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Emerald City Slickers to Host 2004 RUAEA Convention

The bluest skies you've ever seen in Seattle,
And the hills the greenest green in Seattle
Lyrics by Bobby Sherman (found in www.bobbysherman.com)

The last RUAEA Convention in Seattle was held 20 years ago (1984); we Slickers are looking forward to May 23-30, 2004. It is time for us to welcome you again to the Great Northwest and for you to get a taste of our Washington hospitality, scenery, food, entertainment & more. We are putting our heads together under the guidance of Hank Gosselin, Convention Chairman. Boy, do we have plans for you!

Over the next few months, the National Newsletter will be printing this column to give you the highlights of our Emerald City. It will contain important information of our exciting Convention plans & events. Kick up your heels - start making **your** plans now to do the **Seattle Rain Dance!**

HERE IS WHAT THE PRESS IS SAYING ABOUT SEATTLE

Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau, seeseattle.org

"Puget Sound is an area with multiple personalities."
Doug Weber, Canoe & Kayak, March 2001

"This is a young Tomorrowland, a city for the new."
M.L. Lyke, Washington Post, January 7, 2001

"From its commuter ferries to the name of its baseball team (Mariners), Seattle is defined by water through and through."

Viva Hardigg, National Geographic Traveler, August 15, 2000

"Dot-com frenzy and cultural activity of all kinds continue to bloom. As always, late spring & summer remain a time when the national grandeur in and around Seattle is on particularly glorious display."
New York Times, April 2000

More Convention Highlights for you in next month's Newsletter. Please stay tuned.

*Lu Gardiner
Publicity, RUAEA Convention 2004*

GENERAL NEWS

RUAEA WEBSITE

President Jim Fauber's letter in the Sept. RUAEA Newsletter listed instructions for "Online Web Registration", stated "Once registered, after Sept. 30, you will no longer receive a printed copy of the newsletter." This date has been extended - all members will receive a printed copy of the Oct. newsletter.

Some members who have registered to receive newsletter on the website have advised they want to receive the printed newsletter. As of this writing we do not have instructions on how this should be handled.

Special Notice:

If a Retiree or Associate Member has problems with travel charges (employee service charges or Companion Tickets), contact Linda Lister, Travel Benefits Mgr., Phone #1-847-700-5811

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bonnie and I received a very warm welcome on our return to AZ on Sept. 3; it was 110 degrees. It was time to come home & get ready for a very busy schedule of RUAEA activities this fall & winter.

In last month's newsletter the Nominating Committee, Frank Murdock, Alice Belzer & Tom Goodyear asked all of our members, especially our new members, to volunteer and serve our membership in the years to come. I would like to share with you a poem on that subject that I ran across several years ago.

Be an active member
The kind that would be missed.
Don't just be contented
That you name is on the list.

Do attend the chapter meetings
And mingle with the crowd.
Don't stay home
And crab both long and loud.

Don't leave the work for just a few
And gripe about the clique.
Take time out to visit
A member who is sick.

There is quite a program scheduled
That means success, if done,
And it can be accomplished
With the help of everyone.

So attend the meetings regularly
And help with hand and heart,
Be an active member
And take an active part.

Think this over, members
Are we right or are we wrong?
Be an active member,
Please don't just belong.

Anonymous

Several exciting programs coming up very soon
and we need your support.

Jim Fauber
RUAEA President

UNITED'S IDEA CENTER

The Idea Center is a site launched in June on SkyNet with potential to help in the transformation of United Airlines. One of the ways the Idea Center can help is by its ability to tap the experience & knowledge of our growing retiree ranks.

The Idea Center is accessible to anyone who has access to SkyNet. The link for it can be found on the front page of SkyNet, under "Quick Hits". There is an explanation of what the site is & what it isn't, tips & guidelines, some of the frequently submitted ideas, their responses, also the Idea Center form for submission of ideas. The site is planned to be updated twice each month. To date, we have over 40 ideas submitted from retirees, of more than 900 Idea Center submissions.

Unlike some of the past programs (Let's Make It Happen & Your Part Counts), the Idea Center has no financial rewards for implemented ideas. It is focused only on four main areas: cutting costs, increasing revenues, enhancing the customer

experience & improving system-wide work processes. The Idea Center cannot address any idea that would impact any of the Collective Bargaining Agreements.

All ideas are first reviewed by the Idea Center Process Manager, Katie (Kimbell) Larson. She determines whether or not the idea is in the scope of the identified areas of the Idea Center and if it is specific enough to be something on which United could take action. If you've given your e-mail address, you will receive an e-mail response that your idea either is or isn't in the scope of the Idea Center. If the idea is in scope, Katie forwards it to the division responsible for the review & possible implementation of the idea. Once the feasibility of the idea is analyzed, you will receive another response of the status of your idea. This all happens within two weeks of when you submitted the idea.

United needs your vast experience & knowledge shared as we move to transition this company to the greatness you helped build. Please visit the Idea Center site on SkyNet; let us know your great ideas!

Edward Tolle
RUAEA/UAL Liaison Rep.

CLIPPED WINGS

Clipped Wings United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae and Flight Attendants Inc. is a social and philanthropic organization of former, retired and current United Airlines Flight Attendants. We have 29 chapters which include Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Marin, Members At Large, Milwaukee, New Jersey, Oakland, O'Hare, Omaha, Orange County, Palo Alto, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Portland, Redwood Empire, St. Louis, San Diego, San Jose, Seattle, Sierra Mountain Foothills, Southwest Florida, Twin cities, Washington, DC.

Clipped Wings was founded in 1941 as a club to maintain our airline friendships and to help others less fortunate. Our biennial convention will be in Scottsdale, AZ at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort Sept. 15-19, 2004. On a national level we support and volunteer for the Special Olympics World Games. This past June many of us were in Dublin, Ireland for the Summer Games. Now we are making plans for our participation for

the 2005 SO World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. If interested in finding out more about us please refer to our website www.clippedwings.com or contact our National Vice President Candi Symes, 309 Columbia Circle, Benicia, CA 94510-3911, e-mail RCSymes@aol.com. We welcome you to Clipped Wings!

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UNITED AIRLINES EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION WILL SEPARATE HR FUNCTIONS FROM UAL CORP.

United Airlines Employees' Credit Union is making some internal adjustments that, while invisible to Credit Union members, are relevant to its employees. The Credit Union is creating its own Human Resources structure, with compensation, benefits, policies & hiring that are aligned with the financial services industry. As of Oct. 20, 2003, Credit Union employees will transition from United employment to Credit Union employment, meaning that they will no longer be United employees on lease to the Credit Union as they are today.

The Credit Union has always operated financially independent from the airline. Serving the United membership remains the Credit Union's top priority; the organization's mission & values will not change. The Credit Union pays out one of the highest savings dividends in the country, offers low loan rates & superior member service, also ranks No. 1 among credit unions for operational efficiency.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT CREDIT UNION TRANSITION

United Airlines Employees' Credit Union has provided the following questions & answers about the upcoming transition:

Q: Will this change affect United membership eligibility?

A: Not at all. United & its business affiliates, employees, retirees & family members, including domestic partners, will continue to be eligible for lifetime membership at the Credit Union. Serving

the United membership remains the Credit Union's top priority.

Q: Is the Credit Union expanding its membership eligibility to serve other groups?

A: Yes. The Credit Union continues to expand its membership eligibility requirements to include additional member groups outside United in order to grow & diversify the membership. Membership growth means increased financial strength, which translates to low rates on loans, credit cards, higher-than-industry savings dividends & continued product-and-service innovation.

Q: Will products and services change as a result of the Credit Union's internal transition?

A: No. This change will be seamless to members; the Credit Union's mission to return maximum value to members & provide superior member service remains the cornerstone of the organization.

Q: Are my Credit Union funds still safe & secure?

A: Funds deposited with the Credit Union are very safe & secure. With nearly 4.5 billion dollars in assets & more than 480 million dollars in capital reserves, it is the 6th largest U.S. credit union based on asset size. In addition, the Credit Union consistently receives the highest state & federal examination ratings for safety and soundness.

Know Your Officers/Directors/Staff

MELVIN "MEL" CONINE, Office Manager, was employed by United Airlines as an A&P Mechanic in Denver 1/26/60; however, Mel first started with UAL in Cheyenne 6/6/42 as a Sheet Metal Mechanic. He was called to active duty with the U.S. Navy in Aug. 1943, flew as carrier-based dive bomber & fighter pilot. After service in the Navy he joined Wyoming Air Guard as fighter pilot, saw active duty as fighter pilot in the Air Force during the Korean War, worked 10 years as Operations Officer, full time. He resigned & returned to United 1/26/60. In 1962 Mel was promoted to Foreman of Aircraft Maintenance, retired 3/1/85.

While flying for the Wyoming Air Guard, Mel received a very nice letter from W.A. Patterson for locating the crash site of UAL Flight 409 in Wyoming, 10/6/55. Since retirement he has been

active in RUAEA, was President of the Denver Mile Highers Chapter & served as Director of the Mountain Region.

Volunteers in the USAF Retirees Office at Buckley AFB, is a tour guide at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum, plus is a Team Leader of DIA Ambassadors. Leisure activities include photography, reading and computers.

Mel & wife, Darleen, have 4 children & 2 grandchildren.

Great to have you as a member of the RUAEA Board of Directors.

NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS: Chapter reports for Nov. are due in DEN by Mon., 10/6, Dec. reports by 11/6, Jan. 2004 reports by 12/5. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX number is 303-780-5667 - Attention: Jo Madden. If reports are more than one page, list chapter name at top of each page. If sent by U.S. Mail address to: Jo Madden, RUAEA Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delays; we cannot extend deadlines.

LOCAL NEWS

ARIZONA

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It seems the Azures had a very quiet month. Everyone has been hibernating in their house in the hot weather or on trips in various parts of the country to escape the heat. My husband & I have been lucky to spend these 5 months by the water on the shores of Green Bay. I know that in a few months when everyone returns things will get very active again for the Azures. Pat Paulson is working hard to get all the programs in place for the upcoming meetings.

We are all saddened by the quick passing of Madelon Cook. Madelon was such a strong member of our group; she will be sadly missed. Madelon was a past president & was always on hand to do anything that was needed. Madelon

always took the reservations for the breakfasts at Coco's. Pat Butkiewicz, (623) 935-9235, has volunteered to do that job. Please call Pat if you are planning on attending the breakfast until such time that the "will attend" list is re-established.

This next year should really be enlightening for us retirees with the condition of United. With the conditions of the company, we have to be really concerned for all our benefits that we worked to hard to achieve. We need to keep the company in our prayers.

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The final summer breakfast meeting was held 9/3 with 11 attendees. We did have an Aug. breakfast meeting, but due to time constraints could not post our minutes in the last newsletter. We had approximately the same number of attendees in Aug. as in Sept. Business discussed at both meetings included Hank Falk's hosting the October Fest which is our first winter meeting. It is being held Oct. 8 at the European Bistro located at 951 W. Main St. in Mesa beginning at 11:15 a.m. The flyer with all the information is being mailed to all paid members for THIS event, but please be reminded that flyers will not be mailed for each of the winter luncheons, but will be distributed at the luncheon prior to the next event. So if you cannot make the Oct. Luncheon please contact one of the Board members to get the information on the next event. Unfortunately the Nov. luncheon is still open but we will have all the information & flyers at the Oct. meeting. Ideas passed around at both meetings included the idea of lunch meetings next summer, possibly at a different location each month to help share the driving and hopefully boost attendance.

Also discussed was the possibility of doing some travel locally to see the Christmas Lights in Sedona, a Diamondbacks game, lunch & wine tasting & possibly the largest casino in AZ, the Casino Del Sol in Tucson. Sounds like lots of fun, but these will be further discussed when we have all our members back in town from their summer hiatus. The 50/50 raffle was won by George Voss

which concluded our summer breakfasts. See y'all in Oct. Welcome "home" to those of you who abandoned us this summer.



TALL PINES

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We had an excellent turnout for our Aug. luncheon; 17 were in attendance. If that's not a record, it's very close. Seemed like everyone had something to share, as conversation was lively.

We welcomed back our Meeting Facilitator, Jean Risdon & Treasurer, Earle Risdon. Jean brought the meeting to order; the first item on the agenda was final planning for our "Bring Your Own Lunch" picnic. Being the positive group that we are, it was determined that this event would be a success. Also on the agenda was discussion regarding our annual Christmas dinner. Jean Rison & Vi Larson are working on this. They will be contacting the Pine Cone Inn & other facilities.

Earle Risdon reported his operation went well and is feeling great. He expressed thanks to all the folks in "Unitedland" for cards, letters & phone calls. Your thoughtfulness is more than appreciated.

Calendar

Oct. 28 - luncheon 11:00 a.m. at Coco's Restaurant, Frontier Village Shopping Center, Highway 69, Prescott. Contact Vi Larson (928) 776-9192 for information.

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25 Roadrunners enjoyed a couple days of little cooler weather by retreating to the mountains. Our annual Pinetop & Alpine trip was great!

We have 2 more couples celebrating 54 years of marriage in Sept.: Peg & Don Jorgensen were married 9/3/49, and Julie & Clay Waller 9/8/49.

Alice Belzer had hip replacement surgery on Aug. 27; I feel sure cards & letters from her friends

around the system would speed up her recovery. Bill Howard is still having problems with his shoulder & will probably be scheduled for more surgery in the near future. Stuart Ranicar, a retiree fairly new to our club passed away in Aug. His services were held on Aug. 20 in Green Valley where he & his wife Gladys resided.

