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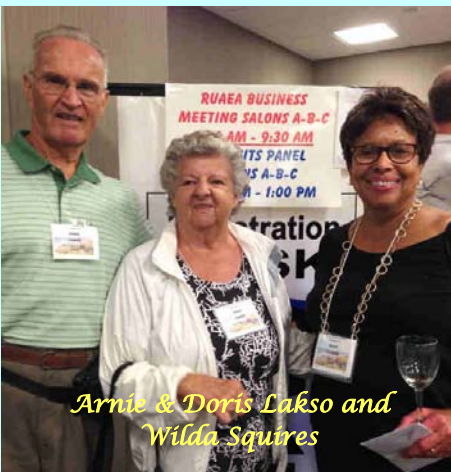
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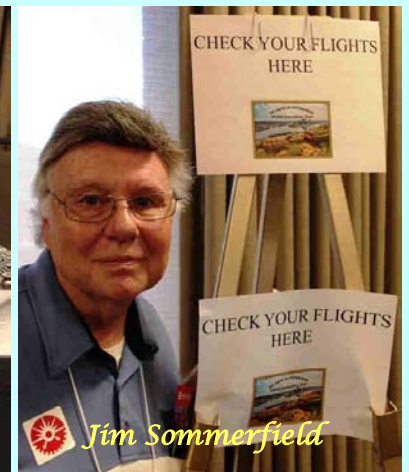


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Letter From The President



Hank Gosselin

Hi Folks,

The 2015 Convention in Pittsburgh is now over and I trust everyone who attended had a wonderful time, as I did. I once again want to thank the Pittsburgh Convention Committee for all the hard work in putting the Convention together. The entertainment for the banquet was nothing short of outstanding. I will always remember the North Star Kids. Thanks again to those who attended.

Next year's convention is in the planning stages already for Seattle in 2016. Again, it is a great venue and there is so much to see and do in Seattle. If you have some preferences, let us know and we will consider it. We are in the process of looking at 2017, any ideas?

As was mentioned by **Ron Bertacini**, we need your help with our candidates for RUAEA officer positions. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming involved with RUAEA, please let us know. I have been involved since 2004 and it has been most rewarding. 2004 was the year of the last Seattle Convention, and I was Chairman. That was 12 years ago and we had over 900 attendees. So once again, please mark your calendars for September, 2016. Much more information will be coming your way. Thanks again for being a RUAEA member and enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

Hank Gosselin
President RUAEA

Past President's Report 2015

The RUAEA 2015 election had a total of 682 votes cast versus the 2014 results of 849 votes cast. There were 528 votes online and 154 manual votes. Over 77% of the votes were cast on the website. We did offer a write-in option and we had a total of 8 write-ins. The successful candidates in each case were the only ones on the ballot. Northeast Region - **Patricia "Treatie" Karwoski**, Southeast Region - **Linda Scriven**, Mountain Region - **Sharon Burbank**, Arizona Region - **Charles "Chuck" Cole** and the Northwest Region - **Tom Cunningham**.

For the RUAEA 2016 Election, we will have the five major offices plus five regional director positions on the ballot. So the offices are President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President-Conventions, and the following Directors; the Florida Region, Midwest Region, Southern California Region, Northern California-Nevada Region and the Western Region. It is not too early to start encouraging candidates. Anyone interested please let me, Marilyn or Diane know and we will make sure you are on the ballot.

Respectfully

Ron Bertacini
Past President

RUAEA 2015 Convention - Pittsburgh Fond Memories of Pittsburgh! RE UNITE IN PITTSBURGH!

RUAEA's convention was enjoyed by all of the pleasant and friendly people who met at the Doubletree Hilton, Green Tree. It was a peaceful atmosphere, the hotel is - *where little things means everything - provided a comfort of home away from home*, and we were blessed with beautiful fall weather. Many RUAEA members met old friends and made new ones! What makes a convention successful is people like RUAEA! That is what it was all about. There were many wonderful and outstanding conversations with many retirees from across the country and first timers gathering together on one vacation!

One of the tours, *the CLO*, truly was a highlight on top of many delightful tours, offered much humor, great dancing and singing! Plus, above and beyond, *Fight 93 Memorial*, *Fallingwater* - most outstanding! Many more tours offered special memories.

On Friday night, *Flavors of Pittsburgh*, delicious food and great music provided by **Gene Testa** (former customer service agent) was held on the terrace. The beautiful evening was enhanced by a song "The Rose" sung by former retiree from Boston, **Wilda Squires** (Wilda also won the 50/50 Raffle!). We also gathered in the Duquesne Room with ticket raffles and prizes!

Saturday Banquet was highlighted by the outstanding entertainment provided by the "North Star Kids" which was enjoyed by all and put many smiles on our faces!

Welcome and Open Ceremonies was conducted by **Ron Bertacini**, Vice President of Convention and **Hank Gosselin**, RUAEA President. The Presentation of Colors was performed by the Washington County Marine Corps League, Color Guards. **Dave Detwiler** gave a brief talk and sang God Bless America, **Jeri Juth** gave a wonderful Invocation!

Thanks to the great Committee who made it happen:

RUAEA President ~ **Hank Gosselin**; VP of Conventions ~ **Ron Bertacini**; Assistant VP Conventions ~ **Marilyn Marcy**; Photographers ~ **Tom Marcy** and **Veronica Domaratius**; Site Selection ~ **John Koehl** and **Ron Bertacini**; Convention Newsletter ~ **Francis Domaratius**, **Veronica Domaratius** and **John Chu**; Treasurer ~ **Fred Rockenhauser**; Registrar ~ **Ginny Rockenhauser**; Convention Co-Chairs ~ **Treatie Karwoski**, **David Beatty**, and **Mary Jane Stewart**; Hospitality Chair/Raffle ~ **Jeri Juth** and **Bernie Juth**; Raffle Chair ~ **Bill Redfern**; Registration Chairs ~ **Else Schiller** and **Anita Pawlack**; Publicity Co-Chairs ~ **Paul Musko** and **Betty Musko**!

See you in Seattle in 2016!

Prescription for Happiness – Time with Friends

Paul/Betty Musko

Publicity Chairs

Snowbirds – Don't Miss a Newsletter Issue

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Remember to include your name, file number, address you want the newsletter sent to, date to start. And, if you leave a voicemail on the phone, please speak slowly and clearly.

Save the Dates

It is not too early to plan ahead so you don't miss out on the RUAEA Seattle convention. The Seattle convention dates are September 21 to the 24th, 2016. More information will be coming in future issues.

Don't forget annual enrollment.

Enrollment opens on November 9. But getting ready starts now.

New this year: A one-stop online resource.

To make preparing for annual enrolment a little easier, we've created an online resource that has all the latest information. At BenefitsStraightTalk.com you can explore new health plans and enhancements, key dates and deadlines.

Don't miss the new interactive Benefits Decision Guide.

An all new interactive Benefits Decision Guide will be available for pre-65 retirees at BenefitsStraightTalk.com on October 19. Don't miss it. You'll be able to:

- ✓ Review your 2016 health plans options.
- ✓ Create a short list of the plans and benefits that interest you most.
- ✓ Email this short list to yourself (or your spouse/domestic partner) so they have it when it's time to enroll on YBR (Flying Together > Employee Services > Benefits > Your Benefits Resource) on Nov. 9.

There are a lot of great enhancements offered this year. And you can explore them all at BenefitsStraightTalk.com. But one particular change is worth highlighting here.

Managing your medications has become a whole lot easier.

We have a new pharmacy partner this year, CVS/Caremark. Here are the highlights:

- ❖ CVS/Caremark replaces Express Scripts.
- ❖ You can consult face-to-face with a pharmacist at CVS locations close to home.
- ❖ Consultations are available over the phone if you do not have a CVS located near you. Simply call CVS customer service.
- ❖ 30-day and 90-day prescriptions can now both be filled at a local CVS store or through the mail. No more 90-day mandatory mail order. Use mail order only if you choose.
- ❖ 30-day scripts may be filled at the CVS network of participating pharmacies, which includes many non-CVS pharmacies. This network totals more than 64,000 stores nationwide.

For pre-65 retirees—those not yet on Medicare—there’s a whole lot more:

- Explore the new Healthy Rewards Health Plan; you can earn back your full deductible.
- If you’re dealing with asthma, COPD, diabetes, or coronary artery disease and you’ve selected a self-insured health plan, we are now waiving deductibles, copays, and coinsurance for certain medical services.
- For those selecting a self-insured health plan, there is now lower-cost access to world-class specialists for Coronary Artery Bypass Graft, Knee/Hip Replacement, and Spinal Fusion.

Learn more at BenefitsStraightTalk.com.

Writers’ Column - What I Learned In Pittsburgh
by Diane Webb, RUAEA National Secretary & Chicago Skyliners Chapter Member

1. Can you name the city which has more bridges than Venice, Italy?
2. Can you name the two rivers which form the Ohio?
3. Can you name the inspiration for Mister Rogers’ railroad to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe?

Neither could I before the September 2015 RUAEA Convention! (See the answers at the end.) But those things were just the beginning of what I learned.

In 2008, I decided to skip the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh because I thought it would take me to an old, grimy city, with polluted rivers, and nothing worthy to see. So I stayed home.

Today I know that I was completely wrong. Thank heavens for a second chance to spend one perfect week in Pittsburgh. Warm temperatures, great vistas, delicious food, touching moments with people who understand, made this year’s RUAEA convention a week I will never forget.

Sunny and high 70’s with low humidity was the weather forecast that greeted us every day and night. It was glorious. As we basked in the last bit of summer warmth, fall color changes reminded us of just how lucky we were.

Clean and environmentally conscious is how I would describe Pittsburgh today. Who knew? The rivers are pollution free with tons of green space among the modern skyscrapers. Monuments to soldiers are everywhere. Mt. Washington forms a perfect back drop to the city.

Two of the best meals and dining experiences I ever had were on this trip. On the spur of the moment Tuesday night before most guests arrived, 22 of us drove up to Scoglio, just behind our hotel. We shared an Italian meal that was as good as the best I’ve had in Chicago. Singles, couples, and first-timers all joined together in fun.

The very next evening 2 full busloads of us dined on white table clothes at Le Mont, a 5 star French restaurant. My perfectly cooked filet mignon was only equaled by the 5 star view from atop Mt. Washington, 364 feet above the city and rivers at twilight. The opulent surrounding and sumptuous food are captured on cell phones and cameras from those who attended.

In the countryside on the tour to the UA Flight 93 Memorial, I learned that the crash site is 18 minutes flying time from the US Capitol. The only Black Box and cockpit voice recorder from 9/11 were recovered here. The FBI gained evidence at this site that would trace how the terrorists were financed. It’s not so much what you see here, but what the passengers did that matters.

As tears flowed I listened to 3 poignant, recorded messages in the new Visitor Center from passengers left on answering machines. “I love you. I wish I could see your face again.” Minutes later it would be over.

Some of us walked down to the memorial wall where the passenger’s names are inscribed. One image touched my heart, “Lauren Catuzzi Grandcolas and unborn child.” I didn’t know. I will not forget. All these years I have waited for closure. It came while surrounded in the best way by United friends who understand.

There was one thing that was missing, only one thing that could have made my wonderful week in Pittsburgh even better. I wish that all of you could have been there too! You were missed. But we can have a second chance.

Mark your 2016 calendars in big, bold, red ink to save the dates of September 21-24, 2016 for the “RUEA Convention in Seattle”. I wonder what we will learn in Seattle. We’ll see together.

Answers:

1. Pittsburgh with over 400 bridges
2. Allegheny and Monongahela
3. The Incline wooden cable cars in Pittsburgh which climb Mt. Washington

More aircraft available to schedule thanks to long-term hangar plan



Each year, strategic planners in Tech Ops update United’s five-year hangar plan to optimize aircraft and other asset utilization while protecting the company’s safety and reliability standards. The result this year is a plan that increases the number of mainline aircraft United can operate and achieves the same outcome as buying new aircraft - without the expense.

Maintenance Strategic Planning Managing Director Grant Whitney said the plan increases the percentage of the fleet available to schedule (ATS) by focusing on planned maintenance events and combining other efforts, such as modifications, with these known maintenance allocations that take aircraft out of service on a regular

basis for weeks at a time.

By planning work more effectively, United will increase its narrowbody ATS rate from 89.5 percent this year to as high as 92.4 percent by 2018 - equivalent to adding 16 narrowbodies to the schedule. Increasing the widebody ATS from 84.8 percent to 88.8 percent by 2018 has the same effect as adding seven twin-aisle aircraft to the fleet. In effect, United will be adding valuable mainline capacity that would otherwise cost hundreds of millions of dollars to purchase.

Grant and the team say execution and discipline will be critical to the plan’s success. United can only realize the benefits if Tech Ops meets or exceeds throughput times and other performance goals built into the calculations.

“We took into consideration a massive amount of information and intelligence about what to expect over the next five years,” Grant said. “We’re working very closely with all of our internal customers to make sure we realize the opportunity. The teamwork of departments across the airline on this effort has been very encouraging.”

While Tech Ops updates the five-year plan yearly, the Strategic Planning team constantly monitors and adjusts it based on factors that include the fleet plan and maintenance program changes. United’s decision to extend the life of its Boeing 767-300s is a good example of a change that drove updates to the five-year plan, as this decision added maintenance checks between 2016 and 2019 that Tech Ops previously didn’t need to schedule. With a fleet of some 700 mainline aircraft, there will inevitably be unforeseen items that the company needs to accommodate, so United builds the plan to be flexible and include risk mitigation components.

“Successfully executing this plan will improve reliability, which is a good thing for everyone connected to United,” concluded Grant.

For your listening pleasure ... better sound on board



United is rolling out a number of upgrades to enhance its onboard audio equipment for inflight entertainment.

Earlier this month, United began a test program offering complimentary ear buds to customers who request them in United Economy and Economy Plus on all flights on Boeing 787 aircraft. Customers who request ear buds will receive a new pair that they may keep after the flight. Many customers use their own headsets or ear buds even on aircraft where United offers seatback

entertainment, making it unnecessary to provision a set for every customer. Instead, United was able to invest in better equipment for those customers who need it. Based on feedback from customers and flight attendants, United decided on these new, higher-quality ear buds over other models the company currently uses on other aircraft. The test will run for three months. Depending on the results, United may expand the on-request ear bud program to other fleets next year.

In October, United began to phase in completely redesigned noise-canceling headsets in United Global First and United BusinessFirst system-wide. In addition to sporting a much sleeker design, the new headsets have a larger earpiece that is more comfortable to wear and provides better audio quality.

Finally, starting this winter, United will begin converting seats in United Economy and Economy Plus to single-prong audio jacks on the Boeing 777 aircraft still equipped with dual-prong jacks. This retrofit will continue United's move toward a common product standard across all its fleets, as well as allow customers to plug in their own headsets if they desire.

