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ARECA / RUAEA 2013 Picnic in Denver, Colorado

On August 21, the Association of Retired Employees of Continental Airlines (ARECA) and Retired United Airlines Employees Association (RUAEA) had a picnic at Wings over the Rockies Air and Space Museum in Denver, CO. On a beautiful sun filled day, the ambiance of old was the setting for an outstanding event. There were 182 attending, a mixture of United and Continental retirees. We reunited with old friends, and made new friends.

The picnic was catered by Bennett's Pit Bar-B-Que and the food was outstanding. A raffle was held which consisted of 10 winners of \$20.00, 4 winners of gift certificates and 25 winners of bottles of wine. Conversation and tales of the past and present mixed with an atmosphere of fun, laughter and joy that was had by all.

So many thanks to all for attending and special thanks to **Laura Coats, Don De Furge, Tom & Nancy Goodyear and Mickey Manfre**. We will have another great event like this next year.



*Wings Over the Rockies
Air & Space Museum*



Checking In

Mickey Manfrey addressing the crowd



L-R: Ellen Quinn, Marvin Berryman, Emily Warner () & Bonnie Dahl.
(*) Emily was the "first female airline pilot" ~ She flew for Frontier*

GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Hi Folks,

By the time you read this, our Denver Convention registration will closed. However, if you wish to register, give us a call. Although the Convention is not stacking up to be well attended, I'm sure that everyone who does attend will have a good time. I know I will enjoy the convention as always. It took a lot of work for our Vice President of Conventions, Marilyn Marcy and her team to plan and put on this Convention. No matter how many attend, the same planning steps must be accomplished.

I am a bit chagrined by the turn out for this Convention, although I know the numbers have been diminishing over the past few years. With that said, your Board of Directors will have on our agenda the frequency and feasibility of future conventions. We really need to address this issue as members support RUAEA not only with dues and reading the Newsletter, but by attending the convention and local chapter activities. Paying your dues keeps us financially able to continue with the Newsletter which ties us together. I know you all enjoy the Newsletter because of your continued membership. I also realize many of you can't attend a convention. We do try to keep you informed, not only of our members and their activities, through chapter news and letters, but information due to our liaison with the company. These are the ties that bind us as the Retired United Airlines Employees Association. At a convention, we hope to renew old friendships and make new ones as we all belonged to the same company and now also have many Continental Retirees joining our ranks. We will soon let you know of future conventions. I urge you all to contact the Director of your respective regions and relay your thoughts regarding conventions. Again, I applaud the efforts of everyone involved in putting on the 2013 Denver convention.

Hank Gosselin
President – RUAEA

RUAEA 2013 Convention Update



As you read the print version of the October newsletter, RUAEA members along with their family and friends are in route to Denver for the 2013 convention, by planes, trains and automobiles. For those of you arriving by plane, the courtesy bus leaves from DIA to the DoubleTree every 30 minutes at 15 and 45 after the hour. The easiest route from the claim area is leaving through door 506 or 510, and take the crosswalk to island 3. The bus will pick you up somewhere in that area. Look for the bus with the big cookie on the side. Remember, there are two DoubleTree hotels. Get off at the second stop, the DoubleTree North.

It is promising to be a great convention and everyone involved with the planning is excited about hosting the convention in Denver and its environs. The Rocky Mountain National Park/Estes and Air Force Academy/COS tours especially will be a visual treat for those onboard.

As I am sure you are aware this activity could not have taken place without the support of our wonderful volunteers.

Heartfelt thanks to the following:

- ❖ **Juliana Alfonso** – Treasurer
- ❖ **Martha Gooselaw** and daughters, **Dianne Adkins**, **Dayna Roberts** and **Deniece Morris** – Table arrangements
- ❖ **Carole Longbella**, **Carol Bare** and **Marilyn Hansen** – Registration packages
- ❖ **Tom Goodyear** – Docent for DENTK tour

- ❖ **John Koehl** –Tour planner extraordinaire (we might even see the camp John went to while he was in high school in Denver)
- ❖ **Helen Cauwels** – Registration Chair
- ❖ **John Chu, Veronica & Francis Domaratius** – Newsletter publicity
- ❖ **Denver MileHighers chapter** – Hotel support
- ❖ **Tom Marcy** – Assistant Registrar and AV Liaison
- ❖ Board members – **Roger Casterline, John Zoboli, Virgil Gooselaw, Mike Richards, Diane Griego, Linda Scriven, Chuck & Sharon Cole, Ron & Barbara Bertacini, Hal & Donna Klobe, Nancy & Jack Hooper.**

Marilyn Marcy – VP Convention

Annual Benefits Enrollment begins November 4th



Fall is fast approaching, and you know what that means – it's just about time for 2014 Annual Benefits Enrollment! This year, United benefits-eligible retirees will have the opportunity to enroll from November 4 - 15, 2013.

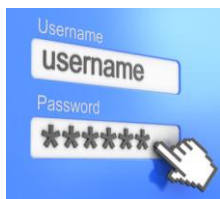
With the new health care reform laws, United is making a few medical plan updates for its before-Medicare benefits-eligible retirees — the same changes that will apply to active co-workers. You'll see additional medical insurance options available through the new state-run Health Insurance Marketplaces. Although United will continue to offer medical plan options in 2014, you may find more cost-effective coverage through the Marketplaces. As you prepare for Annual Benefits Enrollment, United encourages you to explore all options available to determine which is best for you.

For benefits-eligible retirees with Medicare, your United plans will remain unchanged, they'll just be administered by Aetna. United is also excited to announce that Kaiser will be expanding its Medicare Advantage plan network into the mid-Atlantic and Atlanta, so Medicare-eligible retirees will now have a new option available in those areas.

As previously announced, Aetna will serve as United's primary medical provider for its U.S. medical plans in 2014. The transition to Aetna means access to valuable new tools and resources, including healthy lifestyle coaching, medical concierge services, and a dedicated care advocate team. It's also important to know that United's prescription drug benefits are not changing; they will continue to be provided through Express Scripts. In addition, the behavioral health benefits will remain the same and continue to be provided through Value Options.

For information about your benefits and the new Health Insurance Marketplaces, watch for *Benefit – it's your life* communication in late September. You'll also receive more detailed information and enrollment instructions in the late October enrollment issue.

Flying Together Access Reminder



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

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

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

Be alert to phishing scams



In an increasingly complex and connected world, we all need to play our part in keeping United secure and safe. Recently, government agencies have alerted us to a direct threat to our airport locations, which would most likely take the form of a spear phishing attack. Spear phishing is a type of criminal attack that targets a specific organization, seeking unauthorized access to confidential data. Co-workers should be especially cautious when opening emails that appear to be from airline advocacy groups or freight shipping companies.

Phishing emails typically appear to come from a trusted individual or a well-known company or government agency. They entice you to click on a link that will take you to a fraudulent website where you may be asked to provide personal information, such as account usernames and passwords. The websites or the email may also contain malicious code that infects your computer.

To avoid being the victim of a phishing scam, ask yourself:

- ✓ Do I know the sender?
- ✓ Does the content of this message make sense? (You receive a link to get tracking information for a package you're not expecting.)
- ✓ Am I the only recipient? (You get a link to view transaction details for a recent payment, but the email message has 20 recipients with the same first name.)

If you see a link in a suspicious email message, don't click on it. Rest your mouse (but do not click) on the link to see if the address matches the link in the message. If it doesn't, it may be a phishing email.

Prepare a backup plan when pass traveling



With the busy summer travel season winding down, United is still seeing strong load factors in its international locations that may prevent the company from accommodating all pass riders. UA is seeing more pass riders looking for different routes to and from their final destinations. United strongly encourages all pass riders to prepare alternate routings on United or to secure backup passes for travel on other airlines (OA), if eligible, before departing their originating cities.

Eligible co-workers and retirees may buy electronic Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) tickets on more than 45 OA carriers through the ID90T website, which is available through employeeRES > Quick Links tab and on Travel > Other Airline/Interline Travel.

A number of OA carriers still require a paper ticket for travel. Pass travelers must request ZED and Industry Discount (ID) paper tickets through the New Ticket Requests form available on Travel > Other Airline/Interline Travel > New Ticket Requests. OA paper ticket requests will be processed within four hours and an email with a confirmation code will be sent. Eligible pass riders can then purchase their advance OA paper tickets from their local employee travel offices, most United airport ticket counters or city ticket offices.

When considering OA backup plans, plan accordingly, verify eligibility and review the listing/reservation guidelines in advance of your travel date. To learn which OA carriers with which United has an eTicket agreement and to learn how to list on OA carriers, visit the specific airline's interline agreement information in the drop down menu on the Other Airline/Interline Travel page.

In addition, please respect airport co-workers' need to focus on United's revenue customers during this busy travel period. Please be patient and allow sufficient time at the airport for ticketing assistance.

Spend \$5 more per year to get the RUAEA newsletter online version and the paper copy



The online newsletter is available approximately 2 weeks before the print copy is delivered. You get the news sooner. In addition, you have access to past newsletters through the archive. Contact the RUAEA secretaries at (303) 780-5022 to learn how to add this value to your membership.

The RUAEA Online Newsletter Archive is available back to August 2003. This enables members to view the following:

- UA Skynet Obituaries from August 2003 to April 2012
- Medco Ask The Pharmacist

- Ask The Doctor, Dr. Reider
- Past Conventions
- Convention Benefits Panel Discussions
- Pass Travel
- Health Care Benefits/Open Enrollment
- SkyNet/Flying Together pertinent articles
- Easy Does It Recipes, Helen Cain
- Travel Tips From Torgy, RUAEA, Kirk Moore, RUAEA/RAFA, Connie Glattly, /RUAEA, Jim Morehead, RUAEA/RUPA
- Chapter reports from August 2003

United Invites Retirees to SFO Family Day



United would like to advise the UAL retirement community about its upcoming 8th Annual Family Day at the SFO Maintenance Base. This event has been popular with retirees in the past, so United wanted to be sure that all know the details for this year's date, times, and how to obtain wristbands for entrance to the event.

8th Annual United Airlines SFO Family Day:

- For United Airlines Employees & Retirees, and their family & friends
- Sunday, October 13th, 2013
- 11:00am – 4:30pm
- San Francisco Maintenance Base
- Event Includes: Aircraft Displays, Plane Pull Contest, Live Music, Car Show, Kids Carnival Area, Paper Airplane Contest, Parade, Aircraft Tours, Engine Shop Test Cell Tours, Exhibits & Displays, Food Vendors, and More!
- Up to 4 entrance tickets per employee/retiree can be requested via email to: SF-FamilyDay@united.com.

Volunteers ~ United will also welcome retirees to volunteer for Family Day! Volunteer shifts are typically only 2-3 hours so that you have an opportunity to enjoy Family Day as well! United provides volunteers with a meal, t-shirt and other perks including preferred parking. You may email SF-FamilyDay@united.com or sign up at bit.ly/SF-FamilyDay2013.

You Are Invited To The First Annual United Aloha Reunion Affair



Sunday, October 20, 2013 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM - The Ballroom at Chandler's Schaumburg Country Club, 401 North Roselle Road | Schaumburg, IL 60194, www.chandlerschophouse.com/

Festive Aloha and Vintage Uniform Attire requested. To register, RSVP, and confirm your attendance, please visit unitedalohareunion.eventbrite.com. Registrations close on October 1st, 2013. Register Today!

For additional information, please contact **Joanne Calabrese**, joanne.calabrese@comcast.net or **Mary Gagnon**, MWG835@aol.com.

IRS rules same-sex couples will be treated as married



On Aug. 29, 2013, the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) ruled that same-sex couples, legally married in jurisdictions that recognize their marriages, will be treated as married for federal tax purposes. The ruling applies regardless of whether the couple lives in a jurisdiction that recognizes same-sex marriage or a jurisdiction that does not recognize same-sex marriage. However, the ruling does not apply to registered domestic partnerships, civil unions or similar formal relationships

recognized under state law.

In July, the U.S. Supreme Court decision invalidated a key provision of the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), and United awaited additional guidance to know how to implement these changes. A cross-divisional team from legal, payroll, benefits, tax, IT and other departments has been addressing the compliance requirements under this federal ruling. United expects additional guidance later this year in order to inform co-workers in advance of the 2013 year-end tax-filing period. United will provide additional updates as it finalizes the implementation plan.

Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank Eggles



A Pennsylvania County is exploring the possibility of extending a public trail system to the Flight 93 National Memorial which honors the passengers and crew of the United Airlines plane which crashed onto the field on September 11th, 2001. Somerset County will seek proposals for a feasibility study on the best way to extend the Great Allegheny Passage bike trail north of the Memorial. Already, Somerset County has obtained more than \$100,000 in grants and donations for the project.