ARKANSAS



THE "NATURALS"

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Thanks to Bud & June Millard the Naturals' Aug. meeting was held a few days earlier on July 27 when we were able to obtain tickets to the Royal Players Theatre in Benton for their production of the play OLIVER. 13 Naturals & 2 guests met at Jerry Van Dyke's Soda Shoppe for a pre-play lunch. After a short business meeting we went to the theatre next door. Thanks to Bud & June for a pleasant afternoon. I find myself wondering who the Regional Director for AR is as in my almost 2 years as Pres. of the Naturals, have not heard from him or her for any reason, even when I posed the question some time ago as to why the annual convention could not be moved to the fall once in a while. The only one who responded was Barb Smith in LAX. We are a small chapter, but we do have our opinions. I will now get off the soap box.

Our Oct. meeting will be hosted by June & Joe McLean. I believe June is planning on a luncheon on Lake Hamilton. She will let us know the date, time & place when she has finalized the plans.

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Pismo Beach

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Al & Marilyn Rybar hosted the Aug. luncheon in the beautiful setting at Mulligan's Restaurant in Avila Beach with 21 in attendance. Our Director,

Bob Owens, gave us an in-depth report on the latest news of RUAEA. We are always glad when he can be with us. Esther and Bob Bartlett brought Norma Leary as their guest, who felt right at home as she has worked for USAIR. Nina Powers was looking great after recent gallbladder surgery. We are sorry to report that Art Price is having some health problems. John Stilwell is working on making new badges for the chapter. Uel Soward has corresponded with several of us & is getting well settled in his new home in WI. We surely do miss him.

Bill & Dana Noyes will host the Oct. 15 luncheon at the Elephant Bar & Grill in Goleta.

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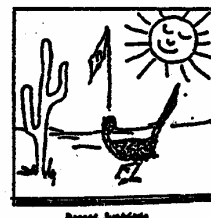


Pat & Gil Gilbert hosted the Brazen Raisins' Aug. meeting. Dorothy Petersen was accompanied by guest Stephanie. Pres. Bud Garcia reminded us of a RUAEA Newsletter notice that pass charges should be paid as promptly as possible in order to avoid loss of pass privileges. That's all - except for the usual humor period.

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Aug. 13 luncheon/meeting was held in the San Jacinto Valley at Emilio's Mex. Restaurant followed by a tour of the Valley Restart Shelter, to which we make a donation at Christmas time. This shelter houses & assists residents in getting employment by retraining and providing needed assistance. Only 5 of us actually did the tour but we learned that they did a lot more than just give the homeless housing & food.

We had 22 in attendance. Mary Frank showed photos of her two most recent grandchildren who have been keeping her from attending our

meetings. Was great to have Mary back with us. Loraine Lantz still didn't feel quite well enough to join us but George was able to come since we were only a few miles from his home

Fred Kellerhals was lucky winner of the free birthday lunch; Dave Podnar won the 50/50. Had been a few months since Dave won that so not too many complaints this time.

Elaine suggested we have a meeting next year combined with attending the Ramona Pageant, so I volunteered to do that one.

Calendar

Oct. 8 - 11:30 a.m., Mission Lakes Resort in Desert Hot Springs hosted by Lynda Davis (760) 365-1367

Nov. 12 - 11:30 a.m., Miracle Springs Resort, Desert Hot Springs, hosted by Maureen Williams (760) 251-8844

Dec. 10 - 11:30 a.m., Monterey Country Club, hosted by Elaine & Ron Aggson, (760) 340-9542.

SACRAMENTO



GOLD DIGGERS

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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The Aug. luncheon meeting was held at the Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley on Aug. 27. Margie & Bob Fulkerson were the hosts. 80 Gold Diggers & 1 guest enjoyed lunch in a lovely setting. Mary Bernard was the guest of Francis & Veronica Domaratius. Chuck & Tuffet Sharp from Sun City, AZ and Jim & Roberta Wagner from Sparks, NV also joined the Gold Diggers for the day.

We have new members, Robert & Darlene Gray and John & Anita Weldon; however, they were unable to attend the luncheon.

Past Pres. (1996) Jim Wagner was presented his President's name badge.

Forester talked about the nomination of new officers for the year 2004. The last 3 presidents will be making the calls for a new slate of officers; present officers will be approached first.

Treas. Judie King reported that the chapter was looking good in the financial area.

Sec'y Jeanette D'Amico told the group that the

new members John Weldon & Robert Gray worked at SFOBL.

Marge Raynor our Sunshine Lady said that she has been in North Dakota, not South Dakota, for a family reunion. A get well card was sent to Ed Lamphiere who had been having coronary problems. Ed had surgery 9/2 for bypass procedure & valve replacement. Marjorie Willis went in for a routine mammogram, now undergoing radiation treatment for breast cancer. Irene Fechter was hospitalized with a urinary tract infection; while there, an EKG revealed a heart abnormality. She is having further tests to determine the source of the problem. Jerry Quinnell had reported that Edward W. Mortenson passed away 7/24. Len & Joyce Check celebrated their 55th anniversary in Sept.

Calendar

Oct. 29 - Luncheon meeting at Rudy's Hideaway in Rancho Cordova hosted by Bill & Pati Kenney and Joe & Jeanette D'Amico.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

RETIREEES

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Redwood Empire Retirees

The Aug. meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held at Smokey's Den in the Armstrong Redwoods Park, which is an annual event looked forward to by all. There were 74 members & guests present.

Pres. Patrick Cadden called the meeting to order & commented on the special meaning this setting has for him as it brings back memories of his youth, the summer vacations he spent along the Russian River with his family. He thanked the hosts, Verda Burr, her son Bart & helpers, Joyce Carey, Ron & Joanne Huhn, Maria Van Kruining & Charlie Anderson.

Ron Huhn introduced the guests.

Keep the Charity Box in your thoughts.

Sunshine Lady, Verda Burr provided us with 3 good jokes & reasons to laugh. There were 16 birthdays. Tom Costa was the winner of the free lunch. There were 7 anniversaries for a total of 292 years, an average of 41 years. Congratulations to all. Jim Lea is moving to LAS. Roger Casterline

has broken another bone. Get well Roger.

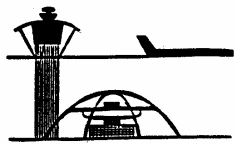
Patrick Cadden introduced a resolution to amend the bylaws to show that only retirees could hold the officer positions of Pres. & V.P. After some discussion, the resolution was postponed until the next meeting to check our bylaws.

Our newest member is Howard Payne at 235 Hieber Dr., Pacheco, CA 94553-5282. Phone 925 687-2530. On the membership list sent last month, correct the phone number of Howard Zumsteg to 415-775-1885.

Discussion took place on the subject of prompt payment of your pass charges to avoid being penalized for a late payment. Make sure you pay the charges within the 90 day period allowed. Keep the envelope you receive to back up your payment dates.

A grievance has been filed by the AFA, the Flight Attendant Union, to restore free pass travel for their members. A nominating committee has been formed; members are Naomi Tolf, Les Carey & Dan De Ford.

Thought for the Day: *I think that the next best thing to solving a problem is finding some humor in it.*



ReLAXers - Los Angeles

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Our membership is growing -- that's great! There is always room for more. On Aug. 27, Jo Ann (who counts our money), Donna (who mails our notices), Jim (who does the LAXRR e-newsletter) & I (keeper of club roster) put our heads & lists together and came up with an up-to-date membership list which totals 334 members (adding in spouses probably represents 500). Meeting attendance is usually around 80 people, except the picnic in Aug. drew about 190! The Christmas luncheon draws about 130 (room maximum) ALL retirees are invited to join -- it's interesting to meet people from other departments & learn how their jobs often meshed with our own. Membership forms can be mailed or e-mailed to you (dues-\$5/yr.) Club rosters available for \$2.00, includes printing, postage, envelope & all 9 pages

(not available through e-mail). Let me know if you want either or both.

Jo Volchef, retired from LAXRR, died in Aug. after failing for some time. We don't have any next of kin information for sending condolences.

On Aug. 29, Eddie ("Don't call me Edna") Poll died from cancer of the esophagus. Despite extensive chemo & radiation treatment, the disease took over. Bill Heath in BOI had been in contact with her while she was residing there with her sister during treatment. His words say it best: "She was a great lady & friend of all who knew her. She was Els Perry's secretary, before that Jack Long's secretary. Like so many secretaries in the early days of UAL, she was a prize, making each of the bosses look good. Condolences can be sent to her sister, Kathryn McPeak, 4520 N. Linder Rd., Eagle, ID 83616.

Donna talked to the nephew of retired LAXRR person, Evelyn Pearson. He advises that she looks good, but just doesn't know who they are. There is no contact for her -- but thought the "old-timers" might know. Another old-time member who doesn't get out anymore, but would love to get notes (cards, OK, but notes better), is Barbara "Goodie" Harsell. Her mailing address is c/o J. Hills, 1613 3rd St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

Latest on the seen-better-days-list -- Peg Kohler had several setbacks this summer, the worst & latest of which is a broken hip. As of 8/8 no decision has been made as to the best repair system for her. Address: 685 Grada Av., Camarillo, CA 93010.

The Mitchells have a grandson who is in Iraq & was involved in one of the attacks. Many prayers for him. When we see these very young Marines going through the USO at LAX en route to their next bases at Okinawa & Korea it's downright scary. You wish the very best for every one of them.

Ginny Clay, (Ed Clay's wife, 3025 Via Borica, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274) had a fall early in Aug. which resulted in some spinal cord injury & a lot of pain. Hopefully some treatment has been found to help her.

As of the last week in Aug., reports about Nancy Toothman are good. At that point she'll have one more round of chemo & radiation in Oct./Nov. (She's at 2056 Loma Vista St., Pasadena, CA 91104).

I know there are items about other members but the word doesn't always get around. If you have people news contact Donna Klobe, Jim Ferrance, or me. *Thanks!*

The Aug. steak fry was a huge success with 190 in attendance from everywhere -- even MIA! Steaks & other food were super, as usual. The Kennebecks asked help in tracking down 4 sets of steak knives & forks which they had taken to the picnic, but unfortunately didn't return home with them. Cathy advises the knives have wooden handles, the forks are all stainless. They are part of a set given her by a friend & have sentimental value. Anyone see and/or find these items call her at 310-541-6175.

My very brief mention of a Copper Canyon (Mexico) trip brought quite a few replies. Unfortunately, the date this year didn't work for most people. So I am checking about next fall.

Hawaii Condo info - you may recall I've been trying to track down the condo info which I had on a flyer, which I lost! Well! I now have that particular flyer info, plus 4 other. If interested, I will send/e-mail you the contacts.

Yellowstone in Winter - Mar. 3-8, 2004. Best snow you can imagine & on Mar. 6 will be full moon. That is one awesome sight to see! What? You don't have winter clothes? I will be happy to refer you to 4 folks from HNL who joined us one year & had no problem keeping warm. Flyer available if you're interested.

Calendar

Oct. 9 - Luncheon, Proud Bird Restaurant at LAX

Dec. 4 - Queen Mary Christmas luncheon. Notices will be sent late Oct/early Nov.

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Our Halloween Party is being planned at the Fireside Restaurant in Escondido on Oct. 30. Happy Hour will be 11:00 a.m.; luncheon will be served promptly at noon. Top Sirloin, Chicken Cordon Bleu, & fresh Sauteed Salmon are on the menu. Fliers will be mailed to all members outlining the full menu.

Our Christmas Party is on the schedule for Dec. 5 at Tom Hams Restaurant on beautiful Mission Bay. It will be a buffet. We will have volunteers at the serving table to assist the folks, who may find it difficult to carry a plate to their table. Our White Elephant Sale is again planned, also the 50/50 raffle.

Bill Lindsay worked very hard on the outing to see the San Diego Padres play the Chicago Cubs. Even though the Padres were really clobbered, we all had a fun outing at the tailgate party as well as the game. Thank you, Bill for all the hard work.

The writer is planning a tour of Ireland in late April. Anyone who may be interested may request a flier at the above telephone number or contact me directly by e-mail at the above address. Ireland is a spectacular country to visit with friendly people & beautiful scenery.

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Pres. Walt Barkowiak opened our Aug. meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Our membership secretary, Carol Walter, introduced & welcomed our new members & visitors. New members were Ruby Dezman who is rejoining our group, Nicholas Hyland, Agnes Quill & Arlie Worley. Our visitors included Shirley Yancey, Bette Mock, Cecilia Allard, Sara Rozzano, Suzy Lee & Ellen, Art, Merle & Betty Eggen. We had 146 members & guests present.

I am sorry to report that we lost 2 of our members this month. Bob Bauer passed away Aug. 7. Condolences can be sent to his wife Ruth at 2125 No. Olive Ave., Apt. D9.

Jerry O'Neill passed away Aug. 6. Her family can be reached at 3507 Winway, San Mateo, CA 94403. We extend our sincere sympathy to both families.

Elizabeth Bennauer had surgery recently; cards can be sent to 3301 Alton Ct., Fremont. CA 94536. Betty Johnson is now at the Mills Estate Villa, 1733 California Dr., Burlingame, CA 94010 & would also enjoy receiving cards & notes.

1st V.P. Ken Wahl said that plans for the picnic were going well. We have sold 155 tickets. He thanked everyone who has helped. It should be a fun time.

Our charity coordinator, Harriet Kunze showed us some examples of children's gifts to fill the shoeboxes that we donate at Christmas time. The boxes are wrapped in Christmas paper & given to children in shelters. Rita Wahl made a beautiful afghan that she has donated. We started selling tickets this month & will sell them for 2 more months before we draw the name of the lucky winner.