Domestic aircraft routing changes will improve reliability



In the ongoing efforts to improve reliability and enhance United's ability to recover from irregular operations, this winter the company will roughly double its scheduled "out and back" flying to and from its hubs. Simplifying how United moves its mainline aircraft around the domestic network minimizes the severity of downline impacts from delays and cancellations by limiting the ripple effect to one route at a time and keeps aircraft closer to maintenance resources and spares.

Network Planning VP Brian Znotins said United will meaningfully increase its "out and back" flying between November and January, which is typically United's most challenging weather

month. Domestic Planning Director James Starnes said the changes, suggested by the Network Operations Center (NOC), should be virtually transparent to customers "*except of course that we hope they'll notice an improvement in our on-time and completion performance.*"

Currently, United operates a lot of linear routings for aircraft, such as an Airbus A320 that starts the day flying DEN-SJC (San Jose, California), SJC-IAH, IAH-MIA (Miami, Florida) and finishes up the day flying MIA-EWR. Or a Boeing 737-900ER that goes from IAH to AUS (Austin, Texas), back to IAH, then to DEN, LAX, SFO and ANC (Anchorage, Alaska) before wrapping up with a redeye that arrives in DEN the next morning. On an increasing basis through this fall, more aircraft will spend the day making a number of roundtrips from the same hub - for instance, ORD-OMA (Omaha, Nebraska)-ORD, then ORD-MSP (Minneapolis-St. Paul)-ORD, then ORD-BDL (Hartford, Connecticut)-ORD or SFO-PDX-SFO, SFO-SAN (San Diego)-SFO, SFO-LAS (Las Vegas)-SFO.

The ultimate goal is still to put the right plane on the right route every time. The size of United's narrowbody fleets and its aircraft ground handling and maintenance capabilities at all hubs and major line stations will enable the company to manage this strategy effectively.

Torgy's Travel Tips - November 2015

Last time, I promised to write about US National Parks in my next article. I fully intended to avail you of some great tips and hints on visiting several of our national treasures. I still want to fulfill that promise but I must take you on a side-trip this month to a National Monument instead: Flight 93 National Memorial.

While attending the recent RUAEA 2015 Convention in Pittsburgh, I felt a powerful need to grasp the reality of that horrific, and at the same time heroic, event of September 11, 2001. While much attention and media coverage has focused on the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site, and to a lesser extent at the Pentagon, this peaceful rural area of Pennsylvania, forested and lightly populated, still exists much as it was 14 years ago. In fact, the day that I spent there was almost a carbon copy of that infamous day – sunny, cloudless blue skies and acres of autumn-tinged trees in the surrounding Laurel Mountains. The only sounds were the birds and the rustle of the wildflowers and grasses in the cool breeze.

Although Shanksville is the location name most often associated with Flight 93, the village of Lambertville was actually closest in the direct flight path, by-passed by mere seconds from the impact. Most of the residents who were home that morning were glued to their TV sets watching the World Trade Center and the Pentagon

under attack, relieved to be safe and far from harm. One resident who was washing his motorcycle that fateful morning said, *"To the left of my driveway I saw the plane. I didn't know if it was going to actually clear the town of Lambertsville, it was that low ... I was probably one of the last people to see that plane."* It flew right over the top of the elementary school going 563 mph. Seconds later it crashed, upside-down, in a nearby field.

The Memorial has 2 sections: The Visitor Center Complex and the Memorial Plaza. They are connected by both a roadway and a walking path. Both are easily accessible sites for disabled visitors. I recommend stopping at the Visitor Center Complex first. Obtain your free, exhibit entrance ticket at the bookstore and then proceed up the walkway to the exhibit entrance. Tickets are timed for entry. You can reserve a ticket in advance for a specific entry time by contacting www.nps.gov/flni. I was fortunate to enter when there was no waiting, but there were about 30 people waiting when I exited. Allow an hour to fully grasp everything this exhibit has to offer. You will view interactive graphics of the entire timeline of the flight accompanied by the actual cockpit voice recordings. Families of several of the passengers have graciously allowed visitors to hear the private conversations left on answering machines by their loved ones as the flight neared its end. One passenger recited the combination to her safe so that her sister could access all her papers. A flight attendant explained how the passengers voted to fight back and she was preparing to boil water to aid in the battle. All poured out their love over the empty wires. It's important to remember that 14 years ago, not everyone had cell phones, but most had answering machines. And the seat-back AirPhone was the only link some of the passengers had access to. I was thankful that the Park Service had a therapy dog available to hug at the exhibit. It is truly emotional.

From the windows of the exhibit and outside on the pathway you are able to view the Memorial Plaza located down the gently sloping hill below. You are standing in the actual flight path. Looking out and down, you view the impact site which is marked by a boulder and the hemlock grove that burned from the ensuing fire. The debris field and the woods beyond are the final resting place for the passengers and crew. No remains were ever removed. If you choose to walk or drive down to the Plaza, you encounter a pathway with signage explaining the layout. There is a cell-phone tour that narrates the event in a respectful and quiet manner, leaving the sanctity of silence to those who desire it. Further along, are the Wall of Names and the timber gate that is opened only to the families of the victims. I learned that there were really 41 victims, not 40, as one of the passengers was pregnant.

The Flight 93 National Memorial is located about 86 miles southwest of Pittsburgh. It can be reached via Hwy 30, a slower, but more picturesque route in the Pennsylvania countryside. The road between Lambertsville and Shanksville is an excellent way to work your way towards the Pennsylvania Turnpike for the return drive to Pittsburgh. Along this road, you will encounter the 1881 Glessner Covered Bridge as well as the Flight 93 Chapel with the UA Flight 93 memorial site for the crew.

Flight 93 was only 18 minutes from its intended target, the US Capitol. I shudder to think what might have happened if not for the courage, bravery and sacrifice of those aboard who chose to fight. Please remember our fellow employees and the passengers of Flight 93 by visiting this National Memorial and the surroundings. All are not to be missed.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

Frank Eggles is happy to report that at the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, he received \$1000 in donations for the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. The Denver Mile Highers and the Philadelphia Independents each donated \$500! Thank you very much!

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel

Donations to maintain the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel are still needed and greatly appreciated. Please continue your support and make a check to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to Frank Eggles at 3405 West Chester Pike B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

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LOCAL NEWS

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GULF COAST CHAPTER

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The August meeting celebrated our chapter's 5th Anniversary with 24 members and 5 guests, including our founding President and Secretary, **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz** and our Regional Director and his wife, **Don & Mary Nellans**. Our President ordered “let 'em eat cake”, so they did, graciously provided by our Secretary, **Barbara Serra**. Guest speaker **Charles Maynard** gave an update on the status of the merger with Continental with emphasis on United finances, the status of pilot and flight attendant integration, and the differences of the equipment each airline brought to the merger.

Our September meeting was attended by 15 members. **Tommy Zander** continued the conversation about United Airlines with emphasis on upper management, and the group received acknowledgement of the \$100 donation to our local Manna Food Bank. But nothing is more newsworthy that the loss of one of our fellow retirees, **Bob Heinrich**, came over from Pan-Am and retired SFOFO. So in lieu of telling which members attended and who won the raffles, I'd like to say a few things about Bob:



His obituary can be found here and on this page you may write your condolences and comments.

<http://hughesfuneralhome.org/2015/08/19/robert-william-heinrich-d-august-19-2015/>.

The thing his friends wrote about him is what we noticed as well – he was quiet with a dry wit, one of those guys who didn't say much, but if you were listening, one comment was usually a doozy. We only just now know from his lovely wife **Bev Heinrich**; we are thrilled that Bev will continue to join the group when she can, that Bob carried on while

his body did battle with diabetes and cancer. He never mentioned it; he never complained. The family is asking that you give music lessons to a child in his name or fund hospice, an organization that Bev could not say enough good things about as they allowed them to experience his transition from home, in no pain.

The next meeting is Monday, October 12, same time; same place, 1130, Cubi Bar Private Room at the National Naval Aviation Museum, the world's largest Naval Aviation museum.

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Our Birmingham chapter met Monday, September 14th at the Macaroni Grill, the Summit on Highway 280. Attending were **Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Keith & Charlotte Gibson, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Bobby & Jean Cox, Gay Fowler, Joe Duncan** and **Jane Jones**.

September birthdays were celebrated by **Donna Gooch, Gloria Singleton** and **Pat Harmon**. Celebrating anniversaries in September are **Herb & Carol Wilbanks, Joe & Gloria Singleton** and **Anne Simmons**.

We meet every second Monday and have lunch and fellowship at a Birmingham restaurant and welcome all United retirees and their families to join us. For information call **Joe Jones**, (205) 646-3825 or **Charlotte Gibson** at (205) 661-6288.

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I think I'm not alone in saying that March/April (because of the flowering cacti and other plants) and October/November (because of the outdoor patio parties) are probably the best months in Arizona. Since we're in the later months, it is time to be outside and enjoying the 80+-degree weather.

We held our annual picnic to start the fall/winter season at Beardsley Park in Sun City West on October 16. We will report on attendance and activities in the next newsletter.

Our November luncheon will be held at Lou's Tivoli Gardens on Saturday, November 21 starting at 1100am. This will be a traditional "Thanksgiving" lunch with all the "fixins" and will be \$13.95/per person. Members should send their checks to **Joe Hopkins**, 3333 North 151st Drive, Goodyear, AZ 85395.

Arrowhead Country Club (Whitusa Room), 19888 North 73rd, Glendale, AZ will be the spot for our December luncheon on Thursday, December 17. We have the room from 1100am to 2:00pm. The menu will be your choice of Salmon, Chicken Picatta or a vegetarian meal, also, dessert. **Don Brei** suggested, and the Board agreed, that we have a Chinese Gift Exchange where members bring a new (generic) item worth between \$10 and \$20 for exchange. Rules will be explained that day. Remember, this is not a "white elephant" exchange (as in past years), it is a new gift exchange!

Vivian Klick did some more remodeling, this time her walk-in closet designed by California Closets. It's great to really get organized.

Don't forget to get your \$5.00 (each member) dues in before the end of the year. Most members sent their dues in with the cost of the picnic but if you weren't in attendance at the picnic, you can send the dues in to **Joe Hopkins** at the above address.

Members of the Fantasy Flight team will be available at the November luncheon to secure your items for the children; such as: small blankets, socks, soaps, and items for the children to give their parents. These children are mostly from poor families and need your generosity during this giving season. Contact **Ginny Meyer** at (623) 975-4111 or **June Murphy** at (623) 935-5978 for more information.

November Birthdays: **Laura Ehas** (11/16); **Pat Neal** (11/16); **Kay Heinig** (11/17); and **Lisa Hopkins** (11/24). November Anniversaries: **Joan & Richard Aaronson** (11/11) and **Vic & Carol Liltz** (11/30). Congratulations to all!

Calendar:

November 3 & 17 - The Azures breakfasts will now be held at Lou's Tivoli Gardens, 12555 West Bell Road, Surprise, AZ at 0830 on Tuesdays. Please contact **Sherry Muoio** at (623) 572-4828 for reservations.

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The weather is changing and getting cooler here in Phoenix. Always a nice sign after the hot weather we've been having. Soon it will be Thanksgiving and it won't be long before Christmas is here. Have you noticed all the decorations for Christmas in the stores already? Our chapter has several fun things coming up too between now and the end of the year. Better mark your calendars to attend our Breakfasts and Luncheons coming up as you may forget, as there is so much going on and everyone is busy. We welcome any retiree from United or Continental, who is at least 55 years old, and either retired or worked for the company at any time. This is a great social group!

At our September breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, we went over the calendar of events for the rest of this year. An Oktoberfest luncheon at the Bavarian Point in Mesa was being hosted by **Cindy Hilsabeck** and **Dakota Morris-Terry** on October 15. The next breakfast was October 23 at the Black Bear Diner, November 13 is the Buffet Luncheon at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 1318 N. Cooper Rd. in Gilbert, hosted by the **Rockenhausers**, and November 20 is the breakfast. This was moved up one week because of Thanksgiving. Then, December 2 is the big social event of the year – our Christmas Luncheon. Be sure and mark all these dates down, you don't want to miss anything! More information will be sent to you either by email or by mail.

Our annual dues of \$5.00 each are due by January 1. Be sure and get your dues to our treasurer, **Rita Zarek** at one of the social events coming up, or else you can mail the dues to her at 823 W. 14th Avenue in Apache Junction, AZ 85120. Let her know if you have any change in your address, email, or phone, so we have the correct information for our membership directory.

Also, another thing to be thinking about is who you want for officers for 2016. If you have any suggestions or you yourself would like to be on the board, we would welcome any suggestions you might have. Our Nominating Committee is **Ron Paluch** and **Bob Irwin**, so be sure and talk to them about any of these offices. Our current President, **Shirley Claggett**, is stepping down, as she has accepted the job as Registrar for the RUAEA Conventions. Our own **Ginny Rockenhauser** has held that position for several years. Also, our own **Ron Paluch**, has accepted the Treasurer position for the RUAEA Conventions, as **Fred Rockenhauser** is stepping down also. So, please consider running for President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary, or any other office, for our Re-United Chapter. It's not hard, and if you need any help, there is always someone available for any questions you might have.

Have you gotten your dues in yet for RUAEA? The yearly dues are only \$27 and very worthwhile doing. You'll get the monthly RUAEA Newsletter by mail or online, which is full of very important information which you can't get elsewhere. They are on top of things happening with our company, so if you have any type of question, you will be able to get information through them. Also, you can read about all the other chapters and maybe find out someone you use to work with is mentioned in the chapter news. Many people read this newsletter from cover to cover, as they find it really interesting and informative. If you aren't a member, and want to be, you can get applications from our own officers, or by email, U. S. Mail, from www.ruaea.org. The \$27 dues can be done by credit card at www.ruaea.org. They accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover cards. If you wish to mail a check for your dues, it can be made out to RUAEA and mailed to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207. They will also let you know when your membership needs renewing.

Don't forget our annual Fantasy Flight is coming up real soon. This is the 20th year we have been involved with this worthwhile project. I was told, we no longer have to supply pajamas for the children, but we still need boys and girls socks, sizes 11 -5, children size gloves, fleece throw blankets, and cute huggable stuffed animals, about 12 to 15 inches long. Please give these items to **Peg Snowdall** at one of our meetings, or get in touch with

Peg to find out how you can get any of these items to her. The Fantasy Flight is Friday morning, December 4th at the airport.

We heard **Bob Hallden** hasn't been well and has been in the hospital and a rehabilitation center recently. We hope he improves each day for the better. We miss seeing him at our breakfasts and luncheons. He's a great guy.