To donate to the chapel, make check payable to United Airlines Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to: Frank J. Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pike, B307. Newtown Square, PA 19073-4252.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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

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

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LOCAL NEWS

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Our 3rd Anniversary meeting was held Thursday, August 15, in the Cubi Bar Café in the NAS Pensacola National Aviation museum. We never get tired of this place! 18 Members attended: **Nancy Aldrich, Conrad Hamilton, Bill Hayden, Bob & Bev Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Park & Billie Learned, Ray & My Owens, Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, and Tommy & Sande Zander.** We were thrilled that **Norm Reinoehl** was able to attend this month after those pesky raccoons messed up their fish pond last month and he was left home by **Jeanne** to clean up the mess! Again, **Harold Stofko** wasn't feeling well at the last minute and could not attend. We were sorry that **Steve Wilkey** and **Annie Kirkpatrick Wilkey** were unable to attend due to the death of **Steve's** youngest brother. We missed them very much and send them our condolences.

After lunch orders were placed, **Bill Hayden & Barbara Serra** sold our raffle tickets. When we finished lunch, a chocolate cake with "Happy 3rd Anniversary UAL Retirees" on it, along with small airplanes, was enjoyed by all.

Bob Schwartz, President, called our meeting to order at 12:50 PM. **Norm Reinoehl** was asked to draw the raffle ticket for the winner. Our winners were **Billie & Park Learned**. Congratulations! Tickets were then drawn for the extra delicious cookies, as if the cake was not enough for us! Winners were **Jeanne Reinoehl, Conrad Hamilton, Billie Learned, Tommy Zander** and **Rick Herrick**. No one had a problem finishing off their cookies and cake! We do enjoy our dessert!

The Agenda, Minutes and Financial Report were approved as emailed with no corrections. Our President then announced that since it was our 3rd Anniversary for our Chapter that it also meant it was time to elect new officers. Immediately, **Conrad Hamilton** made a motion that the current officers be re-elected for another term and everyone present seconded his motion instantly! So, our President, **Bob Schwartz**, then borrowed a line from the **Re-LAX-ers** newsletter article, "*It's sinking in that many of these positions have a "forever clause" that we didn't read.*" All of our officers said they did not mind serving another term since this is such a **great** group. So, our repeating officers for another year will be: President - **Bob Schwartz**, Vice President - **Bill Hayden**, Secretary - **Yvonne Schwartz**, and Treasurer-**Barbara Serra**. Thank you members!

Our September birthday persons are **Patty Southworth** (9th), **Conrad Hamilton** (10th), **Norm Reinoehl** (11th), **Bill Hayden** (16th), **Barbara Serra** (16th), and **Bev Heinrich** (21st).

Our October birthdays are **Ray Owens** (1st), **My Owens** (8th), **Billie Learned** (10th), **Ann Delavan** (11th), **Jim Alston** (22nd), **Bill Delavan** (23rd), and **George Atteberry** (27th). Happy Birthday to all of you! We feel it's something that both our Vice-President and Treasurer celebrate their birthdays on September 16th.

Conrad Hamilton told us Manna Food Bank really appreciated our donation to them and he then gave us a little history on them. They were started by a UPS driver approximately 30 years ago from his driveway and are now in many locations in other states.

Discussion was held regarding the possible tropical storm that is brewing in the Gulf of Mexico and after the group learned that **Bob & Yvonne Schwartz** have never been through a hurricane, lots of helpful hints were given to them.

Billie & Park Learned said they will miss our next meeting and will be in Tuscaloosa, AL for the game between Alabama and Colorado State. **Park** graduated from Colorado State.

Our chapter continues to meet on the third Thursday of each month and we meet in the Cubi Bar Café in the National Naval Aviation Museum at NAS Pensacola, FL. Visitors are always welcome to attend and if you live in our area (Panama Beach, FL - East to Mississippi border - West), please come join us. We always begin at 11:30 AM.

Calendar:
September 19
October 17

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Submitted by Donna Gooch

Thirteen retirees and spouses met at Dodiyo's in Homewood for our August meeting. As usual, we began with the Pledge of Allegiance. A discussion of the rumored \$10,000 life insurance for retirees was a topic of interest. However, those who had called the Benefits Center were told they did not qualify.

The abundance of rain this summer was also discussed, especially with **Bill Preston** who is probably our "master gardener". Those attending were **Jim & Donna Gooch, Bobby & Jean Cox, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Joe & Jane Jones, Bill Preston, Travis Glass, Charlotte Gibson, Joe Duncan** and **Gay Fowler**. If you are in the Birmingham area, we meet the second Monday each month at 11:30 am and you would be very welcome to join us!

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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Congratulations to the new Board of Directors for the Azures: **Don Brei** as our Vice President; **Joe Hopkins** will remain as Treasurer (stay friends with him); and **Carol Liltz** will remain the Secretary and Correspondent for the RUAEA newsletter Azures chapter. The board will preside over the meetings/luncheons and will act as co-Presidents until a member "steps up to the plate" and volunteers as President.

Beardsley Park is the site for our October picnic and first get-together of the 2013/14 season. We always have a good turnout since it's been five months (thru the long hot AZ summer) since the members got together and old memories and friends get rekindled. The weather in October is always pleasant for an outside gathering and we always have a fun time. The date is October 26 (postponed to accommodate a few members that will be attending the Denver convention) at Ramada #3 from 11am-3pm. Our luncheon will be catered from Jimmy John's with a choice of turkey or roast beef sandwich boxes, with water and soda provided by the Azures. The cost will be \$12.00/per person. A separate note will be sent via email to the members with more information regarding confirming with **Joe Hopkins** for the luncheon.

A few notes from the members:

Joan & Richard Aaronson's daughter, Karen, is getting remarried on October 26. This is good news for the family since Karen lost her loving husband in an accident a few years ago and her son, Sam, lost his father when he had a heart attack while swimming in the triathlon for the "Run For The Cure" for junior diabetes which Sam has suffered with from birth. Please join the Azures with sending love and happiness at this joyous occasion for the family. Joan & Richard's address is: 15574 West Piccadilly Road, Goodyear, AZ 85395.

Jean Kerman is traveling to Alaska on a cruise/tour (I think she said it was her 13th time) for 12 days. Sounds wonderful!

Vivian Klick is back from a Labor Day weekend with a friend to visit her daughter, Vivian, and her family in California. She was also celebrating her "special" birthday.

Susie Hughes has not had a very good 2013. First, she had bypass surgery, and then a couple of stents put in her heart. Last month, she ended up with Bell's Palsy. She is recovering nicely and still plans to attend the Denver RUAEA convention, **Sherry Muoio** will also attend.

Vic & Carol Liltz are back from Illinois after an unusual long stay in Huntley, IL. The weather was beautiful and we were able to get out of the Arizona heat. We enjoyed the grandchildren and family and friends.

The last week of the visit, though, Vic ended up in the hospital overnight with a viral infection and high fever (103.5). So, I got him up, put ice packs in his armpits (a trick from the paramedics when he had his staph infection a couple of years ago) and got him to Sherman Hospital in Elgin, IL. One night with IVs, lots of fluids and he was "like new"... almost! Another scare but it worked out fine.

Mike & Claudia Richards are off to the Denver convention as Mike is now the Executive Vice President of RUAEA. Congratulations, Mike!

Remember to bring gifts (lotions, soaps, socks, small blankets, cute and cuddly stuffed animals to **Joan Aaronson** either at the Beardsley picnic or before so that she can get the gifts for the Fantasy Flight. The children love receiving these gifts and are thankful for your donations. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Our breakfasts continue at Coco's, 98th and Bell Road, Sun City West, AZ at 0800 every other Tuesday. October dates are October 8 and October 22. Please call **Jim Bechtold**, 465-5423 or **Sherry Muoio**, 572-4828 for reservations.

Calendar:

October 26 - Beardsley Park picnic - S.C.W. - Ramada #3

November 16 - Briarwood C.C. - S.C.W. - Thanksgiving menu

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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By the time most of you receive this newsletter, we'll be at the RUAEA Convention in Denver, CO or at least getting set to go. We hope to see many of our fellow retirees there. It should be a fun time and the weather should be great too!

We met again for our monthly breakfast August 23rd at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert with about 16 attending. Our President, **Shirley Claggett** and our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, were not able to be there; but, our Treasurer, **Rita Zarek** was, which was very helpful. There were a lot of conversations going on, which makes it very interesting. This summer, we started a magazine, puzzle and book exchange at our get-togethers. So, if you have any of these items that you no longer need to keep, bring them along to the breakfasts, as there may be someone there that might be interested in one or more of the items. It's a good way to circulate items before they land in a landfill somewhere. We also are still collecting plastic bags, which are used to make mats for the homeless. **Pat Nicholaisen**, one of our members, brings them to the St. Stevens Catholic Church in Sun Lakes, where their members make up these mats. They really are wonderful.

Remember to continue collecting items for the children involved in the Fantasy Flight, which will be held this year on December 6th. They need individual blankets, cuddly-stuffed animals, socks, mittens, plus any small soaps, shampoo, and lotions. The items are for children in Kindergarten or first grade. We need a lot of items as there are usually over 100 children involved in this project. You can make many children happy by your contributions!

We're already making plans for various luncheons and other activities for the rest of 2013 and into 2014. Our President, **Shirley Claggett**, sent out an email to all our members listing dates and places where we plan to meet. If you haven't seen this list, please let one of our officers know, so we can provide you with a copy. Be sure and mark your calendars so you don't miss any of our get-togethers. We have some exciting things coming up!

In October, we will be meeting for breakfast as usual on Friday morning, October 25, starting at 9:15 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert. Please let **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, know by Wednesday, October 23rd, if you are planning on attending. She needs a breakfast count to let the restaurant know how many to plan for. **Peg** can be reached at (480) 396-3317 or by email at phomfeldt@cox.net. We hope many snowbirds will be back by then. We welcome any guest that might be in town that morning. We want to extend an invitation to all United or Continental retirees, 55 years and over, to attend any of our breakfasts or luncheons. Please come and find out for yourself what a great group of people belong to the Re-United's Chapter. You'll be glad you did!

We won't be having a luncheon in October because of the RUAEA Convention going on this month; but, we do plan on meeting for lunch on November 6th at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 1318 N. Cooper Rd. in Gilbert. More details will be coming out soon.

We have the following members having a birthday in October. They are: **Carol Ward** (10/6), **Jennifer Strohmaier** (10/8), **Bob Forsberg** (10/10), **Donna Pedone** (10/10), **Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/12), **Homer Warthen** (10/19), and **Bob Hallden** (10/25). Happy Birthday to all! We have several couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries and they are: **Christine & Bill Rang** (10/18/81), **Dot & Pete Kuspis** (10/21/50), **Kathy & Jim Brigante** (10/24/64), **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck** (10/25/58), and **Nancy & Graham Snediker** (10/25/2005). Happy Anniversary to all the couples!

Calendar:

October 9 – 13 – RUAEA Convention in Denver, CO.

October 25 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 East Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Contact **Peg Snowdall** with your reservation by Oct. 23rd at 480-396-3317, or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

November 6 – Luncheon at the Golden Coral Restaurant in Gilbert. More details to come.

November 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

December 4 - Christmas Luncheon in Sun Lakes

December 20 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner



TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Prescott Tall Pines chapter! We regret to report that our member **Marilyn Henze** suffered a stroke and at this writing (9/6/13) is being cared for at a local rehab facility. She is soon to be discharged, and will continue her recuperation at home. For those wanting to send their best wishes, her home address is: P.O. Box 12020, Prescott Valley, AZ 86304.

Our chapter members continue to have problems with the retiree badge issue. **Vikki Krause** never received her badge; **Joe Tomasic** never received his badge. We did, however, receive a receipt for our payments. **Earle Risdon** did receive his badge, but the photo on the badge was not of him! We are still looking for answers.

Calendar:

October 15 – Lone Spur Café, 11:00AM. Hope to see you all there.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Chopstix was the place sixteen of us met for our August luncheon. No one was disappointed and a good time was had by all. This is especially true for the winners of our 50/25/25 raffle **Jeff Lawyer** and **Merritt McGlothlin**. Our thanks go out to **John Bennatts** for organizing and hosting the luncheon.