Western Division Director, Ginger Dahlberg, reported on Denver's UAL Retiree program where retired UAL volunteers, who are trained by airport officials, provide assistance & information to travelers in the UAL area of the airport. She said that CEO Glenn Tilton was receptive to the idea & would like to get more retirees involved. Ginger was looking into the possibilities of starting a group at SFO & passed around a sign-up sheet for members who might be interested.

Ernie Bloom brought copies of BART schedules to the members. He & his wife, Pearl, volunteer as Travelers' Aides at SFO. Travelers' Aides, who help visitors in all areas of the Airport, can also use volunteers.

Monte Monson, our 2nd V.P., introduced our program for today, a violin & piano duet with Tibor Horvath playing the violin, Yelena Savchenko at the piano. This was another great program. The music was beautiful with European Gypsy music among the other styles. They played "The Orange Blossom Special" for those of us who are country music fans. Tibor Horvath was also a good comedian, so we not only had good music but a few laughs to brighten our day. Oct. we will have the "Bay Bells" with their unique handbell music.

Travel info: Ginger Dahlberg, our travel coordinator, is planning a 2004 French Barge Trip, also an east coast Canada trip. Contact her at 650-345-5548 or by e-mail at gingersfo@aol.com. Pres. Walt Bartkowiak thanked Shirley Dickinson for her 17 years of service as a tour director. The members warmly applauded her.

Calendar

Singles Club - 1st Mon. ea. mo., Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, 2145 Bunker Hill Dr., San Mateo, CA. Pres. Ellen Pearce, 650-593-7328.

Retirees General Meeting - 4th Mon. ea. mo., business meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Wm. Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

SFO/SJC



SOUTH BAY RETIREES

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA SFO/SJC SOUTH BAY

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Vic & Elaine Kristen celebrated their 60th anniversary on 9/25/03. We wish you both many more happy years.

Joan & Duane Dahl are back with us, as are Stan Kolman, Charley & Barbara Brown. Goldie Purdy had her cast removed after breaking her arm. Joe Purdy had surgery & is doing well. Deloris Burda is back on chemo, not feeling too great. Paul Getty is doing well at age 95. He is a charter member.

Donations can be sent to American Heart Association, #1 Almaden Blvd. San Jose, CA 95112, in memory of John Starkovich who passed away Aug. 5.

Our guests for Aug. were Pat & Dick Bradley from IL. Dick is Bob Bradley's nephew. Also Suzanne, Tim & their daughter Alexis Hall from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands & Jim Schaller, Otto & Geneva Shaller's family.

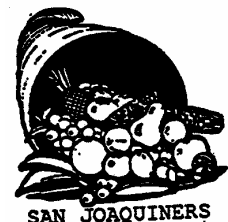
Marie Rutledge's new address is c/o Helen Muzzuco, 7532 Cheltnam Ct., New Port Richie, FL 04055-4210.

Calendar

Weekly Breakfast Meeting each Fri. morning at Holder's Country Inn, 998 De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA at 7:30 a.m, meeting at 8:25 a.m. For more information contact Pres. George Sousa (408) 245-0498.

SAN JOAQUINERS

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SAN JOAQUINERS

Due to my absence from the fun meeting at the

Doug & Dorothy Ranch outside Sonora on 8/14, we commissioned Pres. Ray Harm & V.P. Guy Hoffman to write up the activities. While the luncheon was in progress we had a continuous showing of Mr. Tilton's speech at the RUAEA Convention in CHI in May.

Doug also pointed out the solar panel he had put in his house which produced enough electricity to get a discount from PGE for some months. A very pleasant note - Don Rentzel introduced his fiancée Kathy Davenport.

Guy Hoffman reported on his survey to the members regarding permanent meeting locations, continuing raffles, etc. Guy did an excellent job covering many subjects.

Oct. meeting hosted by George & Gloria Gemberling probably at the Peppery Inn in Sonora. We meet the 2nd Thurs. each month. Always welcome new faces & stories.



Concord, CA
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The El Diablos of the East Bay held their Aug. meeting with 32 members & guests. We welcomed back Ken Price, Russ Kennedy & his wife Glenda. 1st-timers were Lynne Inman-Hoffert & Jim Bias, both from SFORR. We hope to see them all at our next meeting.

Our next regular luncheon meeting will be Oct. 13 - The Nuumi Plant tour on Sept. 9 replaced our Sept. luncheon.

Georgia Bouska's mother (Muffy) has had a stroke. She is a regular attendee at the RUAEA gatherings; our prayers go to Richard & Georgia.

Ed Lewis will be sending an e-mail reminder for meetings each month. Make sure your e-mail address is up-to-date via Ed Bingle. Our thanks once again to Ed for giving us a revised roster of members. For those of you without e-mail, Howard will be sending a reminder via US Mail.

Our congratulations to Adeline Lee who took 2nd place in a 5k Breast Cancer run for Eden Hospital in Castro Valley.

Credit Union update!! The Oakland branch will

be opened Sept. 8. Address & hours follow: Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri - 0730-1600 - Wed/0730 -1430. Address: 433 Hegenberger Rd., Suite 108 (no phone number yet). It is located right off 880 & Hegenberger in the Air Park Plaza, a blue-roofed facility by the Wells Fargo Bank Building - ground floor. The Credit Union promises good signs! We meet at Baker's Square restaurant on Willow Pass Rd., in Concord - 11:30 a.m., the 2nd Mon. of each month - no reservations needed!

Calendar

Oct. 13 - Lunch

Nov. 10 - Lunch

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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60 Mile Highers enjoyed our monthly breakfast on Sept. 2. All winners of the 50/50 returned their winnings to the DEN postage fund. Winners were: Ruth Chappel, Bob Schmelzer & Ron Siesen. Thanks for your contributions.

Arlene Lebsack brought Ruth & Al Chappel. We look forward to seeing them again soon.

We understand that Al Hierzer is doing quite well. He is on oxygen but can get around on his own. He would enjoy receiving cards or notes. Address is: 828 S. Johnson Ct., Lakewood, CO 80226

Save Dec. 8 for our annual Christmas luncheon at the Fresh Fish Company.

It is with great sorrow we report the death of Jim Doty on 9/4/03. Jim was a very active member of RUAEA, having been Pres. of the Mile Highers Chapter, Mt. Region Director, Chairman of the 1986 Convention held in DEN & was National President 1992-1994. Jim will be greatly missed.

Chuck Bates is in a nursing home; however, address of home was wrong in the Sept. issue. Correct address is: Mt. Vista Health Center, 4800 Tabor St., Wheatridge, CO 80033.

Calendar

Breakfast 1st Wed. ea. mo., 8:00 a.m., Aurora Elks Club, 11759 E. 14th Av., Aurora, CO. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions,. #303-696-7001.

Dec. 8 - Christmas Luncheon.

FLORIDA

CITRUS
GROUPERS



CITRUS GROUPEERS

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Aug. 28, the Groupers met at Frankie's in Inverness with 14 members in attendance. We welcomed Bill & Mary Wimmer, now living in Citrus County. We started planning for our Christmas party & will finalize details next month. Wilma Martin came with her arm in a sling. She had surgery on her elbow. We wish her a speedy recovery. Maxine & Frank Woods did not attend. Maxine is in a lot of pain & was scheduled for surgery on her back, Sept. 22. We hope things turned out all right. With great regret I have to announce the passing of Frank Smith on Aug. 8. We will miss him.

Our Oct. meeting will take place at the Pasta Fare, 10401 US Hwy. 441, in Belleview, at 11:30 a.m.

Daytona Beach SAND "DABS"

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The rains have been hanging over FL for many days. In spite of the uncertainty of the weather, 15 Sand "DABS" gathered at the Red Lobster for our Aug. meeting. Many in our group are still traveling, or not feeling up to par. John & I had a great trip north to see our kids & attend a granddaughter's graduation from high school, so it's been awhile for a newsletter to be written by me.

We extend our sympathy to Ed Watson in the passing of his beloved wife Martha. Our group will be giving a gift to Ed's choice charity in Martha's

memory. Our group also sent \$100 to the Rape Crises Center. The treasury is still in the black. For such a small group we do very well. Joe Veracka isn't feeling too well. It was good to see Joan Brandonisio again. Ruth Alexander is still catching her breath from her move & relocation into smaller quarters. Company anniversaries were Bill Oliver, 57 years, and Joan Bransonisio, 26 years.

After our 50/50 drawing there was a second drawing for some "antique" rulers with a picture of the DC8 on them. Brought back many good memories for us & our many trips on the DC8 from HWI to the east coast in the good old days.

Pres. Dick Coughlin gave us an up-date on company matters. He keeps us well informed of all the news. While waiting for lunch to arrive, we saw a taping of the speech Mr. Tilton gave at the recent convention in CHI which was very interesting to hear for those of us unable to attend the convention.

Because our meeting was after the newsletter due date, I can give you an up-date on our trip to Jackie Robinson Field to see the Cubs play; 10 of us enjoyed the game, hot dogs & fellowship. The Cubs won 4-1.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *If things get better with age, then we are all approaching magnificent!*

There were happy smiles & greetings as we got together after the summer and to see some of our members back after several months. Our group was still small because some are still traveling; some will be gone again before our next meeting; however, 20 of us did beat the rain coming, but surely met it going home.

Pres. Dick Coughlin opened our meeting & introduced visitors Jackie & Ken Balos from Houston, TX. Jackie is Frieda's sister. After some preliminaries, we sang Happy Birthday to Janet Horten & Charlotte Forte who celebrate birthdays on the very same day! They both blew out the candle on our no calorie "cake". Andy & Jane Kress are celebrating 57 years of marriage. Everyone clapped for them. Bill Lowry is celebrating his company anniversary of 54 years.

Our Prez really has a fun attitude. He always comes with a few funny jokes. Also, Frieda noticed our handy container that holds our many travel "rewards" that we give away, had a split in its side; she thought of buying a new one; but, no, Prez Dick to the rescue, a fix any good mechanic would

make...our container now has a silver duck tape border around its middle. We all received new name badges. The names are now larger, for the poor of sight, & they hang around our necks. No more pin holes in pretty blouses. Thanks Dick. After our 50/50 drawing there was another drawing for a United desk pencil/pen holder. Frieda reports our treasury is well in the black. Be thinking of where some gifts can be made to certain charities this fall. We received a thank-you note for our little gift to Joy, our previous & very efficient waitress at the Red Lobster. Today we had two gentlemen waiting on us. As Marion Johnson remarked, "it took two men to do one woman's work." We all laughed at that one.

Announcement was made of the Tampa Bay picnic coming up Oct. 6. Anyone interested in going can contact Dick for all the information. Dick brought us up-to-date on all the company news. Things seem to be going pretty good at United so far. Our Prez does a good job in keeping us informed.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *Do you remember the days when "hardware" referred to a store where you could buy a hammer?*

Calendar

Oct. 2 - 11:30, Red Lobster

Nov. 6 - 11:30, Red Lobster



SW FLORIDA PELICAN DROP-INS

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20 Pelican Drop-Ins enjoyed breakfast together at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers on Sept. 5. Starting in Oct. our meetings will be held the 1st Fri of every month at the Sabal Springs Golf & Racket Club in North Fort Myers. These will be luncheon meetings for the next 8 months.

For the Oct. meeting we are going to get a chance to meet with Mary Miller, the new Manager at RSW. Hopefully John Dahl, who was transferred to Tampa, will also join us for lunch. This is one meeting that you won't want to miss! We'll hear all

the latest news about United.

We would enjoy having other United retirees join us for our meetings. It's a great group to join.

Calendar

1st Fri. of the month, luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club in North Fort Myers. Reservations necessary. For more information call or e-mail: Marilyn McNabb (239) 482-3882 (Fort Myers) - UALMKE@aol.com, Joan Gilkison (941) 637-9367 (Punta Gorda) - jgilkison1@comcast.net, Carrie Belluso (239) 481-1450 (Fort Myers) - Tutupapa1@aol.com.

THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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Submitted by:

Charlotte LeGrand



'Tis Sept. - the grandkids are all back in school & for the most part, the Orlando grandparents are heaving a sigh of thanksgiving. Personally speaking, we've had a very busy summer. Lots of fun having visitors, but nice to have a lull before the holidays arrive.

Once again, had a great turnout for the Sept. meeting, welcomed new members Roger & Susan Chaplin and William & Eumelda Hernandez. Roger & Will are both retired from MCO-Ramp Service. After the reading of the minutes & Treas.'s report, Pres. Richard Llewellyn gave the group a report about his experience delivering our contributions to the Children's Home. In addition to purchasing book bags & lunch boxes for each of the children, he & Kathy delivered a van full of paper products, personal care items, juices & snacks. Needless to say, it was a heartwarming experience. He told of how excited & grateful the children & staff were. Sure made us all feel good about our donation.

Announcements included an invitation from the Tampa Bay group to their annual picnic in Oct., a thank you from the Central Florida Children's Home along with an invite to be their guests at an upcoming barbeque, & a current newsletter from the Hospice of the Comforter. Charlotte LeGrand

informed the group that Gloria Armistead's mother had passed away on Sun. night (which is why I am writing this article). Our deepest sympathy is extended to Gloria & her family. They certainly have had their share of tribulations lately. Richard is still in a wheelchair, unable to put any pressure on his broken heels (one has 11 pins, the other 12). Hang in there guys; it's just got to get better!

