



# Retired United Airlines Employees Association NEWSLETTER



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**HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD!** While attending the 2005 RUAEA Convention your stay at the Renaissance Hotel will indeed be memorable. Each of the well over 600 rooms are very stylishly designed to reflect the hotel's unique character and commitment to comfort. The rooms include a work desk, Internet connection, and two line phones with speaker capability. The rooms feature cable TV with remote control, with in-room movies if you like. Another nice feature is an ironing board and iron.

Also, Monday through Friday, a complimentary newspaper is provided. The rooms provide in-room coffee, a hairdryer, and an in-room laptop safe. The rooms are all air-conditioned. The hotel has a rooftop swimming pool, with a terrace bar adjacent to the area. Another feature is a well equipped fitness room. Laundry & room service are available. To send your post cards or notes, there is a US Post Office just across the lobby entrance. The regular room rate is \$249.00; the convention rate is \$99.00 plus tax, single or double. As a matter of interest, Marriott International, Inc. has named the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel as its "Hotel of the Year" for 2004. You KNOW you will REALLY enjoy your stay!

Now, it is time for the SO many talented members to gather your thoughts for the annual ART RAFFLE at the convention. We ask your support in this, as it is a very popular event at all the conventions. **Ladies and Gentlemen: START YOUR PROJECTS!**

Convention attendees will have a great opportunity to view the fruits of your labor, also - your art works generates funds for the convention. Well worth the effort!

Get ready for a great convention in the FILM CAPITOL OF THE WORLD!

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## GENERAL NEWS

Last month I commented on your letters to Jo Madden & the Membership Secretaries. Jo publishes a representative sample each month. They share your letters with me, plus I receive many e-mails & phone calls from retirees. At one end of the continuum they are venom-laced missiles critical of me, United's management & United Airlines in general. At the other extreme they are very positive & supportive. Most are at varying places in the middle. I value every one. Retiree letters is the first thing I read in the monthly Newsletter.

Last May you voted to expand RUAEA's mission to include being "a proactive voice of retiree interests, issues & concerns and an advocate of retiree causes." We have stepped up to this charge. Ed

Tolle is our key person leading our representation in WHQ. We have an on-going dialogue with the executives of United Airlines and the principals involved with retiree benefits, policies & procedures. We are representing individual retirees with specific issues that they have not been able to resolve through normal channels. We are discussing general issues that are brought to our attention with the principals who are involved with making those decisions so they better understand retirees; also our inputs can influence those decisions that affect us.

We are not a “union” for retirees; nor are we the “legal” representative of retirees. We are establishing our role, earning our credibility as the “voice” and an “advocate” of United Airlines retirees with United Airlines. Our modus operandi is a positive, collaborative problem solving approach.

The month of Sept. was and the following months are critical times for United Airlines, its employees & retirees. Lawsuits have been filed; motions are being filed plus oral arguments are being heard in bankruptcy court. United had until Sept. 30 to come up with their reconstruction plan. Decisions will be made about a trustee overseeing the management of the company. Decisions will be made about the pension plans. The bankruptcy court is playing the key role in these decisions.

These are trying and anxious times. As an organization, our - RUAEA - number one concern is that United Airlines survives, exits bankruptcy & emerges as a sustainable viable company. We are committed to assist and support the company in whatever way we can in that endeavor. With United’s survival we will do whatever we can to assure that United’s retirees are treated fairly & equitably. (If United does not survive, all this is moot.)

We will do our best to keep you informed re United Airlines, retiree matters and our activities in this area through the newsletter, our website & our Regional Directors. Communications is a two-way street. I mentioned your letters earlier. For us to be an effective voice of retirees we need to know your interests, issues & concerns. Please share them with us. Drop us a note; send us an e-mail; talk to your Regional Director.

**Marlin Lade**  
**President – RUAEA**

**NON-REVENUE CHECK-IN ON**  
**[www.united.com](http://www.united.com)**

**Internet check-in for NRSA travel now available.** Beginning in Oct., retirees and their travel eligibles and companions can save time when they travel by checking in for NRSA flights via the Internet at [www.united.com/employeeetavel](http://www.united.com/employeeetavel), using the new Easy Check-in Online system, NRSA travelers using this system can check-in for domestic United (including Ted) and United Express flights up to 24 hours in advance of the flight’s scheduled departure time and print the necessary travel documents they will need to pass through security.

Here is how EasyCheck-in Online works:

1. As before, use WebList or call 1-800-UAL-LIST to list for a flight or make changes to a listing.
2. Ensure that you are using a computer that is connected to a functional printer that has ink and paper.
3. Using the computer’s internet browser, go to [www.united.com/employeeetavel](http://www.united.com/employeeetavel). To log in, enter your last name and either your file number or listing confirmation number (PNR).
4. Follow the screen prompts to complete the check-in process and print the necessary travel documents.
5. If you have bags to check at the airport, use EasyCheck-in Curbside or an EasyCheck-in Kiosk to check your bags before going through security. Proceed to the security checkpoint with the DM card you printed from your computer. At the gate, provide your DM card to the Customer Service Representative (CSR) upon request.

As a reminder, NRSA travelers have their choice of up to three automated check-in systems that they can use to check in for a flight.

- EasyCheck-in Online (described above - visit SkyNet > Travel for more details and FAQs)
- EasyCheck-in Kiosks (now available at all United domestic airports - visit SkyNet >Travel to view a non-revenue demonstration)
- EasyCheck-in Curbside (curbside check in with a United Skycap at most airports)

All NRSA travelers should use one of these automated check-in systems to simplify their travel experience and enable United airport staff to focus on providing enhanced service to revenue customers.

### **DENVER SERVICE TO MEXICO BEACH DESTINATIONS**

The U.S. Dept. of Transportation granted authority for United to begin Sat. service to Cancun (CUN) from DEN on Nov. 6, 2004 & daily service beginning Dec. 16, 2004.

United also received authority to launch daily flights from DEN to Puerto Vallarta (PVR) with Ted, effective Dec. 16, 2004.

Currently, United serves Cancun from Washington Dulles with weekend service, which converts to daily service beginning Dec. 16. Also on Dec. 16 United will start new daily service between SFO & Puerto Vallarta.

The Denver-Cancun service will be flown with Airbus 320 aircraft configured with 12 seats in United First & 126 seats in United Economy. The Ted service between DEN & Puerto Vallarta features 66 seats in Economy plus 90 seats in United Economy.

United mainline Flight 1098 will depart DEN 10:05 a.m. on Sat., Nov. 6, arrive in Cancun 2:52 p.m.. The return Flight 1099 will depart Cancun 3:43 p.m., arriving in DEN 6:55 p.m. Beginning Dec. 16, United will operate daily service with Flight 1098 departing DEN 10:15 a.m., arriving in Cancun 3:02 p.m. The return Flight 1099 will depart Cancun 12:35 p.m., arriving in DEN 3:47 p.m.

Also beginning Dec. 16, Ted Flight 1405 will depart DEN 9:10 a.m., arrive in Puerto Vallarta 1:36 p.m. The return Flight 1406 will depart Puerto Vallarta 2:35 p.m., arriving 4:54 p.m.