Saddlebrook Country Club on September 19th is the place to be in September. Our hosts are **Ron & Shirley Robertson**. Lunch will include soup, salad, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages for a fixed cost of \$16. The entree choice will be a Cobb Salad or a Parmesan Crusted Turkey Sandwich. In addition, the ever popular Bloody Mary will be available for \$4. Cocktails will be served at 11:30A. Please contact **Ron** or **Shirley Robertson** at (520) 818-3020 or send your e-mail to ronandshirey@msn.com by September 12th. This is a prepaid luncheon so all are encouraged to RSVP and send their checks to the **Robertsons**. **Ron** has also extended an invitation to **Bob Hallden**, the Arizona Director of RUAEA and **Mike Richards**, the Executive Vice President of RUAEA for this month's luncheon.

Our next stop in October will be Shlomo & Vito's Delicatessen on October 17th. **Ed Kokot** will be hosting the luncheon. Please contact **Ed** (520) 229-2059 by the 14th if you are planning to attend. The delicatessen is located at 2870 E. Skyline Dr., also known as the southwest corner of Skyline and Campbell. We will be ordering from the menu. Please plan on being there at 11:30AM.

Calendar:

September 19 - Saddlebrook Country Club, hosted by **Ron & Shirley Robertson**

October 17 - Shlomo & Vito's Delicatessen, hosted by **Ed Kokot**

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS



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Our meeting was held on August 21st at Marie Callender's restaurant with 16 members in attendance. **Bob Wagner's** wife **Pat** was unable to attend and we hope she will be able to be at our next meeting. The luncheon was hosted by **Al & Marilyn Rybar** with assorted table treats.

President **Mike Zoldak** opened the meeting. We were so happy to see his wife **Bridget** with us. Our Treasurer, **Marcia Stanger** reported that our treasury is fine and no new information. As Secretary, I informed the members about **Howard Lackey's** health issues that I was able to find out about from the ReLAXer's secretary. Mike sent him a card from our Chapter.

Mike Zoldak keeps in touch with SFOMB employees and he said that work has been brought into the Base. One big project is the repair of the nose cones, not only UAL's, but also outside work. The Jet Shop was to be sold. The new owners were to remove the building and rebuild, until they found out that the pollution of the ground was going to be a problem. The future of the Jet Shop is still uncertain.

Mike visited the Flight 93 memorial and he brought the pictures he had taken to share with those of us who did not see it before. He also located some old UAL items that might have been discarded, until he decided to donate them to the Historical Society. This he did, and he read to us the disclosure letter, releasing the items, he sent. I guess this was to protect everyone from law suits.

I had heard that **Bob Stanger** had knee surgery. I didn't get to see him until our meeting and he walked pretty normal. I found out he had a complete knee replacement a month ago and he was happy with the result. He was in a fairly new Hospital, in Santa Maria that he couldn't praise more. Besides the surgery, he said that there was a wing that had private rooms and the way it was laid out, there was little or no commotion or noise. We have great hospitals on the Central Coast, but according to Bob, this one is the one he would go to anytime. He was to see the doctor and find out when he can play golf again. It's hard to keep a good golfer out of action.

John Stilwell asked if anyone was going to go to the Convention in DEN. It appears that John will be the only one attending. He plans on going to the Presidents meeting and if he can fit it in, he will also try and attend the Correspondents one also. He usually comes back with a lot of news.

Joan Schaefer's husband **Peter** will be going in for back surgery in September. It will be an extensive procedure and we are praying it will be successful and he can be at our October meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 23rd. We needed a host and **Bob & Marcia Stanger** volunteered to find a place for us to attend. **John Stilwell** has a place he will look into and let Bob know.

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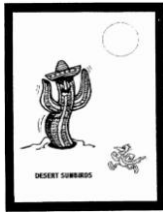
After enjoying four months of summer vacation, Brazen Raisins got off to a new start. There were eight attendees and two guests, **Roger Casterline** and **Zelma Kibler**. **Elida & Reuben Rivas** were unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency in the Bay Area. We met at Marie Callender's in Fresno and it was hosted by **Virginia Van Patten**. During the vacation time, **Hazel Hayes** sent cards to all who had birthdays or anniversaries - **John Oakshott** had his 80th birthday on July 29th; **Reuben Rivas**' birthday on August 22nd; **Dick Shryock** has his 87th birthday on September 29th. The two anniversaries were the **Barnetts** and **Van Pattens**.

Dick Hayes told about flying to Pennsylvania due to a death in his family. While there, Dick & Hazel stayed free in a motel for four nights. The first night Dick went out the door; he could not get back in. The lock was broken, so they had to have management come and help Hazel get out of the room. Needless to say, the management gave them a suite for the rest of their stay.

The 50/50 raffle and a ceramic dish were won by **Roger Casterline** and some hand towels by **Zelma Kibler**. **Hazel Hayes** traded **Nile Jones** the vase she won for a United cardigan. **Dick Shryock** won a non-slip mat and the **Oakshotts** won a pretty kitchen carpet.

We are all looking forward to October and the potluck at **Lincoln & Nile Jones**' home.

DESERT SUNBIRDS



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The Desert Sunbirds met at the Crab Pot Restaurant in Rancho Mirage for our August Luncheon. Hosted by **Marge Lenz** and **Ken Hawley**, thirty hardy members and guests braved temperatures in excess of 110 degrees to enjoy selections from Cobb Salad, Grilled Salmon, Chicken Parmesan, and a "Colossal" Burger.

Guests this month: **Winnie Sher** brought **Irene Knudsen**, a former PAA and AA Flight Attendant. Irene is also a good friend and next-door neighbor to **Marge Lenz**, one of our hosts for the Luncheon. And, as usual, I brought Marji.

Our President, "Magic" **Mike Bailardo**, missed this Luncheon, as he is performing his Magic Show at County Fairs in Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. He will also miss the September Meeting, but is preparing a Video Show for the group in October. The subject - Sky Net & Pass Travel. He might have to include a little "Magic" to get this reporter to understand our travel procedures.

Sandy Sereno missed the Luncheon as she was visiting her sister in Pennsylvania. **Dede Utzinger** housesits in her absence.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Jerry Waiss**, as he is scheduled for heart surgery in September.

Congratulations to our September Anniversary Couples: **Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan** (31 years on September 8th); and **Jim & Vivian Rotella** (55 years on September 26th).

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Fred Kellerhals**. **Mark Kaplan** won \$40.00 in the 50/50 drawing. Door prizes were won by **Melinda Lerg** (bottle of wine), and **Doreen Roberts** (Truffles).

Calendar:

October 9 - Ron & Melinda Lerg

November 13 - John & Maureen Schultz

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on August 28 at Fia's Bistro in Grass Valley. This was hosted by **Ron & Judie King**. We had 41 Gold Diggers attending. Our Chapter President, **Hank Wikstad**, welcomed those attending. The members thanked the Kings for hosting.

Officers Reports:

President ~ **Hank Wikstad** asked the officers to give their reports.

Vice President ~ **Orville Harshbarger** said all luncheons have hosts now through the end of the year. He said he is opening up the hosting calendar for next year. Please let him know when you would like to host a luncheon.

Secretary ~ **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for August. Those 50 years and over: **Bob & Margaret Eggert** – 57 years; **Karl & Ruth Stamnitz** – 57 years; **Daniel & Rosemary Figueroa** – 57 years. **Harold Esola** led us in singing the anniversary song. Harold also thanked everyone who sent him a get well card.

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

Sunshine ~ **Alice McPeak** sent a get well card to **Harold Esola**. She is sending a card around for us to sign for **Bob Fulkerson** as he fell from a ladder and broke his pelvis.

Historian ~ **Stephanie Norton** talked about our next meeting which will be a picnic in the park. She wanted to emphasize that we will have a raffle at our picnic. Also please remember to come in the second gate.

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

RUAEA ~ **Ron Bertacini** reminded us of the convention on October 9th thru 13th. He hopes you have already registered. He says this will be another good convention. On Friday night, there is plan for an Oktoberfest party with Beer & Brats and a band at the Double Tree Hotel.

Calendar:

September 25 – Commodore Park, Penn Valley hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**

October 30 - Combined luncheon with the Solano Flyers in Vacaville

November 27 – No luncheon

December 11 – Christmas luncheon at Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley hosted by **Dale & Dorothy Volker** and **Hank & Rose Wikstad**



HANGTOWN MINERS

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*Pictured L to R: Treasurer **Tom Kenny**, Historian **Linda Lima**, VP **Bill Dinette**, President **Rudy Blazius**, Secretary **Jane Gibson** and Sunshine **Jeanette D'Amico**.*

The "theme" for our luncheon was Hot August Nights which gave us Corvettes, Muscle Cars, Classic Chevys and Fords - Add a gorgeous day, water running in the creek, scenic hillside winery, good friends enjoying each other's company, delicious food - just doesn't get any better! Okay, so the cars were Match Box Cars, but everything else was real! **Carolyn Woolston, Suzie & Tom Kenny** put together this wonderful luncheon at the Boeger Winery in Placerville for the Hangtown Miners. The 32 Miners attending send their enthusiastic "Thank You" to Carolyn, Suzie and Tom.

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** just happened to schedule his 69th birthday on August 12th! **Joe & Lynda Lima** celebrated their 48th anniversary this month. Congratulations to each of you! Rudy passed on the information that **Jim Sawyer** passed away; Jim worked for UAL 35 years at SFOCU. He was living in Lincoln Hills.

Vice President ~ **Bill Dinette** had no report.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** had nothing new to report.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** reported that our checking account has \$1,499.61. Tom also mentioned that we have not heard from the IRS concerning our nonprofit status number. If there's no word by the end of the month, he will be calling!

Sunshine ~ **Jeanette D'Amico** reported that she sent a Get Well card to **Andi Stuchell**. Andi has been having problems with her legs but I'm happy to report that Andi and Tom were at our luncheon and she is doing well. Jeanette also let us know that **Darryll Stroud** is still in a rehabilitation facility in Auburn. Darryll, our best wishes and thoughts go out to you.

Historian ~ **Lynda Lima** has done a wonderful job keeping a record album(s) for our group. She (usually) brings these albums to our luncheons so if you haven't looked through them, be sure to take the time to do so.

New Business ~ Rudy updated us on information that was covered in the last RUAEA Newsletter.

Old Business ~ Do you have a current copy of our Hangtown Miners Member list? If you need/want a copy, let either myself or **Thom Biro** know and we will be sure to get a list to you.

Rudy closed our meeting and the Drawing Of Opportunity began. **Suzie Kenny** was the winner of the donator's ticket. As usual, there was a nice selection of gifts from which to choose. A big "Thank You" goes to: Dellinger - picture frame; Dinette - wine; Lima - basket; Buschman - book; Heier - air diffuser; Kenny - wine; Woolston - wine; Czapkay - flash light; Akin - silk tree and eggs; Quinnell - wine; Ouchi - wine; Wolfram - jewelry; D'Amico - kitchen tea towels & plum jam; Kenney - appetizer basket; Somplack - picture frame; and the bottle of wine on each table.

Please take special note: Our September luncheon will be on the **second** Tuesday! We will be dining at the Golden Dragon Restaurant in Placerville and they are not open on Mondays! Since Mondays can be a difficult day for some of you, hopefully you will be able to get to this luncheon.

REDWOOD EMPIRE **RETIREES**

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31 members and 13 guests enjoyed our annual picnic at Armstrong Grove, held on August 8. After a delicious chicken barbeque luncheon, President **George Schwind** welcomed everyone and thanked our hostess Verda and her son Bart and our Chef Steve from John's Traveling Bar B Que.

VP Brandon was out of town so President George introduced our guests: **Lee Trevelyn** and **Lynn Cassili**, guests of **Barney & Claire Hagen**; **Ed & Margret Nelson**, guests of **Les Carey**; **George & Sue Hirsch**, guests of **Valerie Hulsey**; **Nely & Cor Kemp**, guests of **Nick & Maria van Kruining**; **Zelma Kibler**, guest of **Roger Casterline**; **Angela Saul**, guest of **Inara & Heino Witt**; **Pam Olson**, guest of **Edie Olso**; **Marlene von Borstel**, guest of **Naomi Tolf** and **Bart Burr**, our bartender, son of **Verda Burr**.

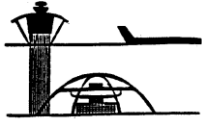
Treasurer **Jan Blackburn** was on vacation so she will give a report next month.

Last month, it was suggested we have a guest speaker at luncheons where a good speaker system is available. The final count on the vote was 19 Yes and 8 No, so a speaker will be arranged for our November meeting.

Barney Hagen reported that per the pilots website, Pass Travel is going well and if you know how to use a computer and you have a laptop, bring it with you so you have something to do while sitting in the bar and you can quickly make changes etc. He also reported there are some Global Passes available to aid frequent travelers to pass through security quickly. More information can be found at the UAL travel website.