As an item of new business, Pres. Richard suggested having a mid-month "Favorite Restaurant" get-together. Each month a different couple will make arrangements at their favorite restaurant for those interested. Everyone agreed we all go out to eat at least once a month; this would give us exposure to good restaurants outside of our usual dining area. Details will be discussed at our next meeting.

After wishes were given to those having birthdays & anniversaries in Sept., congratulations went to Norma & Bill Butchart for winning the 50/50 drawing. The meeting concluded with Richard reading an amusing e-mail containing vital statistics on the U.S. Constitution battleship.

Calendar

Oct. 1 - 1:00 p.m., monthly luncheon meeting (1st Wed. of the month), Golden Corral Restaurant, Semoran Blvd.. (Rt. 435), 3 miles north of Airport, 1 mile south of Curry Ford Rd.

Oct. 25 - Winter Park Playhouse, \$25 p/p, includes transportation and lunch. Call Stan Halterman, 487-852-6773.

Nov. 29 - "Sights and Sounds of Christmas in the 40s" in Tarpon Springs, \$33 p/p. Call Stan Halterman.



Florida West Coast
THE SAND DOLLARS
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As we Florida sunbirds wrap up our storm season & unfold our upcoming season of endless-summer days, it's time to call all Sand Dollar members, former - current - future, to our first gathering of the season.

We have reserved tables for 10 couples at the Beach House Restaurant in Bradenton Beach, at

200 Gulf Drive North on Oct. 9.

All of our festive gatherings are scheduled to take place on the 2nd Thurs. of each month, Oct. through April, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

This first gathering is a time for members to exchange tall tales, summer yarns & whatever new information folks may have on the status & outlook of UAL.

We also have to update our books with new mailing addresses, phone numbers & e-mail addresses. If you have not received an e-mail or phone call from me to date, please call me (941-349-8285) or e-mail me at tgo2030@aol.com.

Come on out, one and all, prepared to have a good time, but above all be safe out there.

TAMPA BAY

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Jon Wilkinson opened the Sept. 1 meeting at Buddy Freddie's for 39 attendees. The floor was immediately turned over to Steve Becklund of Senior Solutions Consortium. He & his partner spoke about different ways they could help us with nursing home problems, home health solutions, victim advocacy and assistance, meals on wheels & more.

There were 3 visitors at our Sept. meeting: Jeannie Santacroce who recently retired from Tampa, Gervaise Cumberbatch who retired in 1978 from LaGuardia & is originally from French Guiana & Analda Ducer.

Bev Alderdice was unable to attend the Sept. meeting so Terri Breslin reminded us that the picnic will be held Oct. 6 at Anderson Park, Shelter 4, at 10 a.m., ¼ barbeque chicken, baked beans, potato salad & coleslaw w/roll will be catered by Pit Boss & desserts by Debbie. Guests will be \$5. Members will only need to bring their beverage. So far there are 39 signed up for this event.

Terri Breslin informed us details of the Christmas Luncheon. It will be held Dec. 8 at Spartan Manor beginning at 11 a.m. Total Sounds from Gulf High School will be providing the entertainment.

Sadie announced that Jo Madden will be our speaker at the West Coast Luncheon in Jan. to be

held at Pappas Restaurant in Tarpon Springs. She has no specific subject as yet, but does promise a few laughs.

Mike Rice announced that there are presently 59 paid members. Membership goes from July 1 to June 30. Anyone who has not paid as of the Sept. meeting & plans on attending the Oct. picnic will have to pay for their lunch.

Terri Breslin told us that there were no illnesses or deaths that she knew of in Sept. Shirley Eppard is recuperating well & hopes to join us at the Oct. picnic.

Terri also noted that there was a sign-up sheet for "Going Hollywood", a musical at the Angel Dinner Theatre on Oct. 12 for anyone that is interested. She also announced that Kathy Cornwell will be the Nov. speaker. She is a victim's advocate for the Area Agency on Aging for Pasco and Pinellas County, also will address Identity Theft.

Calendar

Oct. 6 - Picnic at Anderson Park, Shelter 4, Holiday at 10 a.m.



TREASURE COAST

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Most of us are back from our summer vacations; in attendance today 14 members. Good turnout considering the storm we were having. Barbara Dodenhoff won the 50/50. As all our members did not attend, we had a discussion on the Christmas party, decided it will be held in Johnny Restaurant on Dec. 2. We would like to take a one-day gambling cruise in Nov. or maybe go to the Airline Christmas Party in Dec. We will have to wait until next month when all the members are present.

Frank Wise broke his hand, & the Coradinis are on a cruise. I believe the Dias's are still in Portugal. The Andersons are still in Spain.

It has been a very hot summer in FL this year. If it doesn't stop raining we will all be floating into the St. Lucie River. Just to walk on one's lawn it sounds like squish, squish.

As for our cruise to the Scandinavian countries, St. Petersburg, Russia, Estonia, Germany, & England, it was cold, and for their 300th birthday St.

Petersburg was freshened up, but only the front of the government buildings were painted & decorated. We were hit with a terrible storm the night prior to our docking. Paul Liebisch & I were sick, I mean sick. We went down to the middle of the ship on the 4th deck to try to settle our stomachs. No more will we have cabins on 2 floors from the top. The waves were hitting the windows at that height. This is the first time that both of us ever got seasick.

The Hermitage Museum was something to see, but it sure needs a lot of work to correct all the problems they have. Nothing more to say, see you all next month.

Calendar

1st Tues. of the month, Johnny's Restaurant, 1780 Federal Hwy US1, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. (772) 878-2626.

THE VILLAGES

AIRLINE RETIREES

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The monthly meeting of The Villages Airline Retirees chapter met at the Saddlebrook complex on Aug. 21. What entertainment we had. Oscar Felieu, operatic tenor singer came with his guitar & sang for us. He told us of being born in Chile & spending his childhood there. He was a resident of MI for a number of years training in the music industry. He is now a resident of The Villages. He performs at the Church on the Square & for the operatic company based in Orlando. What a treat it was for all of us. Following his performance two dancers, one from Puerto Rico & one from Ecuador did a Spanish dance.

There will be no Oct. meeting as the group plans a luncheon cruise on The Contessa from Dead River Vic's dock. Free transportation will be furnished by Dead River Vic's; we will meet at a designated location for pickup. We need 25 or more for the free transportation, so ask your friends.

Thought for the day: *You're older than you've ever been — but you're younger than you'll ever be again!*

Metro Atlanta
DIXIE FLYERS

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26 Flyers & 1 guest, Tony Fricks, Fred Cron's Jeeping buddy, attended the luncheon & meeting on July 9 at the Grand Buffet in Fayetteville, GA. The air-conditioning was out in our usual meeting room; however, we were accommodated nicely in a divided area of the restaurant. As usual, the food was excellent & more than you could want.

The kiosks are installed & running at the Atlanta Airport.

The Mystery Trip on July 16 was a great success, taking 26 Flyers to the Gone with the Wind Museum in Jonesboro, GA, then onto the Confederate Cemetery. Historical downtown area of Jonesboro, then to the Ashley Oaks Mansion. The Flyers had lunch at Ashley Oaks, a tour there & then to the Stately Oaks Mansion for a guided tour of the home. The day began at 8:00 a.m., ended at 3:00 p.m., the group departing for home, full & happy after a busy day.

30 Flyers & 1 guest, Wanda Diggs the sister of Jewell Cron visiting from Gurnee, IL, attended the catered barbeque lunch on Aug. 6, at the Hopeful Community Clubhouse in Fayetteville, GA. Jeanne Barber brought home grown tomatoes to share. All had a good time.

By now everyone knows that Medco Healthcare has been spun-off. This should not change our mail order drug benefits. There has been no information from UAL of any changes.

We have many in our group that are on our sick call list. Harry Moody is still recovering from surgery. Frank Merkle underwent major surgery at Emory Hospital. Fred Wegrzyn, after many tests, has been diagnosed with acute bronchitis; Sondra Blevins had a lumpectomy, diagnosed as cancer; Amy McAfee is recovering nicely from thyroid surgery.

When a man opens the car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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Bud Peters reported that the Starlight Mountain Theater Trip was great with 53 in attendance. "South Pacific" performance was excellent. We thank Wilma Anderson who did her usual great job of arranging & organizing the whole thing. Dave Adams, our bus driver, deserves our gratitude for getting us there & back safely.

Bud asked for at least 3 volunteers for a site committee to find us a larger facility for our monthly meetings. The response was most gratifying; 6 members signed on, & we now have a committee: Ron Hamman (Chairman), Carol Birt, Marlene Croghan, Lil Jolly & Wilma Schell. Target date for the change: Jan. 2004.

Ed Works has our GEMS Website up & running. Bud is all for it & asked that he be listed as member of the team. Others have also shown interest. Give Ed a call & sign up, if interested.

Don Behrendt explained that he & his group of volunteers at the Warhawk Air Museum are hard at work on additional UAL displays depicting the "prop era", adding that he will need donation money for frames to display our collection of memorabilia. Please hold off on the donation of "jet-era" artifacts for the time being.

Malcolm MacCoy told us that he was presented with the coveted "Key to the City of Meridian" award - *the first person to receive the key in the past 100 years!* It was given to Malcolm in recognition of his outstanding service & dedication to the City of Meridian. He also is a deserving recipient of the prestigious "Torch Award", in recognition of outstanding service to children & youth in the Annual Conference ((Oregon-Idaho). The certificate accompanying the plaque is signed by the Director of Civic Youth, the Bishop, & General Secretary of the General Commission in the United Methodist Church. Congratulations, Malcolm MacCoy! We are proud of you.

Sadly, we report the death of Edna (call me "Eddie") Glee Smith Poll, of LAX. When she learned she had cancer of the esophagus, she

returned to her hometown of Meridian, ID, to be with her sister & be treated at the Mountain States Tumor Institute. She was very positive when I talked to her just days before her death. Suddenly she took a turn for the worse & died at a Boise hospital Aug. 29. Ed Clay described her as "a great lady & friend". Many knew this wonderful person when she was secretary to Jack Long, & later, Els Perry.

Two of Charlie Law's daughters visited from Henderson, NV & Westminster, CO, while Betty Archibald hosted daughter, Paige; granddaughter, Erica; & great-grandson, Taylor. Traveling were Marilyn Taylor, Marlene Croghan, & Shirley Law, who flew to Austin, TX to see her daughter, granddaughters & great-granddaughter. The Duvalls had a visit from retired Capt. Les Shea. A member who wishes to remain anonymous, rafted the lower South Fork of the Payette River & survived! A guide is recommended.

Mike Maslen spent much of the summer instructing the art of flying the "back country" out of McCall, ID. He points out that ID has over 75 airstrips in the largest wilderness area in the lower 48 states. When not instructing, he was at Oshkosh with the Reno Demo Race Team. He adds that the EAA puts on great shows in support of our kids in the Young Eagle programs. He also had a guest: Bill Young from Tokyo.

Calendar

Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1 - Breakfast at Perkin's on Franklin, 9:30 a.m.

ILLINOIS

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The Aug. Northside Breakfast at the Artemis Restaurant were 2 new 1st-timers as part of 80 retirees: Edward Olsen (847-392-0775) & Bob Ekvall, ORDMM (847-566-4821).

If any other 1st-timers are present at these events, be sure to advise me so we can publish your name for friends & acquaintances.

We received a note from Mary Kay & Gil

Wojtal who had a great time in Western MI. Their trip included Ludington & Mackinac Island.

People from EXOAC, Rita & Chester Jay, went to their granddaughter's graduation in TX, Rebecca Motzny, who received a Masters Degree in Library Science. She is the daughter of Linda Motzny who worked in EXO.

Dave & Elaine Dore, WHQFJ, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their 5 children, spouses & 14 grandchildren at the Disney Resort in Vero Beach, FL.

You can call them at 847-354-6955.

At the Southside Brunch at Grandma Sally's Pancake House, we had 24 retirees who participate in a lottery.

Otho & Joan Masterson celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on 8-21. Call them at 708-748-3971 to give them your congratulations.

Glenn & Verna Gibbs drove to LAS for retirement party of their son, Air Force Lt. Col., David Gibbs.

Calendar

Southside Brunch - Last Tues. of the month, 10:00 a.m., Grandma Sally's Pancake House, 8500 W. Harlem, Bridgeview, IL

Northside Breakfast - 2nd Wed. of the month, 9:00 a.m., Artemis Restaurant, Golf Rd. & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL

Oct. 15 - Fall Luncheon at Ripples Restaurant

MASSACHUSETTS



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The Nor'Easters held 2 outings in Aug. The Cape Canal cruise on the 9th & our Third Annual Picnic on the 30th.

The 2-hour evening cruise on the Cape Cod Canal attracted 45 members & guests. Arrangements & catering were arranged by Bill Vanderwal & Lou Shakley. Afterwards, members plus the remaining food converged at Bill's house. Some members pre-arranged local hotels. The event was enjoyable enough for most to want to do

it again. Bill's suggestion: next year let's do the 10 a.m. 3-hour cruise, then lunch. Sounds good to me!

The picnic attracted 70 members & guests, including 5 children, 4 seemed to spend the entire day in the pool. Ten-year-old Amy, granddaughter of Ed & Marge LeClair, boasts that this is her 2nd picnic with the Nor'Easters. The youngest guest, still in a stroller, was Domonic. He is the grandson of our hosts, Frank & Polly Tramontozzi. Tony & Delores Berardi's son, his wife & 2 grandchildren also attended. Rose & Julius Schneider, Rose & Joe Totaro & Ray Portelli, all members of the New York Metros, attended this & our last 2 picnics. Sometimes we put them to work.