### **UNITED APPLIES TO SERVE GUANGZHOU, CHINA**

United recently filed an application with the U.S. government for authority to launch daily, nonstop service between the new Baiyun International Airport (CAN) in Guangzhou, People's Republic of China & SFO. If approved, United intends to begin SFO-Guangzhou service using B777 aircraft via Tokyo's Narita International Airport in March 2005, & upgrade it to nonstop B747 service in 2006.

### **Know Your Officers/Directors/Staff**

**Howard Payne, Western Region Director**, was employed by United Airlines 2/10/53 as a Reservations Agent in LAXRR. During his career with United he worked in HNL & DTW, received an "Award of Merit" from the Company & retired 2/12/87 from San Francisco as a Supervisor in SFOTR. He has been very active in RUAEA, was President of the El Diablos chapter in Concord, CA & served two years on the National Audit Committee.

His volunteer involvement includes being a Board member of the Commission on Aging, Library Commission & Chapter Treasurer of "Rebuilding Together USA"; he also taught travel classes for 10 years at a local college after retiring from United.

Howard & his wife Jo have 4 children & 8 grandchildren.

We welcome Howard as a member of the RUAEA Board of Directors.

**NEWSLETTER CORRESPONDENTS:** Chapter reports for Nov. are due in DEN on Wed., Oct. 13, Dec. reports by Nov. 12, Jan. 2005 reports by Dec. 13. Reports may be sent by FAX. FAX number is #303-780-5667 - Attention: Jo Madden. Reports may also be sent by e-mail, [ruaea@aol.com](mailto:ruaea@aol.com). Please list Chapter name at top of each page. Also **PLEASE** use 12 point (pica) type - anything smaller is hard to read. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to: Jo Madden, Newsletter Editor, 7401 E. MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delays. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ARIZONA**

#### **PHOENIX METRO**

##### **RE-UNITED**

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Our June breakfast was held on the 9<sup>th</sup>, with 18 attendees. We welcomed new members Joyce & Julian Fitzhugh of Sun Lakes to our group. Happy to have you with us.

A short discussion ensued in reference to the May convention. We heard that our own Jim Fauber won the 50/50 there which was worth over \$400. Guess the Bloody Marys will be on Jim's tab at the Christmas luncheon! He was also presented with an honorary lifetime membership in the Red Carpet room. We are honored not only to have him as a Re-United, but as a past president of the retiree group who worked tirelessly to keep us all abreast & involved in the events at United. Thank you, Jim, from the bottom of our hearts. You did a great job; we wish you well in your "retirement"! Next year the convention will be in Hollywood, CA, close to all of us, so let's see AZ well represented next year.

Our 50/50 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was Bill Van Sant; let me tell you it was nowhere near \$400!

Our July breakfast was held on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Word must have gotten out how good the food & service is as we had 32 attendees. Bill Bay flew in from Reno to have breakfast with us, as well as Don & Janet Burns from IA. We re-met Ritz Zarek. I believe this is her 2<sup>nd</sup> "appearance". Maybe Jim really does have a wife. They were both quite exhausted as they had had company since June 7 through July 14! They were kind enough to bring Linda Koltz with them, as she had ankle surgery & is in a wheelchair. Great to see all of you!

We also heard that Donna Pedone had major hip surgery in March, is recovering nicely, largely due to her being able to do her exercises in her new 2 month old pool. Congrats!

The Re-Uniteds are blessed with our own computer guru, Ginnay Rockenhauser. She is setting up a computer page through Yahoo for the use of our group to keep in touch, also to pass ideas back & forth, so if you have not given her husband, Fred, your e-mail address, this is a good time to do it, so you won't miss out on all the goings on! Also remember to give Fred your dues which are now \$2.50 for the remainder of 2004. For those of you without a computer, please feel free to call any of your board members; we will be happy to let you know the happenings.

Fred Rockenhauser has been very diligent in his efforts to notify everyone about our breakfasts; it certainly is paying off with the attendance we had today. Please remember it is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month at Bill Johnson's on Arizona Ave. See you there!

Our Aug. 11 breakfast was attended by 23 members. We now have 29 members in our Re-United Yahoo group, the group that was developed to provide a communication tool to all Re-United's members who have e-mail. This is a group in which members can share information, recommendations

& suggestions beneficial to the Re-Uniteds retiree group in the Phoenix area. If you would like to visit the site, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Re-Uniteds>. Our club members are welcome to post meeting announcements, discussions of timely issues about areas of concern to all retirees, minutes of meetings, updates to retirees who are away, updates on illness & interline travel recommendations or bargains.

We will begin the winter luncheons in Oct. Our first luncheon will be Thur., Oct. 7 at the European Bistro, 11:15 social hour, lunch being served 12:15. The European Bistro is located at 951 W. Main St. in Mesa, AZ. The cost is \$16.50 p/p including tax & tip. Please mail your check to Hank Falk, 10221 S. 49<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix, AZ 85044-1219 with names & number of attendees. A program is being planned for this luncheon. For more info contact Hank at [hhfalk@juno.com](mailto:hhfalk@juno.com).

A decision was made to use some of our treasury funds to have a drawing at each luncheon to give one free lunch as a door prize. This month's door prize winners were:

Mary McCain - 1<sup>st</sup> prize

Oscar Aguilar - 2<sup>nd</sup> prize

Tony Rubeiro - 3<sup>rd</sup> prize

A dozen gently used golf balls (donated by Eldon Miller) went to Peg Homfeldt, Tony Rubeiro, Jo Anne Guadiso & Fred Rockenhauser.

Bill Van Sant had eyelid surgery.

The Sept. 8 breakfast was another success. 26 attendees including Bud & Lynn Hubbard who drove from Sedona as well as 2 new members, Bill & Judy Irwin, retirees from the CHI area. Best wishes & congratulations to Eldon & Jane Miller who marked their 56<sup>th</sup> year of wedded bliss on Sept. 12.

Update on Jo Eason...she is up & about & if all goes well will rejoin our little group next month. Hooray Jo!

Our breakfast meeting included "lively" discussions regarding pensions, the future of UAL & our new e-mail system for the Re-United group. Ginny Rockenhouer, our in-house computer guru will be contacting our members via e-mail with more info. Bud Hubbard kindly distributed some extra commemorative patches from the SEA Convention to anyone interested. Thanks for your generosity, Bud.

With the success of our breakfast meetings, it was proposed to continue having breakfast meetings in addition to our fall/winter luncheons. The majority of the attendees approved. It was decided to vote again after our snow birds return so everyone's opinion can be counted.

Don't forget the upcoming All Arizona picnic to be held in Prescott, AZ. Remember to mail your reservations & money to Hank Falk for the Octoberfest luncheon. Hope to see you there!

### **TALL PINES**

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A beautiful sunny day greeted 18 Tall Pines members for a potluck/BBQ at the home of Joe & Ann Tomasic. All of the guests were parked by "TED" our friendly mechanic (created by Joe). Ted stood very proudly at the head of the driveway flagging in all members & was the topic of conversation.

We welcomed back James & Anita Schroder who are now permanent residents of Prescott as Anita has recently retired from United (DEN). Also, a welcome to Jeff Lewis recent retiree of United (OAK). We hope to see them at our upcoming get-togethers. We were happy to see Alice & Bob Rowe (Alice has been a bit under the weather, but feeling much better now) plus the Piersons & Vi Stout. We miss you all when you are not at our meetings.