We heard the next RUAEA Convention will be in Seattle, Washington. The dates are September 21-24, 2016, and the hotel is the Double Tree Suites by Hilton Seattle Airport/Southcenter. There will be free parking and free airport transportation to/from SeaTac International Airport. Also the restaurant, lounge and Cafe in the hotel will offer a 15% discount to all guests using their dining facilities. Another good thing is the hotel rate of \$129 plus tax includes breakfast for two. There's a shopping mall across the street, just a short 5 to 10 minute walk. More information will be coming later, but save the dates, Sept. 21 – 24, 2016 now! Seattle is a beautiful area, and should be an ideal time to visit.

We have the following birthdays in November: **Mary McLain** (11/6), **Pam Gerstung** (11/22), **JoAnne Gaudio** (11/24), **Lyn Walter** (11/26), **Ed Dawes** (11/27), and **Buss Nicholaisen** (11/29). Happy Birthday to each one! The following couples will be celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries: **Skip & Carol Ward** (11/2/63), **Harry & Doreen Cloud** (11/11/72), and **John & Donna Smiley** (11/20/62). Happy Anniversary!

Calendar:

November 13 – Buffet Luncheon at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 1318 N. Cooper Rd., in Gilbert, starting at 11:00 a. m. with the social hour, hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**. Their phone is (480) 655-1419, and email is bvrock@cox.net.

November 20 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, with your reservations at phomfeldt@cox.net, by Wednesday, Nov. 18, or call her at (480) 396-3317. Note: This date is moved up one week because of Thanksgiving.

December 2 – Christmas Luncheon. More information will be sent out soon.



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Greetings again from Southern Arizona! October has arrived and the monsoon, according to the weather people, is no longer with us. Sadly to say, it appears to have arrived on the East Coast. Our sympathy goes out to you!

Our September outing hosted by **Ron & Shirley Robertson** was held at the Olive Garden in the Oro Valley Marketplace. Twenty four Roadrunners were in attendance. It is good that we vary our luncheon venues so that our taste buds do not take on a jaded outlook. Winners of the 50/25/25 raffle were **Claire Byle** and **Ron Robertson**. In addition to the raffle, our hosts donated a bottle of wine which was won by **Ed Kokot**.

Sandy Lawyer was not present to chair the after raffle meeting, so Treasurer **Pat Dilallo** rose to the occasion. She gave a treasury report (\$1200) and that our charitable donation will be to Seniors for Kids. Our December luncheon will be hosted by **Pat & Rich Dilallo** at the Arizona Inn on Thursday, December 10. Further particulars as to menu were included in October Roadrunners Newsletter. However, send your charitable contribution for Seniors for Kids and \$28.00 for the luncheon to **Pat Dilallo** by December 4, 14740 N. Palmwood Drive, Oro Valley, AZ 85755.

Milestones ~ Birthdays: **Leland Benner** (11/9), **Barbara Johnson** (11/11), and **Judy Hays** (11/20). Anniversaries: **Beverly & Tom Worker**, **Clyde & Jinny Cable**, and **Dora & Gordon Starr**.

Transition ~ Next month (December 2015) will be my last effort as Roadrunners correspondent for the RUAEA newsletter. Please, someone step forward to continue this necessary function. Back in your college days, there had to be a class in journalism or short story writing.

Calendar:

November 12 – Luncheon, hosted by **Loretta & Wayne Norman**, Teresa's Mosaic, N. Silverbell with cross street W. Ironwoodhill Dr. (behind MacD). RSVP to (520) 743-4300 or iamsewbusy@msn.com.

December 10 – Luncheon, hosted by **Pat & Rich Dilallo**, Arizona Inn.

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The months seem to go by too fast. We had our last meeting in August and now we are looking forward to the next one in October. There has been nothing new during September from our members. I should have more information after next month's meeting.

It will be very interesting to see how our company will operate with the new CEO. There has been several E-mails sent regarding this change. I hope RUAEA will be accepted better than in the past.

Calendar:

October 21 – Next meeting hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**. Time and place to be determined.



DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Dave & Kathy Wilson hosted the Desert Sunbirds' September meeting at Mimi's in La Quinta. No guests, but twenty five Sunbirds attended on a warm, overcast, muggy day. (But it's a dry heat!).

Sandy Sereno's trip to Harrisburg, PA to visit her sister was uneventful, except for a five hour delay in Denver on her return; and a gate change from B22 to B95. I haven't been to the Denver Airport in a very long time (about 53 years), but that sounds like a pretty long hike. **Dede Utzinger** housesat for Sandy, and also took care of Sandy's three dogs, and Noah the cat.

Last month I failed to mention our Anniversary Celebrants. A belated Congratulations to **Al Beuchel & Mark Kaplan** (33 years – 9/8), and **Jim & Vivian Rotella** (57 years – 9/26). And for October, **Chuck & Marji Lamas** (2 years – 10/26), and **Bill & Lia Schultz** (54 years – 10/28).

Up until very recently, no one had volunteered to host our (Christmas) Luncheon. But, up stepped **Gay Traber** to graciously host, and has already booked the Jackalope Restaurant. I'm sure there will be many volunteers to assist Gay in the proceedings. Lastly, we will again be collecting toys for the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (for the kids).

Maureen Williams won the Birthday lunch, and **Brigitte Brunken** took home \$25.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Our hosts added two bottles of wine to the raffle, won by **Carole Paquin** and **Al Beuchel**.

Calendar:

November 11 – Hosted by **Fred & Jan Kellerhals**

December 9 – Hosted by **Gay Traber**



GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on August 26 at Northern Queen Inn in Nevada City. This was hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**. We had 46 Gold Diggers, and three guests; **Ronald & Roseanne Bogue**, guests

of **Dale & Dorothy Volker**; and **Lori Henschell**, guest of **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending. The members thanked the **Nortons** for hosting.

Officers Reports:

President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** thanked the **Nortons** for hosting and also he hoped to see us at convention. He also introduced our new members, **Ronald & Roseanne Bogue**. Ronald told us about his United history.

Vice President ~ **Len Haubl** was not in attendance, **Frank Dellinger** filled in for Len this month.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** said that since we didn't meet in September, here are anniversaries for August and September: For those over 50 years: August: **Bob & Margaret Eggert** – 59 years; **Karl & Ruth Stammnitz** – 59 years; and September: **Ken & Stephanie Norton** – 54 years; **Ronnie & Judie King** – 52 years. Harold led us in singing the anniversary song. We also sang Happy Birthday to our guest, Lori.

Treasurer ~ **Judie King** gave our Chapter's balance. Judie also told us that Alta Sierra is charging us \$200 for the room we have reserved for our Christmas luncheon. She said that they told her if we made 3 reservations within a year, they would not charge us the fee. So we have our Christmas luncheon there this year and next year plus a luncheon in the middle of the year.

Roster Chairman ~ **Jack Raynor** said he still has rosters left.

Sunshine ~ **Angie Dellinger** said she has nothing to report which is good news.

Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton**: Stephanie would like to take a picture of our new couple.

RUAEA V.P. Of Conventions ~ **Ron Bertacini** talked about convention. He said there will be 14 Gold Diggers going to convention. You can still get hotel reservations through Monday, August 31st.

Calendar:

October 28 – Gingers, Roseville

November 25 – No Luncheon

December 9 – Alta Sierra Country Club

HANGTOWN MINERS

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Should you be looking for a “quaint” setting for a luncheon or meeting, you might want to consider booking Mimi's Cafe. The restaurant is so nicely decorated, the food is very good and reasonable! **Bob & Dorean Ames** arranged to have our September luncheon at the Mimi's in Folsom, we ordered what we each wanted, which made everyone happy and full. President **Rudy Blazius** had not planned to attend this month. He and Cindy were planning a vacation (when you're retired, do you really get to have “vacations”?), however, his body decided otherwise for him and they stayed home. But because our vice president, **Bill Dinette**, was the one who was “prepped” to lead the meeting, Rudy was able to sit and enjoy the goings on! Bill extended the chapter's “Thank You” to Bob and Dorean for putting everything together. We had (I think) 32 Miners attend. In response to the birthday question, we learned that **Bob Ames** was turning 89 that very day! **Judie Leimer**, **Sherry Biro** and **Tom Kenny** also celebrate birthdays in September, though, they don't have as impressive a number as Bob! No anniversaries reported for this month. So, we send a huge Happy Birthday to all.

President ~ Rudy did not have a report!

Vice President ~ See rest of minutes for **Bill Dinette**.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report. However, I realized that I had the new name tags for Judie, Bill and Linda and plumb forgot to give them to you! Please, get them at the October meeting!

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** was not able to attend this month, so his lovely wife, **Suzanne**, brought the Treasurer's Report.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** was in touch with **Pilar Perez** to see how things are going in her world. Pilar has not been able to attend several monthly meetings, and we just wanted to be sure she is okay. She is and she sends her “Hellos” to everyone. Suzanne also extended our thoughts and prayers to all who have been affected by the horrible fires that have plagued California this year.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** is keeping the records for the Hangtown Miners up to date. She has organized our album by the month and includes a copy of the minutes for each month as well as pictures from each luncheon. Take a moment or two to thumb thru this great album, it's fun to see the faces of friends.

New Business ~ Okay, so, even though this subject isn't really "new" because it comes up this time every year, it is a new topic for you all to think about and address at our next meeting. There's only 3 months left in 2015 – yes, I know that is incredible, but, it is a fact. And it means that it is time to begin the process to elect our chapter officers for 2016. All positions are open. If there is a position that you would like to volunteer for or if there is a person you feel would be a great asset to have on the board (and have their permission to nominate!) please, come to our October luncheon/meeting ready to speak up. In October, we will be discussing each position, hearing all suggestions for each position and then there will be a nomination for each position. You will then have from October to November to think about those nominated and at the November meeting we will see if there's any changes, discuss them, make any changes needed and we will vote for our 2016 officers at the November meeting. The new officers will not be expected to take that job until January, but we do not have a formal meeting at the December luncheon, so we must do this in November.

Old Business ~ **John Muir** received the contract to rent the American Legions Hall for our December luncheon and requested that Rudy read and approve it. It does state that we can bring in our own beverages, whether or not it contains alcohol. There is not an extra charge to allow it – keeping in mind that the person (**John Muir**) who contracts to rent the hall is responsible for those attending the function. Our experiences with the caterers we chose, Cork & Fork, is that they leave everything very clean but please plan to stay afterwards to help with making sure all equipment and furnishings are put back properly.

We did not finalize the menu for that lunch. The majority agrees to go with a "traditional" selection of smoked turkey, ham and sides etc. They offer an upgrade in utensils and plates for \$1.25 each, but we already have the utensils and the plates that we can get ourselves are the same as what they would provide, so we will take care of those items.

Thom Biro reported on the fun time had by all who attended the gathering at Minden, NV this year. 100+ retired mechanics attended, the weather cooperated, and the food was great! It has been decided that this annual event will be moved up a couple months. The end of June (21-23?) will be the new date/time. Plan to attend next year! Oh, and **Bill Gibson** had a suggestion: If you observe your wife loaded down like a mule, trudging across the parking lot, in the heat, and you think "I will move the car closer to the festivities so she won't have so far to go with all that stuff", be sure to tell her you moved the car! Otherwise she, being a dutiful wife, will haul all that stuff back to the spot where the car was only to find it is gone and she will not be a happy camper. Thank heavens for cell phones!

Miscellaneous ~ **Bill Dinette** closed our meeting with several very cute antidotes under the heading of "7 Reasons NOT To Mess With Children". Bill brought our meeting to a close and the Drawing Of Opportunity began. Winner of the donators' prize was **Lindalee Akin**. A big Thank You to all who brought items to be raffled: **Dellinger** – photo album; **Ames** – cook books; **Blazius** – candy dish; **Lima** – basket; **Dinette** – wine; **Akin** – eggs; **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Gibson** – wine & glasses; **D'Amico** – box of cookies; **Buschman** – dish towels; **Kenny** – wine; **Heier** – porcelain measuring cups & spoons.

Our next meeting will be hosted by **Joe & Lynda Lima** at Casa Ramos in Placerville on Monday, October 12.



REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREES

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38 members signed up to attend but due to illness, only 36 members and guests enjoyed the fabulous luncheon at La Gare on September 10.

President **Larry** and Secretary **Mary Wilson** were celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on a cruise to Alaska this week so Vice President **Jerry Underhill** took over. Jerry welcomed everyone and thanked **Jan Blackburn** and **Valerie Hulsey** for hosting. A big thank you to **Al Bentham** for selling Raffle Tickets.

Jerry introduced our guests **Jill & Mark Schratz**, guests of **Oscar Chambers**; **Lee Trevelyn**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**; **Dave & Robin Garland**, guests of **Roger Casterline** and **Marilyn Schuler** and **Pam Terrire**, guests of **Verda Burr**.

Treasurer **Oscar Chambers** reported we are still in the black. The total balance as of 8/13/15 was \$994.57 of which \$311.79 is in the general account and we have \$682.78 in the Charity Fund.

Barney Hagen recommended you call Tech support if you are having trouble logging in to the UAL employee website.

Western Region Director **Roger Casterline** asked who was going to the convention this year and only **Mary Hill** raised her hand. He then spoke a bit about the firing of former United Chairman, President, CEO Jeff Smisek.

Sunshine Lady Verda announced **Nick van Kruining**, **Lou Legnitto**, **Lois Schwind**, **Zelma Kibler**, **Norma Davis**, **Richard Hanna** and **Jan Baty** had birthdays this month. The lucky winner was **Lois Schwind**. In addition to the Wilsons, the anniversary folks are **George & Lois Schwind** (66 years) and **Larry & Madalynn Schmidt** (66 years).

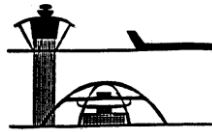
As always Verda had a joke so funny she barely got through it. A good laugh was had by all.

We enthusiastically gave a round of applause for our fabulous Hostess Jackie. LaGare is always the favorite place to dine.

The raffle was lots of fun and there were many winners of wine, champagne and candy.

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Another scorching day in LA so I'm staying inside. I've been rather sickly with what we now know is a bacterial infection of the intestines. So, I have no energy, but my fingers still work. Newsletter follows.

Over Labor Day, **Sharon Carey** spent the weekend at the Fess Parker Hotel in Santa Barbara, to attend the wedding of her son. She loved the locale of the hotel to celebrate the festivities of his wedding!

Speaking of weddings, **Jerry & Rachel Luxenberg** celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on October 15th. Congratulations to a great couple!

On September 25th, Hal & I also celebrated our anniversary of 33 years. We had planned on enjoying the day with friends at the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh. Unfortunately, my illness canceled our trip and we remained at home and shared a kiss.