Beside the enormous quantity of food present, our VP George provided a lobster for everyone. A birthday cake was also shared for Joe Totaro, Tony Berardi & George Mavreles. The weather, food & company couldn't have been better; all had a good time.

A special thanks to Moose Umbley for the gift of a Pabst Blue Ribbon mug. Yes, they still make Pabst.

Calendar

Oct. 7 - Luncheon, Leaning Tower, Route 1 South, Saugus, MA

Dec. 9 - Christmas Party - Jimmy's Allenhurst, Route 114, Danvers, MA

MICHIGAN

Detroit, Michigan

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Many thanks to our Aug. hosts, Rod & Sharon Jacob who opened their home in White Lake to 17 Escapees including new retiree Shirley Furdak & 8 guests including kids, grandkids & neighbor. Captain Rod, official tour guide of Cedar Island Lake, took all willing on a great narrated tour in his pontoon boat. We zigged & zagged through a slalom course intended for water skiers, which was quite exciting & tummy tickling; he did not miss a turn. We think he has had some practice. It was a

perfect day - weather, food & especially the company.

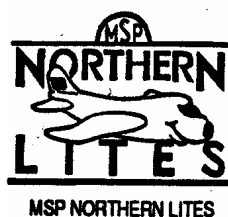
Yesterday we had a great turnout, 30 Escapees including 1st-timers Glynes Byrnes, Joyce Lyons, Gerri Wimshurst & Betsy Mycek at the Henry Ford Estate at Fairlane hosted by Loralie Kennedy. Loralie had extra special touches including a carnation at each place & a couple of centerpieces of live flowers that were given to 2 lucky folks that had the lucky number inside a 16-month, 2004 planning calendar also found at our place setting. Most of us took the tour after lunch of the mansion & grounds, which we really enjoyed. Our volunteer guide, now retired from Ford Motor Co., was most knowledgeable of Henry's ironies & had that special way of snitching on Henry about the things you don't find in history books which made the tour & day most enjoyable.

Lastly, I apologize to Linda Pistor on the mention of her mother passing last month. It should have read Linda (Schaffer) Price's mother that has just passed. Our love & prayers to the family. Thankfully Linda Pistor was most forgiving on this correspondent's error. Linda Pistor's mom had left this mortal world about 5 years ago.

Calendar

First Thurs. of month; location varies; please call or e-mail.

MINNESOTA



MSP/St. Paul

NORTHERN LITES

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Our Aug. meeting was well attended despite the absentees who were golfing or at "The Lake". We were pleased at Jack Doke's surprise visit! Jack was in the MKE & MSP area visiting friends & family. Residing in Winter Haven, FL now Jack still enjoys flying his own plane & golf.

Connie Glattly gave a recap of the July picnic held at the Glattly Estate in Willow River, MN. 47 attendees enjoyed great food & lots of visiting.

Virginia Swenson gave an interesting synopsis of her trip to India. She took bibles, among many other items, for "Bibles for the World", a Christian

organization headed by Dr. Pudiate. An interesting fact re: the Dr.; his father was a "for-real headhunter". This does not deter Virginia's plans for another trip.

Welcome letters were sent to our newest MSP retirees, Tessa Leesburg & Tom Krieger.

We were sad to note the deaths of Ed Lewis, former MSP Station Manager; Pappy Price, Mechanic & Dick Mullaney, Sales Manager in St. Paul. Condolences to their families.

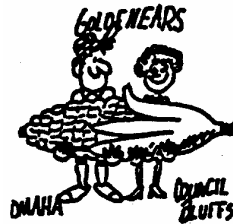
All are well & enjoying a hot, MN summer. No complaints as the snow will fly soon enough. Greetings to all our friends.

Luncheon meeting: 2nd Wed. of the month. New location to be announced for Nov. and following months.

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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Sandy Booth passed away Aug. 15 from ovarian cancer. Funeral services were held Aug. 18. Sandy was a very integral part of the Omaha Golden'ears chapter, served as Pres. & Sunshine Lady. She will be missed.

We had a nice turnout at Chalco Hills with 80 attending. Our thanks to Arnie & Shirley Mahoney for hosting.

Our sincere sympathy to Harold Rowe & family. Harold's wife, Evelyn, passed away; her funeral services were Aug. 11.

In the last letter I asked our members who don't attend, or are out the state, to let us know how they are doing. Here are some of the excerpts from their notes or telephone calls to me:

Cy Buell - broke his hip on the 4th of July & was in the Life Care Center taking rehab. He hopes to be released the middle of Aug. to go back to his home. Cy is 87 & still lives alone.

Dottie Lewis - had a kidney removed years ago; the doctors have been watching the other one. All of a sudden she found she has a cyst on the other kidney; the doctors didn't want to do anything right now but will keep a careful eye on it as it has grown considerably. Dottie lives in Creston, IA.

Kitty LaRue from Duncan, OK (moved there 2 years ago) & loves it. She was leaving to go to PHL to see her great grandbaby. The baby was born with e-coli which is a urinary tract infection & has been in the hospital for treatment.

Charlie Cromling had his 4th heart attack. He has 3 blockages, one is 99%; one is 100%. Cardiologist said due to old grafts they are too brittle to take a chance on any more surgery. Charlie still lives in his home, is 78.

Dorothy Glover - said Bob physically is doing good but his Parkinson's is getting worse & his memory is very short. He does recall long ago the fun he had with the guys at United.

Roberta McLaughlin, Hastings, NE - just returned from MT where she went to visit her nephew, Jim Sweet, who retired from UAL in DEN. She is doing okay, will be 80 years old.

Ralph & Jean Jensen, Western, NE - Ralph just finished his cardiac rehab which was 36 weeks in duration. They sold their large home, down-sized to a 2-bedroom home.

Denny & Dee Jones - Dee fell in Feb., was more or less bedridden as she had a compressed fracture. Dee says Denny is a lousy housekeeper. Denny has had vertigo for many years; I'm sure he is doing the best he can. As he says, "If it wasn't for my health, I'd be in good shape."

Dudley & Jean Kovarik - Dudley is in the Golden State Care Center suffering from Alzheimer's. Jean says Dudley has lost 50 pounds in the last year. She visits him 4-5 times a week.

John Mitchell - Sugarland, TX - likes the place where he is now. His daughter visits him regularly. John says he will always have a soft spot in his heart for the OMA group. He does have a cell phone if anyone would like to call; it is 281-923-7747.

Ed Brown - Ed still golfs once a week & recently scored his 5th career eagle. Congratulations, Ed. Ed has congestive heart failure, had a pacemaker put in a few months ago. He says he & Marianne keep plugging along.

Joy Whisinnand, Peyton, CO - is enjoying life on the prairie east of Colorado Springs. She just got back from a 13-day cruise to Fairbanks. AK. She bowls 3 times a week, says she is in great health.

Jean Kirsch - works 3 days a week so can't attend the meetings, said she does have some arthritis.

Mary Winkler, Burlingame, CA - Mary "baby sits" dogs - that 's the 4-legged kind...Her e-mail was hilarious about her job but won't go into that. She did say she attended the RUAEA convention in CHI but had trouble getting back because everything was grossly oversold. They suggested some of the standbys go to DCA, take ground to Dulles, then Dulles to SFO. They finally substituted a 747 on an ORDLAX flight - she got on that.

I read in the RUAEA Newsletter that the Director for the Mountain Region is Tom Goodyear who replaced Ned Yundt. I must say, Ned was very good in coming to visit our group - we will miss her.

Calendar

Nov. 4 - Bohemian Café, hosted by Tom & Rose Langan

Dec. 2 - Anthony's, hosted by Ev & Shirley Payton and Dave & Teddy Letts.

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS

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45 members & guests attended our Aug. 12 luncheon. Our buffet lunch at Castaways is wonderful. We had 1 new guest, Jan Carney, guest of Lu Friel & Lee Price. Our regular guest, Sunday Silveroli joined us again. We have quite a few new members: Sandy Farris (LAXSW) & spouse Les, Robert & Sharon Beck (LASCS), Ken Lampkin (DENMM), Roger Irvine (SFOMP) & spouse Darlene, Charles Johnson (SFOOB), Lu Friel & Lee Price (LAXTO). Welcome to our chapter!

Lois Fox & Ray Gibson read a few jokes. Chris Czaplewski & Arlene McCroy gave us some good travel tips. Roger Irvine advised: if anyone is returning from Vancouver to allow much more than 2 hours going through security due to large groups of passengers returning from cruises.

Ray Gibson celebrated his 81st birthday. J.R. Spencer also celebrating his birthday on day of luncheon. Our local chapter will be appointing officers for 2003-2004, plus planning for our

Christmas party. Results to follow in future newsletter.

Eleanor Vasko reports that Mary Lou Littlefield had glaucoma surgery and has developed a cornea problem. Mary Lou very rarely misses a luncheon. Willie James has been having back problems. Bob Morley passed away in July; our condolences to his wife Joan.

Our chapter meets on 2nd Tues. every other month at Castaways Hotel & Casino.

Calendar

Oct 14

Dec. 13 - Christmas luncheon.

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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Sierra Roundup's annual picnic was a rousing success regardless of the RAIN! We haven't seen rain in months; what do you know, it rained...not all day but just during the time we visited Lake Tahoe. Oh well, we all decided we are pretty tough; we had a great time anyway. The Sacramento group joined us, as usual, brought great desserts & rounded out our numbers making our attendance 64 in all. This was the largest group in a few years, so I guess it was a good idea to start early. We missed Sarah Nimori; you will remember she recently passed away after a very brief illness. Jeff, Sarah's husband, couldn't make it so we hope to see him at the next meeting.

Once again, a very special thank you to Tom Pagni, our Executive Chef for making the most of our hamburger/turkey lunch. Missing the condiments (again)! Didn't really matter because he did such a great job.

We had 2 new members sign up: Jim & Robert Z. Jagnor and Jim & Ethel Meek. More on them next time as our notes are very sketchy due to party time & spasmodic note taking.

Thanks to everyone for bringing your wonderful potluck dishes; they were all delicious, also for making the effort to attend even with the threat of inclement weather. It was indeed fun, and, or course, we will do it again next year!

See you next month...

NEW JERSEY



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Aug. 27 the NJ Gardenstaterers held their annual picnic at Merrill Park, Colonia, NJ. 84 members & guests attended - a beautiful day for hot dogs, hamburgers & all the trimmings. Games were played with prizes for the winners. Violet & Marty Etler celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary that day. A good time was had by all.

NEW YORK

GUYS AND DOLLS

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On Aug. 5, there were 28 members at San Martin for lunch. New faces in the crowd were: JoAnne Tyner & Ellen Halsted, both recent retirees from JFKSW. Liz Armstrong graced us with her yearly appearance. Liz does join the Tampa RUAEA group in the winter months.

Alice O'Hagen spoke of the 5 volunteers' trip to Ireland to help with the Special Olympics. A highlight of the week was the reception for parents of the athletes hosted by 150 Clipped Wings. There were 4000 attendees. The parents were so appreciative of the volunteers' participation in the events. Eunice Shriver, the founder of Special Olympics was the main speaker. New York was represented by Jill Bugler, Paula Hennessey, Alice O'Hagen, Jeanne Leo & Virginia Davidson.

Diane Goldberg just returned from Belgium after participating in a ceremony which included the Ambassador of Israel's presentation of the medal of "Just Among the Nations" to the Belgium family who saved Diane & her sister during WWII. This was the highest award for acts of courage given a civilian. Diane is a frequent speaker relating her experiences as a 14-year-old child

hidden from the Nazis by this family.

Marilyn Cheadle won the 50/50 AGAIN!

Calendar

Oct. 7 - Luncheon. Please RSVP Jeanne Leo or Marge Segal (212) 355-1788.

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

The Sept. meeting had a good turnout of 74 members including 1 guest, new retiree Lynn Burglin. The meeting started with Joe Totaro leading the membership with the "Pledge of Allegiance".

We received thank you notes from Martha Mongelli & Frank Lopinto for the baskets of fruit they received after their hospital stay. By the way, both attended this month's meeting - welcome back! We missed both of you.

The Sept. birthdays are headed by Diana Arena who will be 83 on the 20th; Charlie Kaczinski, 80 on the 19th. Happy Birthday to you & the 9 other chapter members.

A bottle of champagne was presented to each of the two couples celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary this month - Ruth & Elliott Olenick on the 25th, Dolores & Charles Kaczinski on the 18th. A special cake was ordered for the happy occasion & enjoyed by the membership. Best wishes to the happy couples.

Nice to see Hal Malasardi back from his visit with his son in DEN. Also, Mabel Bittar & Yvonne Guella back from their summer retreat.

The Metros were updated with the happenings of United Airlines by Charlie Kaczinski. Let's see birthday, anniversary & United update, Charlie Kaczinski! Dolores, would you like to write the minutes?

Paid members must inform chapter officers with update for any recognition birthdays, anniversaries, etc.

New chapter members:

Alexander Durant	JFKMM
Frank Davi	JFKFF
Len Melnik	SECURITY

Bob Stapf	JFKFF
Pat Hannon	JFKCS
Carol Manley-Davis	JFKCS
Ron Weick	USAIR-LGACS
Jimmy Richardson	LGACS
Dick Elcik	LGAOO
Paul Jensen	JFKGQ
Bob Hambrecht	JFKGQ
Valerie Nahodyl-Ramchattar	JFKMD
Joan Palumbo	JFKMD
Barbara Ting Eng	JFKMD
John Modugno	JFKGQ
Al Sudulich	JFKOGQ

So many new faces & old friends. Welcome to the New York Metros chapter of RUAEA.