## Calendar

**Oct. 26** - Plaza Café, 11:00 a.m., Annual Dues

**Nov** - No meeting

**Dec. 9** - Christmas Party - Pine Cone Inn, 5:00 happy hour, 6:00 dinner

**Jan/Feb/Mar** - Plaza Café, 11:00 a.m.

## TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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Summer has slipped by rather quickly & for Tucson, not overly hot; however, because we didn't get much over 108 degrees we also remain very dry. Enough of our people stayed in town so that we numbered between 24 & 30 for the June & July luncheons at a local restaurant.

Aug. 19, 22 Roadrunners traveled to Pinetop for our annual weekend in the mountains. It is always a little cooler up there, this year, a lot wetter. Everyone had a great time in & around the rain showers.

During the summer we have had a few "Golden" & more anniversaries starting Aug. 28 when Jeanne & Rod Gilstrap celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; Pat & Tom Mitchell celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> golden anniversary. In Sept., Peg & Don Jorgensen celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month. On the 8<sup>th</sup>, Julie & Clay Waller celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## CALIFORNIA

### CENTRAL COASTERS

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Thanks to Al & Marilyn Rybar for hosting a delightful luncheon in the beautiful setting of the Avila Beach Golf Club. There were 22 members & guests in attendance. Retiree Mike Zoldak & wife, Bridget, came as guests and were welcomed as members before the end of the luncheon. Ken Bake brought his brother-in-law, Philip Varney, who is the great nephew of the founder of Varney AIR. Gary Anderson brought his father-in-law, Bud Hume - wife Kathy was unable to attend. Bill & Dana Noyes, Bob Stanger & his mother, Isabelle. John & Barbara were away in different parts of the country, attending reunions. We look forward to their return.

The next luncheon will be Oct. 20 at the Big Yellow House in Summerland, hosted by Kathy Shurtleff, (805) 384-0500. Details will be in the flyer.

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### BRAZEN RAISINS

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Bud Garcia hosted the Brazen Raisins' Sept. meeting; wife Jean was under the weather & unable to attend. Pat Gilbert returned to the fold after her knee surgery. Plans for the Christmas party were discussed.

## **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

Palm Springs Area

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At our Sept. meeting, 26 Desert Sunbirds enjoyed an Italian lunch at Johnny Russo's in Banning hosted by Ray & Flo Silvestri. After a long absence, it was good to see Judy Ford looking very chic in her new hairdo. Ron & Joan Tate returned after a 2-month absence while they were getting settled in their new home. They brought Tony Kahalis, a furloughed UAL employee. Missing from the meeting were Lynda Davis on a trip to UT & Louie Horvath who was on a riverboat cruise in Europe. Also unable to attend were Ron & Melinda Lerg who were off to FL to check on their mobile home. They have a buyer for the home (if it's still there, says Melinda). Since Lake Placid is in the middle of the state we hope any damage is minimal. Last year the Lergs had to evacuate their home in Big Bear during the CA wild fires. Fortunately their home remained intact.

Merle Pool, one of our most loyal members, continues his battle with cancer. After a recent setback, he spent several days in the hospital, then a nursing home. He is currently at home, being cared for by his daughter & hospice. I know that Merle would love to hear from any of his friends across the system. Mail cards or notes to 69-525 Dillon Rd., SP26, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241

### Calendar

**Oct. 13** - Billy Reed's in Palm Springs. Host - Lynn Morrow, (760)343-5459 or [lynninpd@aol.com](mailto:lynninpd@aol.com)

**Nov. 10** - Mission Lakes CC in Desert Hot Springs. Hostess - Mary Frank, (760) 329-1870 or [tmfrank@earthlink.net](mailto:tmfrank@earthlink.net)

## **SACRAMENTO** **GOLD DIGGERS**

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The Gold Diggers gathered at the Old Spaghetti Factory just off Highway 50 in Rancho Cordova on Aug. 25. Pres. Ron Bertacini called us to order & thanked our hosts, Harold & Colleen Esola. There were 74 members & guests present. Recent retirees from SW, Sharon Lee & Beverly Giles were also attending. Beverly is now a new member.

Sunshine Person, Francis Domaratius announced the deaths of long-time members, George Jordan & Wayne Howey. George Jordan died in Aug., retired as a foreman from SFOOV. He & his wife, Laurie, who is our Historian, have been very active in our chapter. Wayne Howey also died last month, was an inspector at SFO. Wayne & Viola are long-time Gold Diggers. We will miss these fine gentlemen; our love & thoughts are with their families.

Mike Stough had a short stay in the hospital, is now home. Velma says they are "plugging along" & thanked everyone for cards & calls.

There are 20 Gold Diggers who are volunteering at the information Desks at SMF. Those taking part like it very much, to be back in touch with the airline environment. If interested, Ron has brochures & applications. Schedules are 2 four-hour shifts a month.

The Bertacinis were in SAN attending a combined meeting of the RUAEA group, Re-Sans & The Clipped Wings. Marlin Lade was there & promised to come to our Oct. meeting.

A video history of UAL, called "Soaring Through History" was brought to our attention. It is available through the UAL Historical Society and Ron has ordered some copies.

As usual, the meeting ended with a very successful raffle thanks to the good work of our Co-Vice Presidents Harold & Colleen Esola who had a very busy day.

New member: Beverly Giles, 2530 U St., Sacramento, CA 95818, (916) 737-1516.

#### Calendar

**Oct. 27** - The Athena (formerly Scheidels), Grass Valley, CA. Hosts: Dale & Dorothy Volker, 530-272-4871.

**Nov.** - No meeting

#### **REDWOOD EMPIRE**

##### **RETIREEES**

Santa Rosa

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The Aug. meeting of the Redwood Empire Retirees was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> at Armstrong Redwoods State Park. There were 73 members & guests present. It was a beautiful day under the redwoods. Pres. Ron Huhn called the meeting to order, thanked Verda Burr & her family, daughter Deborah Houston, son Bart Burr, great-grandson Riley Houston, for hosting the event.

Sadly, we have lost 2 of our members, John Kuhl & Vera Helderfer. A special donation of \$25 for each was transferred to the Charity Fund. A moment of silence was held in their memory.

V.P. Naomi Tolf introduced many guests. Welcome to our newest members, Frank & Joan Olson of San Anselmo and Richard Lopez of Sonoma.

Sunshine Lady, Verda Burr, had a wonderful joke this month. Way to go, Verda. There were 18 birthdays. Winner of the luncheon was Fred Langkusch. There were 8 anniversaries. Congratulations to everyone.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to George Jordan & Jane Mead. We express our sympathy to the families of Vera Helderfer & John Kuhl.

Thought for the Day: *Tell the people you love, that you love them, at every opportunity.*

#### **Re-LAX-ers**

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A few sad items this month. Ken Keucker's wife, Donata, passed away after a long illness on Aug. 18. Condolences from the whole UAL group in this area are extended to Ken & his family. Ken's address is 23545 Adolph Av., Torrance, CA 90501, (310) 375-4666.

On that same date, while en route to home from the Mesquite tour I received a call from my nephew that my sister, Joyce, had succumbed to emphysema just a few hours earlier. A few days earlier she had been moved to her daughter's inland house to escape the flooding threatened by the hurricane. Apparently all the activity and confusion were too much for her frail body and she declined rapidly. Both Donata & Joyce had been very well cared for by the wonderful Hospice organization. Thank God for that group which is able to take tremendous burdens off caregivers.

