86), **Joyce Charron** (84), **Jane Futrell** (87), **Jack Hooper** (81), **Barbara Martin** (74), **Harold Miller** (78), **Charlie Stemper** (76). Not attending were **Lloyd Baker**, **Frieda Marley** and **Helen Stinnett**. Congratulations!

Drawing winners as follows: Door Prize ~ **Harold Miller**, Women's birthday ~ **Barbara Martin**, Men's birthday ~ **Cliff Blare** and 50/50 ~ **Len Blodgett**.

At our Thanksgiving luncheon, we always ask members to bring a dessert. There is always way too much but it's so much fun to sample so many delicious desserts.

The Christmas party is in the planning stage but I should have more information in my next column. I am hopeful to have the Debonaires of Parkrose High School entertain us again this year.

Calendar:

Meetings at Ramada Inn, 6221 NE 82nd. Social Hour 11:00 AM. Lunch served at Noon

November 12 – Veteran's Day & Thanksgiving Luncheon

December 10 - Christmas Party

January 14, 2015 - Social

PENNSYLVANIA

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Our September meeting with John Hugya as speaker had 30 in attendance along with 3 guests. **Gerhard Frey** won the book auction, **Rose Marie Frey** won the free lunch and **Donna Lynn** won the 50/50. **Frank Eggles** was honored for his years of service on the board of the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. He was instrumental in raising over \$20,000 for the fund. He is resigning because of illness. President **Joe Bradley** will deliver a plaque to him as thanks.

Unfortunately, our convention numbers were down due to illness. **Dee Burrs, Shirley Roberts, and Joyce Lindenmuth** represented PHL.

All tickets for the Christmas show at the AMT have been sold.

Remember our sick. **Joe Bradley, Al Edwards, Tom Lyons, Dick Ems, Frank Eggles** and the **Fantos**.

Calendar:

October 13 - 12:30 at the Clarion BINGO

November 10 - 12:30 at the Clarion

November 11 - Christmas show at the American Music Theater. 3:pm. Lunch at Cracker barrel at 12:00

PITTSBURGH

PIT-STOPPERS



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Hats off to the RUAEA gang for another great job. The word is now out that the next convention is slated for Pittsburgh, September 23rd - 26th. You will be in for a good time so get your "Terrible Towels" as you will be in Steelers and Bucco company.

The Pit-Stoppers picnic hosted 25 members this year. Good to see a couple of new faces - **Julie McConaghy** and **Georgia Garcia**. We missed some of our regulars - **Pat & Rosemary Lavelle** who were out of town, **Carl & Dee Chiocchi, Ed & Kay Yauch, and Mary Solomon**. **Olga Karmazyn** and **Dave Beatty** did a fine job in setting things up. **Phylliss Smith** donated the fine wines which went great with the cheese puffs donated by **Dick Brinza**. Yours truly along with **Lorraine Keith, Olga Karmazyn** and **Mary Jane Stewart** provided the goodies. The 50/50 raffle was won by Prez **Dave Beatty** and 2 gift certificates were won by **Doris Abbas** and **Ruth Redfern**.

Mary Jane Stewart filled in for our gal Treatie who was still recuperating from gall bladder surgery. Speaking of Treatie – we send our condolences to her and her family on the untimely passing of her brother **Tom Krzemienski**. Tom lived in Michigan where a celebration of life will be held in November. Due to his passing, Treatie was unable to attend the convention. Cards can be sent to Treatie at 1900 Eight Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

Condolences also to **Diane Proviano** on the recent passing of her husband **Art**. They were former members of the local chapter. Diane's address is 5109 Logans Ferry Rd., Murrysville, PA 15668.

Our November Birthdays are **Karen Moliterno** (15th), **Lillian Lapceovich** (22nd) and **Kay Frye** (19th).
]Last but not least, Happy Marine Corps Birthday (11/10).

Our November Anniversaries are **Bob & Pat Wagner** (8th) and **Jim & Diane Weber** (24th).