Calendar

Oct. 1 - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn, Jericho, NY

Nov. 5 - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

Dec. 3 - 12 noon, Annual Holiday Party

NORTHWOODS

NORTHWOODS LOONIES

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The Northwoods Loonies will have their fall meeting in Traverse City, MI, Wed., Thurs. & Fri., Oct. 15, 16 & 17. If you call right away it's not too late to join the fun.

A coalition of the willing, Don & Hope Hayden, Diane Good and Mike & Carol Buechin, will host the event. Please contact Don Hayden at the above numbers for details. (United Express serves Traverse City; we will pick you up at the airport.)

The event will feature a color tour of the picturesque Leelanau Peninsula with stops for wine & cheese tasting, maybe a stop at a pottery barn, lunch in Suttons Bay, a charming bayside village with boutique shops & fine art galleries.

We will have dinner at 2 interesting local restaurants & have suggestions for some additional

places for individual/groups to tour, including a drive or walk in Elk Rapids, a town that time has left alone. Out of the corner of one's eye, one may just see Andy Hardy rushing out his front door, calling to his girl friend, Polly.

Hope to see all the Loonies & all your "want-to-be Loonies".

OHIO

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The Buckeyes held our meeting at Sweetwater Landing in the Emerald Necklace of the Metro Parks for brunch on Sept. 10 with 100 in attendance. A big "THANK YOU" to Reta Hammer, Anne Fiedler & Pat Hendy for hosting the meeting. We are truly sorry for all those who were unable to be with us, due to limited space. I neglected to say, "THANK YOU" to Carol & Ray Hacker for hosting our annual Northfield Race Night. I am truly sorry. Thanks again for a great evening.

We have a new project going, and if you have not been to a meeting lately, you probably are unaware of this. We are helping a friend who is going to walk 26.2 miles in a marathon in Jan. for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by helping raise the funds. The Society's mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease & myeloma. Some of our own members are dealing with these diseases or a form of these diseases.

Donations will go to the Society not for the marathon expenses. If you would like to donate any amount, please send a check made out to: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Send the check to: Mrs. Carol Hacker, 16 Church St., Olmsted Township, OH 44138.

We would like to remember all those who have passed from our group in the last months - Mary Agnes Mullen (John) in Jan., Adele Spencer in Feb., also, Pat Dean (Betty) in May & Verner (Sandy) Sandstrom (Marjorie) in Aug. We pray for the spouses, children, grandchildren, moms, dads, siblings & their friends. They all have touched our lives.

On Sept. 11 we observed the 2nd anniversary of the terrorist attacks on this country. That tragic date will forever be etched in our memory. We pray for all the victims, survivors & their families. We as a nation are still hurting & grieving for such a senseless loss of human life. We have survived as a nation & have become even stronger. GOD BLESS THIS GREAT NATION OF OURS!

Calendar

Oct. 8 - Nido Italia Restasurant on Mayfield Road, Little Italy. Reservations only.

Nov. 5 - Marcal's of Middleburg Hts. Reservations only. Deadline Oct. 24.

Dec. 10 - Annual Christmas Party at Piper's Three Restaurant. Please note the date; this is the 2nd Wed. of the month. Reservations only. Deadline Nov. 28

Jan. 2004 - There is no meeting in Jan.

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ERS

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Fortunately the Sternwheeler Cruise on the Columbia River was not a week later. On Tues. of this week a devastating fire in the gorge closed the major artery east out of Portland, I-84 at Cascade Locks & threatened the entire area. As it turned out only a couple of homes were destroyed & the highway was opened late Wed. The cruise on the 29th was well attended; the weather was perfect. Ray & Marilyn McGovern came from the SEA area. I didn't do a head count but there were probably about 50 of us enjoying the 2 hours on the water.

The Aug. meeting was short & gave everyone an opportunity to enjoy a nice social hour. Next month will be the Ice Cream Social so bring your appetites for ice cream sundaes.

Aug. must have been the month for hip surgery as Jack Hoage, Rance Ishibashi & Joan Strickfaden joined the "hip" club. I had reported last month that Jack Cox had cataract surgery & was having problems with his vision. I am happy to report that

his sight has cleared up & will probably be able to go back to work for POVA (PDX OR Visitors Assn.) soon.

Oct. is here so if you are planning to attend the Mt. Hood Railroad trip on Oct. 22 be certain to sign up at this month's meeting or call Jack Hooper at (360) 835-7767 to get on the list. The cost of this trip is \$21 p/p & starts in Hood River.

The travel desk is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Mon/Wed/Fri (503-249-4142 and 4143). Anyone with UAL can avail themselves of these services; the staff is always willing to assist with information & listings.

Calendar

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, OR unless noted otherwise.

Oct. 8 - Ice Cream Social

Nov. 12 - Thanksgiving luncheon

Dec. 10 - Christmas luncheon.

OUR CLUB

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I have always said after 40 it's "patch, patch, patch, after 50 it's repair, repair, repair & after 60 it's replace, replace, replace." Have not come up with after 70 but if anyone has ideas send to my e-mail address.

I don't know if Barbara Hickox & Mary Chachere are over 60 but I do know they both have had knee replacements in the past several months. Barbara & Mary used to compare recipes now they compare attributes of knee replacements. Both are doing well, have a new lease on life & can shop till they drop!

Betty Ballashour e-mail expert is recovering from surgery on her aorta, back on line & witty as ever.

How often does it happen? Mary Crees prepared for open heart surgery. A decision was made, medical management was preferred treatment option. Mary is back at the meetings & looks terrific. Welcome back Mary.

Long time member of "Our Club" & great friend Bernard Conger passed away July 11, 2003. Bernard was Lead Machinist, SFOPK. Friends

remember Bernard as respected by co-workers & someone "who wanted it done right". All will truly miss Bernard's friendliness & smile. Cards may be sent to Alberta Conger, 350 Splendor Dr., Wilderville, OR 97543.

PENNSYLVANIA



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Our end-of-summer, welcome back, meeting held on Sept. 8 brought out 42 attendees. There was a very high noise level before the meeting, as everyone was happy to catch up on how the summer was spent. Lew Myers rode 750 miles on a bicycle in France this summer. He gets my vote for the most energetic vacation. Only 80% of the entries finished. He was one of them. Nice work, Lew.

Pres. Bernie McNamee opened the meeting. Joe Brad offered the invocation.

After a delicious buffet lunch, Treas., Frank Eggles, gave the treasurer's report. It is good to see Frank looking so well again. Frank also announced that local dues are due, so send them in, if you haven't already paid.

Bernie announced that the Coatesville veterans still need articles of clothing & toiletries. Please bring any donations to our next meeting.

Photographs of the June reunion were on display. We were encouraged to help ourselves. By looking at the photos, we had a great time!

Fred Bruinell announced that Don Miller is in a nursing home, not doing well. Anyone wishing to send a card or note to Don's wife may address it to: Ruth Miller, 37 Fairmount St., Glassboro, NJ 08028.

Also, Hank McGill has relocated to Connecticut to live with his brother. He may be reached: c/o James McGill, 36 Ridgewood Dr., Norwich, CT 06360. As you know, Hank recently lost his wife.

We sold 50/50 tickets and gave away a free lunch.

Calendar

Oct. 13 - general meeting, 1:00 p.m., at Ramada Inn near the airport on Route 291.

Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers

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Labor Day was here in all its rain & now onto fall & football. Happy to hear our company is doing better & the flights are certainly full. Our son Bernie & family got to PIT from DEN.

A lot of news here in PIT, some good & some not so good. Starting with the good, Lou & Jayne Kroeck recently celebrated 60 years of marriage - congratulations to a great couple.

Barb Guida, wife of Rich, recently fell & broke her wrist (quit chasing Rich around the yard!) Barb is mending well; cards can be sent to 195 Rosemont Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108. The Webers, Jim & Diane both had major surgery & are mending well - cards can be sent to 2137 Forest Grove Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108. Jenny Pittock, wife of Fred, is still in rehab. Fred said she's able to talk & is doing better. Cards can be sent to: 132 Lansdowne Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

Condolences to the family of Sandy Sandstrom, formerly PITSS & CLERR. Sandy suffered a massive heart attack while visiting his daughter in CLE.

Condolences to Carl Chiocchi on the death of his aunt Lydia DiMinno. Lydia was a supervisor for American Airlines in LAX. Get well wishes to our "Hon" Carol Irwin. Carol had major surgery, is coming along at home.

Ending with more good news. Else Schiller was featured in our Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. She captured 3rd place for most beautiful garden. Quite a green thumb there, Else! Congratulations.

Oct 10 will be our day at the races. I'll report on this event next month.

Calendar

Dec. 5 - Annual New Retirees Dinner, Beaver Lakes Country Club

Dec. 18 - Christmas Luncheon, Peter's Place, election of officers.

Dec. 19 - Bernie & Jeri's annual open house

Reminder: If you are willing to volunteer to help out RUAEA, contact me: Jeri Juth.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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14 stalwarts showed up for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel (always good!) on our regular breakfast date, the 3rd Thur. every-other-month. We always have a happy, noisy time. Many are traveling now; we expect our breakfast numbers to increase as cool weather & staying-home time arrives.

Calendar

Oct. 16 - 10 a.m. EDT, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel in Farragut, Exit 373 from I40-75 on Campbell Station Road

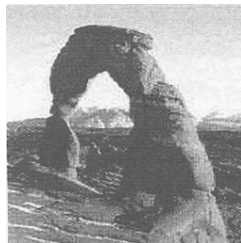
Nov. 20 - 11:30 a.m. CST, holiday luncheon at Rugby, the Anthonys hosting (931-484-0036)

Dec. 18 - 10 a.m. EST, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel.

UTAH

THE SALT LAKERS

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On Aug. 20, 41 chapter members met for a catered picnic at Sugar House Park. Betty Wright was the usual caterer; the meal was delicious.

We welcomed a number of retirees who were either new - or who could rarely visit us: Doug Schwartz had just recently moved to SLC from CA; John Sorensen rode in with Frank Ayrton from Layton; Leoma Williams brought Joyce, a neighbor-lady, Sandy/Darleen Cantonwine's son Mike of "USS Oriskany" fame visited; Edith Paul hitched a ride with Bud/Kay Nelson. Kiyoko Olsen brought a friend; Lila Straley was accompanied by son John; Art Scott brought a pretty lady named Carol & Elden/Doris Rasband joined us for this very pleasant social visit; Tony Brown brought wife Dorothy who looked well, strengthened by her

new medication. A special welcome to Marjorie/Ernie Rowbotham!

Grant Beutler stepped back as chapter Pres. to announce that Pete Loyola would take over. Pete will be ably assisted in this assignment by wife Jackie who is a former Frontier Airlines F/A. The chapter V.P. position became vacant: F. Murdock relinquished the job - no replacement at this time. Bill Ottman will remain chapter treas. & B. Murdock is continuing as RUAEA correspondent/chapter sec'y. Lila Straley will stay on as chapter historian.

Conspicuous by their absence were regulars: Maria Apperson, Doug Peterson, Mary Blackhurst, Bill Berg, Bill/Shirley Ottman. We hope all is well with them. We know that the Ottmans were enjoying a month-long Canadian vacation until the end of the month. Also, the group had not heard from Geo./Ellen McDonald but recently learned from Sandy Cantonwine that they are doing all right.

Former SL UAL workers Roni/Chic Adams sent news that they were doing fine. She is busy with volunteer work at BOI AP & at the BOI Air Museum where she & two other retired UALers are now working on display cases with old UAL memorabilia.

A walk along Memory Lane: When, on Jan. 29, 1989, Ms. Rita Cipalla of the TEXAS, Houston Chronicle Magazine wrote a commemorate piece on "Flight Attendants", she also included the 1930s work rules:

- *Keep the cabin immaculate. Before flight, sweep the floor, dust off the seats & windowsills.*
- *Keep the clock wound up.*
- *Keep an eye on passengers when they go to the toilet room to be sure they go through the toilet room door & not through the emergency exit door.*
- *Carry a railroad timetable just in case the plane is grounded somewhere.*

(This "Best of The Smithsonian" info passed on to us by UAL retiree Tom Woolley's daughter Bonnie Bohn.)

By the time this RUAEA correspondent took to the skies in 1958, work rules had drastically changed & the general public viewed flight personnel as quite "glamorous" in the air & on the ground.

Calendar

Oct. 15 - Lunch, 2 p.m., Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W., Bountiful

Nov. 19 - Coffee, 10 a.m., Murray Heritage Center

VIRGINIA

Roanoke, Virginia

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

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On Fri., Aug. 8, our Blue Ridge Mountains Chapter had 11 members & 3 guests - John Rice's sister, Elizabeth, niece Judy Smith & her daughter, Amanda Smith, in attendance. We all were in a good mood for a nice sail down the James River on the Annabell Lee. We couldn't have picked a more beautiful day with clear warm sunshine & lots of beautiful wildlife along the river. We had a narration of Civil War history with great music & song for entertainment.

If you have not experienced real Southern food, this is a great place to find it when visiting VA. We were proud that Judy Smith won the History Quiz & Robert Carter was first runner up. All of us appreciated a change of meeting place that was indeed fun for all. We ended our trip on the paddle boat in the area of Sausage King, Jimmy Dean's beautiful property on the James River, returned to Richmond & home.

Calendar

Next meeting to be announced.

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EMERALD CITY SLICKERS



Summer is winding down & the lawns are very brown. The forests are anticipating rain on account of fires in the Pacific Northwest.