Doesn't it seem life deals blows in bunches sometimes? Just a few days after losing his mom, & working to batten down 2 houses against the hurricanes, this same nephew learned that his Marine stepson was severely injured in Iraq (arm, hand, knee, loss of both eyes & some brain damage). He



received excellent care from the start in Bagdad, in Germany & now in the hospital in Bethesda, MD. He is doing remarkably well all things considered.

Peggy Ginocchio is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Sept. 15. Everyone wishes you the best of luck & a speedy recovery (15505 Yukon Av., Lawndale, CA 90260, (310) 676-8634).

Bill & Dana Noyes report that they missed SEA & the ReLAXers steak fry a/c Bill had both knees replaced then they had family reunions. He's now doing very well & plans to attend the Oct. luncheon.

Eleanor Jones (our TX member) missed the steak fry a/c feeling awful. For some time she's had any number of ailments, so is going through a battery of tests to pin down the main culprit. At one point they discovered that she developed a bad throat condition due to an allergy to a medicine for another bad problem. Good grief, Eleanor, knock it off! Get better NOW! We miss your smiling face; UA needs that service charge money for all your commuting to LAX. We all do hope & pray for a speedy end to all this agony & nonsense! She can be contacted at 335 S. Hampton Ct., Highlands, TX 77562, (409) 579-2015.

We're making progress in convention plans, had a big meeting 9/14. My job is the tours; I am very pleased with the prices I'm getting from tour operators considering that every trip price has suffered from the huge increase in fuel cost. To help save you all money when you are here, we're using the Metro-Rail system to attend meetings in HLW so we'll be experts & able to help you all get around easily to great places in the L.A. area.

#### Calendar

**Oct. 14** - Luncheon at the Proud Bird

**Dec. 2** - Christmas Party on the Queen Mary with toys for kids

**Dec.** - Fantasy Flight Party at LAX New Air Freight Bldg.

*George Orwell:...political language -- it's designed to make lies sound truthful & murder respectable, also made to give an appearance of solidarity to pure wind."*

#### Re-Sans

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The first joint picnic of Re-Sans & Clipped Wings was held Aug. 24 on Mission Bay at the Tecolote Picnic Area next to the Hilton Hotel. A good group of 46 members of the 2 groups attended this first-ever

joint picnic & very much enjoyed each other's company. A very delightful chef served our Paella with chicken & fish, salad & bread. It was delicious. Following our luncheon, Marlin Lade spoke, explaining the current plan of United to stop funding the retirement plan. Marlin's presentation cleared up many of our questions. He did such a good job that when he was finished & asked for questions, there were very few.

Barbara Berticelli also spoke about the Clipped Wings Group.

Our annual Halloween party has been rescheduled for Oct. 26 at the Stoneridge Country Club in Poway. A flier with details & directions will be mailed. This change was made possible by the hard work of our Pres., Marian Owens.

#### Calendar

**Oct. 26** - Halloween Party, Stoneridge Country Club, Poway

**Dec 3** - Christmas Party, Tom Ham's Lighthouse

Lindberg Alumni Groups - first Thurs. of month - contact Bill Lindsay

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Emmett & Gloria Landrum were our official greeters at the Aug. 23 meeting. Pres. Walt Barkowiak called the meeting to order. Carol Walter introduced our guests: Cecilia Allard, Mary & Sandy Ames, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Freeman, Carrie Bratton, Ethel Batiste & Pat Barnes. Pat Barnes is the daughter of Marie Tilson our former local newsletter editor. Sec'y Helen Cain presented Marie with an engraved pewter & glass tankard in appreciation of the many years of work that she did on our newsletter.

In Oct. we will be having another Chinese luncheon. Tickets are on sale for \$5.

Auburey Bliss gave a nomination committee report. All offices for 2005 are filled but he stressed the importance of volunteering for the many jobs that we have.

We will be filling shoeboxes, for the children at the Burlingame Shelter Network, for Christmas again this year. The Shelter Network appreciates our gifts but requested that if we wrap the boxes be sure to wrap the box & lid separately, otherwise leave them unwrapped. They need to inspect them before they are given to the children. It was also suggested that gifts of disposable diapers would be greatly appreciated. These are children's diapers - not Depends.

Sorry to report the loss of John "Mark" Heath who passed away Aug. 14. Send condolences to his wife Jane, at 3721 Red Oak Way, Redwood City, CA 94061

We had an interesting program; Harrell Miller, a former Baptist minister, spoke on the Wright Brothers. Harrell has been fascinated by the lives of Orville & Wilbur Wright for many years & has traveled around the country, on a Greyhound bus, visiting many of the places the brothers had lived. He collected information about their lives & personalities, how they went about designing & building the first power driven airplane.

Oct program will be a return visit of Mike & Marian Billo, singing & playing the guitar for seniors.

Travel info: Ginger Dahlberg is looking into touring England. This would be a little different from a regular England tour & includes places not normally visited. If you might be interested in this trip or other trips, e-mail Ginger at [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com) or call her, 650-345-5548 for more information. Our domestic tour coordinator, Betty Garner, passed out survey sheets asking for information on trips that we would be interested in. Betty is lining up a 3-day Yosemite trip April 27 -29<sup>th</sup>. More on this later.

**Calendar**

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

**Retirees General Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

### **SFO/SJC SOUTH BAY**

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Several birthdays & anniversaries in Aug. including Bob & Ruie Bradley and Bob & Marie Rutledge, both couples married 61 years; Floyd & Virginia Phillips, 53 years; Gerry & Alice Frisch, 53 years; and Otto & Geneva Schaller, 59 years.

We welcomed Herb & Gloris Rosscamp at our Aug. 6 meeting. Visitors for the month were Howard Payne, Western Director of RUAEA; Kelly & Kerry Urso, granddaughters of Tony & Sally Urso; Susan Schaller Hall & Alexis Hall, daughter & granddaughter of Otto & Geneva Schaller; and Gay Bacheller, daughter-in-law of Lewis & Nancy Bacheller.

Dwayne Howze was to receive a lung transplant, is still on the list. LaDonna Eggert is doing very well after her surgery. Both Elaine Kristen & Dolores Burda are back in the hospital. Carol Copley is doing well after minor surgery.

Our bus trip to Santa Cruz, Aug. 6, was absolutely great. The weather & everything else was perfect. A big thanks to Marion Gaevert, also Marian Swanson. Alex Klaus, Tony & Sally Urso, as usual, deserve a big thanks also.

Our fall luncheon Sept. 1 was also a success. It was held at the China Stix restaurant, a favorite for all of us. Thanks to Wilma & Sandy Garver for hosting this event.

### **Calendar**

Weekly breakfast meeting Fri. morning at Holder's Country Inn, 988 DeAnza Blvd. (across from Home Depot), San Jose, CA. Breakfast starts 7:30 a.m., meeting convenes 8:20 a.m. We welcome all retirees to join us. Please contact our Pres. Bill Copley (408-725-8420) for more information.

## **SAN JOAQUINERS**

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It's always a pleasant time to be traveling in late summer especially on 49 Highway - this time to Ione. Hosts were Carolyn & Harry Hoffman and Don & Joanne Nesja. Guests were Jon & Carole Foucrault and Chuck & Wendy Hofacker. First-time members were Frank Inderbitzen, Fremont; Chuck Pruitt, Valley Springs & Robert Scott, Sutter Creek. Also attending were Al Lionberger from Sutter Creek, & Charlie Pauza from Pine Grove.