Sunshine lady Verda announced **Joan Sheehan**, **Rodney Medeiros** and **Fred McCawley** had birthdays this month but none of them were present. **Rodney & Gussie Medeiros** celebrated their 55th Anniversary and **Ron & Joanne Huhn** celebrated their 57th.

As always, the raffle was fun and lots wine and candy were given away. The luncheon on September 12 will be held at La Gare in Santa Rosa and will be hosted by **Jan Blackburn** and **Valerie Hulsey**.



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Our steak-fry starts off with good steaks and we put our best guys at the grill to cook your steak to perfection. **Louis Horompoly**, **Peter Schuster**, **Matt McMillon** and **Gary Edson**. To accompany that steak, **Barbara Schuster** brought green salads and a huge bowl of tomatoes from Peter's garden. **Betty Rodgers** supplied the potato salad for all and **Ester Horompoly** graciously served it. **Betty Kopp** brought watermelon and **Jeananne Bunch** brought strawberries for the smashing accompaniment. We thank all these devoted volunteers and also we thank our "do everything guy" **Charles Onesko** who led his group cleaning and covering the tables and cleaning up! Thanks for the sweet stuff on the dessert table from **Ruth Takaki**, **Val Braun** and **Donna Klobe**. Great steak fry!

We welcomed **Tom Labrow** who came all the way from Bullhead City, with guests **Georgina & John Cocchia**. **Jack & Olga Kotin** brought their darling 11 month-old granddaughter and parents to charm us all. **Jeananne Bunch** brought her husband, **Bobby**, after a long recuperation period from cancer. It was a great treat to see them all.

We missed some regular attendees, **Barbara Whelpton** was caring for a friend with cancer and her travel companion, **Pat Mosk**, was attending a wedding up in the wine country.

Our leader of "Fantasy Flight", **Laly Savoy** raffled off a huge "Summer Picnic" gift basket donated by **Ann Chorbi**.

We wish to thank **Pat Cottrell** for offering her beautiful collection of scarves that she creates and then donates part of the income to the Fantasy Flight. We have many volunteers from our Re-LAX-ers, who are devoted in their support of the Fantasy Flight and will be there to celebrate its 20th year on December 7th, 2013!

We congratulate **Ester & Louis Horompoly**, who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a trip back to the northeast where they first met.

A sad email from a family member of **Peter Criscione**'s was sent to advise that Peter and his wife have been placed in a home with complete care. They both have been in ill health for the past few years and we have not seen them for a long time. We send our prayers and love. We have no other information to share.

Joanne Koester has recovered from bronchial asthma with the help of medicine and acupuncture and she hopes to see us in October.

We want to welcome our latest member, **Diane Cannon** who retired from LAXKA. Welcome and we hope to see you soon.

Calendar:

October 3 - Luncheon at the Proud Bird

RESANS

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In spite of the heat and humidity here the last couple of weeks, we had twenty two in attendance for our monthly breakfast. **Betty Tomaino** and **Greg Krok** were in charge as **Debby & Robert Taylor** and I were unable to attend.

Eliot & Jackie Schwartz are going on a fall cruise in New England. **Bob Vitello** and his wife are in Chicago. **Ralph & Mary Hernandez** took an Alaskan cruise; Mary's sister from Ireland flew in and joined them.

Jim Sheehan has become a great grandfather to a baby girl, Charlotte Joy, who will be called Charley. **Peggy Van Sickle**'s granddaughter has begun her first year of college at Iowa State and loves it. Her mother, Jennifer, and grandmother Peggy, both worked at San Diego. Jennifer married and moved to Iowa.

Doris Ailshie is traveling to Taos, New Mexico with her church group. **Jack Christy** joined us after a long absence. It was good to see him again.

Jim Sheehan won the 50/50 raffle and gave his winnings back to RESANS group.

That's the news for this month. We are having a good summer here and wish the same for you.

Calendar:

October 3 - Monthly breakfast at the Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226 0255.

SFO/SJC



SOUTH BAY RETIREES

SFO/SJC SOUTHBAY

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Soon, some of our members will be enjoying the annual RUAEA Convention in Denver and reacquainting with other retirees. We hope to meet with other chapters and gain new ideas and insights about United.

Tony Urso, Alex Klaus, Bill & Rosemarie Reichard attended the Flight Attendant Celebration Day at SFO's Historical Museum. **Georgia Nielsen** played an important role in planning this informative event.

Our Vice President **Dave Walb** did a fine job leading our meetings while President **Bill Reichard** went on his annual backpacking/fishing trip in Lyell Canyon in Yosemite.

Karen & Bob Devlin joined **Jack & Linda Hornfisher** on a bus tour of France. One of the impressive sites they visited was Normandy and Omaha Beach. **Ann & Keith Olthof** celebrated her birthday in Russia. **Maureen & Vern Snyder** attended the Reno Car Show.

We were very pleased to have **Mary Lou & Al Rogers** back with us. Mary Lou has been recuperating from a heart valve replacement. Mary Lou thanked everyone for their prayers and support during her illness.

We will be having our Fall lunch at the Blue Pheasant in Cupertino on October 1st. Our hosts for the event are **Tony & Sally Urso, Margie & Alex Klaus, George & Ella Sousa, and Alice Rostirolla**.

October 13th, 10-4p.m. is the Open House and Family Day at SFOMB. This is always a great day for families, retirees and present employees to see what's happening at United. One of our members, **Larry Jorgensen** will be displaying his 1965 Ford Mustang. Many other antique cars will be on display.

We have some special anniversaries to celebrate this month: **Jack & Jean Jenkins** (60 years) and **Albert & Elfriede Grossman** (52 years). Congratulations to both couples.

We meet every Friday at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd in San Jose, across from Home Depot. Breakfast is at 8 A.M. with a short meeting at 9 A.M. Please join us.

Calendar:

October 1 - Fall Lunch at the Blue Pheasant in Cupertino

October 25 - Halloween Themed Breakfast

December 3 - Christmas Holiday Luncheon at Mariani's Inn & Restaurant, Santa Clara, CA

SAN JOAQUINERS

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In August, we met at Teresa's in Jackson, hosted by **Bob & Joy Blair**. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by President **Jack Walls** (with **Don Nesja** acting as our "flag pole").

Our "joke time" was led by **Don Nesja**, and joined by **Bob Blair, Nancy Buddington** and **Guy Hoffman**. Laughter is always a good prelude to a wonderful lunch.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** stated we are in the black and all bills are paid.

We celebrated attendee **Joy Blair**'s birthday and the anniversary of **Don & Jo Ann Nesja**.

Guy Hoffman brought the group up to date on the Retirees \$10,000 Life Insurance benefit, with a contact person and information at UAL Health and Welfare (one of the benefits of belonging to a group like ours is having someone ferret out this information for us).

President **Jack Walls** told the group they would be attending the Mechanics Get-together in Minden, NV, August 19-23, then traveling on to Oregon and Washington.

Our next meeting will be September 12, hosted by **Rudy & Elma Reyna**, in Ripon. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month and we would love to have visitors or new members join us. For information concerning the meeting, call **Jack Walls** (209) 984-5672, or Vice President, **Nancy Buddington** (209) 588-1073.



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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The East Bay Diablos, 35 strong, gathered this August 12th at the Concord Sizzler following our annual summer break. It was a pleasure to have so many attending. As is often the case with the Diablos, the level of conversation was quite high. We are fortunate to have so many individuals becoming good friends after retiring from various departments with United. As always, talk centered around travel, changes in our insurance and plans for the annual RUAEA convention in Denver. It seems that attendance from our group will be higher than usual as a result of the ease in getting to Denver from the Bay Area and the great hotel rate that has been negotiated.

Since the Convention will end on October 13th, we have moved our October meeting from October 14th to Monday, October 21st. We want to be able to present information we receive to those of you who will be unable to attend.

Tom Johnson gave a presentation on the transportation deal offered to seniors on Amtrak to DEN. He says the trip is beautiful scenery and the prices are very good. Feel free to contact him by phone or email. (925) 937-0795, tomjohn316@gmail.com.

There have been some minor changes to the retiree parking at SFO. Be sure to check when you get your dashboard permit.

We were pleased to have our Regional Director, **Roger Casterline**, join us with his guest, former RUAEA President, **Zelma Kibler**.

A personal note from Diane who has temporarily taken over the Cashier duties. Thank you so much to **Jan Nichols**, **Liz Griffiths** and **Tom Cunningham** who offered to be back-up cashiers. **Mary Untied** has kindly offered to take over this duty for October, November and December.

If you live in the East Bay and haven't stopped by for one of our luncheons, give it a try. We would be pleased to have you visit.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. In December we will meet again at the Back Forty restaurant in Pleasant Hill. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO employees to attend. We would also like to see current active employees.

We have an ongoing book and magazine exchange. The leftover books are donated to either hospice or libraries and the magazines are donated to various hospitals. In addition, we accept new and used greeting cards. **Carol Parks** has kindly offered to pass them on to **Emma Lou Olson**.

Calendar:

September 9

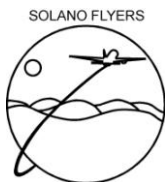
October 21

November 11

December 9 - Annual Toys for Tots and Christmas Party

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Our August meeting added two new members, **Syed Hassan** and **Eugene Boyce**. The following members enjoyed a late breakfast or lunch, **Robert & Michiko Allen**, **Louis Pell**, **Rudolph Arsaga**, **Bill & Joanne Blizzard**, **John Frances**, **James Ellison**, **Allan Pochop**, **Trent Lowney**, **Bob Zweighardt** and **Robert Zirzow**. I had to attend a funeral for an old friend and was unable to make the August meeting. I lost three very good friends in the space of two weeks. As my old Daddy used to say, "*People are dying today who never died before.*"

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Rudolph Arsaga**, it was the second time Rudy's number was drawn and he very graciously donated the winnings back to the chapter. The second ticket for the consolation prize was won by **Robert Zirzow**.

The October 9th meeting will be at the Benicia Grill, 2390 N. Texas St., Fairfield.

The Sacramento Gold Diggers have invited our chapter to be their guest for their October 30th meeting which will be held in Vacaville, at the City Sports Bar & Grill, 155 Browns Valley Parkway.

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS



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It was dry and hot 97 in the Mile High City when the Mile Highers met. There were 42 in attendance with first timers **Orland Baldwin**, who just moved back to Aurora, CO and **John Williams**, who just retired from Denver Flight Training Center. Welcome and come back and be a part of us!

Stephanie Ahr brought her grandmother **Harriet Ahr**. Harriet's normal means of transportation on first Saturdays, her son and daughter-in-law were both not available. Thanks Stephanie, your help with your grandmother is appreciated.

Tom reported that in August, the following retirees passed away, **Phil Field** on August 11, **Lyle Buckholder** on August 17, **Danny Richard** and **Ernestine Price** (no dates available), **Ricky Kimata** on August 25.

Tom reviewed the Continental (ARECA) and United (RUAEA) picnic at Wings Over The Rockies Air Museum. There were 182 in attendance and every one had a great time. There will be some pictures and additional information in the October Newsletter. There is another picnic being planned for next year at the same place. There will be information posted in coming Newsletters.

The planning for the RUAEA Christmas party is underway. The date set is December 4; further information will be posted in the next Newsletter.

The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter were **Walt Hansen**, **Paul Miller**, **Jim Ogden** and **Bev Strand**. Thanks!

Also, don't forget about the RUAEA Convention October 9-13 at the Double Tree by Hilton Denver, Stapleton North.

Calendar:

The next RUAEA Breakfast will be on October 5th at the United Flight Training Center (DENTK), the entrance is located on 35th Ave, just east of Quebec St.; if it is your first time, just let the guard know that you are here for the RUAEA Breakfast. Do not forget your aluminum cans. Bring a fellow retiree to the breakfast to share our good time.

FLORIDA

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A baker's dozen, thirteen SandDABS and guests were present at our meeting. After our usual flag salute and prayer, VP **Steve Moddle** continued the meeting as Prez **Dick Coughlin** was on a trip with **Frieda** to PA for the Christening of their great-grandson. How special.

Our guest was **Ken Carpenter**, friend of **Juanita Ritt**. Our semi-annual attendees **Robert & Deborah Taylor** from San Diego were with us today. **Bud & Karen Gammill** are still in WI trying to sell their cottage. They will be heading back to FL in October. **Nancy Thomas**, former member, not in CA, is still recovering from her broken hip. She is still not driving. She misses us as we miss her. **Honey Lou Funkhouser** reports that hubby **Nelson** has been transferred to a skilled Nursing/Hospice facility called *The Terrace* in Daytona. Although now bedridden, still has his sense of humor, likes to get calls on his cell phone (386) 523-7865, and also cards. If you send a card, address it to Honey Lou, 5412 Daylilly St., Port Orange, FL 32128 and she will get it to him.