Aug. 12 meeting was a success. 66 Slickers & 2 new people enjoyed delicious lunch topped off with

a lovely cake & oatmeal cookies. We appreciate all the work of setting up, cooking & clean up of the volunteers.

Hank Gusslin left the grill duties to speak about convention next year, some fun things to do & asked for volunteers to sign up. Ken Rudzinski is already keeping a list of people wanting to take a 7-day cruise to Glacier Bay, Alaska. This will be at the end of convention - a Sunday & the day before Memorial Day. Prices won't be available until Jan. 2004

Nice to see Norm Strange & Ruth at the picnic. He had a bad bout with the flu the end of June.

The Travel Desk still has banker's hours, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm., Mon/Tue/Wed/Thurs. (206) 433-4218. Ken Rudzinski & I work most every Wed. We'd enjoy the challenge of calls from all over, even the walk-ins who always leave with a printed record as well as a book from our lending library.

Calendar

Oct. 7 - Monthly luncheon at Yankee Diner in Ballard

Nov. 11 - Monthly luncheon at Golden Steer in Kent

Dec. - Christmas chores - no luncheon

Jan. 13, 2004 - Monthly luncheon at Fairwood



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Our Sept. get-together may have been hosted by Ed Meadows. At this time the earliest is the 13th. I have discussed it with him by e-mail but nothing definite.

Gary & Shelia Davis are now moving to Kent, WA where Gary has found work with REL, the recreation equipment company. Their place at Sasheen Lake sold within 7 days & they should be in their new home the 1st of Oct. They are thrilled about his employment but do hate to leave the area. They are looking forward to joining the Emerald City Slickers in the SEA area.

One of our own, Del Topoll, the spouse of UAL retiree Donna Topoll & a former hockey player will

be inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame on Oct. 3. Del played 16 seasons as a pro in Spokane & played for 10 different clubs. He was a native of Birch River, Manitoba and turns 70 on Oct. 21. Overall he played in 1,002 games, scoring 839 points on 273 goals & 566 assists. He retired from hockey in 1970, returned to Spokane to get married to Donna. They have been married 33 years. He has since retired from a power company in 1996. Donna & Del enjoy golfing & travel. Donna retired from the Downtown City Ticket Office & was able to take the only early retirement I can remember at the age of 50. She had over 25 years with United when she retired.

Pauline Miller is going to be her daughter's support as she goes through the long ordeal of chemo and then radiation.

Bob & Edie Clark have been traveling a lot this summer visiting their children & grandchildren. We hope they get time to stop by to join the group soon.

Our garden grew an abundance of tomatoes. We had forgotten how good home grown tasted & will be spoiled when the season is over.

We still haven't seen Dan Wynia at one of our events; however, I feel certain he will surprise us with his smile.

You will get a call when the next event will be. We hope to see everyone then.

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On Aug. 13 we hosted 30 members & guests at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. It was a hot & sultry day. We were delighted to see so many in attendance!

We heard about 2 marvelous trips, the first was a road trip that Linda Scriven (formerly IADRR & IADCS) & her friend Camilla Warner enjoyed in late July. They drove north to Maine & toured around at their leisure, with no reservations & stopped overnight at places that caught their eye! Linda fondly recalls "Lobsterfest" in Rockland, Maine, says they enjoyed lobsters on 7 of the 8 days in Maine! No visit would be complete without

a visit to L.L. Bean. The ladies were not disappointed with the selection of wonderful bargains! The weather was perfect & the rocky coastline was spectacular! Well done!!

Recently, our members Dutch & Kerrie Schneider ventured to Copper Canyon, Mexico. This area of Mexico is known for spectacular scenery, interesting cultures & Copper Canyon which is 4 times larger than Grand Canyon! Dutch & Kerrie flew to Tucson, took the Chihuahua-Pacifico Railroad for a six-hour trip to Copper Canyon. This area has a very small population which depends on tourism & wood products to survive as the gold & silver mines have been closed for some time. You can expect no telephones, no television, no pollution, but clear skies & wonderful star watching at night!

Calendar

Oct. 8 - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral, Manassas, VA

Nov. 12 - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral, Manassas, VA

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WHQTE reported the death of **Gisela Mead**, SFO, 7/12/03, which appeared in the Sept. 2003 RUAEA newsletter. Gisela Mead is very much alive! Certainly WHQTE owes Gisela an apology.

Joan Wolff, J. Karagas, Vicki Herrell, Alan Wilson, Avis Watanabe, Sandra K. Brownlee, Ralph

LETTERS

We have received Greetings & Thanks for the Newsletter from the following members:

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A warning for those of you who use travel passes. I have been billed twice in the past year for trip segments that were not mine.

Had written, e-mailed & called the travel office in CHI to no avail. I was threatened with the loss of travel privileges, so I have paid UAL the amount they say is due.

Currently I am having an ongoing correspondence with Karen Sommers, WHQCR, 1501 Mittel Blvd., Wood Dale, IL 60191-1055. She did phone me two weeks ago to let me know that 2/1/03 charges were not mine. Will I be issued a refund?

Would you please place names on photos that are shown in the newsletter?

Thanks for another year of great work by the "team".

Walter Courtney, 1925 N. Shefford St., Wichita, KS 67212

I recently moved to Wichita and am wondering if there are any UAL retirees living in the Wichita area that would be interested in forming a chapter of RUAEA or just having an occasional get-together for breakfast or lunch & visit.

Anyone interested may contact me by mail, telephone or E-mail: Address above, phone 1-316-729-6848, courtney@sctelcom.net.

John & Katy Koehl, 2 Pepperell on Asbury, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

I just received the Aug. issue, will try to register for the on-line version again. Couldn't make it work the last time I tried. Thought the pictures came out pretty good. Rich says if he is the photographer next year he is gong to do it all with a digital camera.

Both of us enjoy the Newsletter very much & look forward to reading each issue. We want to thank Jo Madden & all the Denver Mile Highers for your continued dedication in assembling, typing & mailing the Newsletter each month. It is a great service. The 10,000 plus RUAEA members are most appreciative.

Irwin Weinberg, 9807 Pavarotti Terrace, #104, Boynton Beach, FL 33437-5323

I would like to know if you have ever had anybody inquire about setting up a chapter in the Palm Beach County area of southeast Florida? If there is possibly a list of people that have inquired about doing that I would like to get in touch with them because it seems there are several very active chapters in FL & it is barren in this area. Thank you.

Ted & Charlotte LeGrand, 1719 Branchwater Trail, Orlando, FL 32825 tlegrand1@cfl.rr.com

Just had to write to tell you how much we enjoyed the Convention pictures in the Aug. issue. What a great job in putting together such wonderful groupings. Quite evident a lot of time & talent went into the project. From those of us unable to attend - THANK YOU.

Elmer L. Schneider & Kerri K. Schneider, 9085 Baber Dr., Manassas, VA 20112

Both our birthdays are in Aug. I am renewing our dues together. Enjoyed our first convention - especially hearing the stories from all the "old-timers".

Nikki Krause, 1092 Pinon Oak Dr., Prescott, AZ 86305 mkrause@cablone.net

I received an e-mail indicating that I could now access the Newsletter online. Great, I thought - saving a lot of paper & postage. Well, part of it works just fine. I was unable to access the photos from the convention in CHI.

There was a nice paragraph about "What is RUAEA?" and about "Who can join?" "Contact RUAEA." But - that is about as far as I could go. No link to read anything about any of the chapters - just a list of the chapters. The following is the printout I receive when I click on "Newsletter":

"Hello N.KRAUSE, You are Welcome to read: ISSUE NO. 350 EDITOR-JO

MADDEN SEPTEMBER-2003 of the RUAEA Newsletter

To display a Newsletter section, click on the section title in the menu. Clicking Home will return to a display of the Home page. [2003 Convention Photos](#)"

Again, the link to the convention photos does work, but nothing else. Is this a temporary glitch or am I doing something wrong? Will continue to try: I understand you are not set up to receive e-mail - yet.

Hello to Harriet Ahr. I remember her in the TEO office in DENRR when I was there from July '67 to April '71. I was Nikki Hine in those days. Keep up the good work. Look forward to being able to access online every month.

Polly Lapcewich

Out of town baby sitting. Great job. Any thought of putting Trips & Cruises, etc., back in the newsletter?

Carol Cox (daughter) for Lorna M. Darling, 17785 E. Dickenson Pl., Aurora, CO 80013

Lorna Darling enjoys receiving the Newsletter at her retirement home. She misses coming to the "folding" & seeing many friends. She also appreciates the work you all do. Thank you.

Wesley & Bette Briest, 4147 Beaver Dam Rd., Eagan, MN 55122-2114

Thank you for keeping us so well informed in the happenings in our world. We're both enjoying reasonably good health after nearly 20 years of retirement.

The monthly newsletter - it is becoming the mainstay of our organization.

Enjoyed the 2003 Convention in CHI - see you in Seattle in 2004.

Tony Novak, 237 N. Channel Grove Rd., Marblehead, OH 43440

Darlene & I just celebrated our 40th anniversary along with 8 ½ years of retirement, enjoying every minute of it between Lake Erie in the summer & FL in the winter. We've been keeping busy with fishing, golfing, flea marketing & spoiling our grandchildren (5 & counting). There is still time for casinos & bingo.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Johnny

Johnson, who retired out of DENCg, have him drop me a note at novakaj419@yahoo.com.

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Just a little note, that after 31 years we have finally decided to make that Big Move. We're not going far, just down the road apiece about 8 miles away. There were 8 people when we first moved in here. Now there are 2 of us left. We're going into a senior citizens complex. The new address is above.

Joseph J. Veracka, 4315 Sea Mist Dr., Apt 165, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

It's red stamp time again; we thank all whose efforts keep us connected - especially in these difficult times for our company. This year marks 20 years of retirement for Joe. We have especially enjoyed the travel benefits, but now Joe's declining health keeps us close to home. We left our home for a condo. We welcome any e-mails to emilyev@usnsb.net.

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From Aug 5., 1937 I worked in: DCA-Capital Airlines, Space Central, Hangar #3; Buffalo-Capital Airlines, Statler Hotel Reservations; Rochester-ROCUA, Reservations, ROCUAATO (11 years); Syracuse, SYRAOZ (2 years).

Yes, I'm alive & still around! Like many of you out there in never-never land of Capital Airlines, oops, United, Inc., I get up in the morning - I have nothing planned to do but it takes me all day to get it done.

Thanks for keeping us informed. I too, have no other source of information regarding UAL. Here in north central PA we hardly ever see a plane go through the sky.

I spent 46 years, 10 months, 26 days with Capital & United. I became disabled suddenly 11/10/84. Because I had not reached 55 years of age in 1984 before I was forced onto disability, I was not allowed to get my NRSA pass. I saw & heard of fellow co-workers who worked 10 years & get their pass privileges after retirement. I would like to see the airlines drop the age limit of 55 to just allow the number of years, say 20 years. To me it made a slight hard feeling.

I lived through a merger, 3 or 4 strikes & two layoffs.

Since retirement, Oct. 2002, when I was switched from illness status to retirement status in order to get my pension & Social Security, I have built up on my Visa/UAL card enough mileage to go on several trips.

On the other hand, I am truly grateful for the many happy years of working with people I enjoyed. I miss you all. I really do, so keep in contact - write - call or drop by to say Hello on your way to FL.

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I had the privilege to fly to Frankfurt, Germany with my son, Russell, May 2 to 15 on a UAL 777 from ORD. What a delight to view via our personal TVs the tracking of our flight, weather information, etc. We stayed in Wurzburg with relatives, toured Rothenburg, Bacharach, St. Goar, a boat trip on the Rhine, the ancient city of Trier. What beautiful scenery, ancient architecture, delicious food, wine & beer.

Aug. 15 we flew to CHI for the weekend. Stayed at the O'Hare Marriott, took the elevated train across the parking lot to downtown CHI. Rode the CHI Trolley to various sites, enjoyed the Air and Water Show on the lakefront. Had dinner at the Signature Room on the 95th floor of the John Hancock Building.

Now we are back in Keizer, OR working in the garden & processing our abundant produce.

Nancy Gruber, 13607 Hawkeye Dr., Orlando, FL 32837

Sorry I'm late. I, who am never sick, have had two major surgeries in the past six months. I'm doing fine now and am getting caught up on all those things.

Not much travel in the past year. Orlando is not the easiest place to get in and out of.

Rich Vehring, 15327 E. Redrock Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268 **rvehring@cox.net**

Dec. will mark the 25th anniversary of Deregulation; I still remember opening Orlando with the high expectations we had as the airline industry entered the free enterprise system. While it hasn't been roses, we have survived a lot better

than many of our friends in other airlines. We should take pride in what we have all helped achieve over the years.

When I look back on my 35 years & those thrilling days of yesteryear, I remember the great people I worked with and I am thankful for the memories. After all, I could have become a travel agent.

Please extend my appreciation to all the volunteers who work on the newsletter for their outstanding efforts.

Myrtle Giblin-Lloyd, 1622 W. Agave Ln., Green Valley, AZ 85614-1078

I've had a rough 2 months. My wonderful husband, Vince Lloyd, died on July 4 after a prolonged illness; he was 86 years old. I've received a lot of cards & letters from his many Cub fans. He was with WGN 38 years.

Rod Jackson, 570 Wellington Way, Vacaville, CA 95688-3608

I had good thoughts about getting this letter off early to you but something went wrong with my planning. Anyway, here it is and for being retired I seemed to be very busy.

I had a man do some tree trimming for me and that led to another subject & a project for me. When he came into the house he was shocked to see so many souvenir spoons all in one large set of six racks. My wife has been collecting for some time & has over 200 spoons, from literally all over the world.