A thank-you note from Laurie (Haynes) Arguello was read for our donation to the National Kidney Foundation for transplants.

Treas. reported funds are in good shape. Ron McDuffee is making new self-standing signs for us. Thanks, Ron. Great raffle prizes donated by local merchants.

Joyce Temple is in intensive care after knee replacement surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

## **COLORADO**

### **DENVER MILE HIGHERS**

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The Sept. 1 breakfast at beautiful Park Hill Golf Course was attended by only 38 Mile Highers. Dick Magee returned his 50/50 winnings to the stamp fund. Sure was good to see Tom Goodyear off the oxygen as he now has to use it at night & only on demand during the day.

Sara & Clarence Seim will be moving to Huntley Sun City, IL which is west of Chicago & only 1 hour away from their daughter. Also, the Bern Hazekamps are moving to Minneapolis, MN to be closer to their family.

It is with sorrow that we report the death of Ken Partain on 9/2/04, also Ken's wife Margaret is in the hospital with TWO broken legs. The Partains' daughter Kathy's address is 5487-A Paseo del Lago-W, Laguna Woods, CA 92659.

Mary Lou Dillner was home from the hospital but unfortunately fell which required a return to the hospital. Mary Lou needs some "cheering-up" cards/notes and really enjoys receiving them. Please mail to her home address as a friend will take them to her. Address is: 7455 E. Quincy Av., #208, Denver, CO 80237.

Martha & Virgil Gooselaw's daughter, Dianne Adkins, came to the 9/4/04 mailing as a guest - but was immediately put to work. Incidentally, Dianne received the same pay as all the other members of "The Team" -- ONE cup of coffee & a small "sugar biscuit".

Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 7, "Colorado Room", Holiday Inn, 455 S. Colorado Blvd., south side of hotel lower level covered parking, north side 2 levels of parking, elevator close by for lobby area., 11 a.m. social hour, beer & wine \$3.75, mixed drinks \$4.00. 12 noon lunch - menu choices herb roasted chicken, bourbon glazed pork loin, & grilled salmon filet. Includes salad, vegetable, potato, rolls, butter, coffee, pre-set iced tea & dessert. \$18.00 p/p inclusive. List menu choice on check. If bringing a guest, name please. Send checks payable to RUAEA, Denver Chapter, mail to Harriet Ahr, 4576 Hooker St., Denver, CO 80211-1354. Phone 303 477-2918. Reservations need to be made by Dec. 2. Please bring unwrapped toy for Santa's Sleigh Ride. Toys should be for children 4 to 8 years old. If the toys need batteries please include.

### **Calendar**

Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. ea. mo., 8:00 a.m. Park Hill Golf Course, 35<sup>th</sup> & Colorado Blvd. Call Tom Goodyear for information, directions, (303) 696-7001.

**Dec. 7** - Christmas Luncheon - details in column

## **FLORIDA**

### **CITRUS GROUPEES**

Inverness, FL  
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The Citrus Groupers held their Aug. meeting at the Olive Garden in Ocala with 21 attendees. We welcomed Richard Whitworth, who retired from CHI & recently moved to Ocala. Extended our congratulations to celebrants of birthdays & anniversaries during the month of Aug.

Our Oct. 28 meeting will take place at Frankie's Grill, 1674 N. Florida Ave., (Hwy. 41), Inverness. Nov. & Dec. meetings will be merged & will take place at Jo Beck's home, 1717 Oak Forest Dr., The Villages, on Dec. 9, which will be our Christmas party.

**SW FLORIDA**  
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Two weeks before Hurricane Charlie arrived, Fred & Mary Miller packed up their things and moved to The Villages in the upper part of FL. They have family in that area. Their new address is: 861 Evelynnton Loop, The Villages, FL 32162.

On Fri. the 13<sup>th</sup> of Aug., Hurricane Charlie with 145 mile winds & Hurricane Frances loaded with rain, really did a number on the people in our area. No matter where you looked there were trees down, roofs torn apart, pool cages gone. Debris was piled high on the streets for pickup. Almost everyone lost the food from their freezers & refrigerators. More damage was done when Hurricane Frances arrived. We are waiting to see if Hurricane Ivan is planning to visit our area. Here are a few updates from some of our members:

**Joan & Terry Gilkison:** They lost 5 skylights, a garage door, bathroom mirror & a bathroom wall that is leaning. There was ceiling & wall damage plus 10 days with no electric, telephone or water.

**Ruth Barnhart:** Lost her pool cage & didn't have power for over two weeks. A lot of trees were lost.

**Buz Sawyer:** Was without power & phone but no damage to his condo. He went to North Carolina for a visit until things got better. He was scheduled for another surgery the 16<sup>th</sup> of Aug. but that has been postponed.

**Bonnie & Curtis Sawyer:** They had a mess with trees down & power off. Most of the buildings & carports where they lived had damage.

**Sally Sciple:** The 32-foot window facing the bay in their little A-Frame on Matlacha came through without a leak or crack. A neighbor's roof landed in their front yard.

**Harry & Arlene Walton:** They are safe & sound. There are many trees down in their area but no other damage.

**Marilyn & Tom McNabb:** They were on their way back from UT when Charlie came. When they arrived in WI they packed their car & the next day headed home. They had a new packaged heat pump that was uplifted by a fallen frangipani tree. All of the duct work & tubing was broken & had to have a complete reinstall. The Norfolk pine next to the bedroom lost its top & landed on the next door neighbor's roof, also put a hole in their roof. They lost a navel orange tree loaded with fruit.

**Ann (Lurlie) & Fred Dillon:** They lost a large portion of their roof, both skylights, 6 fruit trees, two tall palm trees, two broken windows & the screening from their lanai. All of the carpeting had to be removed due to water damage. When the skylights broke the water poured down dissolving the plaster & spread a gooey mess over the master bath and most of the kitchen appliances, counter tops & kitchen floor. Some furniture had water damage. Ten days without power, water or telephone. Ann is still suffering from shock.

**Pat Boyd:** Lost her pool cage & a lot of trees. She is very glad to be alive.

**Harry & Delores Good:** They have only minor damage to their landscaping. Power was off for only 30 hours, so they did very well.

**Carrie Belluso:** A lot of damage to her kitchen when it got flooded. Many trees were lost in her area.

**Russ & Lois O'Hara:** They lost a lot of trees plus their pool cage.

**Jack & Barbara Clay:** They were fortunate to have had a huge oak tree removed before this happened or they probably would not have had a house left. They also lost their pool cage & a lot of trees.

**Tom & Dee O'Hanlon:** They lost the shingles off the front roof, 3 palm trees & the cabbage palm was scalped about 12 feet up. Two orange trees took the fascia & soffit off both houses, also messed up the garage door. Charlie broke most of the limbs off their big tree & put one big limb across the pool roof; the pool will have to be rebuilt.

In spite of Frances heading our way, 10 members came to our breakfast meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Sept. Our next meeting will be a luncheon meeting at Sable Springs Golf and Racket Club.