Happily, **Phyllis Easley** called us from PIT and described a fabulous convention; with lots of mutual friends attending and wonderful tours all around the area. What a wonderful call to cheer us up! Phyllis gave us the news that the 2016 convention will be held in Seattle, WA. Wow! Seattle is a beautiful city with many great venues to entertain! You'll love it!



RESANS

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Our breakfast got off to a great start. **Carmen Di Gregorio** joined us for the first time as a new retiree. Carmen and his wife Lucy have become members and will be joining us for future breakfasts and functions.

We also had a special speaker, **Galen Barr**, currently from Customer Service, just returned from an IAM 141 Convention in Phoenix, where he represented UA retirees from our region. Everyone was very vocal about issues and concerns and Galen left with pages of notes to present to the Union at the next meeting. We all felt it was good to have someone out there representing us.

Jane & Jim Ferris joined us for our first meeting since Jane's retirement from Continental. They were at the Spring Fling and we appreciate their making the long drive to join us.

Barbara Drews passed out brochures from a local tour company that does one and two day bus trips. They have a nice selection of tours around the area and they cater to seniors and are equipped to handle those with disabilities. It saves on the stress of driving and flying and enables retirees to get around.

Louis Semon reported that only two hundred eighteen attended the Convention in Pittsburgh. He also told us it will be held in Seattle next year. That's a quick flight up the Coast and beautiful country to be seen up there.

We had a great turnout, thirty five at our breakfast, although we did miss the **Grissoms**. They are already settled in their home in Minnesota before the long winter arrives.

We announced our Christmas Luncheon will be at Hunter's Steakhouse again this year. We will be announcing the date at the next breakfast.

Calendar:

November 5 - Our monthly breakfast at the Pt. Loma Café, 4865 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. (619) 226-0255.

GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Jerome Underhill** and his wife, Membership Secretary **Barbara** had planned to attend the RUAEA convention in PIT, however, Barbara injured her knee so both needed to stay home and get better. She'll be a bionic woman soon when she gets it replaced in January. Take care and know that we are thinking about you. **Zelma Kibler** attended the convention and had an enjoyable time – good weather and interesting tours. **Kathy Hutt**, 1st Vice President, took over the running of the meeting and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. 45 hearty souls attended our get-together – our attendance is dwindling and we urgently need volunteers to step up and help as 5 Board Members are re-retiring at the end of this year. All have been on the Board for many years, the future of our group depends on having a viable Board so, please step up and help us fill these vacancies. There is OJT available (that's "on the job training" if you have forgotten.)

Recording Secretary **Donna Taiclet** read the previous minutes which were approved as read – she does a sterling job keeping us up to date. **Art Barrett**, our money man, says we are holding our own financially and wanted to remind everyone that the dues for 2016 (\$10.00) are coming up shortly as we only have Oct. and Nov. meetings. **Harriet Kunze**, our Membership/Charities coordinator asks that everyone bring non-perishable food items to our next two meetings so that we can help out those less fortunate during the holidays.

Only 2 birthdays this month but our congrats go out to our "anniversaryites" (my new word for 2015) – **Ralph & Bernice Trullinger** with only 31 years – but they do take the prize with umpteen grand and great-grand kids. **Bernice** has one whole wall calendar filled with special dates and plenty of stock in Hallmark cards! **Bill & Diane Heinrich** celebrate their 43 years of marriage and **Bob & Donna Taiclet** admit to 56 years! Once again, **Ben Vietz** claimed a birthday and anniversary – this should make him truly over several hills – one wonders if wife **Linda** even knows how old he is? Or how long they have been married. On the drive home from Wisconsin, **Ginger Dahlberg** and **Claudia Alt** stopped off in Bellevue, Nebraska to see **Mary Winkler**. She sends her regards to all, looking good and can gaze out her living room window and watch big airplanes come and go from Offutt AFB. We miss you! Our condolences go out to the family of **Eloise Bailey** who passed away early in September. She was the wife of **Bill Bailey**, a long time retiree member who worked in the SFO Load Planning Office. She was a master baker and fashion model for many years.

A reminder that next month, Oct. 26th, is our Pizza and Salad luncheon. \$8.00 members/ \$10.00 guests. If you plan on attending, please call **Dorothy Reuszer** at (650) 341-5765 and let her know you will be coming so that we know how many pizzas we need to order. The cut-off date is Oct. 23rd – and you are requested to please bring exact money as it makes life easier for the auditors. Nov. 23rd is Pot Luck Lunch time so show off your culinary skills and bring lots of food – this is a favorite luncheon.

Scott Holiday, singer/guitarist, entertained us after lunch – we were tapping our toes while he played songs that featured cities around the world – yes, we all knew the words to a "Slow Boat to China." Thanks to **Kathy Hutt**, 1st Veep, for setting this up for us to enjoy.

Come join us if you are in town all United and Continental retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4th Monday of the month at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd., (Shell Blvd. and East Hillsdale Blvd.,) Foster City, CA 94404. Our mailing address: UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P. O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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Happy Veteran's Day! In November, as we honor our country's veterans, events will be taking place across the country, and **Harry Willever** reminds us of a ceremony held nearby in Cupertino's Memorial Park at 11:00am on Wednesday, November 11th.

Our Annual Fall Luncheon was held at Pasta Pomadora with almost 70 members and guests in attendance. We were entertained by the Peninsula Banjo Band. The band was such a hit that we booked them for our December Luncheon, as well. Over the years, the group has donated a quarter of a million dollars of their fees to various non-profit charities in the Bay Area. They are not the only ones who support local needs. **Marion Gaevert** won the 50/50 prize for the day which she donated to the Valley Fire Fund. Kudos, Marion, for thinking of our neighbors in the North Bay!

Since President, **Dave Garland**, and Vice President, **George Midwin** were at the RUAEA Convention in Pittsburgh, a former President, **Bill Reichard**, conducted one of our meetings. Thank you, Bill, **and** we got to hear about the "monster trout" his son-in-law caught on their recent backpacking trip in the Sierras.

Zelma Kibler and **Roger Casterline**, Director of the Western Region, had just enough time to stop by home on their way from Honolulu and do their laundry before heading to Pittsburgh for the RUAEA Convention. Roger reported that the RUAEA board members sang "Happy Birthday" to Zelma - a very thoughtful gesture. (By the way, Zelma, we split your birthday cupcake into 35 slices while you were in Pittsburgh. Yummm!)

Julie & George Midwin have not returned from Pittsburgh, but decided to rent a car and drive up the east coast, exploring new places, visiting familiar ones, and enjoying the fall colors, just watch out for Hurricane Joaquin.

Dave Garland expressed his thanks to all who worked on the Pittsburgh Convention to make it a success. He and Robin told of several of the outstanding tours in which they participated.

One such tour was of the Strip District, which, in the 19th century, had been home to many mills and factories along the Allegheny River; i.e. U.S. Steel, Westinghouse, ALCOA, and later The H.J. Heinz Company. Now, in the 21st Century, the area has developed into a historic market district with ethnic food, art studios, antique dealers, boutiques, street vendors, trendy apartments and lofts. (Is this Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, too?)

Robin & Dave enjoyed pizza at Bella Notte, but passed up Bella Notte's signature Bloody Mary, and opted for the iconic Iron City Beer - a beer that dates back to first being brewed in Pittsburgh beginning in the middle 1800s. Iron City Beer has been spotted as a favorite among Pittsburgh Steeler fans at tailgate events.

Another landmark in the Strip District is one of Pittsburgh's oldest churches, St. Stanislaus Kostka Church. This historic church has been referred to as a prime example of a "Polish Cathedral" style, and is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. It was built in the late 19th century when mill jobs had attracted a flood of immigrants from Eastern Europe. It was visited in 1969 by Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope John Paul II.

Dave & Robin couldn't possibly leave this area without touring The H. J. Heinz Company which dates back to 1869. I don't know that I am familiar with its '57 Varieties, but I am definitely familiar with Heinz Ketchup, which has a U.S. market share in excess of 50%!

It is just "ducky" that Dave is a real "take charge" guy. When he and Robin took a Duck Boat Tour he was not a back seat driver, but volunteered to steer the boat down the Ohio River. Sorry I missed that experience Dave! (at least I think I'm sorry?)

Dave shared another memorable tour was that of the Fallingwater or Kaufmann Residence house designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The home was built partly over a waterfall on Bear Run in the Allegheny

Mountains. It is listed among Smithsonian's Life List of 28 places "to visit before you die". What is next on your travel agenda, Robin and Dave? The Taj Mahal?

Dave states that an unforgettable excursion was a tour of the United Flight 93 Memorial which honors 40 passengers and crew who performed one of the most courageous acts in U.S. history. The Memorial is especially moving since people from our area have a special connection to this flight and to several people who were aboard the flight.



Dave reported different ideas and events from various meetings at the conference. For Dave, one of the highlights was when **John Zoboli**, who is from the Reno Sierra Roundup group, and is the Regional Director for Northern California/Nevada, had read the August Newsletter when Dave was our featured member. John learned that Dave had worked, at one time, in the Engine Shop, cleaning engine parts that had gone through the Flame Spray process. John presented Dave with a special Belt Buckle he had made for coworkers in the Flame Sprayer Shop. This was a very thoughtful gesture, John.

Great Job Pittsburgh 2015! Hello Seattle in 2016!

Happy Birthday to our November Birthday's ~ **Karen & Robert Devlin, Charles Esqueda, Garrett Fahl, Dee Kolman, Mary Ann Lock, Bob Matkovich, and Dan Nielsen.**

Those who celebrate November Anniversaries are **Rita & Bob Matkovich, Rosemarie & Bill Reichard, and Sally & Tony Urso.**

Ann & Keith Olthof have a trip planned to visit their daughter in Maui. Will you be doing more parasailing on this trip, too, Keith? **Rita & Bob Matkovich** will be traveling "down under" to kiwi country—New Zealand.

Lynn Buckholz has done a lot of touring, but closer to home. Her niece from Florida came for her first trip to the San Francisco area. Lynn took out all the stops. They rode cable cars, ate at Fisherman's Wharf, walked the Golden Gate Bridge, did the "Hop on, Hop off" tour, visited Museums, and used Uber to get around the city quickly. Often it takes having someone visit us before we take advantage of all the sites we have in our own back yard.

Bob Devlin has been doing some "back yard" work, so to say. He has been up in Napa working with his son who is in the Wine Industry. Will you bring us free samples, Bob?

Margie & Alex Klaus were in town from Las Vegas visiting with **Helen Rose Seidl** and **Sally & Tony Urso.**

It was good to see members **Greg & Hiroko Caster, Rita & Bob Matkovich, Mary Ann Lock** and **Marion Swanson** at recent meetings. We hope you can make it on a regular basis. We have had a couple of visitors. Marion brought **Mary Stakie** along with her one morning. It was good to see Geneva Schaller's granddaughter, Alexis Hall, and **Karen & Bob Devlin** brought **Linda Atkinson** (a "sort of" relative).

Happy Thanksgiving!

Calendar:

Every Friday at 8:00 – Breakfast at Holder's Restaurant /Sunnyvale-Saratoga Rd.

December 8 – (2nd Tuesday) Holiday Luncheon at Mariani's in Santa Clara with the Peninsula Banjo Band

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Our September meeting was held on the 14th at the Old Spaghetti Factory in downtown Concord. Our members have enjoyed previous visits and this month's meeting was a particularly pleasant one with good food and service. We had 28 attending, including former Flight Attendant, **Jo Alice Canterbury**, a guest of the **Roger Ehms.**

After a short discussion about the "New United", we all seemed in agreement that things are looking better.

Howard Payne shared a recap of a recent short weekend trip to London with his daughter, Susan. All went well with a few exceptions. To leave any airport in Great Britain, we are now subject to a Departure Tax from

about \$160.00 per person, depending on which airport you are using. United now has moved into the new Queen's Terminal at Heathrow. It is beautiful, but be prepared for some very long walks both on arrival and departure. They returned home with a connection in Newark with middle seats in coach on a 737 to SFO. A big step down from Business Class on a 747 they enjoyed on their previous two segments.

A reminder of the Annual United Airlines SFO Family Day is scheduled at the MOC on Sunday, October 11th.

Our meeting schedule is as follows:

- ✓ October 12 – Old Spaghetti Factory
- ✓ November 9 – Old Spaghetti Factory
- ✓ December 14 – Christmas Party and Toys for Tots with the Marine Corps – Zio Fredo's - 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill

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 who live in the East Bay.



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Unfortunately, it has been a very tough time in the North state. Two major fires erupted, the Butte Fire and the Valley Fire. We sure hope that none of our United Retirees had any issues with their properties. Over 2000 structures including homes and out buildings were burned and thousands of acres. Our hearts go out to everyone.

Our September meeting was held at Vittles Restaurant in Anderson. **Merritt Odor** greeted everyone and thanked **Kay & Vincent Neidinger** for reserving the room. We had 25 retirees and spouses in attendance and we had a delicious lunch with various choices on the menu. The room was a perfect venue for our group.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. **Kent Jorgensen** had his birthday in September and **Richard & Raejean Skelly** celebrated their 53rd anniversary. **Bill & Sharon Simonton** will also be celebrating their anniversary in October.

No one from the Northstaters group was able to attend the convention that was held in September.

We had lots of conversation concerning the new President for United.

Sharon Simonton made a presentation on the pass difficulties that retirees are experiencing when signing in on the Flying Together Web Site. Lots of information has come by way of Dale Harper and also the RUAEA group and it has been very helpful.

Merritt spoke about the Maintenance Base's open house at San Francisco Airport that will be held October 10th. Everyone will need a pass to get in and guests are allowed.

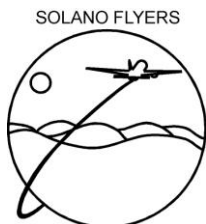
Vanessa Pratt has relinquished the treasury job and **Billie Jorgensen** has volunteered to take over the job. **Klaren Odor** will be the backup person.

A discussion took place concerning our Christmas party/get together. **Bill & Sharon Simonton** volunteered to host the party on Thursday, December 3 at 1:30 P.M. at their home. Bill & Sharon will provide the meat and drinks and everyone else will bring a side dish or dessert. **Kay Neidlinger** volunteered to make up a Christmas game. All presents will be generic, one present per person, and the cost is under \$10.00. Sharon will be sending out a flyer with all the details.

Vincent Neidlinger won the 50/50 raffle and **Kent Jorgensen** won the \$15.00 lunch certificate.

Calendar:

December 3 - Thursday at 1:30 P.M. at the home of **Bill & Sharon Simonton**. If you are in the area come join us for some Christmas Cheer!



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Submitted by Harold Mitchell.

We had 18 Solano Flyers attend this month's meeting at Denny's in Vacaville, CA.

Again, this month's meeting was very quiet. No one had anything to report so we all just enjoyed each other's company. Guess we'll have to do something to liven up this group.