There were no Anniversary celebrations, both of marriage and the company. Birthday celebrant was **Juanita Ritt**. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Bob Clinedinst**. The second drawing was won by **Robert Taylor**. It was a very attractive set of coasters. **Penny Logan**, Treasurer, gave her report. We are still in the black and we need to “gift” some of it to a charity. Penny expects to go on a cruise in October. We won't be seeing **Rick & Marion Johnson** at our next meeting as they too will be off on a 25 day cruise starting in NY and will sail into Canada, then back along our east coast and end up in Ft. Lauderdale. Sounds like fun. **Steve Moddle** just had some cancer skin spots removed from his face. They are healing nicely and hope no more show up.

As we ate our lunch, there were lots of conversations going on. At joke time, there were two funny ones that made us laugh. There was some brief information about the company regarding retiring some 757-200's and replacing them with Boeing 737-900's. There was also a warning for people to be on the lookout for new scams on their computer (*See article in General News Section of this Newsletter*).

One more thought to consider: The City of DeLand in Florida is an old historical town. It is also the Volusia County seat of Government. They have had a city seal for over 150 years that contains a heart, an anchor and a cross. The “anti-Christian police” want that cross removed. Why, after so many years is it suddenly offensive to some to keep it as is? We talked about it. What do you think about it?

Calendar:

October 3 - 11:30 - Red Lobster

November 7 - 1130 - Red Lobster

December 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster - Christmas meeting



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The meeting was called to order by President **Rich Llewellyn**. **Ernie Vosges** raised the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance to get us off to the perfect start. 34 hands were raised in salute or respectfully over our hearts. It was wonderful to see **Lou & Joan Gaydos** again, as well as **Ken Weisz**, **Richard Vinson**, and all of us “regulars” too!

We are still missing our RUAEA Florida Region Director, **Paul Brown**. **Barb & Joe Fitak** reported that they had seen Paul & Helga, and that Paul was doing much better. Paul's address: 4124 Teriwood Ave., Orlando, FL 32812. **Linda Agnello**, along with **Patti Clark** and **Laurie Bork**, also shared an update on **Carol Woods**. Carol has been moved from ORMC to a rehab center. She's dealing with a lot, but loves company (that's our Carol!) and welcomes our cards. Address: **Carol Woods**, c/o Terra Vista Rehabilitation & Health Center, 1730 Lucerne Terrace, Orlando, FL 32806 - Room 101. Please keep Carol & Paul and their families in your prayers for strength and healing.

September Happy Birthday Wishes go out to: **Ken Weisz** (7th) **Gene Hall** (12th) **Charlotte LeGrand** (17th) and **Barb Halterman** (23rd)! And a special Happy 46th Anniversary to **Tom & Peg Cannata** on September 10th! Congrats to you all!

It was decided by the members present that we will pool our chapter monies to have another festive Christmas Luncheon at the Bonefish Grill and give our local charities the tidy sum they have come to expect from the Real McCoys! Elaine will work out the date details and report back in October to the members.

Those of you who are reading this and haven't stopped in lately - and you know who you are! Why don't you mark October 1st on your calendar right now and come on down for lunch with lots of your old friends. I mean, with lot of your friends from long ago! You won't regret it!

Calendar:

First Tuesday of every month, Luncheon/Meeting at 1:30pm, Golden Corral on So Semoran Blvd

October 1

November 5

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Our September meeting was graced by 24 members and no guests, but yours truly did not make the meeting and believe it or not, this was the first meeting I missed in 9 yrs! Boy, was everyone worried, sorry for the confusion but it seems the holiday week had me in for a loss of time and date! Guess my age is starting to show, Yuk! I had taken the dog and cat to the vet for their yearly shots and exams and it would have been a lot less expensive to have lunch than pay the Vet bill of \$205.00!

Many topics were discussed and the first was of course the \$10,000.00 life insurance policy. It will surely be brought up at the convention along with the new Insurance effective January 2014 which will have an early sign up in October, so take note.

With about 25% of our membership, which is 10 members attending the convention, we surely will make our mark.

Dues were collected for the 2014 year and if you want to mail a check, make it payable to **Frank Wise**, our Treasurer for \$6.00 for members unless you are 85 or older, then it is gratis. Frank's address is 268 Cherry St., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410, or you can pay at the October meeting but it must be received no later than December 1, 2013.

The details of the Christmas Party will be announced at the October meeting, stay tuned and please try to make the meeting if at all possible.

The 50/50 was won by **Anne Kenda** and the Progressive was won by **Pat Williams**. Since Pat was not in attendance, it will be added to the October drawing.

A Panama Canal Cruise will be enjoyed this month of September by **Barbara Blauschild** and **Dick Knapp**, Bon Voyage and Happy Sailing!

Paul & Diane Liebisch, **Artie & Judith Frage** and **Barbara Dodenhoff** are heading back to Maui for a one week Holiday, Aloha.

Birthdays for September are **Diane Liebisch** and **Judith Frage** 9/5, **Diane Brodis** 9/6, **Mari Hirjak** 9/12, **M. Jane Kerr** 9/16 and **Ed Dechant** 9/24. Happy Birthday to all, there are no Anniversaries.

Remember the clock is ticking so Love, Live and Laugh, today is a present even though it is not gift wrapped. Also remember to thank a service man or woman with your hand placed over your heart for protecting our freedom in the USA. An open invitation is always there for you to join us at any time.

Calendar:

October 1 – Wahoo’s Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Stuart, FL

November 5 - Wahoo’s Luncheon/Meeting 1230PM, Stuart, FL

December 2013 - Christmas Party - TBA

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter. Our next regularly planned luncheon will be on Thursday, September 19th. We will have all the details by the middle of August and can email them to you. Just let us know your email address at HNLRUA@gmail.com. All retirees are welcome to join us. It’s a perfect way to end the busy summer travel season. We look forward to seeing you in Our Little Corner of the World.

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Joining us at our August 13th meeting were **Marilyn Taylor, Roni Adams, Gloria Hubbert, Louise Duvall, Ileen Bunce, Holbrook Maslen, and David & Carol Adams.**

It is with great sadness that we inform the RUAEA community that our Gems founder and friend, **Nellie “Ned” Yundt**, passed away August 12, 2013. She served as Boise Gems president for nearly 20 years and also served as a Regional Director for five states in the Mountain West States for RUAEA. Ned began her UAL career in 1957 working in SFO reservations and later in freight, then moved to BOI where she worked in freight, retiring in 1984. Should you wish to send a card for the family, you may use our address in Boise.

Roni Adams returned in early August from a trip to Monterey and Carmel, CA. She shared that *“while in Monterey with my Wisconsin family we did a whale, seal, and otter watch from a boat. My grandson Andrew, stationed at DLI in Monterey, had a pass to the Monterey Aquarium, so he took me there. The 17-mile drive along the coast in Carmel was beautiful. Finally we saw the Pebble Beach golf course. Andrew’s graduation from DLI, the military Defense Language Institute, was wonderful. Lots of uniforms that day, with Air Force, Navy, and Army represented.”*

It was so good to see **Holbrook Maslen** again. He is “working for McCall Mountain Canyon Flying instructing in the Idaho back country in the Frank Church Wilderness, also instructor for the Air Force, spending much time in Indonesia instructing for SUSI AIR.”

Looking forward to our convention soon!

Calendar:

October 8 - Lunch at Jerry’s State Court Cafe, 6767 Fairview, Boise at 11:30

November 12 - Same time, same place

December 10 - Annual Christmas Party at Jakers in Meridian at 1:30

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October, Yeay! Halloween! Favorite Holiday of many. You can be somebody you're not for 24 hours. Perhaps somebody you always wanted to be, and hide behind a mask, to boot! Don't think the young'uns have as much good, clean fun as we did, but the decorations are more spectacular now. It's like Christmas in October.

We also celebrate Christopher Columbus Day, the alleged founder of America. The Vikings may argue with you. It's also the Awareness Month of Breast Cancer, Domestic Violence, Lupus and Squirrels. It's also American Heritage Month of the Germans, Hispanics, Filipinos, Italian and Polish-Americans.

We had about 24 people saying goodbye to Ritzy's at our last Northsider's breakfast. September 11 will begin our new relationship with Elly's on Golf Road in Arlington Heights. Let's give them a try and keep in touch with our old friends from UAL. A first-timer was **Dona Nefczyk**, who retired from Security, WHQSE. Come again, bring a friend! **Penny Treptow**, our non-retired member, celebrated her 40th anniversary with United. **Toni VanKampen**, **Bob Kalicki**, and **Jerry Tipperreiter** went to the Willis Tower to help her celebrate. Afterward, some went to Greek Town to have an Opa-good time! Always a fun place to revel in Chicago. **Bob Kalicki** had another great granddaughter, Madison Rae. He and Patty will be visiting her in SEA, very soon. Obituaries include, **Marcia Sealock-Weber's** father, and from ORDCG, **Rick Schaitman**, who died from cancer. He lived in Florida, and was cremated. No other information available.

Our Southsider's breakfast had 16 people. **Barb Wesemann's** birthday was that day. She brought donuts for us, and we all sang her a year of good wishes. Our dear friend, **Mel Fisher**, came and brought five scratch-off Lotto tickets for our raffle. He's quite a guy, thanks, Mel. Money raffles were won by **Gwen Brookins**, **Barb Wesemann**, **Bill Brookins**, and **Al Broderson**. Lotto tickets winners were **Perry Pahl**, **Gwen Brookins**, **Bill Brookins**, **Ed Ward**, and **Jan Gawenda**. There were no \$5,000 a week for 20 year winners. Maybe next time!

The Aloha Reunion is October 20th at Chandler's Restaurant from 12:30-6:00 P.M. For information, look up unitedalohaohareunion.evenbrite.com before October 1. Or call **Mary Gagnon** at (630) 271-1213. \$40.00 includes food, raffle ticket, and entertainment. This soiree' is open to all employees.

New faces we haven't seen in a while at the ORDMM breakfast were **Andy Lekki**, **Hank Obeid**, **Jim Vitte**, and **Jay Burke**. About a dozen Chicago Loonies are in Duluth right now having a great time seeing the fabulous colors along the Lake Superior coastline. More later, with the news that's fit to print.

Leah Schulman, ORDCS, has done quite a bit of traveling this year ~ Korea, Cambodia, Peking, and ever popular, Madison, WI. In October, she will go to London, with a trip to Oxford. Personally, I took a trip to LAX, had no problem going out. But coming back, decided to leave from Burbank, to DEN, to ORD. Because of no room, and flight delays, it took me about 16 hours to get home. But, I did get first class out of DEN, with a glass of wine, an energy bar, and small Toblerone bar. In two years, got first class twice. Whoopee! A friend of mine, and her family of six, got first class from Rome to New York. See, we are getting on flights!

Don't forget to look for the Mainliner functions on their website. They have some very nice get-togethers and tours planned. Remember all the nice dances and parties we used to go to? Fun memories from the 60's!

A sign of the times ... a friend of mine, early 70's had a cataract removed from one eye. After a few days of healing, she looked in the mirror. To her amazement and shock, she saw all the wrinkles on her face, which she couldn't see before. She called her ophthalmologist, told him to cancel the other eye surgery. She saw enough wrinkles that she intends to see! Ah yes.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL. (**October 9**).
Second Wednesday of the month.

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

December 10 - Christmas Luncheon, Avalon, Higgins and Rt. 83, 11:00

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The sad news of the passing of **Tony Stefanos**, who died in Florida on July 17, 2013, was detailed in the Chicago Skyliners column in the September 2013 RUAEA issue. I wanted to acknowledge that **Tony** and his wife, **Helen**, attended the Loop luncheons for many years and they have been missed. **Tony** was a very cheerful person always with a story to tell. **Tony** was 89 and had worked as a Senior Accountant at EXO for 36 years.

The RUAEA Convention is being held this month from October 9-13 in Denver, CO.

Another retiree reunion is being held for the Flight Attendants on October 12th. This luncheon will be at the Hyatt Rosemont from noon to 4 p.m.

Angie Malouhos, one of the founders of the Loop Group, has moved to the Lakeshore Health Care & Rehab from the Breakers. If you want to get in touch with **Angie**, you can write to her at: 7200 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL. 60626. She would enjoy hearing from old friends.