#### Calendar

1<sup>st</sup> Fri. of the month, luncheon meeting at Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club. Guests are always welcome. Reservations are required. For more information call or e-mail: Marilyn McNabb, (239) 482-3882 (Fort Myers) [ualmke@aol.com](mailto:ualmke@aol.com); Carrie Belluso (239) 481-1450 (Fort Myers) - [Tutupapa1@aol.com](mailto:Tutupapa1@aol.com).

#### **TREASURE COAST**

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As most of you know, Stuart, FL took a direct hit from Hurricane Francis. This caused much destruction for our Treasure Coast members including Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River & Palm Beach counties. Many of us are still without electricity, phones & cable. Pres. Al Popek has tried to call each member to check on their status. If he has not reached any member, please call him, #772-283-0359 to let him know if you & your property are OK. We are planning our next meeting Oct. 5 at Johnny's, 11:30. Hopefully everyone will be up & running by then. If not, we will try to contact each member again. Hope everyone is safe & well.

#### **GEORGIA**

#### **DIXIE FLYERS**

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36 Flyers & 2 guests were present for the lunch & meeting at Johnny Carino's Country Italian Restaurant in Fayetteville, GA. Tony Fricks, a friend of Fred Cron; & Otis Crummey, a UAL mechanic retired ATLMM, were our guests. It was especially good to have Otis present; it has been a while since we have seen him. He is enjoying retirement & made the trip from south Georgia to be with us. He is considering membership. Bruce & Mary Brodersen were our hosts for this meeting. The luncheon cuisine & atmosphere were Italian; the food was delicious & plentiful. The room was very nice, crowded but comfortable & private which made it nice for our meeting. Thank you, Bruce & Mary for the arrangements. Bruce Brodersen began the meeting with comments about the upcoming picnic, our Oct. meeting. The picnic is being planned at Indian Springs State Park, Flovilla, GA, & will be hosted by Gene & Jeanne Barber.

With elections coming up Jeanne Barber has let it be known that she plans to step down from her position as treasurer. Jeanne also handles collection & delivery of goods brought by the members for the Women's Shelter. We will need someone to take charge of this privilege. Bruce Brodersen will

also give up the office of Pres. Questions about the Pension Fund are always at the forefront of our discussion. Rumors abound as always, but you can find answers about your guaranteed annuity from Met-Life by calling 1-800-638-2432.

Elmer Koldoff reminded us of the Great Georgia Air Show to be held on Oct. 9 & 10 at Falcon Field in Peachtree City. Ron Heider will host the Nov. 3 meeting at Fisherman Restaurant in McDonough. The Dec. meeting, our Christmas lunch, will be hosted by Sam & Eva Mace at the Village Café in Fayetteville. Jan. we will go north again; our hostesses will be Marie Sadlowski, Marcia Cutter, Dorislee Guckert & Carolyn Mitchell.

It is wet & messy here after “Frances” but we are in really good shape compared to FL. So much to be thankful for!

## **HAWAII**

### **PAU HANA KUPUNA**

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The Aloha Angel Café in Kainaliu Town was a wonderful setting for our Aug. 19 luncheon/meeting, with 25 members & 3 guests in attendance. We welcomed 2 new members. RUAEA’s new Western Region Director, Howard Payne & his wife Jo were among our guests that day. Pres. McMahon asked Howard to talk to us about RUAEA & his career with United. It was wonderful having them with us.

Pres. McMahon gave birthday wishes to Judith White, Bob Pennington & Bill Choy Hee. No, we didn’t sing to them! Our 50/50 winner was Al White. We had 8 raffle winners. Congratulations to all of you. Mahalo for all the donated raffle items; it is so greatly appreciated.

There was a laugh out of everyone with the jokes I told. I also gave a treasury & membership report. I mentioned the open invitation we all had to the Chadwicks’ 50<sup>th</sup> wedding celebration lu’au. It was on 8/21. Those of us who attended sure had good food, drinks, great entertainment & music.

We are still looking for retirees who have retired to the “Big Island”. Please give us a call, (808) 966-7886 or e-mail us, [djsmiley@ilhawaii.net](mailto:djsmiley@ilhawaii.net)....any RUAEA visitors are welcome too!

### **Calendar**

**Oct. 21** - Old Kona Airport, Kona

**Nov. 18** - Sandlewood, Naniloa Resort, Hilo

**Dec. 16** - Art & Maggie Chang’s House, Kona

## **IDAHO**

### **BOISE GEMS**

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Ron Hamann, back at the helm after a two-month hiatus, reintroduced himself, welcomed all, & thanked Bud Peters for filling in during his absence. Ron made reference to daily e-mails from Dale T. Harper, a retiree, who has taken it upon himself to pass along UAL news of interest to retirees. He often has information on pensions, health benefits, tips on travel, operating performance, & UAL’s

valiant efforts to survive bankruptcy. If you think you might be interested in receiving such messages, e-mail Dale at [dtharper@inreach.com](mailto:dtharper@inreach.com)

Ron asked for help on the Christmas party scheduled for Dec. 15 & received an immediate response from Evelyn Maslens volunteering her husband for the job. Ron looked a bit surprised, but smiled through it all.

Evelyn & "Mike" are just back from a great time touring some of Russia & Europe. Also, they are hosting a Mexican Riviera cruise sailing from SAN Nov. 6-13 at a great price. If interested, contact them.

Marilyn Taylor spent a couple of days in St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, being treated for a blood clot in her left leg.

Our dinner at the Sandbar in Marsing was well attended; everyone enjoyed the evening

#### Calendar

#### **Oct. 4 &**

**Nov. 1** - 7:30 a.m., breakfast at the Holiday Inn on Vista Ave.

**Dec. 15** - Christmas party & dinner at the Holiday Inn in Boise

**You must be a mechanic if:** You've ever used a wheel chock as a hammer.

### ILLINOIS

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On the last Tues. in Aug., 25 retirees attended the Southsiders monthly brunch at Granny Sally's. The world traveler, Virginia Hilkins, was on the move again enjoying a short trip to FL before the bad weather came in. She returned home safely & extends a big thanks to Ken, a United employee & his son who helped her through security & onto the plane.

Agnes & Bob Pearson, from the Southsiders group, are on a trip through Bulgaria & Romania & boating the Danube River.

The Northsiders had a light turnout for the Sept. breakfast, perhaps because of the Labor Day holiday. Socializing at the breakfast is on the second Wed. of each month, 8:30 a.m. Come early to mingle with your friends. There were 3 newcomers to the Northside breakfast. Mary A. Laspisa who worked at ORDSK as a secretary, & Bernie Faust, who worked at ORDCS Departure Gate, also his wife Irma. Thanks for coming & spending your morning with friends of the Skyliners chapter.

A reminder that in Nov. our Northsiders will again have their semi-annual collection of canned foods for a local Pantry donation. The local Food Pantries are in need of paper products so maybe at this collection we could make this a paper product collection. Canned goods are always welcome.

Our volunteers are enjoying the new environment at the Chicago Food Depository since their relocation in May. Every month there are about 30 volunteers who work together as a group packing assorted canned goods into boxes. On occasions several thousand pounds of pasta may be packed or even frozen hot dogs. It is advised that volunteers bring warm finger gloves in case they need to handle frozen foods. The volunteer day generally consists of 2 hours of work followed by lunch, then another hour of work after lunch. It is recommended that you pack a small lunch; drinks are provided.