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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We had our social breakfast on August 14th at the Egg and I in Knoxville. There were 14 in attendance including **Bev & Herman Emmel**. It's nice to see them out and about.

There were 18 of us in attendance on the 18th of September for lunch at Connors restaurant in Knoxville. We had two guests: **Mary**, daughter of **Jack & Sue Ferrell** and **Dale**, daughter of **Al & Jeanne Barkman**. Al is doing Proton therapy for cancer and is looking really good.

We had a discussion of all the historic memorabilia we have and **Barb Chapin** has graciously accepted the job of sorting and organizing them. We decided to donate \$300.00 to the Wounded Warriors for purchasing helmet liners for our soldiers.

We had elections for this coming year and we now have the same officers from last year: **Polly Klosky** – President, **Betty Shipe** - Vice President, **Mike Chapin** – Treasurer and **Barbara Chapin** - Welfare. I am the new secretary, we also have **Dave Leonhardt** and his daughter **Patti** doing badges and guest list. We had a discussion about trying to get some new members. **Mary Gilbert** did a presentation on insurance.

Calendar:

October 16 - Social breakfast at the Egg and I, 10am

November 20 - Meeting at the Lakeside Tavern Knoxville at 12:30pm est, hosted by **Mike & Barb Chapin**

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



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Fifty-nine members and guests of the Emerald City Slickers, Seattle chapter of RUAEA, attended the opening meeting of the season at the Elks Club in Burien on September 9. There were a few hitches in the giddy-up, but we'll meet there again on the second Tuesdays of October and November before deciding if a change is necessary. Attendees were asked to e-mail feedback to **Mary Luke** with compliments, complaints, and especially viable suggestions.

President **Dave Jones** conducted the business meeting following lunch and Secretary **Carol Soffel** took notes. Treasurer **Helen Stanger** and her assistant **Noreen Krawczyk** collected money, checked off arrivals and verified reservations, handed out door prize tickets, and greeted all comers with smiles. **Richard Devereux** put on his salesman's hat to peddle raffle tickets for the 50/50 drawing. Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** congratulated those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries and conducted drawings for door prizes and the 50/50 reward. **Tom Holford** reported on his temporary position as editor of the chapter newsletter.

Several of our officers are looking forward to retiring from their current positions and others are encouraged to volunteer to take over those jobs.

Happy November birthdays to **JoAnn Bernovich, Warren Brown, Doug Christenson, Addy Haferbecker, Barbara Johnson, Leonard Lind, Marlene Nelson, Syd Reynolds, Jim Small, and Jackie Stenger.**

The turkey gobbles for two couples celebrating November anniversaries: **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen** with 52 years under their belts and **Ernie & Marlene Nelson**, who have reached the admirable goal of 65 years together.

September door prize winners included **J. Bernouise, Rosie Bitner, Bud Dice, Don Hanson, Barbara Henry, Tom Holford, Dave Jones, Miyoko Kitayama, Shig Kitayama, Noreen Krawczyk, Ed Liesse, Gay Liesse, John Luke, Hubert Malco, Dan Miles, Sharon Penwell, Syd Reynolds, Ed Rousso, Arno Schaetzke, Betty Schaetzke, Jenny Shubut, Carol Soffel, Helen Stanger, Dolores Steger, and Chuck Westpfahl.**

In addition to the usual selection of wines, **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen** brought vases of beautiful dahlias from their garden. Yours truly was lucky enough to take home a lovely bouquet.

It is with sadness and regret that we note the passing of members **Theresa Koch** and **Ken Wagner.** **Dale Harper** reported in "United Today" that word had been received of the death of **Bob Kravis**, who had worked in San Francisco and retired from SEAMM.

Thanks to a reprieve from the Newsletter Production Committee, we are able to provide a few tidbits from the recently-concluded RUAEA National Convention in San Diego, where the temperatures were not friendly to those of us from the Pacific Northwest! **Gay** attended the correspondents' meeting and gleaned new ideas to share with the chapter.