I believe that it is time for the Loop Group Chapter to be terminated. The number of retirees has dwindled from what was once about two dozen attendees to now 6 or less. The reasons being that in the 16 years since this group was organized, retirees died, have health problems, age related problems and lack of interest which doesn't attract any new members. I believe that a larger number than 6 or less is needed for a successful meeting of retirees at a luncheon, however, as future employees retire from the Willis Tower location, this type of luncheon might possibly be more popular as one would assume more employees would come from the city rather than the suburbs.

This group was probably started for the retirees that lived in Chicago who may not have wanted to travel to the suburbs for the other Chicago Group, The Skyliners. To date, there are more suburbanites attending this downtown luncheon than Chicagoans which is open to every retiree no matter where they live.

The Loop Group was started in 1997. **Angie Malouhos** was one of the founders along with **Carolyn Jones** and **Yvette Moloney**. The luncheons began at Trader Vic's which was located in the Palmer House. When Trader Vic's closed, the luncheon moved up to the second floor French Quarter restaurant, which closed when the Palmer House changed hands and renovations began. The luncheon group then moved to the Renaissance Hotel where we have been since 2007.

At this time, **Angie** asked **Roe Mallstrom** to write the chapter column since she was having health problems and would not be attending future luncheons. **Roe** was happy to do so until he died on March 23, 2008, at which time I continued to write the column for **Roe**, being his wife.

While I was never an employee of UAL, I might as well have been since **Roe** involved me in his company activities of 35 years with UAL. I knew many of his co workers from all our travels and social functions so felt very much like a part of the UAL family.

Writing this column for the past 5 years has been my pleasure as I have enjoyed every luncheon and the opportunity to meet old and new friends and shared our traveling life with UAL when it was once the greatest and best airline in the USA.

I have sadly decided to terminate the Loop Group for the reasons stated above. There is one more luncheon scheduled for the year which is on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 which will be the last luncheon for the Loop Group as it now exists. I look forward to seeing everyone that afternoon for some UAL reminiscing.

Calendar:

October – No luncheon scheduled

November 20 - Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel at 11:30 a.m.

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During our October 8th luncheon meeting, we will be discussing the 2014 Indy Racer's officer's slate and election.



VP **Wanda Bryce** (pictured) has invited Susan Spilly-Lee from Indiana's Health Insurance Assistance Program to our November 12th luncheon meeting to discuss the state's Medicare coverage for retirees and provisions for seniors under the Affordable Care Act. We are hoping that by the November meeting, retirees will have received additional information about United's change from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Aetna insurance coverage so that we can make informed decisions about next year's insurance coverage. During the November meeting, we will also be donating toys to local Marine Corp representatives for the Toys for Tots program.



Nineteen members attended our August meeting where **Dimple Rihel** won \$35 in our 50/50 drawing. During the meeting, Indy Racer **Tony Urbanovic** (pictured) provided an informative presentation, including handouts, about the company's discount travel program. Attending the meeting were **Ralph (Bud) & Elly Barnett; Hanalore Brabo; Mario Bregante; Wanda Bryce; Jack & Carol Conway; Bob Duty; Ron & Cheri Innis; Chris Johnston; Lenny Kurtz; Mike Matlak; Frank & Rita Prins; Dimple Rihel; Charles Theiss**, and **Tony & Barb Urbanovic**. During the meeting the group agreed that the Indy Racers would again donate \$100 to the local USO this year.

In travel news, **Mario & Margaret Bregante** recently returned from a trip to the San Francisco Bay area. **Tom & Jane Lane** have been camping in the Grand Tetons. **Wanda Bryce** traveled to Toledo for a family wedding and to Pittsburgh for a class reunion. And, **Dimple Rihel** enjoyed a visit with family in Florida.

Indy Racers celebrating October birthdays include; **Deanna Boeke** (10/5); **Ruth Duffey** and **Ron Innis** (both on 10/31).

Calendar:

October 8 – Emmy's Pancake House & Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center, Suite 300, Avon, IN 46123. Lunch is available from 1:30 p.m. and the business meeting begins at 2:30 p.m.

November 12 - Emmy's Pancake House & Grill

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No meeting, no meeting news. Our next meeting will be held at Isaac's Restaurant in Plymouth, MA. Absolutely the best prime rib served anywhere.

I spoke with **Peter Fusco** via phone. Peter has not been to meeting lately because of knee troubles, his right being worse than his left. His doctor said because of his age at 91 years, he was reluctant to do a knee replacement. Unfortunately, Peter is living with the pain.

Lynn O'Hara had surgery involving scalene neck muscles and a rib removal in October 2012 and again in June 2013 on the other side of her body. Both are painful and require a lengthy recovery time. Lynn said the

second operation proved to be more painful than the first, she is home during the slow recovery. She was a hiker and hopes one day to get back on the Appalachian Trail in her home state of Maine. You can do it Lynn!

Olga Kondratiuk, BOSHH, passed away on August 10. She hadn't been a member for several years, due to her age. Olga was a regular at meetings when she was an active Nor'Easter.

October's birthdays ~ **Patricia Austin, Robert Boyle, Edward Burke, John DeYoung, Norman Hudon, John Lagadinos and Robert Romig.**

October's anniversaries ~ **Jack & Nancy Casey** (31 years), **Mark & Barbara Domurat** (33), **Lee & Sid Loyn** (46) and **Jimmy & Susan Yip** (47).

Calendar:

October 2 – Isaac's Restaurant, Plymouth, MA

December 5 - Christmas Party, Angelica's, Middleton, MA

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I just received a call from Veronica at RUAEA and realized today was the 7th. I have been living in the **fog** for over a month or more now. As I looked back over the past newsletters, I do not think I sent a report since June, and don't even know where to begin. So will start up with last month and try to catch up on whatever I missed prior to that in the next NL.

13 Escapees gathered at Sophia's in Farmington Hills, hosted by **Joanna O'Brien** and her mom, **Helen**. Helen will be 99 years young this October. She can hardly wait to become 100 and we are all going to Disney Land with her October 15, 2014, to celebrate her big day.

We are looking forward to October 16. It is the date set for this year's "UP NORTH" luncheon to be held at the Hotel Doherty in Clare, MI at 1 p.m. Make plans now to attend. We had a great time last year meeting old friends and making new memories. RSVP to **Linda Ward** at (248) 790-3008 or email lindaward48220@yahoo.com or **Rick & Gwen** at (248) 667-9258 or bigwheel1981@sbcglobal.net.

Also keep in mind the Northwood Loonies Affair is this month; September 24-27th in DLH, hosted by **Connie & Rich Glattly**, (better known as Mr. Connie). This is a very fun loving group that only meets twice a year; however their meetings do last three days. If you would like to join them, please contact Connie at (218) 349-3972 or crglattly@frontiernet.net.

I regret that I will not be able to make the RUAEA Convention this year, which will be held in DEN October 9-13. Too much has to be taken care of and have just run out of time.

My saddest month in a very long time came when the angels came for **Joan Petry**, my sister, on July 31, two days before her 82nd Birthday. The priest at her funeral mass paid a beautiful tribute to her and her spirit. It was lovely and befitting her life. Although Joan never worked for United (she retired from Michigan Bell) she was a part of the United & Loonies family attending many of our functions throughout the years. My Mom always said we were joined at the hip and I feel part of my life is gone now. Can you believe in our almost 82 years together we only fought once; I don't think that many can beat that record.

I just heard that **Bernie McManus** lost his brother. I truly hurt for him as I hear that they were also extremely close. Love and prayers to Bernie and family at 13185 Lakeview Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-4600.

Sorry, I don't think I can write anymore right now but promise I will catch up next month.

Calendar:

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call

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T'was a lovely day when the Lites came together again. There were 33 of us, plus **Janet Meyer's** granddaughter Anna. A couple of faces we hadn't seen in a long while belonged to **Joe Balogh** and **Randy Cirksema**. We were particularly glad to see **Fred & Rita Stang** after several months' absence due to **Fred's** health issues.

We'd received an update from **Eunice, George "Doc" Anderson's** wife, about his progress after surgery and rehab. She says he's kind of glued to his walker, but by golly, he's back home and muddling along. She said he dodged another bullet and is now embarking on his 10th life, better than any cat she's ever heard of. Also, **Gene Delvaux** is recuperating nicely from surgeries to remove a blood clot and implant stents.

We're saddened however, at the death of our good friend and colleague, **Darrell Schueler**. He was a laid-back, gentle person who never seemed to get rattled when the You-Know-What hit the fan during ORD's bad weather. He handled changing situations with great aplomb, finding gates for planes not supposed to be there & keeping everyone in the loop. Condolences to his family may be sent to 5099 ~ 57th St., W., Webster, MN 55088.

In addition, we spent a few minutes remembering our old friend, **Jack Doke**, as well as commiserating about another colleague, **Bill Young**, whose son, Jim, passed away at the early age of 54. If you'd like to send a note to **Bill**, his address is 115 E. Burnsville Pkwy, #106, Burnsville, MN 55337.

We've learned from a friend of **Frank Ehr**, former MSP colleague, that he's suffered a stroke and is hospitalized in Mason City, IA near his home. His heart is also working at a greatly reduced capacity. Get out the prayer beads, everyone, sounds like our old friend is in need of some heavenly assistance.

We had three Lites present with a birthday in August, so they rolled the dice to see who would win the lunch bonus. **Mary Kilian** and **Nel Brawner** each rolled 10's, but **Jim Simon** broke the tie with an eleven. The 50/50 winners didn't include **Sonja Gunderson** this time (much to her annoyance) but they DID include **Joe Kelley**. AGAIN.

Speaking of the Gundersons, they recently took a "Mystery" bus tour, which is so popular that they have to sign up a year in advance. They partook of some of the most fun and interesting sights the Midwest has to offer, including crossing Lake Michigan on "The Badger", the ferry from Manitowoc, WI to Ludington, MI, the Ford Museum in Detroit, a glassblower in Muskegon, Battle Creek, the cereal capital & some sights in Chicago.

Later in the month, **Rich Glattly** and **Jim Simon** travelled off to do battle with the silver coho salmon again in Cordova, AK. Although the weather wasn't always sunny, the fishing was amazing. After a week, their party of 6 caught, processed and froze almost 600 lbs of fillets. With the price of checking luggage anymore, can you imagine how much it cost them to bring it back?

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

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There were 29 at the Back Forty in Macedonia. Thanks to **Jim & Dorothy Braden** for hosting and special thanks to **Dorothy** for the delicious cakes. Winners of the 25/25/50 were **Judy Nekonchuk** and **Marilyn Weak**, each receiving \$8.00.

I went to visit **Trudy Tighe** on July 23 at the Parson's House on 144th just south of Maple. She seemed very happy to have company. She said she spends a lot of time in the exercise room and loves it. **Trudy** has been unable to attend our meetings due to an illness.

Marianne Brown, widow of **Ed Brown**, passed away August 7. A graveside service was held August 9 at the Bohemian Cemetery in Omaha. **Marianne** had been in an Assisted Living facility for six years. She was hoping to make it to 90, but missed it by 27 days. **Ed** passed away in 2006.

Those celebrating birthdays in September are: **Peggy Casebeer** (2); **Patty Shook** (3); **Dorothy Braden** (8); **Gary Procopio** (8); **Roger Jensen** (14); and **Ev Payton** (21)

Some of you remember **Ned Yundt**, who served as our RUAEA Director of the Mountain Region a few years ago. We always enjoyed her visits for which she made several. I had seen in the August issue of the RUAEA Boise Gems (for which she started) that she had just gone to Assisted Living. I wrote the secretary and asked her for **Ned's** address and in 3 days I had a response that she had just passed away. She will be missed by all her friends.

Calendar:

October 1 - Sons of Italy, hosted by **Gary Procopio & Linda**

November 6 - Bohemian Café, (Wednesday), hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

December 3 - Anthony's Christmas Dinner, hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

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Our meeting of August 13th was started with the Pledge of Allegiance and called to order by our President; **Rosemarie Restivo**.

We had 31 persons attending and the get-together was lively, with info on our member's health and travels and lastly, the 50/50 Raffle.

Medically, **Michael Vasko's** knee surgery had complications and being attended to.

Recent LASCS retirees passings: **Ardyth (Ardie) Moritz**, **Carol Flores**, and **Bob Stoop**, husband of LASCS **Carol Stoop**.

New officers should be elected for the 2014 – 2016 years; up for nominations are two positions, Vice President and Secretary.

Calendar:

October 8 - 11:30 am, meeting at: Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada. Phone # (702) 258-5200. Our luncheon menu for October is; Caesar's salad, sliced roast beef, mashed potatoes, red cabbage and pumpkin cheese cake.

December 9 - 11:30 am (Christmas Party).

February 11, 2014 - 11:30 am



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 54 attendees at our picnic at Sand Harbor this year. Although the weather was not very cooperative this year and a few sprinkles fell, most of the day was enjoyable. The very large 50/50 winner was a guest of **Mary Withers**.