The group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. of each month at WHQ training center. Buses leave at 9:00 & return around 3:00 in the afternoon. If you are interested, come with a friend & experience a different type of volunteer work. Call Ron Pryor, 1-847-541-5729.



### Calendar

**Oct. 12** - Oktoberfest at Catillion, 360 Creekside Dr. (1/2 mile west of Rt. 53 on Northwest Hwy. In Palatine, IL.). Price \$25.00. Cocktails 11:00 a.m. followed by luncheon & festivities.

**Oct. 13** - Breakfast at Airtimes, 9:00 a.m., Golf Rd. & Busse Hwy., Mt Prospect, IL

**Dec. 7** - Christmas holiday luncheon, Avalon Banquets, Elk Grove Village (near World Headquarters), cash bar/entertainment, 11:00 a.m. Cost \$20.00

## INDIANA

### INDY RACERS

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On an unusually overcast, cool day (for IN), the Indianapolis chapter of RUAEA, the newly named INDY RACERS, gathered at the Paragon Restaurant for our usual enjoyable luncheon & chapter meeting.

Our Pres. Chris Johnson was away on business; V.P. Ray Brabo opened the meeting. Sec'yTreas. Hannelore Brabo, read the minutes of the last meeting.

Ray Brabo told us not to accept any e-mails on retiree medical benefits unless it comes from RUAEA. We can access correct information from the website [www.Ualretirees.com](http://www.Ualretirees.com)

Our logo is completed thanks to Charles Theiss

Dec. 4 will be our Christmas meeting. Currently we are planning a sheet cake & the manager of the Paragon Restaurant will decorate our room with some Christmas cheer. These plans may change due to the fact that Wanda Bryce & Charles Theiss now head our new Entertainment Committee. Wanda suggested we should have a social event at least 4 times a year: ice cream social, picnics & trips, etc. Toy collections & fund raisers for favorite charities are some of the ideas Wanda mentioned. Let's all help out Wanda & Charles because it sounds like they have some really fun ideas for us to expand the social aspect of our new RUAEA chapter.

At a former meeting, Chris Johnson advised all members to sign up with Dale Harper, a UAL retiree in CA who keeps UAL retirees well informed of what is going on with United & especially the retirees. His e-mail address is [dtharper@inreach.com](mailto:dtharper@inreach.com).

The management of the Paragon Restaurant continues to go out of their way to make us feel welcome. We thank all the staff at the restaurant for all the wonderful, cheerful service - the food is good & very reasonable. The address is 118 S. Girls School Rd., Indianapolis, phone (317) 271-3514.

### Calendar

**Oct. 16** - 2 p.m., Paragon Restaurant

**Nov. 13** - 2 p.m., Paragon Restaurant

**Dec. 4** - 2 p.m., Paragon Restaurant

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

### **NOR'EASTERS**

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The 4<sup>th</sup> annual summer picnic was held on Aug. 26, what seemed to be the most perfect weather day of the year. We had 44 retirees & guests present. Jean Kalabokis, June Alberino, Bill Shailor and Ray & Wanda Foster, whom we haven't seen in some time, attended, as well as our newest member, John (Jack) Butler. Always good to see old friends.

After a sumptuous luncheon, prepared and cooked by Frank DeSteffano, Bruce Eddy, Lew Shakley & Don Simard, everyone took lawn chairs & gravitated to the sunny hill top lawn, overlooking Salem harbor. What a spot. All those beautiful sail boats just sitting there, while the owners are off working to pay for them. Isn't retirement great? A business meeting of sorts ensued. It was decided to skip an Oct. meeting & move future meeting to the first part of the month. This would help our newsletter comply with the new due date & keep us current. Of most concern was the solvency of our pensions, as well as the continuation of UAL as we know it. Like everyone else, we had no answers. Time will tell. Once again, we had a young guest present, Adam Shakley, 14-month-old grandson of Lue & Sylvia Shakley. There were so many desserts brought by members that Don Simard began auctioning them off. Yours truly bid on a bowl of homemade chocolate chip cookies. They were delicious. Our newest members are Joan Meister, BOSMK & John Butler, BOSCG, (now working with Fed-X). Welcome to the Nor'Easters.

## **MICHIGAN**

### **GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES**

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23 Escapees met at the Beach Grill in St. Clair Shores hosted by Dollie Sellers. All gave Julie Felix a Harvey Wallbanger send off, as she will be moving to NM this week. Julie announced she had going away presents for everyone; many laughs & memories were recalled as Julie distributed her old airline memorabilia STUFF to all. Yours truly felt special as she received a 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service & Information Guide, dated 1981. She also tried to convince us that the party was to continue at her house where she & Fred were busy packing. Somehow I do believe she has lost her selling skills as I heard of no one that took her up on that offer.

Lastly, love & prayers for all our friends & relatives in the hurricane's path this awful season.

### **Calendar**

1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of month; location varies; please call or e-mail.

## MINNESOTA

### NORTHERN LITES

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34 members attended our Sept. gathering. The day was cool but sunny. No complaints, even after a record-breaking cool summer. Sunshine does wonders for the spirit.

Mary Brennan received a note from the Pres. of Capital Airlines Assoc. announcing that the group is being disbanded. The last picnic was Sept. 20; a few of the MSP group attended. Many of those who “grew up” with Capital were sad to see the association break up.

Major frustration with the telephone listing system was expressed by many of our members. Rarely does it “understand” what one’s saying, sometimes after several attempts to get the message across, it doesn’t default to a phone agent, causing confusion & anger. Those who are able to use Skynet & Weblist have been satisfied with it. Donna Gray offered to check loads & list people when she can, with the proviso that they understand that she’s away from her computer a good bit of the year.

Those who have done some traveling recently feel that the E-ticket system & automated check-in works well. Loads are very heavy; patience is again encouraged.

Our Oct. 13 outing is the buffet lunch cruise on the St. Croix River, leaving from Stillwater, MN. Cost is \$16.50 p/p. **Those interested in participating must call (651) 430-1234 for reservations.** The boat will leave the marina 11:30 a.m., so be sure to be there with plenty of time to spare. There will be no refunds. Directions to the dock from the Twin Cities: from the junction of I-35W & Hwy. 36 in Roseville, take Hwy 36 east approximately 22 miles to the junction of 36 & Hwy. 95, continue north on 36/95 for about a mile to the Stillwater marina.

Our friends who either live in FL or have winter homes there have had to contend with Hurricanes Charley & Francis, as of this writing are awaiting more wind & water with the arrival of Hurricane Ivan. So far, so good for Jack & Sandra Doke in Winter Haven, Jack & Carol Spalding in the Orlando area, and Chuck & JoAnn Eichacker in Jensen Beach. Power outages, downed trees & heavy rain have been the worst problems; thankfully, no structural damage has occurred. We’ve had no word from the Cirkseas & the Tousignants about their places. Our hearts go to those who have had to contend with the aftermath of those storms.

One of the prizes raffled off during the 50/50 raffle was a model of United’s Boeing 720 from the 60s & 70s. It was donated by Frank Ehr, won by Cal Alderman. Donna was bummed that she didn’t win it & the tears started to flow. Cal can resist anything but a weeping woman, so he gave it to her. (...that was a joke, folks).

Those who have accepted the offer from the Loonies to join them for their Autumn Fling are looking forward to the event in Pequot Lakes, MN on Oct. 6-8. The only prerequisite to being a Loonie is having been an employee of United Airlines. A report of the occasion will be in the Nov. issue.