Our 50/50 drawing winner for this month was **Ed Meadows**. **John Francis** had a double header this month celebrating a birthday and anniversary. Next month's meeting will be held at the Benicia Grill in Fairfield, CA.

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Submitted by Tom Goodyear:

Fall is in the air, as those who attended our October breakfast at the United Training Center can attest to! We had 34 attendees. **Bob Graham** was a first timer, we hope you will be a regular, Bob!

Sharon Burbank has decided it is time to retire as our Newsletter Correspondent. We will miss her column! Thanks, Sharon, for all of your dedication! Our future Newsletter Correspondent will be **Robert Duensing**, who retired from DENTK. His home address is 5940 E. 114th Ave., Thornton, CO 80223.

The Christmas Luncheon is on December 2. It will be held at the Holiday Inn again this year, 455 S. Colorado Blvd. Denver, CO 80246. The menu will be: Choice of bourbon glazed pork loin or seared salmon filet—both will be served with a house salad, whipped potatoes, broccoli, carrots, and cauliflower. Dessert will be a choice of pumpkin pie or pecan pie, served with regular and decaf coffee. Beverages will include water and iced tea. The price for the luncheon is \$20.00 per person (includes gratuity). Please send your menu choice and number of attendees to: **Tom Goodyear**, 9341 East Jewell Circle, Denver, CO 80231. *Please write your menu choice and guests' names on your check. Checks must be received by November 23.

Our 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to our chapter were **Bill Brehmner**, **Ron Cannon**, **Charlie Hassler**, **Cas Spokas**, and **Matt Orr**. Thanks, guys!

RUAEA Pittsburgh Convention Highlights by Sharon Burbank:

I would like to share some highlights of the RUAEA annual convention in Pittsburgh. The convention was held at the Hilton DoubleTree in Green Tree. The dates were from September 22-26. Most attendees started arriving on Wednesday. We had a total of 235 registrations, with 208 actually attending. Of the attendees, there were 20 who were a first time conventioneer. We had 21 from our local group: **Joe & Nancy Bain**, **Scott Bain**, **Carol Bare**, **Don & Sharon Burbank**, **Laura Coats**, **Bob & Valerie Forsberg**, **Tom & Nancy Goodyear**, **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw**, **Marilyn Hansen**, **Vicki Herrell**, **Donna Miller**, **Larry & Sheryl Schubert**, **Cas Spokas**, **Gary & Yumi Trujillo**.

We were offered various local tours that were set up by the convention committee. I think all the tours were successful and everyone spent their days enjoying all Pittsburgh has to offer. In the evenings, there were choices for dining with views, cabaret shows, or spending time visiting with friends. We also had our benefits panel presentation which included a United representative from benefits and travel, Alliant Credit Union, and various health organization that will be available for our next enrollment period. We had our raffles, patio gatherings, Taste of Pittsburgh and our banquet at the hotel. At the banquet, we were entertained by a local youth group, North Star Kids, with their theatre talents of singing and dancing. The group consisted of youth, 7-14 years.

Next year's RUAEA convention will be in Seattle, September 21-24, 2016.

Several of us attended the Flight 93 Memorial and Chapel. It was very sobering and well planned. September 11, 2001 definitely changed the way airline employees accomplish their jobs. Our chapter had elected to donate \$500 to the Flight 93 Chapel which has been dedicated to the United crew on board that fateful day. **Tom Goodyear** presented **Frank Eggles** with that check to further support the Chapel. Thanks to all who donate their support.

Unfortunately, I have one obituary. We received word that **Ileen Ferry Diepenbrock**, former DENRRUA, passed away September 27th from cancer. Ilene came to Denver from Moline res in 1968 at the time all the small stations closed their res offices. She married Bob who also worked for UA. Memorial services are pending. Cards may be sent to Bob and family, **Bob Diepenbrock**, 2147 Lake Summerset Rd., Davis, IL 61019-9402.

Calendar:

November 7 - MileHighers breakfast at DENTK, 9am

November 21 - DENMM breakfast

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Our September meeting was held a week late due to the Labor Day holiday so we were pleasantly surprised that we had 21 attendees!

Dick Coughlin led a discussion regarding the departure of Jeff Smisek. We're all hopeful to see some positive changes under the new leadership.

Our September birthdays included **Karen Gammill**, **Janet Horton**, **Anne Johnston** and **Juanita Ritt**. Happy Birthday to all! We also celebrated **Lowell & Anne Johnston's** 58th wedding anniversary! Finally, **Bill Lowry** started with United 66 years ago this month!

Treasurer **Penny Logan** gave a financial report. **Larry Horton** won the 50/50 and **Bud Gammill** won a second prize.

David & Marian Wickersham brought "door prizes" for us! From their years of commuting they had a nice collection of amenity kits from First and Business class that they shared with us. Thanks to them for memories of the good old days!

A short 3 weeks later our October meeting was held on October 1. 14 attendees joined in for the usual order of business and fellowship.

Dick Coughlin updated the group on UAL activities and added his usual bits of humor. Birthday wishes were sung to **Marion Johnson** and **Marian Wickersham**. **Marian Wickersham** also celebrated her 48th anniversary since joining UAL. As an added celebration, it was 19 years ago today that the **Sand"Dabs"** were born. Thanks to all for keeping it going and making it a fun, educational, and charitable group. Good job **Sand"Dabbers"**!

After the October treasury report from **Penny Logan**, the 50/50 raffle was won by **Herb Gardner**.

Finally, **Dick Coughlin** reminded us to RSVP to him for our Christmas luncheon. The details are: Location - the Flagroom at Smyrna Yacht Club at 1201 S Riverside Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168; Date - Thursday, December 3, 2015; Time - arrive 12:00 pm, food service beginning at 12:30 pm. We have requested the same menu that was served last year and the cost is \$27.99 inclusive of tax and gratuity. Credit Cards only. Thanks to **Ken Carpenter** for making the arrangements.

Calendar:

November 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

December 3 - 12:00 Christmas luncheon, Smyrna Yacht Club, New Smyrna Beach



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President Rich opened the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, while he & Cathy's granddaughter, Nikki Jennifer, held the flag. We miss our regular flag-bearer, **Ernie Vosges** and wife, **Cheryl**, as they recently buried a son and weren't up to attending. Address: 2904 Birmingham Blvd., Orlando, FL 32829.

Elaine took the floor and shared several important bits of information.

- 1) **Mack Chandler** has been in hospital and rehab since mid-August with a serious bacterial infection in his hand. Address: 2565 Skif Drive, MCO 32812. Hoping to see Mack next month at the meeting
- 2) **Endel Vann & Gerry** (present at lunch!) Endel had lung cancer surgery but didn't need chemo/radiation, and is cancer free!

Keep praying for all our members and their families as they meet the challenges that are thrown their way.

Corky Peterson and I attended the RUAEA PIT Convention the weekend of September 23-27 and what a great event! We visited the Flight 93 Memorial (sobering & very well done), Fallingwater (a Frank Lloyd Wright home built in 1935 on a cantilever system-impressive!) and went to a super fun musical, "Altar Boyz"! I met **Frank Eggles** - Cool! That was Thursday; Friday, we joined a group taking a River Cruise from downtown. Have you ever been 3 places at once? Well, we were—at the turn where the Allegheny, Ohio and the Monongahela Rivers meet. Friday night, the Alliant Credit Union hosted a Flavors of PIT. Each night we had a 50/50 and NO, we didn't win ☹.

I teased the 36 members present today that, when they signed the attendance sheet, it was actually a "Commitment to attend RUAEA's Convention next year, September 21-24, 2016 in SEA". More info to follow (some nagging may be involved!)

Birthday Balloons for our server, Kathy and **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**! And she and **Joe** snagged the only Happy Anniversary wishes too! 9 years on 10/26!

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm, Golden Corral on South Semoran Blvd.

November 3

December 1 – Christmas Luncheon

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We held our first meeting of the season at Ocean Breezz in Cape Coral. Since many of our regular members are still up in their Northern homes, it was a small gathering. Attending were **Wallis Alves**, **Maxine Brown**, **Bill & Margie Burg**, **Ed & Judy Clarke**, **Nancy Kopp**, **Bee McCarthy**, and **Diane Roberts**. There was a lot of conversation trying to catch up on the summer's activities.

We were pleased to welcome **Angel Stokey** and **Ric & Jane Marton** as members. Angel retired from customer service and had worked in Portland. Ric worked all over the system but retired from Portland. They had much to talk about.

This was our first meeting at Ocean Breezz and the service and food were delicious. They provided a special menu consisting of 4 entries. Tax, tip, soft drink and dessert are included for a flat price of \$16. It is hoped that we will continue to hold our meetings there through April. In May, we have a Grand Finale steak fry before the summer hiatus.

Sadly, two of our long time members, **Sarah Sciple** and **John Dainus**, passed away during the summer. They will be greatly missed.

United and Continental retirees particularly, and all airline visitors are welcome.

Calendar:

Luncheon first Friday of the month October through April at 11:15 am at Ocean Breezz restaurant in Cape Coral.

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Since our September meeting was after the deadline for the Newsletter, this is going to be a combination of our September and October meetings.

As usual, our October picnic meeting was a success. The only change was that we had to use a different caterer since Pit Boss was under construction. The meal was good but we'll stick with Pit Boss for our spring picnic. **Jerry Gossett** has joined us as a new member and the **Linnehans** have rejoined.

There were lots of travel in Sept. and Oct. **Bob & Janis Lindstrom** continued their FL state park trips. This time they went up to the northern part of FL. Torreya State Park was one of their first stops. The Park is west of Tallahassee, overlooking the Apalachicola River. It is named after the Torreya tree which only grows in that area. They continued on to Washington Oaks Gardens located south of St. Augustine. They said that both parks were beautiful.

Ron & Willie Wilkerson took a catamaran from Marco Island to Key West. It's a day trip leaving at 8am, getting into Key West at 11:30am. The return leaves Key West at 4:30 pm. They enjoyed the boat trip as well as their afternoon in Key West.

Helena Kocavar had 3 trips. She started off with a trip around the Panhandle. Then she went to Nashville where she picked up a tour which included the Opry, Elvis' home, Natchez and New Orleans. The one that was furthest away was to Iceland. She said she had a great time at each place.

Jeanne & Bill Linnehan and **Beverly Alderdice** went to the Convention and took in some of the tours including Shanksville. Bev worked at the Convention and was away all summer doing her part. She mentioned that the number of attendees was far less than most of us can remember.

I can't forget **Don & Volrie Fusina** who traveled to Gatlinburg where they had a bear come to greet them. The bear came onto their porch and was as close as 7 ft. The bear decided it really wasn't too interested in them so Don & Volrie are still with us.

Our November meeting will be at the IHOP at 10:30 am.



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On October 6th, we had a total of 23 members plus a new member, **Janet Hanley** along with **Millie Rossi's** son, David, who hails from Seoul, Korea. (Just a short trip from Stuart, FL - Wow!). That makes a total of 25.

Mike Carragher was celebrating his birthday and at dessert time, we all sang Happy Birthday to him.

What a wonderful surprise we had when **Jim Morehead** came to the meeting, he was up at 5 AM to catch a flight from ATL to get here. Sure was glad to see him and he is looking so well.

Janet Hanley, our new member, moved to Tequesta, FL from PHL where she worked 17 years at the airport. She also worked in Rockweigh, NJ. Her husband **James** worked for Champion Int'l. but retired in 2000 and then worked for 2 Advertising firms; he finally retired in 2014.

November birthdays ~ Sharon Kirk (11/1); Mary Kay Whetherington (11/4); Doris Lakso (11/15); Pat Williams (11/19); Ed Snyder and Bob Williams (11/22). Happy Birthday to all!

Anniversaries ~ Michael & Maureen Caragher and Tom & Sharon Kolibab (11/16); Paul & Diane Liebisch (11/18); and Pat & Bob Williams (11/26).

President Al spoke of the Convention and all of the women who worked with **Paul Liebisch**. Effective 1/1/16, Express Scripts will be history and CVS will be our new provider. Check with your local CVS Pharmacy to see if they will provide a free Shingles Shot. The Shanksville Memorial was noted and very emotional to say the least.

Our Christmas Party information/choices of venue will be sent to members shortly and the 3 selections will be up for vote. Members must send their Email Vote to Pres. Al no later than October 20th. The Party will be on Thursday, December 10th starting at 6 PM.

Calendar:

November 3 - 12:30 - Luncheon Meeting at Duffy's in Stuart

December 1 - No meeting

December 10 - 6 PM -- Location to be Determined

January 5 - 12:30 - Luncheon Meeting at Duffy's in Stuart

GEORGIA

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Dixie Flyers met on October 7. We welcomed newcomer, **Jane Yaguchi** who retired from EXO and her son, **Duke**. They received a rousing welcome. Duke told of his mother's work experience with UAL and his summer stint at the UAL flight kitchen at O'Hare. The Flyers were thrilled with his talk about Mom and his life. Mom is 92 and they both reside in Marietta after Duke remodeled his home to one floor.

A total of 22 Flyers including guests **Donald Sullivan**, **Melba**, guest of **Fred Cron**. We found out that **Fred Cron** stepped on ceiling floor instead of ceiling joist, Melba cared for him for six weeks.

Happy birthday was sung for **Bob Balas** (10/7) who also retired in 10/2002. **Willie Foles** (10/7), **Art Gwinn** retired October 2001, **Barney Knotts** (10/08), **Jodi Wallace** (10/03), **Bill Elk** retired in 2001. **Barney Knotts** retired 10/1993, **Don Sullivan** retired 10/1981.

Kathy Carringer had surgery, we understand she is doing well. Mr Jeff is no longer affiliated with UAL and we now have a new chief executive officer. Hopefully, he will help us return to prior pass boarding and seniority privileges for pass travel.

Our 50/50 was won by **Frank Russey** and \$13 was given to our Ladies in Distress.

We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 2PM at the Broadway diner in Fayetteville, GA; (770) 716-2628.

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HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to HNLRUA@gmail.com and we will email you the details.

We look forward to seeing you in United's 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.

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It hardly seems that a month could have passed since writing the last article! Though our group was small at this year's Memorial Picnic, we enjoyed being together and sharing a good potluck lunch. Attending were **Charles & Shirley Perkins, Rick & Shirley Dempsey, Marlene Croghan, Bud & Pat Peters, Roni Adams, Louise Duvall, and David & Carol Adams.** Our list of members who are no longer with us grows each year, but we will remember each of them always. Added to the list: **Flora Tanguay** (SFO), **Don Behrendt** (SFOSS), **Marian Odom** (SFOSW, BOIRR & BOICS), **Marilyn Taylor**, wife of **Don Taylor** (BOICS), and **Marilyn Brown**, wife of **Ray Brown** (BOICS).