Thank you to our cooks, **Duncan Scaife** and **Norm Borchers**. We always appreciate the vigilance of our gate keepers **Bill Perkins** and **Larry Leusing**. Thanks to our financial wiz **Kathy Robinson** for keeping our picnic costs in order. Thank you to **Paula & Mike Zuppan** for the luscious desserts on behalf of Clipped Wings. We are glad to hear about your rebuild after the fire two years ago. The biggest thank you goes to **Barbara Leusing**, Picnic Chairwoman. Thanks also to **Donna Perkins** for manning the reception desk. The day also included the presence of Secret Service, armed Park Rangers and State Troopers from Nevada and California because of the adjoining presence of Messrs. Gore, Reid, Brown and Sandoval and Ms. Feinstein as they celebrated Lake Tahoe and joint efforts to maintain its beauty and clarity.

Members from other RUAEA chapters joined us for the picnic. They traveled from the Sacramento Gold Diggers, San Joaquiners, and Solano Flyers. Members of Clipped Wings, Reno also joined us.

John attended the Maintenance Get Together at Carson Valley Inn in Minden, NV August 19-22 and enjoyed greeting some old friends.

August birthdays were celebrated by **Pat Zoboli** and **Roberta Wagner**.

The date for the Christmas party is Monday, December 2, 2013 at Tamarack Junction.

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The Garden Staters came together for the annual picnic at Merrill Park in Colonia, New Jersey. Although we did have some wet weather, we all managed to fit under the gazebo, and the “show” went on. There was plenty of enthusiasm. We played bingo, had plenty of door prizes, and plenty to eat from the “Barbie”. Not to mention the “horn of plenty” at the dessert table. Oh yes! We almost missed the watermelon! Still it was good to see everyone and just socialize. Thanks to **Dick Confer**, **John Deily** and **John Murphy** and all the gals who helped for another fine outing.

Our next meeting will be at Snuffy’s in Scotch Plains on September 25. Our scheduled Christmas meeting is on December 11, 2013. Our two 50/50’s were won by **Dick Confer** and **John Murphy**.

Never look down on anyone, unless you are helping them to stand up.

NEW YORK



GUYS AND DOLLS

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Our feet were directed to the “sunny side of the street”, as we “Dolls” met for our August luncheon. It was great to see **Jean Flynn** again - she missed our June meeting due to grandson “sitting”.

April King just returned from a West Coast junket, including Sacramento, Silverton, OR where she toured the Frank Lloyd Wright home, the Oregon Gardens and Coast. She also visited Whidbey Island - the part that hasn't yet fallen into the Puget Sound. She was fortunate enough to experience the new Bus/First service on the JFK-SFO flight where she sat next to a businessman who was effusive about it. Upon landing at SFO, she saw the Asiana plane still on the runway. It's incredible there were so few fatalities. April flew back from SMF through ORD to LGA, economy plus all the way. The flight attendants were sporting the latest uniforms. She had the new breakfast snack box - cheese, grapes, hard-boiled egg and wheat roll with almond butter - very tasty.

On the other side of the meal spectrum, **Betty Williams** and her husband flew FC from Monterey Bay to EWR. They were served 3 pieces of salami, pressed turkey, a small wedge of cheese, and a tiny bowl of fruit - not exactly the Four Seasons. The consensus is that UA has no catering service in Jamaica, so the return meal is boarded on the inbound.

Marge Segal was visited by her great niece for a few days. She was on her way to Israel for a 12 day tour.

Barb Hill's cousins came to NYC for a theater weekend where they saw *Kinky Boots*, which was a real “theatrical experience”. One cousin's son flies for United Express out of CLE. When she flew home, he was pulling out of his gate while she was taxiing in from the runway. She said “*it made her mother's heart proud.*”

At the end of the meal, we spent time on the usual reminiscences, which always causes much laughter. **Jeanne Leo** remembers flying DC-4's when at the end of a very long day, the only “food” left for the crew was Chiclets and baby apple sauce. They often had to land at Half Moon Bay when SFO was fogged in. As she said, the phrase “*if you have time to spare, go by air*” held great meaning. Ah ... the good old days.

Calendar:

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Allow me to “wax poetic” while I still know (kind of) what that means by singing out to you “Tis the last prose of summer”. Where did it go? According to the radio (and don't tell me I'm the last person to listen to one), the hurricane season is almost over and we have not been hit by one, so that's good news. Autumn has always been my favorite season and the weather is great.

We had a small turnout, only 39, at our September return to the Milleridge. It was so nice to have **Mary & Mike Carragher** with us.

Janet Vancleemput is home after suffering a stroke and reports are that she is doing OK. Ditto for **Rosemary Totaro**, also home and doing well. We received a Thank You for the fruit basket. Hope to see them at our next luncheon. **Ken Miller** is in hospice in New Jersey, but I have no further news on him. **Iggy Blanda** wasn't feeling well enough to attend, after his cruise to Alaska. Maybe he ate a reindeer steak?

You can now park at JFK with the proper Retiree ID. I don't have one, but for those of you who have a blue card (looks like a credit card) and auto ID, make a copy to put on dashboard or in window. Tell the guard how long you'll be there. Good luck! **Steve Fontakis** tried the EWR parking for \$6. Hard to find but once there, he said, they were very nice. Unfortunately, he couldn't get on a flight to Florida so he drove to Boston to visit

with his friend Peggy as she babysat her grandchildren. See, you have to be very flexible to travel these days. Have scuba gears, skis, fishing rod, tent, will travel.

Big birthday for our good ole **Charlie Kaczinski**, 90 years young. We had a birthday cake for him. Many more, Charlie! **Ed Pozzi** threatened to cancel the 50/50 drawing if our table keeps winning. 1st prize to **Kathy Corrente**, who will be celebrating her birthday 9/14, so she deserved it. 2nd prize to **Dale Deuber** (again), 3rd to **Rose Schneider**. Try as he may, **Roy Portelli** couldn't grab the 4th prize for our table, which went to **Leo Talochino**. Best wishes to all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. Happy Rosh Hashanah!

Calendar:

October 2 – Milleridge Inn

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Hello! Hello! Here we are slowly getting used to the change in our weather. After the muggy heat we have had, this cooler temp is great!

Our meeting this month is being held at The Old School House in Litchfield. Our hosts for the day are **Vince & Norma Malena**. We want to thank them for taking on the responsibility, so that we can all just walk in and know that everything is taken care of and we can sit back and enjoy the afternoon, all 79 of us. Thanks Again!

Early September brings up memories of 9/11 and our brothers and sisters of United Airlines, for all 2,985 souls that lost their lives. In remembrance of them, we have a Moment of Silence. **Arlene Taylor** will lead us in saying Grace in her very own special way. At this time **Dolly Taucher** introduced two new members. We welcome back **John & Gay Crawford**. Without listing each member separately, we ask that everyone take the time to remember all our members & care givers in their prayers.

Luncheon is starting and we are in for a really great looking buffet. Our menu is Brown sugar& mustard Pork Loin, chicken Piccata, Penne Pasta & Spinach in Roasted Garlic Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, Mixed Salad, Assorted Dinner Rolls, Cream Puff with Strawberries and assorted beverages. I sure hope that makes you all hungry! (All for \$14.00) We do have some great places in Ohio!

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to all of our members who were born in September! We had only one in attendance and that was **Marjorie Sandstrom**. She was lucky enough to be the only one serenaded!

Wedding Anniversaries are being celebrated by many of our members and we were honored to have with us the following: **John & Carrie Kercel** (24), **Frank & Janet Osborne** (59)! Congratulations to all who are celebrating this month. Although we are not all together, our thoughts and prayers go out to all.

Fifty/Fifty Winners will be in next month!

** Life is like a coin, you can spend it any way you wish, but you can spend it only once!*

Calendar:

October 9 - Oktoberfest at German-American Club, hosted by **Joe & Shirley Moses**

November 6 - Tony K's, hosted by **Tom & Helen Hockett**

December 4 - Williams on the Lake, hosted by **Earl & Arleen Taylor**

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It was great to see 74 members at the August meeting. Thanks to **Gene & Lorie King** for having a beautiful flower garden and to **Louise Robillard & Linda Tracy** for driving out to the King's home to pick the dahlias for the table decorations. The flowers and vases were given out to members at the end of the meeting.

Welcome to new members **Audrie & Ray Walton** and **Peter Zuber** who joined the Dew-er's this month.

Please remember **Jean Edwards** and **Alice Van Reenen** who have ongoing health issues. **Bruce DeFord** was back in hospital to have a pacemaker installed, **Bill French** had bypass heart surgery and **Judy Jones** underwent surgery on one of her legs. The following members had cataract surgery: **John Donaldson**, **Barbara Heidegger**, **Carole Luyten** and **Pat Smith**. I can tell you cataract surgery is amazing. It is unbelievable how vivid and beautiful the colors appear to be.

August anniversaries were as follows: **Bob & Connie Bauer**, **Margaret & Steve Borbely** (49 years), **Marge & Jack Curtis** (66 years), **Mary & Ed Nolan** (63 years), **Cheri & Fred Mustaccia**, **Jim & Pat Reichert**, **Linda & Larry Tracy** and **Shirley & Tom Walker** (54 years).

August birthdays were as follows: **Joe Alff** (80), **Len Blodgett**, **Steve Borbely** (82), **Bruce DeFord** (81), **Dick Miller**, **Mary Nolan** (85), **Odd Pedersen**, **Don Phillips** (81), **Pat Smith**, **George Thomas** and **Shirley Walker** (73).

Drawing winners for August were as follows: Door Prize ~ **Marge Curtis**, Woman's birthday ~ **Mary Nolan**, Man's birthday ~ **Steve Borbely** and 50/50 ~ **Ron Vriens**.

We will be voting for two board members to replace **Cliff Blare** and **Nadine Holten** at the October meeting. Please let **John Donaldson** know if you or someone you know would be interested in serving a two year term on the Dew-er's Board of Directors.

October is also the month for our Ice Cream Social, so come to the meeting looking forward to an ice cream sundae and voting for two board members.

Calendar:

All meetings are scheduled at Colwood Golf Club, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd in Portland

October 9 - Election of 2 Board Members, Ice Cream Social

November 13 - Thanksgiving luncheon

December 11 - Christmas party & luncheon

PENNSYLVANIA



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It was a joy to meet our old friends in September after being absent for the summer.

We are saddened by the loss of three retirees. **Jane Coutts Nash**, **Jim Vogel** and **Adam Anderson** have passed away. Our sympathy to the families.

Be sure to make your reservation for the Christmas show at AMC in Lancaster. The date is November 7 at 3pm. Price is \$31.00. Meet for lunch at the Cracker barrel at noon if you want to join in the fellowship.

It is our privilege to prepare dinner for Ronald McDonald house in Wilmington. We need your help on October 28th.

Our next meeting is October 14th at the Clarion in Essington at 12:30 for lunch. Where is the time going!

PITTSBURGH **PIT-STOPPERS**

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Carving a pumpkin or sharing stories of past costumes are sure ways to scare up fall fun. My fall fun is walking in the park or driving down a scenic highway to enjoy the vast fall colors of nature. We don't have to be a "leaf peeper" to go to New England States to see the foliage; we have it all here in Pennsylvania. October brings us Columbus Day, National Children's Day, Clergy appreciation Day, National Bosses Day, United Nations Day and last but not forgotten (my least favorite holiday) Halloween! Wishing all of you ghosts, goblins and other creatures a great safe and fun BOO DAY.

Our chapter lost two members and a mother of a member in August. **June Schiralli**, 84 years old passed away August 18, 2013, wife of the late **John Schiralli**, survived by many niece and nephews. **June** was the maintenance department secretary at PITCS for many years. **June** was very helpful when one would approach her with a problem. Both she and her husband were very active in the Pit Stoppers functions. They were great tour guides especially when the chapter had bus tours. Cards of sympathy can be sent to her very dear niece, **Bea Hopkins**, 128 County View Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

John Knezevich, 87 years old passed away August 30, 2013, cherished husband of **Patricia** for 48 years and father of six children. **John** worked for 30 years at United Airlines; he worked in YNG, SBN, administrative office DEN, the regional office in PIT and then shipped to us at PITCS. **John** had a great sense of humor. He was a good supervisor and his famous saying "ya know" will never be forgotten by many that worked with him. Condolences may be sent to **Patricia**, 4655 Curry Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

The mother of **Lois Varrenti**, PIT-RCR, Mrs. **Emma Sable**, 92 years old passed away August 18, 2013. Mrs. **Sable** was well known to the agents at PITCS. Her late husband was a frequent flyer and times he would bring her with him. She will be dearly missed by all especially her family. Condolences may be sent to **Lois Varrenti**, 771 Marigold Ct., Bridgeville, PA 15017.