Emerald City Slickers members spotted at convention included **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen, Bud & Virginia Dice, Jim & Bonnie Fauber, Jim & Marion Hafterson, Ed & Gay Liesse, Arnie & Betty Schaetzke, Larry & Pat Schmick, Ken & Judy Storey** – and, of course, our own newly-re-elected RUAEA President **Hank Gosselin** and **Carol Lucarelli.** Ed chatted with **Brent Wood**, a new chapter member attending with his wife **Beth.**

Also listed in the Convention Directory as having Seattle ties were **John Bennatts, Shirley Claggett, Chuck & Sharon Cole, Per & Pearl Fjugstad, Ron Paluch, Robbie & Sharon Robertson, Ken & Marcia Tank, and Leon & Carolyn Wyant.** Not all names included a listing of their UAL stations, so there may have been others.

It was a wonderful convention and we offer our thanks to all those who made it a memorable four days. Put next year's Pittsburgh meet on your calendars right now!

Calendar:

November 11 – Elks Club, Burien

December – No meeting

January 13, 2015 – To be determined

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

After the summer break, an enthusiastic crowd gathered at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas, VA on September 10th. The members and guests were anxious to hear about summer activities and trips that were enjoyed around the country.

Our member **Donna Marie Simpson** (IADRR/IADTQ/DCAOZ/DCATO) took a trip with her husband **Richard** to Yellowstone National Park in August. This was a first time visit to Yellowstone and they flew Dulles/Denver/Jackson, Wyoming with no difficulty. The weather was perfect, in the 70's in the daytime and in the 40's at night. They stayed at the Rustic Inn and spent their days seeing Old Faithful, the Town of Jackson Hole, as well as Town Square, and the National Museum of Wildlife Art. They even found time for a horseback riding adventure in the foothills of the mountain ranges. Yellowstone National Park is magnificent place to visit

and everyone should see it once in their lifetime! They returned to Dulles and just barely squeaked on board a full flight Denver/Dulles!

This correspondent flew to Milwaukee in September to visit **Rose Nigro** (IADFF). I flew on Air Tran and enjoyed the on time flights both ways. They operate Boeing 717's which was a new aircraft to me, but quite comfortable. **Rose Nigro** lives in Kenosha, WI, a city of about 120,000 about halfway between Chicago and Milwaukee. Kenosha is well known for Carthage College, a Lutheran school right on the shores of Lake Michigan and they enjoy all the water sports you can imagine as well as beautiful sandy beaches!

A belated Happy Birthday to our October Babies: **Fred Bena** (10/5), **Peggy Boettcher** (10/6), **Fred Verdi** (10/7), **John Domalik** (10/10), **Bobbie Russell** (10/12), **Cheryl Macdonald** (10/18), **Sid Stidham** (10/18), **Tina Cox** (10/21), **Camilla Warner** (10/23), and **Ann Gritis** (10/30).

Happy Birthday to our November babies: **Henry Heuser** (11/3), **Ronald Russell** (11/5), **Sharon Wright** (11/8), **James Foster** (11/9), **Bob O'Roark** (11/9), **Chuck Schroeder** (11/10), **Phyllis Wlotzko** (11/14), **Carole Croake** (11/20), **Nancy Fisher-Byerly** (11/23), **Bill Clarke** (11/24), **Donn Jones** (11/24), **Homer Warner** (11/25), and **Ruth Blackwell** (11/29).

We want to alert everyone to "Toys for Tots" which will be held early this year, November 12.

Calendar:

October 8 - 1130am, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

November 12 - 1130am, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA. Toys For Tots, bring your unwrapped gift.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS



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Hello RUAEA,

It was wonderful to meet so many of you at the convention in SAN. I am looking forward to working with you to build up our membership at CW and RUAEA. As Vice Presidents, we cannot do the job of membership alone so we are calling upon you to help us out.

You must know family members, nieces, nephews, neighbors or someone you meet standing in a line that could possibly meet our criteria. We accept those who are still flying or have retired from Capital Airlines, United Airlines, United Airlines/Pan American Airlines (merger of '86) and Continental. Please contact me through snail mail, email or a phone call.