Hoping you won't tire of Warhawk Museum stories! Another article was recently in our Statesman newspaper and seemed worth sharing. Its title: *A Volunteer Story* (from Susan Melvin Hill, Meridian.) ~ *Now that I am retired, I am honored to volunteer at the Warhawk Air Museum in Nampa. My husband (John C. Hill), an Air Force veteran, and I donate many hours each month to the museum. My husband has technical background in aviation, so he offers his expertise in a variety of areas. My background in education and publishing affords me opportunities to use those skills in support of the museum through writing, editing and other related activities. The WAM is a very special place whose "lifeblood" is its volunteers. With 60 active volunteers and an equal number of folks who help with large events, WAM runs very smoothly. As volunteers, we feel that we are part of a wonderful family of people with the same goals: to honor and serve our veterans, to keep our military history alive and to educate all age groups through our unique education program. The WAM volunteers serve a variety of roles depending on their strengths and interests. We are tour guides, writers and editors, visitor support staff, coffee-makers, cookie bakers, technical resource people, record-keepers, etc. We all feel appreciated and valued for our efforts. It is extremely rewarding to be part of a group that works to honor our veterans from WWII through present conflicts and, on the other end of the spectrum, to help school-age children understand that our veterans secured our freedoms. The vast array of historical memorabilia and personal memories help all visitors appreciate and respect the relationship between the freedoms we have today and the sacrifices made to preserve them. The "family" of volunteers as well as the WAM staff have always been so welcoming of new volunteers and supportive of continuing volunteers. Some of our volunteers have been with the museum since its founding 25 years ago.*

Calendar:

November 11 - 11:30 - Black Bear Café, 1731 S. Entertainment Ave.

December 9 - 1:30 - Christmas Party at Jakers

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November - Hope all my favorite ghosts and goblins had a super scary Halloween. At this stage in our lives, many things scare us, high gas prices, raised taxes, looking in the mirror ... And how about that lunar eclipse, with a super moon thrown in for fun? We sat outside for the first part, waited through the middle, rusty shade part, for a while, then went in had tea, and came out to see the white part return. By then, it was pillow time. Since we might not be around in 2033, we decided to watch and observe. Thinking positively, we will be around, but might not know why we're outside and what we're looking at. Most celebrated holidays this month are Veteran's Day, thank you, G.I. Joe's and Josephine's everywhere, and Thanksgiving. My personal High Holiday is Black Friday! Move your clock backwards Sunday, November 1. *The future ain't what it used to be. He hits from both sides of the plate, he's amphibious.*

About 20 retirees joined us at Elly's for breakfast. Most of the conversation was about the fall of King Smisek and the rise of Oscar Munoz. All are hoping for positive things from him. Some wanted the "Tulip" back on the tail, most just wanted our BP6 back, of course. **Dennis Zachara**, ORDCG, attended his 50th class reunion from St. Laurence School in Burbank. **Paul Weber** joined us for eggs and conversation with his wife, **Marsha Sealock-Weber**. If any of you remember **Karl Schlicksbier**, EXORA, one of his favorite sayings was, "*Behind every good man, is a beautiful woman. And behind every good woman is a beautiful behind.*" *Never answer an anonymous letter. When you come to a fork in the road, take it.*

Elaine Dore, EXOFJ, wrote to tell me that she and Dave celebrated 62 years of wedded bliss on September 5. They are returning to Florida in November, and will spend time with their son and his family. Also, their sixth great-grandchild was born last month. They will spend Christmas with one of their grandchildren in Budapest, where he is a missionary. What a beautiful and close family! *You can observe a lot by watching.*

The only traveling I heard about was **Diane & Fred Seibert**, ORDMM, who went on a cruise from Copenhagen-Reykjavik-Halifax and to New York. It was just over two weeks. Now that's a trip from out of the ordinary. *If you don't know where you're going, you might end up somewhere else.*

At the Southside breakfast, a few of our regulars returned, **Tom Hurley**, **Mary Brandt**, and **Bob Irwin**. Bob will be returning to Arizona this month for the winter. Our raffle was won by **Bill Brookins**, **Perry Pahl**, **Ed 'Scotty' Ward**, and **Jan Gawenda**. There were 14 people at Jedi's restaurant in September. *It's like déjà vu all over again. If the world was perfect, it wouldn't be.*

At our Fall Skyliner's luncheon, we had one new attendee, **JoAnne Frediani**, EXOIT and Cargo. **Bill & Margie Burg** were visiting from Florida. Bill is the president of the Pelican Drop-ins, and Margie writes the chapter report for the RUAEA Newsletter. So nice of you to visit us. Hope you enjoyed our luncheon and drop in again when you stay here for the summer. You'll love our June picnic. Five members from Alliant Credit Union attended. They brought two gifts for our raffle. **Rich Holke**, **Terrance Powell**, **Joe Gaspari**, **Teresa Young** and **Jadwiga Faraczynski**. *It ain't the heat, it's the humility.*

There were about 10 people from the Chicago area at the Loonies Fall gathering in Rockford. Included are **Al Broderson**, **Helen Cauwels**, **Mary Szabo**, **Ginny Vlach**, **Norm Wilkinson**, **Sharon Gaffor**, her friend, **Karen**, and **Jan Gawenda**. Also, former Chicagoans, **Bob & Carol Faust**, so nice to see them, all the way from Denver. Our hosts for the event were **Doris & Clyde Johnson**, OPBOP, who now live in Michigan. **Clyde** is the President of the Loonies, and has been for the 20 years it's been in existence. We saw the Anderson Japanese Gardens, the Midway Village, Edward's Apple Orchard, for apples and pumpkins, and onto Beaver Creek Pottery, to watch the master potter at work. Some of us were able to find a few items to take home with us, and they weren't made in China! Nope, right here in River City, I mean, Rockford. Great trip and so close to home. Other retirees came from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, 25 in all. *Baseball is 90% mental, the other half is physical.*

A few of our United family members have flown West, **Gene Burda**, EXOFA, **Chuck Chidchester**, 88, ORDCS, heart attack, **Tom Englehardt**, EXODD, who was visiting his daughter in LAX at the time. Also,

John Winters, Operating Manager from CHIRR, whose quiet demeanor and smiling face, made him a friend to many. His wife, **Joan**, from ORDOZ, passed away many years ago. Also gone from this world are Joan Collins, writer, 77, Moses Malone, NBA star, 60, Fred DeLuca, 67, co-founder of Subway, Randy Wiles, White Sox player, 64, Milo Hamilton, 88, Hall of Fame sportscaster, Jack Larson, 87, Jimmie Olson from Superman, Denise Lor, 86, singer. *If I gave my heart to you*, Frankie Ford, 76, singer, *Sea Cruise*, Cal Neeman, 86, Cubs baseball player. Most notable passing was Yogi Berra, 90, Yankee catcher known for his Yogi-isms. He is joining his wife, Carmen, of 65 years, in that great outfield in the sky. Yogi was also an outfielder, manager, and coach. Just in case you didn't notice, all the witticisms at the end of the paragraphs were from Yogi, in respect to him and all the smiles he gave us. *It ain't over till it's over*. Yes, it is, Yogi, God bless you and Carmen. *Always go to other people's funerals, otherwise they won't go to yours*. Smart observation!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**November 11**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**November 24**). Last Tuesday of the month.

December 8 – Christmas Luncheon, 11:00, Avalon Banquets, Higgins Road, Elk Grove

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During our September meeting, we accepted the resignation of our Secretary, **Hannelore Brabo**, who is a founding member of our Indy Racer organization and has served as an officer since the inception of the group. President **Mario Bregante** recognized Hannelore for her years of service to the organization and indicated that he hoped she and her husband, Ray, can stay active with the group. **Shary Johnston** was nominated and approved as the interim secretary until 2016 officers are elected.

Racers attending the September meeting were **Ken & Deanna Boeke**, **Mario & Margie Bregante**, **Wanda Bryce**, **Jack & Carol Conway**, **Bob & Ruth Duffey** and **Ed Duffey**, **Bob & Myrt Duty**, **Jim Gibson**, **Chris & Shary Johnston**, **Lenny Kurtz**, **Charles Theiss** and his son Anthony, and **Tony Ubanovic**.

Charles Theiss, who is coordinating our Toys for Tots campaign in cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps again this year, indicated that we will have collection boxes in place at Emmy's Pancake House throughout October, and the Marines will join us at our November 10th meeting to collect the donated items that will help make Christmas happier for underprivileged children in the greater Indianapolis area.

President **Mario Bregante** announced that our Holiday Party will be at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant on December 8th. The restaurant is located at 3550 East 86th Street on the north side of Indianapolis. The cost per person will be \$24.95.



We're happy to report that **Jim Gibson**, who won our 50/50 drawing, looked rested after a trip to Orlando, Florida for his son's wedding. We also were happy to see recuperating members **Charles Theiss**, **Ken Boeke** and **Lenny Kurtz** at the meeting. Lenny is pictured playing Pinochle with **Mario Bregante** (R) and **Bob Duty** (L) after lunch and before the business meeting began.

Happy Birthday greetings to **Myrtle Duty** (11/14); **Melanie Hall** (11/23); **Jim Gibson** (11/30) and **Concisa Loftus** (11/30).

Calendar:

November 10 – Meeting at Emmy's Pancake House in Avon, IN. Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. and the Business Meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.

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Twenty Nor'Easters set sail on the Beauport Princess, out of Gloucester, MA Harbor for a luncheon cruise. Along with magnificent weather, we dined on clam chowder, boiled lobster and barbeque chicken buffet. It was good to see **Bruce Casassa**, **Eric Fairweather** and **Susie Dolgin** & husband, a first time for him. Along with a new member, **Mark Bonnell**, everyone agreed the food, service, entertainment and accommodations were excellent and suggested doing it again next September. Unfortunately, yours truly, unwilling to get aboard any boat, wasn't present.

Charlie Staula sent me a Boston Globe article, "United Airlines new chief executive faces a list of no-so-small problems". I was unaware Jeff Smisek stepped down, which I'm sure cost the airline a pretty penny (golden parachute), something I didn't get after thirty years. The article cited the loss of many frequent flyers, due to a total lack of customer service and disgruntled employees. Breaks my heart! After all my years as a customer rep, treating every person like the first customer of the day, building business, especially at a new station, like MHT, to see it all thrown away. The need for more help facing the public is a solution that never fit with the upper management. Once a customer is disgruntled, it filters all the way down. Now it's worse! A busy place like BOS with only one agent and many do-it-yourself kiosks. Of course, the hierarchy, never listened to the front line employees. Some things never change! What will new CEO, Oscar Munoz do? More than just talk, one can only hope!

The Nor'Easters have a new member, **Mark Bonnell**, MHTCS, HNLCS & BOSCS. Mark started in MHT and transferred to HNL then to BOS to get back to the East Coast, eventually returning to MHT. Then, UAL closed HT and turned it over to UAX. So Mark accepted BOS again. After retirement, Mark returned to real estate and is happily living in New Hampshire.

We lost our own **William "Bill" Betters** in May this year. Bill, a graduate of Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics in 1956 was recruited by United and began working at Midway Airport, Chicago. Two years later, he transferred to Cleveland and started a family. In 1967, Bill was offered the opportunity to transfer to Boston to work on the installation of a fuel farm. What was thought to be a two year commitment became a thirty seven year love affair with New England. In 1981, with major cutbacks in BOS and Bill's love of the outdoors caused him to choose DEN instead of LGA or SFO. For 13 years, he commuted every week back home to family in Marblehead, MA. Bill retired at age 57, became involved with RUAEA since the BOS Convention in 1998, until he was selected to be Commodore of the Marblehead, MA Yacht Club. He also took on the position of President of the Nor'Easters and helped our numbers grow. He joined the RUAEA convention committee eventually having to slow down for health reasons. Norma, Bill's wife, said, Bill's UAL family extended across our country, and was grateful for all their friends.

I remember Bill flying SA every Sunday night back to DEN, something none of us would want to do, but he did for his family's benefit. Bill was a gentle, generous man, tolerant of others differing opinions and helped bring problems to workable solutions. He is missed!

Dick Woodworth's wife **Dolores (Dee)** passed away on September 28. Dick is currently in a nursing home in Maine. Last time we saw Dick was at a Christmas luncheon, brought by his daughter.

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

November's anniversaries ~ **Carleen & Bruce Eddy** (34 years) and **Paul & Mary Ward** (52 years).

I'm going to retire and live off my savings, not sure what I'll do the 2nd week!

Calendar:

October 27 - Isaac's Waterfront Restaurant, Plymouth MA

December 8 - Christmas Lunch, Jimmy's Steer House Saugus, MA

MARYLAND



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8 retirees attended our October 7 breakfast. Myself, **Charlie & Maureen O'Brien**, **Jim & Cathy Siegman**, **Norm Heidiman**, **Robbie Miller**, **Clyde Abell**, and **Judy Taylor**. We meet at the Double T Diner in Glen Burnie, MD on the first Wednesday of the month.

Does anyone have contact with **Bill "Blue" Spruce**?

Please come join us.

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Our celebration of the chapter's 25th anniversary took the form of a luncheon paddle wheeler cruise on the St. Croix River out of Stillwater, MN. 42 Northern Lites, guests and one still-active MSP employee joined together for a beautiful afternoon of good eats and visiting.

Mary Brennan, the onliest secretary in all those years, has kept the minutes for the whole history of the chapter. Someone has sat in when she's been on vacation, but those minutes are in her care as well. Her tribute to the chapter and the people who have come and gone over the years was graciously published last month by the newsletter editors with our thanks.

Our old pal **George Anderson** took a spill recently and landed in a care center. That's not very good when you're about 92 or so. He'd really appreciate a note and I know that **Eunice** would be happy to deliver it to him ~ 600 Valley High Rd., Burnsville, MN 55337. **Lee Storlie** dropped by for a visit with him recently and "**Doc**" was sure happy to see him and catch up on everyone.

Sad news ~ **Carmen Hombach**, wife of retired MSPFF agent **Bill Hombach**, passed away suddenly of a stroke. Condolences & memorials may be sent to 7733 Hampshire Ave. No, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445.

Lunch at 11:15 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Old Country Buffet, 7433 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Bielenberg Dr., left to Currell Blvd, left to OCB.

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What a beautiful day at Lake Manawa with 48 attending and enjoying all that goes with great friendships and wonderful food. Thanks to **Larry & Sharon Farrell** for all of their hard work in getting everything set up and cooking the food. There were so many people we haven't seen and here are a few: **Hilde Schwan**, Daykin, NE; **Nancy Thomas** who moved back to Council Bluffs after **Frank** passed away; and **Terry Haynie**, a new retiree. The lucky winners of the 25/25/50 were **Harry Hansen** and **Nancy Thomas**. Happy belated birthday to **Nancy Thomas** (9/9), she wasn't on our list of birthdays for September.