Then my tree trimmer said his wife was collecting spoons but needed some racks so I got the job of building 6 more racks for him.

I see by the newsletter a lot of things are to be done by the computer. Well it won't help us any as we do not have a computer & at our age have no plans to get one.

Jim McWayne, 109 Pablo Point Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32225

Just wanted to add my thanks to you, & the RUAEA staff, for the ongoing production of what has to be one of the best industry newsletters to come off the presses. Aside from the informative value it is to the far-flung membership, it's a means for us to see & hear about what's going on in the lives of our fellow retirees & their families.

I'm especially impressed with the convention issue. Having spent nearly 40 years in the Photo Dept. at EXO (dare I call it that?), I know the difficulties involved in the selection of images that best tell the story of gatherings such as this. Your group outdid yourselves this time. Thanks for the ongoing efforts to keep us all informed.

Jack Cunningham, 6433 Cam Viviente, Goleta, CA 93117-1523

Once again it is that time of year - another birthday, another physical & another check to RUAEA - all of which I am more than happy to do. Keep the good news coming.

I am happy to report, both Eleanor (my dear wife) & I are doing just fine - a few aches here & there, but they are few & far between.

Eleanor continues with her work with CALM (Child Abuse Listening Mediation) & her art association. While I continue to be an elected member of the Goleta Water District and, just as important, trying to improve my golf game -I'll let you know if I ever get a hole-in-one - Ha!!

Our best to all of you who do such a great job with the newsletter.

Diana Bell, 26196 Highway 9, Los Gatos, CA 95033

A quick note to say thanks for all your hard work & keeping the retirees informed. You do great work; it is appreciated! I, too, was distressed when reading the letter regarding the penalties for non-payment of retiree service charges. The tone of the letter was so severe, made me feel like we are criminals & that UA is an uncaring company. During these concerned times, I also am disappointed in having to pay for my travel benefits after almost 36 years of service, worrying whether or not we will continue to receive our pension & medical benefits. I really feel cheated out of the UA promises made to me & my fellow retirees. We already had them & earned them. I hope UA gets turned around soon. Perhaps they can rescind some of the things they have taken away. I'm sorry this is such a negative note; I realize the company is in bankruptcy, but I just can't "get over it." On a lighter side, I'd like to say "hi" to all my retired colleagues out there, hope they are enjoying themselves & staying well. Here's to a better United!

Caryl Hinsby, 7046 E. Sweetwater, Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Thanks for all the great articles. I also love to see the list of new retirees - it seems to get larger every month! Soon we will be as big as UAL!

Ron Bertacini, 1656 Krpan Dr., Roseville, CA 95747

The newsletter is great; thanks for all the hard work. It is always nice to hear about "old" friends & co-workers. Really enjoyed this year's convention & look forward to being in SEA next May.

Sharon Zamansky, 615 N. Forrest Ave., Arlington Hts., IL 60004

I've attended local luncheons, breakfasts & the yearly convention in CHI in May. It was so much fun & I had the pleasure of seeing several people I worked with years ago. The Convention was great & well planned. I'm already looking forward to next year in SEA.

A special "Thank You" to everyone who makes RUAEA such a great organization. Mahalo.

Harry D. Caldwell, 100 Jacquier Ct., Placerville, CA 95667

Many thanks to the folks who put the RUAEA Newsletter together. What a great thing for us retirees.

Enjoyed being at the convention in CHI & having lunch with a group of ex SPers - thanks to Lee Fischer for getting the gang together for some valued reminiscence. It was great seeing LeRoy & Jan Johnson, Phyllis (Just) Capuzola, Darlene Felske from SP Maintenance Group, who I hadn't seen in approximately 30 years, along with Charlie Ferne, Betty Hart, Laverne Holste and Lee & Tony who I often see at the SP reunions. It was wonderful hearing from Mary Moen also an ex SP.

After the convention Jean & I went to the Memorial site of Flight 96 that crashed near Somerset, PA on 9/11. A temporary memorial has been erected and thousands of people from all over the world have visited leaving large amounts of memorabilia & plaques in honor of the crew & passengers. Visiting the memorial brings close to home our heartfelt appreciation of those that still

contribute everyday to our great airline, also those who have been so dedicated in the past.

If you get the chance, don't pass up a visit to the memorial.

Jean & I are still enjoying retirement, keeping very busy with community activities plus local concerns here in El Dorado County. Buckboard Bunch Band is still going strong, Ray Rieke.

P.S. What a great letter from Capt. Clifff Chaney, Sept. newsletter, Pg. 36. Hope more ole-timers keep them coming.

Howard Lackey, 13856 Bora Bora Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292-6885

It has been 8 years since I retired; but, every time the RUAEA Newsletter arrives, I'm strongly reminded of all the great associations I have enjoyed since joining United in 1963.

Thanks to all of you who work so hard to keep these friendships alive! Warmest personal regards & good health to all.

Roger M. Dunworth, 3117 Silva St., Lakewood, CA 90712-3011

Retirement is great! Due to a 12-day hospital stay in April, I am no longer able to play softball on 2 teams, so I took up kayaking at my doctor's suggestion. I still ride my jet-ski but have been told to curtail water skiing. Go to the gym faithfully, enjoy movies & travel with Judi. Try not to miss ReLAXers functions. Always read the newsletter as soon as it arrives. Thanks for all your work.

Dick & Natalie Monahan, 58 Hedges Ave., Chatham, NJ 07928-2547

Retired 21 years - it has been great except for this past year. Been diagnosed with multi-myeloma. Holding my own so far. Thanks for all your hard work keeping us informed of all that is going on.

Harris Freihon, 1060 Johnson Ave., San Diego, CA 92103

Have had both knees replaced with titanium joints; it's the 4th one on the right leg. Still go sailing every week & spend some time doing woodwork. Keeping the boat looking nice & mechanically sound is just about a full time job. With 9 grandkids I am trying to keep them in high chairs, rocking horses; as they get older I'm

building their desks, etc.

Thanks for keeping us posted about the goings on at UAL. We all spend a lot of years striving to do our best; to see what is happening now is sad.

Marge Caliendo, 4836 W. 105th Pl., Oak Lawn, IL 60453-5229

Attended my first Convention since I retired 10 years ago and had the most wonderful time seeing old friends I worked with many years ago. Thanks to you, Jo & your staff for making this possible.

Stan & Barb Halterman, 5344 Chiswick Cir. Orlando, FL 32812-2115

Good to hear from Carol Bare. Tell her we said "Hello." We have done a lot of things & gone to a lot of places since last enjoying her company. Thanks for getting the newsletter to us each month.

Mike Farkas, 790 Woodlawn Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

This last year was busy with only one flying trip, 4 weeks in Europe, 1 week in Budapest, 1 week in Vienna & 2 weeks in Paris. Everywhere we went we were treated with kindness. The 2 weeks in Paris were the most memorable. Good, friendly service everywhere including restaurants. We speak pigeon French & they returned the compliment with pigeon English. Best visit to France ever.

The rest of the year was devoted to improving my golf game. It appears the way to improve one's golf game, one should start earlier in life.

Jeanne Garcia, 747 Sycamore Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066-3319

It is a pleasure to receive the monthly newsletter. The information about our company, policy change, route updates & general info is helpful and shows what close ties exist with and for all of us retirees.

Linda Harris, 12505 W. Jefferson Blvd., #207, Los Angeles, CA 90066

Just like everyone else says, "I can't believe a year has passed so quickly." I retired from LAXCS on Oct. 1, 2002. Retirement life is great! I am in the midst of selling my condo & looking for something else.

Thanks for the great job you do keeping all of us informed.

Joe Svendsen, 5181 Sumac Ridge, Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Have had a very good year. Had a great trip to Thailand to view the area around the River Kwai. To see the cemetery for all the military people that died building the railroad & the bridge was quite an experience. The British & Australians keep it in immaculate condition.

Hope to make the convention next year., thanks to all that work on the Newsletter.

Jan Mahoney, 1186 W. Masters Cir., Tucson, AZ 85737

Have been traveling, but yet to use a pass! Trying to help out by using my Sr. fare to assist. Not sure I'd know how to list & cope these days. If I decide, I'll muddle through.

Thanks again for your wonderful association newsletter. I have yet to see a red stamp. I prefer these days - not to recognize another year's passing, just enjoy waking up each day & looking forward to the next one.

Joan Vulpi, 4732 Village Gardens Dr., Sarasota, FL 34234-4055

A million thanks for the newsletter. You all do a fabulous job. This is the only UAL info we get - it is really great.

This past June I flew UAL TPA, DEN, SFO & RTN - absolutely fabulous! I really was impressed. (That takes a lot as I always was very critical. I wanted it to be perfect.) The service was very nice & very professional.

George A. Sainer, 6712 Del Prado Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76133-5314

Not much travel done, but am keeping the medical people employed.

With my latest move to "Deep in the Heart of Texas" am in AAL country. Have met with some locals that worked in MDW for AAL, interesting -- kind of a small world!

Do some airport visiting at a local small airport. There is a DC-3 being worked on for a ferry flight. That sure brings back memories.

Florence & Vernon Helsper, 28500 Bradley Road, Apt. 135, Sun City, CA 92586

As you can tell by the new address above we have moved to Sun City, CA. It is a senior independent living facility with an assisted living building in the complex. We sold our home in Wildomar & moved on June 25.

We have living room & bedroom, 2 large closets & 2 bathrooms. It is a month-to-month rental facility; the rent includes 3 meals daily, housekeeping, television cable, plus lots of activities. The only extra expense is our phone bill.

We are very happy here & have made quite a few friends already. It sure is nice not to worry about housekeeping & meals. We do no traveling anymore, so it's good to hear what's going on with our United friends.

Betty Hopkins, 1514 N. Patton Ave., Arlington Hts, IL 60004-3618

We are surely a lucky group to have such a devoted staff to keep us up on the goings on at United. It's been 16 years of retirement & I'm still enjoying every day.

Really enjoyed hearing Mr. Tilton speak at the convention banquet. Think United has a real winner, as the future sounds very optimistic.

Marie A. Krakowski, 268 Terrace Dr., Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

It's been a difficult time for me...during the convention period I had to leave as my son Daniel was dying from brain cancer. During these past 3 years we saw a lot of each other, traveled together & had many family reunions. When MRIs confirmed a tumor growth the doctors had high hopes that the chemo would kick in; however, within 2 weeks he passed away. Friends from UAL & family helped to ease the pain & my loss. Meanwhile life goes on.

Kathy Bennett, 1736 Laurentian Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Court & I have finally gotten settled in our new home in Sunnyvale, CA. Hope this is our last move.

I had open-heart bypass surgery in Jan., but I'm back to chasing Court around the house!

Took our first vacation in 5 years - was pleased to see how well everyone was pulling together for United. I'm of the opinion that UAL will survive the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy & be a strong airline as it was in the past.

Jackie Hills, 1613 Third St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266-6303

This is my 20th year of retirement. I have always said, "These are the best years of my life." In June we had a LAXTR Reunion Party going back to the 50s, 60s and 70s. At this party, I realized those were the best years of our lives plus lifelong friendships.

H.R. Kline, 6440 Ravenglass Way, Sarasota, FL 34241-5429

Like most of our retired friends, we have good & bad health days. Lois & I will start our 17th year of retirement Oct. 2, 2003. We are planning a driving trip to CHI to attend our granddaughter's wedding, also a visit to our daughter in Ames, IA.

It appears that our present group of UAL employees are setting some performance records - more power to them.

Thanks to the group that keeps the RUAEA Newsletter coming.

Eddie Edwards, 8 Crocus Place, Menlo Park, CA 94025

It looks like this might be the last time I will be around to pay my dues. I have just been accepted into Hospice Care that has an expectation that I have less than six months to live. Being with Hospice is an excellent choice for me as I can continue to live at home and I have access to 24-hour care, 7 days a week. The care that is given me is unbelievable. As I said, I can stay at home until my time runs out.

The enclosed \$20 is for this year's payment, I should have written this letter last month, before my birthday, but was busy taking care of my health situation.

By the way, I plan to send in next year's dues on time.

Guy and Dorothy Ackley, 1957 Birch Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070-3709

We want to thank you for all the work you people do in getting the news to us each month; we enjoy receiving the newsletter about our company & the people we worked with. Dorothy & I celebrated our 67th wedding anniversary in July; I had my 90th birthday in Sept. We are both doing well health-wise.

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JIM DOTY, an organizer, storyteller & friend passed away Sept. 4, 2003 at the Cherry Creek Nursing Home in Aurora, CO, from Alzheimer's. His "bride" Dottie of 53 years preceded him in death last year. Jim served in the Army during WWII, received the American Campaign Medal, Asian-Pacific Medal, Victory Medal & The Purple Heart.

Jim's 32-year dedication to United Airlines was evident whenever he talked about his experiences, while working at a job he enjoyed so much. After his retirement in 1980 he volunteered his time to the Rocky Mountain Adoption Exchange, helped in their annual fund raising golf tournament for many years & The United Way at the DEN Training Center. He was Pres. of the Mile Highers Chapter, Mt. Region Director, Chairman of the 1986 Convention held in DEN and National President 1992-1994. Jim conducted the shortest business meetings ever!

He was an avid golfer, organized local golf tournaments for retirees & was Director of the United Airlines Retirees Golf Club for several years. Acquaintances of Jim Doty will always remember his smile, laugh & greeting "Hi, how are ya?" with a pat on the back for the men & a hug for the ladies. This very special person will never be forgotten, and missed by all that knew him.

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