Let me know if you need any of our brochures for membership or they can contact me and I will send it to them. If we work together we can do this and make the UAL Clipped Wings the very best. We are Social and Philanthropic working closely with 'Special Olympics'. Please work with us and in turn we encourage all of our members to join RUAEA. It is important we all work together.

Until next time, safe flying and good health.

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- 3) Last Station worked
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- 5) Address

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

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LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

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

Martha Gooselaw
Letters Editor

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

Jaime Berdal, Bill Bishop, Jack Bonthron, John Brinnon, Sharon Crawford, Judy DeGabain, Frank DeStefano, Diane Douglas, Blanche Eichorst, Herbert Gardner, Joan HensenCarmine Ianieri, Edna Ito, Treatie Karwoski, Vincent Maher, Arthur Moore, Martha Mott, Dorothy Schimpf, Beverly Strand, Roberta Tidmore, Betty Vickrey, June McManus, Joan Winterstrom, William Choy Hee, Johannes Hekking, Frank Sulgit, John Woytovich, Jr.

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.)

Mary (Scheidemantel) Howard, 2001 W. Rudasill Rd., Apt. 3303, Tucson, AZ 85704

Just received my copy of the Newsletter. Thanks so much for keeping us "old folks" up on the news of old friends.

We used to do a lot of world traveling, some with family, and many trips with our friends, **Dick & Katy Edmonson**. Dick and I worked together at LAXPE. I started in Employment, transferred to Personnel then to the UAL Credit Union at Los Angeles Airport, retiring in 1989, after 18½ years. So many dear friends have passed on.

I have worked with **Mike Malecki**, "**Bo**" **Price**, **Judy Kormos**, **Albena Corsiglia**, **Barb Whelpton**, and **Martha Van der Linden**. **Olga Jean Barnes** was "everywhere". **Marde Dasaro** and **Joan Kellen** were next door at LAXMD. My bosses were **Bob Shockley**, **Bob Johnson**, **Paul Mouer** and **Gladys Koehn**. Those were some of my most memorable years.

I lost my first husband, **Lloyd Scheidemantel** from Harmony, PA, in 1986 after 44 years of marriage. We had 4 children. I lost my second husband, **Bill Howard** from Boise, ID in 2013 after 21 years.

My oldest son, John Scheidemantel lives nearby in Tucson, son Reid lives in Lomita, CA; daughter Gail Hughes lives in Huntington Beach, CA; and son, Mark lives in Torrance, CA. I only had a brother, Herb Harger, retired Exec.Vice-President of ConRock. He lives in Manhattan Beach, CA.

My son, Reid just returned from a trip from LAX to Charleston, SC and was bumped up to first class, ORD to CHS. What wonderful benefits we still have.

I was originally from Evans City, PA (30 mi. North of Pittsburgh), & was graduated from college in Pittsburgh. My first husband enlisted in the Air Corps Dec. 8, 1941 and was stationed at Truax Field. We were

married on his first leave home. Then he was sent overseas and went into Japan with Gen. Douglas MacArthur, 5th Air Force.

We moved to Inglewood, CA in 1956, where our “kids” went to school and Torrance, CA so they could go to El Camino College. Then I went to El Camino College and received an AA Degree in Real Estate. If I make it to Nov. 3, I will hit the BIG “90”. I am in very good health, no complaints, and still drive, a red BMW convertible.

I had a wonderful retirement party at “Le Cage Au Folles” a night club in Los Angeles, hosted by the Staff from EXO, Pres. **Gene Artemenko, Al Gerulis, Jim Karibo, Jack Van Kempen** and “**Candy**” Peters from SFO. My husband hired a white limo for the two of us.

I would love to hear from former friends at United.

Gary Ikeya 925 Carson Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Another year gone by and your red reminder has done its job of reminding me that my dues must be paid in order to continue receiving the monthly publication. I thank and applaud you for providing newsworthy articles about the organization, updates from each local chapter, and pertinent information about new and established company policies. I especially appreciate items that make it easier to navigate United’s retiree travel program, articles regarding benefits updates, and pieces relating to the latest happenings within the company.