Diane Weber, wife of **Jim Weber** PITCS, is working part-time as a tour director with Lenzner Bus Tours Coach USA. **Diane** is enjoying her job as she is always on the go. If interested of any type of day or overnight trip, you can call the agency at 1-800-342-2349 or 412-761-7000. You might just be lucky to get **Diane** as your tour director. She does a great job and will make your trip enjoyable.

Jeri Juth signed up a new member to our chapter, **Paulette Dobbs**, worked at the PIT-RCR. She was happy to join to get reacquainted with old friends once again. Now we have to get her to join the National Organization!

Barb & Mac Seaholm went on a 10 day trip in June to Switzerland and Italy. They both said the trip was fabulous but it could have been longer. They are now heading for their yearly western trip flying into Denver then a ride on the Durango-Silverton Rail out of Pueblo heading west. They are not sure what states they will be visiting because of the fires. Knowing them they will have a great trip wherever they venture.

Happy Birthday to our October babies: **Pat Lavelle** (10), **Joan Ference** (17), **Bernie Juth** (24) and **Marlene Mootsie** (28). Our anniversary for the month, **Bill & Verna Alex** (23). Happy anniversary! **Bill** always got me in trouble when we worked together at PITCS. It was never his fault; I was always called into the office, being reprimanded because of **Bill**. I still love you **Bill**.

The Pit Stoppers picnic was held September 11, I will give a report in my next news letter.

I'm sorry to say I will not be attending the convention in Denver this year. My dear nephew is getting married the same weekend. You know where my preference is. I will miss everyone, especially the evening "Bible Study". Have a good time everyone, I'll be anxious to hear how wonderful the convention was.

I'm looking for tickets to the world series as my Bucco's will be one of the teams playing. Any tips on where to get a ticket? Let's go Pirates!

Calendar:

September 11 – Pit Stoppers picnic at Hopewell Park

October 9-13 - RUAEA Convention in Denver

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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We had a small turn out for our breakfast at Mimi's in August. Apparently, everyone is either traveling or have family and friends visiting.

Sue Ferrell has had successful hip replacement surgery and is doing her rehab at the Farragut NHC. **Mike Chapin** will be having knee replacement surgery in September. (Everybody's getting new body parts!). Herman is doing really well with his chemo treatments. He just completed treatment #5 this past week with minimum side effects!

It's hard to believe that Labor Day is already gone and that fall is just around the corner. **Noreene Koan** has scheduled our September luncheon at the Tellico Village Tanasi Club House and Friday September 20th. This is a really nice location and we are looking forward to another delicious lunch.

Calendar:

October 17 - 9:30 AM, Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant in Turkey Creek Shopping Ctr.

November 21 – Hosted by **Betty Shipe** - Time and Location to be announced.

December 19 - 9:30 AM, Breakfast at Mimi's Restaurant in Turkey Creek Shopping Ctr.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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The September 10 meeting of the Emerald City Slickers, the Seattle Area chapter of RUAEA, opened the new season when President **Dave Jones** welcomed returning members and, hopefully, a couple new retirees. (This is being written "before the fact," so you'll have to wait for the November issue to learn if "new retirees" became "new Slickers.")

More than 50 members of the Emerald City Slickers reserved spaces for the September luncheon and meeting held at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, Washington. Everyone was eager to share summer experiences and autumn plans, as this was the group's first meeting since May. It seemed like a super long time since everyone was last together.

Thanks to regular **Dolores Steger** and to **Tom Holford** for accepting telephone and email reservations for the September luncheon. **Tom** filled in for long-time volunteer **Sydney Reed**, who has relocated to Bend, Oregon, with hubby **John**.

Secretary **Carol Soffel** reports that she and **Kent** had a great summer vacation aboard their boat but that her bum knee kept her from enjoying all the activities. Now sporting a brace and unable to drive, **Carol** missed the September meeting of the Seattle chapter. **Gay Liesse** agreed to take notes and forward a report to President **David Jones**.

Bob Howard, chair of the local United Airlines Retiree Golf Tournament held in June, reported on the event, held at Foster Golf Course this year for the first time. Winners were announced in the September issue of *Contrails*, the Seattle RUAEA local chapter newsletter. All participants were awarded gift cards from Pro Golf Discount. As often happens, **Bob** was one of the winners.

Ed & Gay Liesse mentioned that they had done even more traveling than usual with model railroad conventions in Boise, Idaho, and Atlanta, Georgia. In September, they journeyed to Burnaby, British Columbia with sons **Dave** and **Ken** for more train games. They'll miss the October luncheon while attending the RUAEA

National Convention in Denver with a visit to **David & Debbie Turner** in Littleton, CO. **Dave** was one of the instructors under **Ed** at SFOED. But don't be fooled by the airline connection – the four have tickets to ride the train at Georgetown Loop.

October, the month of opal birthstones, fall colors, and Halloween! Emerald City Slickers born this month include **Mary Bratovich**, **Ernie Nelson**, **Donna Neumeyer**, **Dee O'Donnell**, **Helen Stanger**, and **Ken Storey**. May each of you enjoy a special day!

Couples choosing October as their wedding month are **Jim & Jo Ann Bernovich**, **Mike & Mary Bratovich**, **Bill & Jo Ann Gordius**, **Harold & Mildred McGuire**, and **Steve & Louise Story**. Happy Anniversary!

We are sorry to report the August death of **Richard (Rich) Kee**, who had served as Communications Manager in SEARR in the 1980s-90s. He had more recently been employed by Pacific Communications. Born in Massachusetts, **Rich** went to school in Rhode Island and served in the United States Marines before joining United Airlines.

See you at convention!

Calendar:

October 8 – Fairwood Golf and Country Club

November 12 – Location to be announced

December – No Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital!

After a pleasant cool, wet summer in the Washington, DC area, we are now enjoying early fall days with lower temperatures. The visitors are still arriving in great numbers to see the sights and enjoy cool mornings and cool evenings!

The Dulles Loungers enjoyed a wonderful cook-out on June 12, attended by over 60 members and guests. The food was terrific and was catered by "Famous Dave's Bar B Q" who enjoys celebrity status locally!

Two of our members have returned after successful battles with cancer. We welcome **Skippy King** and **Gloria Runkles** back to the Dulles Loungers.

Another long time member, **Peggy Frank**, is recovering well after a stroke. For more information, contact this correspondent.

Some of our members are headed to Denver for Convention 2013 and we wish them an informative and fun stay in the Mile High City.

Calendar:

September 11 - 1130am, Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA

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

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Oh, the beauty of the Monsoon Season in the Southwest! The summer is almost over and we now begin our next year with the Clipped Wings® new and rejoining memberships. We have 1179 members for the year 2012 – 2013.

September Events:

- Our National President, **Christel Ilg**, is celebrating her United States Citizenship.
- Many Grandparents will celebrate on September 8th.
- Please remember those who lost their lives September 11, 2001.

If you would like to become a member of Clipped Wings®, please check out our website: www.unitedclippedwings-inc.org for a Membership Contact Form. We welcome you!

May you enjoy viewing the beautiful leaves of the Fall Season!

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LETTERS



Martha Gooselaw

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

Martha Gooselaw
Letters Editor

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

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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.)

Roni Adams, 2012 N. 24th St., Boise, ID 83702-0205

As always, thank you so much for the work you put into our newsletter. I always look forward to receiving it. At my age, I'm always delighted to find names of UAL co-workers from a time long past.

Approximately 2 years ago, I wrote RUAEA about my grandson going to study at the military Defense Language Institute at the Presidio in Monterey, CA, in preparation to work as cryptologist for Military Intelligence. His chosen language, Pashto, is spoken in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran. On August 1, he graduated as one of the top students in his group. It was an awesome graduation as only the military is capable of. Many military uniforms around that day, with Air Force, Army, and Navy represented. From DLI, Andrew and four others will be driving to the Air Force Base in San Angelo, TX for an additional four months of training, then to Germany for work 2-3 years. Instead of flying, they are driving from Monterey because they each want their own cars while in Texas for four months! Andrew's dad, Mike, will then fly to Texas and drive Andrew's car back to Wisconsin. San Angelo, TX being closer than Monterey, CA. to Wisconsin saves time and money after all.

I went to that graduation, flying from Boise to San Jose, CA. on Alaska (Horizon) Airlines. They had the best nonstop flights, roundtrip, that met my needs. The fare was not bad either. Andrew's younger brother, mom and dad, flew in from MKE on Delta and we met at SJC airport. We rented a car and drove to Monterey where we stayed at an Inn. After the graduation, we picked Andrew up every day at DLI and went to places in Monterey that we all wanted to see. We went to Carmel and took the much talked about 17-Mile Drive along

the beautiful Coast. I finally got to see Pebble Beach Golf Course. We went on a boat to see whales, seals, and mother otters with their cute babies. Andrew took me to the Monterey Aquarium, and that was quite a place.

On the day I flew back to Boise, Andrew and his dad drove me from MRY to SJC to catch my flight. The plane coming in to SJC for this flight was running 30 min. late, so our boarding gates were changed twice. By the time our flight boarded all passengers (a full load); they were running 40 min. late. The cockpit crew wanted to make up that lost time. So, the runway roll was very short and that lift off was straight up. We arrived in Boise right on the published schedule. Our co-pilot was a female!

Shirley Claggett, 1007 S. 262nd Pl., Des Moines, WA 98198-9152

Thanks for all of your great work and for keeping us close together.

Things change, people change, but you cannot change the memories of the “Old” United.

Elaine Dore, 410 N Barrington Rd. Apt. 38, Wauconda, IL 60084

My husband, Dave, and I are having a big milestone year. We both turned 80 and celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary in September. A celebration was held for us by our children and their spouses, our grandchildren and great-grandchildren on June 29 and 30. It was held at Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, IL.

Out of our 16 grandchildren, only three were unable to attend. Also, on June 30, a party with relatives and friends was held. It makes us very proud to see how our children have grown and are prospering. Children came from Seattle, Florida, Iowa and Illinois. Grandchildren came from Florida, Seattle, New York, Arizona, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. Note that United flies to all those locations. We trained them well!

Duane Gentner, 10643 Clarkville Way, Parker, CO 80134-9189

I am doing fairly well; the walking is getting harder, vision is dimmer; expenses are increasing but nothing new.

Carole’s Alzheimer’s continues to cause a gradual decline but she is happy and eats well. She likes to read and enjoys visits from the kids and grandkids.

By the way, if anyone would like something to read, my novel “Flight Risk” published in 2010, is available on Amazon.com. It is not great, but I enjoyed writing it.

Dan Mooney, 881 Pitts Rd., Sumter, SC 29154

It’s hard to believe I haven’t received a newsletter in a year. This past year has happened fast and my mind doesn’t work as quickly as the time. I’m certainly not going another year without the newsletter. Most of our traveling has been by auto this past year. I went to our family reunion in Visalia, California last September and my wife and I will go again this September. To these we fly but haven’t used our passes in ten years. We buy our tickets because we want to get there and back at precise times. We took our teenage daughter to California this past June and spent three weeks traveling around Northern California and attending my eldest daughter’s wedding. I never thought I could be this busy in retirement, but raising a teenager and handling our volunteer work, certainly keeps us busy.

If any of you have any doubts about Dan Mooney-SFOOV still being alive; I’m still here. My kids say God doesn’t want me and Hell’s afraid I’ll take over. Take care of yourselves and keep up the good work.

Jim Simon, 2450 10 1/16 Ave., Chetek, WI 54728

Just a note to accompany my renewal check to say hello to all my great friends and the ladies of the RUAEA office. I often think of you folks in DEN and the enjoyable times I had with all of you during my term as Midwest Director.

Our extra long winter here this year in Wisconsin put me a little behind in my plans to list my home for sale and proceed with my moving desires back to the west coast. Our May 2nd snow storm brought down a lot of white pine branches and compromised my deck with extra heavy snowfall. It took a little time to make repairs and clean up. But everything now is as good as new or better. I will not miss the wintry weather of the Midwest. But I certainly enjoy the beauty of nature here and the fishing and golf games I play throughout the week. I will be in Cordova, AK, this year on my 70th birthday with a group of great guys for one of our annual trips of salmon fishing. There will be a party! I will be back in time to join the Loonies for their fall meeting in Duluth, which is another event I choose not to miss. Other than that, all is well with me and hopefully for all of you too.

My Best wishes to all of you and my personal thanks for the continued great job you do in putting together our wonderful newsletter.

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