We missed **Dick & Marilyn Weak** at Lake Manawa. I am happy to report that after **Marilyn** had removal of the tail of the pancreas, her spleen and the tumor on August 17 – in talking with her she said she is doing exceptionally well. The doctor says now she can do whatever she feels like and on her priority list is the wedding of her brother on September 26. We all remember **Jim Rotella** as he has been so kind to give us tours of Rotella's Bakery. We wish **Jim** and his bride to be a wonderful future together. **Marilyn** said she would be starting her chemo after **Jim's** wedding.

Van Van Houten completed rehab on his knee replacement on September 9, he then will see his doctor to set up a date to have his other knee done and then go through the rehab process again. It has been a long time since **Van** has been able to attend our luncheons but maybe between surgeries he can join us – we hope so.

October birthdays: **Lorraine Stanfield** (3) celebrating her 80th this year; **Sandy Bender** (3); **Margie Stiles** (9); **Judy Nekonchuk** (13); **Kathy Faust** (15); **Mike Stiles** (19); **Ken Bender** (21); **Barb Soseman** (25); and **Bob Faust** (27).

Harry Hansen will be undergoing back surgery on September 21. We hope it is successful and he can get rid of the pain.

Pam Ziebarth, member of our retirement group and also Treasurer of RUAEA, will be representing our Omaha Chapter at the Convention in Pittsburgh. Thank you, **Pam**.

I received an email on September 5 with a picture of **Rita & Allen Purkapile** holding up airline tickets on their way out of town for Brussels – how nice is that. Don't forget to come back.

Calendar:

November 4 - (Wednesday) Bohemian Café, Hosts **Tom & Rose Langan**

December 1 - Anthony's Christmas Luncheon, Hosts **Ev & Shirley Payton**

January 5 - Golden Corral

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Not a lot to report this month. Since I was not able to attend the Convention in PIT this year, will have to hear from other attendees. I missed seeing old friends, but look forward to next year in SEA.

Mike & Eleanor Vasko were in PIT the week before visiting with family, and Mike attended an all-class reunion of his high school. They had a great time. On their return West, Eleanor said they were again delayed in IAH for 8 hrs., waiting to get on a flight. They were in PHX after that at Mayo Clinic where Mike met with a new Doctor regarding his knee. He has had so many problems and pain since he had his knee replacement. They were very impressed with the medical offered there, and hopefully, he will get some relief soon. Upon returning to LAS, their daughter from Sylmar, CA visited, so their Fall has been very busy already.

Elizabeth Sabroso continues her chemo treatments for mouth Cancer. Our prayers are with her. Will report on our October 13 meeting in next newsletter. Plans will be made for the Christmas luncheon, where has the year gone?



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There were 22 members at our September meeting at the Black Bear Diner. Welcome to new member **Frank Gibbons**.

Thanks again to all who helped organize, cook and clean up at the picnic. Thanks to everyone for bringing salads and sides to share. The County did return our deposit money.

September birthdays were celebrated by **John Brown**, **Ray Knudson** (Happy 89!), **Jeff Nimori**, **Joan Baillie** and **John Zoboli**.

Bill Royle was the winner of the 50/50.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 12 at the Black Bear Diner at 11:30 a.m.

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Our September 30th meeting was opened with a flag salute by President **Frank Warzocha** and thankfully, there was no notice of any passing this month. **Rich Creighton**, from the IAM local 914 was on hand to report about the reorganization of personnel at EWR due to the closing of all UAL operations at JFK in October. EWR has now grown to a huge major station in the United system, however along with all that, came plenty of problems relating to our merger with Continental. Maybe this new CEO Oscar Munoz, can finally make the new United more like "the old United".

Gene Enfield gave a great financial report. I think if it gets any better, our chapter could look for investment possibilities, even "a hedge fund". **Rich Creighton** won our 50/50. Our next meeting will be on October 28th at Snuffy's restaurant in Scotch plains at 12 PM sharp.

NEW YORK

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A perfect fall day here on the island. 27 members showed up for lunch, with 4 guests; Judy Paris, guest of Frank Ferrara, Mario Lagasi, grandson of the Pozziss, and Diane & Barry Carlsen. Barry worked at JFK, so hopefully they'll become new members.

This was a later date than usual for us so I'm pressed for time to get this typed (Yes, I told you I don't have a computer) and faxed to DEN. Didn't dig up too much news so will focus on history. The Milleridge Inn is scheduled to possibly close at the end of the year. When I returned home from SFO (where I was hired by UAL) in 1955, I had my birthday dinner here when it was the original Maine Maid Inn, which is now located less than a mile north of Milleridge. The "home" goes back to the 1600's and when one of my sisters worked there, it was owned by the Roberts family. They used to close during the winter and when they reopened in March, dinner was free the first night - that happened to be my birthday. My friends ordered a cake for me, but as luck would have it, dinner was no longer free but a cart full of desserts was. So now there's a lot of

opposition to either of these buildings being renovated or torn down. So on that note, since this Christmas could be our last celebrated here, with its huge array of beautiful decorations, please sign up now for reservations c/o Dee Talachino, (516) 623-8225 or deelee62@aol.com, \$35.05 with a nice selection of entrees. etc.

50/50 winners ~ \$15.00 to Mike Schroeder, \$10.00 each to Leo Talachino and John Green. I can't write as fast as Ed talks but for birthdays I got Diane, Judy (our guest) Rudy Wolf and Jim Richardson. For anyone I missed, sorry. Happy Anniversary to the Manfredos and Richardsons, and those I might have missed.

Paul Cohen is cleaning out the Mainliner store at JFK. How sad is that? If you want a shirt or hat, maybe you could call him and pick it up at our next luncheon. He and Mario were negotiating prices. All I picked up was \$10 and \$5 but could go higher or lower! Recipients of the Artie Sheppard and John Pucillo awards will be chosen for December.

No one from our group got to the convention regrettably but we were so happy to have Barbara Dodenhoff join a few of us at my house, to hear a bit about it. She spoke of the crowd and emotions at the Flight 93 Memorial. Something we would all like to see, if possible one day. My deadline approaches - must dash off to Staples.

Calendar:

November 4 - Milleridge Inn

December 2 - Christmas Lunch, Milleridge Inn

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On September 9th we had 75 members attend an excellent luncheon at The Old School House in Litchfield, Ohio. **Vince & Norma Malena** were our hosts. Our first order of business was conducted by Vice President **Arlene Taylor** who gave a most poignant remembrance to our brothers and sisters of United Airlines, for all of the 2,985 souls that lost their lives on September 11, 2001. A moment of silence was followed by Grace.

We then enjoyed a grand buffet luncheon as we always do at the Old School House. Everyone looks forward to our "50/50". So after lunch **Dave Placko** conducted our drawing with 3 very "Lucky" winners. #1- **Doris Schueler**; #2- **Carol Seifried**; and #3- **Bernie Garrah**.

Treasurer **Steve Pytel** informed us of our donations that were made to charities on behalf of chapter members that had recently passed away, and the responses from the families and charities.

President **Dolly Taucher** continued the meeting, notifying us of the passing of yet another member, **Anna James**, wife of **Roger James** (CLECG). Anna passed away on Saturday, September 5th after a very long illness. Our condolences go out to Roger and family.

We were very happy to have **Barb Vauls** back with us after a recent surgery. Many of our members are dealing with something so let's keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

A big "Thank You" to **Kay Preston** for volunteering to step-in to temporarily write the RUAEA Newsletter for **Mary Lou Kuretz**. Also to **Lois Walter** who has volunteered to take pictures at our luncheons for our website. And yet another to **Judy Spooner** for volunteering to help **Dave Placko** this month with our 50/50 (in the absence of **Marie Placko**).

We had two members celebrating birthdays this month: **Margie Sandstrom** and **Lois Walters**. And yes, we did serenade them with "the Song".

Also in attendance were anniversary celebrants: **Lloyd & Pattie Fiste** (48 years). And although unable to be present, **Frank & Janet Osborne** are celebrating 61 years of marriage. **Dan & Terry Bracken** celebrated 30 years of marriage and are our newest enrolled members this year.

We had an additional new member, **Susan Korecky** earlier in the year, which gives us a total of 3 new members in 2015. Since 2010, we've added 84 new members to our Ohio Buckeyes Chapter. This number includes 4 from Continental. Our numbers have grown, thanks to our members who enjoy our gatherings so much that they are spreading the word with other retirees and that has increased membership. Dolly then

announced that the RUAEA Newsletter is a reliable place for updates on United, and other Chapters and encouraging any non-members to join.

Calendar:

November 4 - Tony K's, hosted by **Tom & Helen Hockett**

December 2 - Williams On-The-Lake, hosted by **Earl & Arlene Taylor**

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70 folks attended our September meeting. No new members or guests this month but another fun get together, with lots of good food, great conversation, and fun times. If you are ever in the Portland area the second Wednesday of the month, please plan to join us!

Rex "Jerry" Jerrold Igo, who retired from UAL in 1978, after 27 years of service, died August 28. A celebration of life will be held in April 2016, when the flowers bloom, in Mosier, Oregon.

Sick List: Our president, **Dennis Cline**, is recovering from recent intricate back surgery, his progress has been slow but steady; he accepts calls and would love to hear from you. **Harold Miller** was recently in a motorcycle accident, he suffered broken ribs and a collapsed lung, requiring several days in the hospital, but is home now and doing well. **Veulah Lorts** fell and broke her pelvis and elbow, she is also suffering from dementia and is now residing at Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Ave., Portland, OR 97232. **Lois Gruenberg** is currently in the ICU after surgery to repair an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, but is doing well.

Announcements/New Business: **Jack Hooper** asked for a brief meeting, at the end of our meeting today, for those interested in a "field trip" to the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum in Hood River. Final details will be decided.

Harvey & Irma Larkin are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary today at the coast so they are not with us today. Congratulations on such a milestone!

Next month, it will be necessary to elect 2 board members. **John Donaldson** and **Harold Miller's** terms expire. Both are willing to continue but want to make sure there is not someone else interested in serving.

Patricia Cox-Hollosy and her daughter, **Kerri Galagan**, invited all to an estate sale this Friday and Saturday.

Gene King informed us that UAL will be moving to C Concourse at PDX. Delta will take over A concourse. Over the next 2 years, the old freight service and food service facilities will be demolished, allowing for expansion due east.

Jane Futrell invited everyone to a potluck at her house on Saturday, 9/19, to help celebrate her 88th birthday. No gifts please.

Cliff Blare again regaled us with a variety of jokes.

Anniversaries: **Joe & Betty Alff** (7 years).

August birthdays: **Joyce Charron** (85), **Barbara Martin** (75), **Diana Thomas** (65), **Jane Futrell** (88), **Jack Hooper** (82), **John van Reenan** (90), and **Bob Bills** (87).

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door prize ~ **Pat Ogden**, Men's Birthday ~ **Jack Hooper**, Women's Birthday ~ **Barbara Martin**, 50/50 ~ **John van Reenan**.

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon.

November 11 - Social

December 9



OUR CLUB

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We are finally back. It has been a long summer and several luncheons held but your truly was gone. Yet another back procedure was done which kept me down along with a couple of RV trips.

I want to thank **Linda Althouse** for keeping Ric & I informed of the groups gatherings and fun while we were absent. Linda hosted a summer picnic at her home in July which had a picnic theme of Leo's Barbeque, potato salad and all the fixings. Everyone sat outside in the beautiful weather and enjoyed good conversation and food. A big thank you Linda for opening up your home to everyone.

In August, **Wayne Widrig** hosted the lunch at Tin Tin Buffet in Medford. We were pleased to have **Doe Popes'** two granddaughters in attendance. It is amazing how they have grown since just last summer. They are two young girls that give you hope for the next generation. We just wish we could see them more often Doe, hint hint!

When it came time for our 50/50, the winner was our host, Wayne. We had a nice turn out so thought for sure Wayne would at least treat us all but I guess it just did not cross his mind. Wayne always gets a kudo from me as he is the first to RSVP the luncheon host and always is there first wearing his name pin. At our age, it is not letting others know who we are, it is to remind each of us who we are.

The month of September came and **Marge Calkins** hosted our feast at La Burrita in Grants Pass with our regular loyal members all there. As our group dwindles in numbers, we have our faithful 10 who always come. What is wonderful about the numbers is we are all getting closer and know each other better then when we had a larger group. We seem to stay longer and chit chat also.

After being laid up, one realizes the importance of friends. For our 50/50, **Marge Calkins**, our hostess, won the big money and I started wondering about this. I mean twice the person who was host won the 50/50? It gave me hope as Ric and I were the hosts for our October luncheon. We had the faithful 11 this time and enjoyed our food at Elmer's in Grants Pass.

Everyone was shocked I didn't order my usual Dutch Baby but I felt change was due. Well, change was due alright because my theory on the hosts winning the 50/50 flew out the window. **Marge Calkins** won it again. Just see if I let you pick from the hat again Marge.

We would like to say hello to **Ida Rogers, Miriam Lindburg, Peggy & Bob Wright** who have not been able to make it for several month. We miss each of you. Also a huge hello to **Jane Frincke** and **Steve & Cyndi Austin** who are members at large and hope to see soon. Until next month, keep smiling and love one another. A smile can make a person's day.

Calendar:

November 6 - Hosted by **Sonnica Appleton**

December 4 - Hosted by **Peggy & Bob Wright**

PENNSYLVANIA



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The UAL retirees were glad to greet each other on September 14 after the summer hiatus at the Clarion.

Joe Bradley won the free lunch and **Everett Bell** the 50/50. **Matt Sonderman**, the grandson of **Walt Sonderman** was our speaker. His favorite charity is Operation first response. He was a recipient of their aid

after being wounded in action. We were proud to present him a check for \$500.00 to help that worthwhile cause.

We were well represented at the convention in Pittsburgh. **Alan & Kathy Edwards, Frank & Marge Egges, Dave & Elaine Voit, Dee Burrs, Shirley Roberts, and Charlene Neelan** rounded out the group.

We have friends who are still ailing. We sincerely wish improved health to everyone. **Lynne Sonderman** is a new addition. **Tom Lyons, Al Edwards, Mel Manning, and Jim & Barbara Fanto** are also in need of improved health. As we age, there are more bumps in the rocky road. I am not talking about ice cream either!

21 tickets for the Christmas show at the AMT in Lancaster are sold. The date is November 12th for the 3 p.m. show.

Our meetings are still held the 2nd Monday of the month at the Clarion hotel Essington at 12:30 for lunch. See you there!



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Well, the Pittsburgh convention has come and gone. If you attended, you'd know what a great time was had by all and if you didn't, you missed a good time. What a wonderful way to reacquaint with old friends and meet new ones. Hats off to our chairs, **Treatie Karwoski, Mary Jane Stewart and Dave Beatty.**

Else Schiller, Bev Alderdice and Anita Pawlack kept their hubby along with me and **Bill Redfern** company in the hospitality room. We had some very long hours but it was fun. **Lorraine Keith** managed to drive in each day to relieve us, thanks Lorraine.