Each month I look forward to finding out about someone I know somewhere across the system. Just seeing their name highlighted lets me know which chapter they are located near, even if I wasn’t aware of their relocation after retirement.

Thanks again to everyone; whether you’re in the publishing department or at the local chapter sending in the meeting notes, you are appreciated.

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

It is that time again. Another birthday. Last year has been a busy one. I am still working on airplanes. It has been 66 years since I first went to work in W.VA at a small airport where I also got my pilot license and my first airplane, a wrecked Aeronca Chief, which I had to rebuild. Couple of years ago found it still flying in Ohio. Now working at an airport 48 miles north of home, San Bruno, on a 1931 Stinson Sr.jr. to get it ready to relicense. In Oct. 2012, we finished working on the Lockheed that Linda Finch flew around the world in 1997. Had to pull the right engine for overhaul and install new fuel tanks in the wing baggage pits. It was flown to Reno. The plane is now on display at the air museum at Boeing Field, Seattle. The display shows Linda and Amelia Earhart’s names on the placard. The plane is painted as Amelia’s was in 1937. The fellow I worked with has another Stinson on floats hanging in the same museum. The one I am working on will be used by his wife, a flight instructor, to train students on a tail dragger. This plane was once used by American Airlines on the East coast.

I did not work on the USS Slater in Albany, NY in May as I have been doing for 14 years. The ship was towed to Staten Island as soon as the Hudson River ice melted and put in dry dock to give hull a going over. It is now back in Albany to visit if any of you are near. Gloria has said I have worked my last time there. Will miss seeing the ship and the crew of new friends!

I have been working on my house, installing a new dishwasher, changing the water lines and electric wires to an easier place to get to in the basement. Good thing because we had an earth quake Sunday morning at 3:20AM that almost tossed me out of bed and we live 50 miles south of the epicenter! So, I had to get out of bed and check for any gas or water leaks. Found everything good!

I am still recovering from a left eye operation from last Oct. After a second operation a couple of weeks later, I could see great. On March 1, woke up to find I could not see out of my left eye. I found it full of blood. My doctor had me putting 9 drops from 4 bottles each day until I used them up. I am slowly getting to see some out of the eye. Made it hard to drive and I kept working on the plane using one eye. Every day I see better, hope to be much better by year end!

Will not be doing much flying on UAL now that I will not be going East often. But we still have a son and daughter-law in CT. Maybe will be able to sneak a trip to check on the USS Slater!

Wishing all of you Happy Holidays as we will soon be getting a lot of them.

Maureen Torres, 2422 Anihini St., Pearl City, HI 96782-1018

Just thought I would thank you all for keeping us readers of the Newsletter in touch with each other! We live on a small island but we hardly bump into each other.

I would just like to say Aloha to **Don Nellans** of the Florida Region, glad to see you are still involved. We sure had fun when we worked together at HNLMK. I was cabin trainer and safety person and you were MK's Supervisor, lots of fond memories of the meetings and working together. We did try to make it safer and fun for the cabin crew; those were happy days.

I still make it home to Wales every year, thanks to our flight benefits. I am so happy to be able to see my family. If it were not for UAL, I would not be able to see them.

I for one am very grateful. I also get to see my sons and grandchildren on the main land.

Be kind to each other and help each other when you can. Here in Hawaii, we call this the Aloha Spirit.

Donna Wade, 1271 Carswell Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-4661

A big thank you to you all for keeping all of us connected; we need you.

I was able to go to see my sons in Visalia, CA in June. I bought a ticket so that I would be sure to get there on time.

I was able to see a new 10 month old great-grandson, a granddaughter and her husband, who were here for a month from a teaching job in Indonesia. They had many stories to tell of their new life. It was a wonderful family reunion.



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1-877-825-3729

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For flight information and to list or change listing

Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy

\$25 fee to create new booking

1-877-202-0263 (PIN Reset)

Employee Travel Center

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Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

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