My biggest thrill was seeing my former supervisor **Dick Snyder** whom I hadn't seen since 1972, I was still **Jeri Colonna** to him. Our former CS manager **Russ Miller** attended the daily functions escorted by his lovely daughter and son-in-law. Russ came in from Walnut Grove, Calif. **Joe (Scuffles) Scafoglio** and his lovely wife **Nancy** flew in from Arizona. What a great time with old friends! Plan ahead to Seattle.

So sad to report the passing of our longtime friend **Eleanor (Ellie) Boyle**. Ellie had some 40 years of service with Capital and United. Rest in peace my friend.

Our good friend **Pat Lavelle** is spending time at Mariner Health of West Hills. I'm sure cards would be appreciated. The address is 951 Brodhead Rd., Moon Township, PA 15108.

Verna Alex reported that hubby **Bill** is now in rehab at Caring Heights Rehab, 234 Coraopolis Rd. Coraopolis, PA 15108. Verna & Bill recently celebrated 61 years of marriage.

November Birthday: **Karen Moliterno** (15th), **Lillian Lapceovich** (22nd), and **Kaye Frye** (19th).

Happy Anniversaries to **Bob and Pat Wagner** (8th) and **Jim & Diane Weber** (24th).

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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We had our September meeting at Puleo's Restaurant in Knoxville with 18 members in attendance. We all had a good time catching up.

Secretary's report was not with me, so I told them to read the RUAEA report. They all chuckled at that. I forgot my notes.

Treasurer **Mike Chapin** advised us that we have \$251.26 in the treasury. We donated \$100.00 dollars in memory of **Jeanne Barkman** to her church here in Knoxville, Mike also advised us that dues will be collected in November at our meeting.

Mary Gilbert was in Idaho Falls and described her automobile accident. She was not injured badly and is able to do her daily routine.

Birthdays ~ **Betty Shipe** (15th), **Robbie Corbin** (21st), and **Polly Kloski** (3rd).

Anniversaries ~ **Joe & Robbie Corbin** (the 30th for 56yrs), how did we do that?

Vote for officers was taken. There apparently will be no changes. Oh well, another year and we are all happy.

50/50 winner was **Joe Corbin** for 21.00. Surprise door prize bags were won by **Betty Shipe**, **Dave Leonhard**, and **Mike Chapin**.

Well "that's all folks" hope all is well with everyone. Until the next edition, stay well.

Calendar:

October 15 - Social Breakfast at the Egg and I, 10:00am

November – Meeting at Lakeside Tavern in Knoxville at 12:00pm CST

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



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Ken Storey, new president of the Emerald City Slickers, will conduct his first chapter meeting at the Burien Elks Club on Tuesday, October 13. Yes, you're reading this after the fact and it's being written before the fact, but that's the way it is in the publishing business.

Ken grew up in Seattle and served in the US Army's 82nd Airborne from 1957 to 1960, flying in a 20-man helicopter crew. His next stint was with Boeing, working on jet planes. Hired by United Airlines as an A&T Mechanic in January 1967, **Ken** worked as a licensed mechanic and lead, retiring in 1997. During periodic layoffs from UAL, **Ken** filled in at Alaska and West Coast Airlines.

Married, with four daughters and three adult grandchildren, **Ken** and clan did a lot of traveling back in the day. We've noticed that **Ken & Judy**, just back from the convention in Pittsburgh, are *still* traveling. He serves as a group leader for a Boston-based travel company specializing in boat tours.

Immediate Past President **Dave Jones** came up with some innovative plans for off-season events during his three-year tenure, including two visits to the Restoration Center in Everett and a joint venture between the Seattle and Portland RUAEA chapters. **Ken Storey** has a few cards of his own up his sleeve to bring interesting programs to chapter meetings. Another past president, **Frank McAnulty**, is ready to step in if **Ken** is not available to conduct a chapter meeting.

In addition to **Ken & Judy Storey**, Seattle retirees attending the recent convention included **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen**, **Bud & Virginia Dice**, and **Fred & Bonnie Frey**. Naturally, we can't forget **Hank Gosselin**, President of RUAEA, who just happens to be a member of our local chapter.

Like many of us, **Ken & Judy** confess to seldom flying United with the bad reputation the company has acquired among retirees over the past few years. In fact, the four couples flying from Seattle to Pittsburgh all arrived safely via Southwest Airlines. We look forward to improved conditions under the leadership of UAL's new CEO, **Oscar Munoz**. We aren't so enthusiastic about switching prescription providers again.

Rounding out the "board" for the rest of the year are: Vice President ~ **Phyllis Bowman**, Secretary ~ Vacant (we need a volunteer), Treasurer: **Jackie Stenger**, Assistant Treasurer ~ **Noreen Krawczyk**, Membership Secretary and Luncheon Coordinator ~ **Mary Luke**, RUAEA National Newsletter Correspondent ~ **Gay Liesse**, Sunshine Lady ~ **Virginia Dice**, *Contrails* Editor ~ **Vicki Shumaker**.

A big thank you to **Mary Ann Andersen**, who represented the Emerald City Slickers at the annual Correspondents' meeting during the Pittsburgh convention in the absence of yours truly. **Mary Ann** provided a great report on what other chapters schedule for meetings and special events and noted that a recurring theme among many RUAEA chapters is the ongoing challenge to recruit new members.

She also mentioned the various charitable projects conducted by other chapters, so the Seattle Chapter, which has been lax in that department, will initiate a Thanksgiving food drive and a Christmas toy collection under the direction of **Ed & Gay Liesse**, who will coordinate the dual project at our November meeting.

collecting contributions and distributing them as appropriate. **Gay** will circulate a flyer at the October meeting, providing details and requirements.

Other items in **Mary Ann**'s report were instructions to correspondents from the RUAEA Newsletter Managers, **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**. Thanks again from all of us, **Mary Ann** and to all the correspondents who fill our RUAEA Newsletter with news and information.

Richard Devereux is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery and looks forward to returning to chapter luncheons as soon as he's given the go-ahead.

Gay Liesse will have had her first cataract removal by the October luncheon. How well she'll be able to see to take notes for the December newsletter remains to be seen (pun intended).

We've lost another Slicker with the passing of **Daniel M. Del Grosso** (SEACS) June 3 after a long illness. **Danny**, 68, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After a family move, he graduated from Glen Rock High School, attended St. Louis University and graduated from California State University, Hayward. He retired in 2003 after a 36-year career with United Airlines. Following retirement, **Danny** served as an interpretive guide for the "Trails and Rails" program run by the National Parks Service in cooperation with Amtrak. He was passionate about the environment and social justice. He is survived by his wife **Karen**, his mother and siblings.

As everyone knows by now, next year's RUAEA national convention will be held here in Seattle, with the Emerald City Slickers playing a major role. Stand by to volunteer! President **Ken Storey** will act as local chairman, working with the national committee in planning a super, special event.

Calendar:

November 10 - Lunch at Burien Elks

December - No meeting

January 12, 2016 - Lunch at Burien Elks



LILAC CITY FLYERS

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Sharon & Gary Holmes will be hosting dinner at Darcey's on October 23, 1600. This will be a good time to catch-up on summer happenings with the group.

The Holmes departed Spokane on May 26 and returned on October 15, RVing across the USA. They stop in Kentucky for son Jay's wedding.

We are looking so forward to Lilac City Flyers get-togethers.

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Dear RUAEA,

The dry leaves are beginning to fall and it is a bit cooler. The apples are delicious and crispy so, I guess that means fall, with winter not far behind. We pray for rain out here in the Golden/Brown State! We hope our members are all safe in South Carolina. Certainly wish the weather would even out within the states!

Convention is over and the New Year begins with new officers and hopes for a very successful term. I am sure everyone had a great time!

We continue to work toward starting new chapters in the East. We are excited to welcome new chapters to our convention in SAN.

Have a wonderful and colorful fall. Don't get too scared with those ghosts and goblins flying around on Halloween!

NEW MEMBERS

Correction: In the October 2015 issue, we incorrectly listed the first name of a new member: **Andersen, Poul**. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **September 2015:**

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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:

A. Kruegel, Judith Macklin, Jeanne M. Choo, Martha Motts, Dolores Evenson, Judy De Gabain, Carol Lynn Remillard, Elizabeth Wizer, Diane Douglas.

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.)

Ishbel L. Garrett, 2775 S. Sedalia St., Aurora, CO 80013

September 8th was a joyous day for me. I will never forget where I was and what I was doing when I heard the news that Jeff had been fired.

All the years of pent up rage disappeared overnight and I can once again take pride in our wonderful airline that we so proudly built with all our sweat and tears.

No matter who takes the helm, it has to be a huge improvement over Jeff.

Timothy Weaver, 78 Kreglow Ct., Hedgesville, WV 25427-3469

Going into my twelfth year of retirement! Wow, I thought sitting around watching the clock time would slow down. When I put something on the stove to cook and set the timer to go sit down, the very next thing I hear is the ring ding, time is up.

I'm still doing well after the radiation and daily medication for the prostate cancer. Have another year taking the medication and going every three months for the shot in the hip. I feel good, the doctors say I'm looking good and doing fine.

Want to say here I was impressed with my old co-workers out in SFOJJ, Charles Bogert's letter about our veterans you put on the front cover of the February issue. Hi Charles, way to go!

I did two years as an MP in the Army out at Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah in the early 1960's. That was enough Army for me, I got out and in '66, got a job a UAL there in DC and enjoyed the job all those years, most of it at SFOJJ.

I hope our next President does better for our vets. I think it's time to kick the whole bunch out. Things are getting very interesting for the election this time.

Keep up the good work; I enjoy the newsletter every month.

Patricia Morris, 7209 Red Oak Dr., Crystal Lake, IL 60012-3022

When did the once much admired graceful bird that was known as United Airlines, lose its beautiful feathers? It began when William "Pat" Patterson retired. His replacement was well meaning, but simply unequal to the job. Some feathers were lost.

The next replacement made the mistake of hiring from without, rather than promoting from within. In doing so, he wasted years of experience (on the part of those who knew how to run an airline) by hiring people, some just recently out of college, who knew nothing about how an airline should be run. More feathers were lost.

The next replacement dragged the airline into hotels and automobile rentals, entities in which no airline has any place being in. By the time the airline divested itself of him, and his hotels and car rentals, the loss of feathers was obvious.

The next replacement, cowboy that he was, rode in tall in the saddle, and rode out with his saddle bags full of money, money that the airline desperately needed. The molting had begun in earnest when the "blue flu" struck. That unauthorized three day strike, in May of 2000, left thousands of passengers stranded. Some never made it to weddings or funerals. Many vowed never to fly United again, and they stuck to that vow. The loss of feathers was completed.

The tragedy and horror of 9/11 could have, but did not, destroy the airline. What destroyed the once beautiful image was the greed or indifference of a handful of people who should have had, but did not, have the best interest of the airline at heart.

What the future holds is anybody's guess. We know it will never be the same. The feathers cannot grow back, but those of us who were there, when the feathers were beautiful, have, at least, our memories.

George Richer, 464 N. Benton St., Palatine, IL 60067-3547

I'll be 83 in October, still playing in my Senior Softball three days a week and running in the Senior Olympics. Thanks for all the good information you provided.

Lynn Kretschmer, 913 Via Cielito, Ventura, CA 93003

Dear Harold Klobe,

Thank you so very much for your kind note to remind me about my dues.

This past year has been very hectic for us. My husband has Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer; he is on Chemo every other week. We have been dealing with the side effects of Chemo. He is finally recovering from a bad leg infection. Life is beginning to look better. We hope to attend the convention.

I flew with Captain Dahl and 2 of the flight attendants so Flight 93 is personal to me. I look forward to see the memory center. I have been there twice but early on.

I look forward to seeing you at the RUAEA convention.

God bless you all your team to help RUAEA alive. United has always been a very special family to me since 1962.

Richard C. Bresett, 1375 Vintage Way, Auburn, CA 95603-6031

I'm sorry I let my membership expire. I did not want to stop, just bad memory, I think.

I am very interested if UAL will be more friendly to us retirees with a new CEO. Any ideas?

Keep up the good work.

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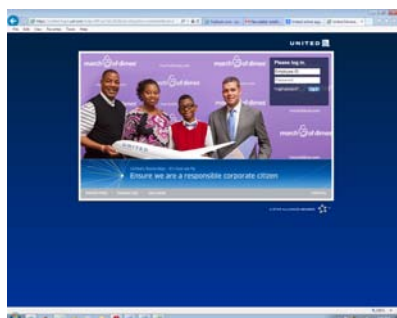
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Employee Travel Center

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The new DC-7 Mainliners had entered service June 1, 1954 and by October already accounted for 17% of total passenger operations. Other passenger operations were: DC-6 first-class, 36% - DC-6 air coaches, 20% - Convairs, 17% - DC-4 coaches, 6% - Stratocruisers, 2-1/2% - DC-3s 1%. *By Marvin Berryman, DENTK Retired, from the October 1954 United Air Lines News.*



In 1954, interested audiences gathered when United's Mainliners landed or departed. This photo at Los Angeles International Airport was a typical Main Line scene.

The 1954 181 airplane fleet was the largest in United's history. United set all-time records in the Spring and Summer of 1954 as daily Passenger Seat Miles rose 28½% and Cargo Ton Miles rose 20% over the previous year's seasonal totals.

The 1954 Fall & Winter flight schedules United Air Lines offered Passenger and Cargo customers were the greatest in history. Sales, Advertising and Publicity launched a strong merchandising campaigns on all fronts to "fill the spaces" offered. The daily Seat Miles available totaled 14,834,000 and 634,000 Ton Miles of Cargo-liner services were ready for shippers.

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Standing L to R: Dave Garland, George Midwin, Allan Popek, John Zoboli, Shirley Claggett, Don Brei, David Voit, Linda Scriven, Orville Harshbarger, Roger Casterline, Tom Goodyear, Frank Dellinger.
Sitting L to R: Peggy Dunkle, Hank Gosselin, Louis Semon, Beverly Alderdice, Don Nellans, Helen Cauwels, Treatie Karwoski, Zelma Kibler, Chuck Cole. **Kneeling:** Don Burbank

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Standing L to R: Cas Spokas, Sharon Burbank, Barbara Bertacini, Liz Tollefsen, Kathie Torgison, Elaine Tillman-Mannella, Diane Griego.

Sitting L to R: Angie Dellinger, Mary Ann Andersen, Martha Goose-law, Sybil Voss, Jeri Juth, Veronica Domaratius

Floor L to R: Marilyn Hansen, Francis Domaratius