### Calendar

**Oct. 13** - Luncheon Buffet cruise on the St. Croix, Stillwater, MN, 11:30 a.m.

**Nov. & beyond** - Lunch at Old Country Buffet, just North of Hwy 110 and Robert Street in West St. Paul, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month at 11:15 a.m.

## **NEBRASKA**

### **GOLDEN'EARS**

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Thank you Dick & Marilyn Weak for hosting at Malara's, also for Bill & Mel Harrison for taking the calls. We had a nice group including Marva & Emery Dickinson, Ken & Sandy Bender (Beatrice, NE), Trudy Tighe, Paul & Humbie Steuri, Penny Sophir and Ev & Shirley Payton (back from their summer home in Boise). Also attending were Harley & Bev Hughes who moved back to Council Bluffs after living in CO. They have joined our group, address is 24310 Richfield Loop, Council Bluffs, IA 51503. Harley was a mechanic here & was laid off in the early 70s, eventually got back with UAL in CO. We are happy to have them back.

Talked to Bill Slaughter; he had a knee replacement 6 months ago, had carpal tunnel surgery on his right hand on Aug. 19 & will have his other knee replacement done soon. He said his first replacement went very well; we hope the second one does too.

Keith talked to Charlie Millington's wife; she said he was through with his radiation & chemo, now is getting built back up.

Carroll Ballard's mother, age 99, passed away; her services were July 27.

### **Calendar**

**Oct. 3** - USA Steak, hosted by Larry & Sharon Farrell

**Nov. 2** - Old Country Buffet

**Dec. 7** - Christmas, Anthony's, hosted by Ev & Shirley Payton. This will be an evening get-together.

## **NEVADA**

### **LAS VEGAS GAMBLERS**

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The Aug. meeting minutes were taken by Lois Fox, since I was in the hospital & our Pres. was ill, so Lois had to run the meeting. I thank her for this service.

Our speaker, Theresa (Terri) Malone, running for State Senator of District 4, not sure what she was getting at other than wanting our vote.

Zelma Kibler gave us some info on our life insurance with United; if anyone wants more information, call her at 821-1880.

It was brought to the President's attention that some members were not happy with our meeting place; I asked for volunteers / no takers. I mentioned that we needed to nominate & vote at the Oct meeting, a new Pres. & Treas. No nominations so far.

After the meeting was adjourned, Zelma & Rosie said they would like to take the positions, experience they both have, Rosie is past president of SFO Retirees chapter & Zelma is past president of SFO, also national RUAEA.

My foot operation was good & am healing as expected.

I have been informed by Minnie Brown's sister that Minnie passed away in March. We extend our condolences to her sister.

Our Sunshine Lady, Eleanor Vasko reports that her husband Michael while reading the newspaper fell over, out cold. Paramedics took him to the emergency hospital & he stayed over 2 days; the doctors think it was a partially blocked blood vessel but could not say for sure. He is fine & home. I think it is that new computer he got & the frustrations of learning all those things to make it work. (StreSS).

We are sorry to hear that Winnie Stone's sister passed away last month in Germany, our sincere condolences.

#### Calendar

**Oct. 12** - luncheon meeting, 11:30 a.m., The Ellis Island Village Pub, 4178 Koval Ln., Las Vegas, NV 89109. (702) 733-8901

**Dec. 11** - Christmas party, 11:30 a.m., same place

#### **RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP**

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Aug. 19, the Sierra Roundup had about 60 members & SMF Gold Digger guests at our picnic at Sand Harbor. The weather was wonderful. Several grandchildren in attendance enjoyed swimming & playing in the water. Although we started the day without water, that changed by the time most of the guests & members had arrived. Lloyd "Steve" Stephens did a superb job as master chef, as did his wife Jean as his assistant.

Harry & Jean Caldwell from the SMF Gold Diggers invited our group to a gathering at their ranch in Placerville for a day of music, fun, food & friendship. The invitation letter & a map was enclosed with the newsletter. Contact the Caldwells directly by phone or e-mail to let them know if you plan to attend.

We received a letter from Capt. Ray Lahr (retired) thanking us for the old United magazines that Louise Smith had donated to the UAL Historical Foundation. He enjoyed reading them & commented on how young Bill Patterson looked on the cover of the April 1966 Shield.

We gave out a list of members' names, addresses & phone numbers at the Sept. meeting., please advise me of any incorrect information.

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The Gardenstators of New Jersey held their annual picnic on Aug. 25 at Merrill Park in Colonia, NJ. 86 members & families attended. The day was beautiful, fun was had by all in participating in games & eating their fill. Many friendships were renewed with those that do not attend the meetings. Two sad notes - John Thompson & Bill Miller have passed away since our last meeting.

## **NEW YORK**

### **NEW YORK METROS**

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Joe Totaro started the monthly meeting with a moment of silence for the loss of another member of the chapter. Gladys Diehm passed away Aug. 26, just 23 days after her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. Gladys retired in 1981 from United Airlines Kitchen Service. Gladys leaves behind 4 sons, 10 grandkids & 9 great-grandkids. Our condolences to the Diehm family. The NY Metros will miss Gladys.

Mary Butera had a knee replacement, (718) 357-6061; Anthony Manfre recuperating from surgery, (718) 461-2379; Dolores Kaczinski in rehab, (631) 439-3749; Mike Cardacino has respiratory problems, (631) 724-8121. Remember our sick & disabled members would enjoy receiving a note or phone call.

12 members have birthdays in Sept. On the top of the list is Diana Arena, 84 on the 20<sup>th</sup>; Charlie Kaczinski, 81 on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Birthday greetings to all.

Two couples celebrate their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries this month: Charlie & Dolores Kaczinski on the 18<sup>th</sup>; Elliott & Ruth Olenick on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Who said marriages would never last? There are other couples with anniversaries in Oct. Congratulations to all!

Anyone attending our annual picnic this past July, please contact Paul Cohen for your refund, if you haven't done so.

There's a rumor going around that there's going to be a vacancy at WHQ!!

Nominations/selection for the Arthur Shepherd President's Award will be at the Oct. meeting. Nominations for V.P. & Treas. will be in Oct. Elections will be at the Nov. meeting.

The name list for the Christmas banquet will be open starting at the Oct. meeting. If you have doubts about attending, place your name on the list. You can always change your mind.

The Christmas party for the Marathon School will be Dec. 16. The Metros will be collecting toys & money at the Oct., Nov. & Dec. meetings for the kids. The Marathon School is for the physically & mentally handicapped children in Queens.

Remember: save your tabs from soda/beer cans for Jean Zito. The tabs help patients needing dialyses.

Also, if you have any old airlines promotional pins looking for a new home, bring them to the next meeting. The Special Olympics kids love wearing the pins. In fact, any business promotional pins will be accepted. Thank you.

### **Calendar**

**Oct. 6** - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

**Nov. 3** - 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

**Dec. 1** - Christmas luncheon, 12 noon, Millerridge Inn

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What a BEAUTIFUL day we had on Sept. 1 for our monthly meeting at Sweetwater Landing in the Emerald Necklace in the Metro Parks with 87 members (including 2 guests) in attendance. A "Thank You" to Reta Hammer, Pat Hendy & Anne Fielder for hosting the brunch. This is their 5<sup>th</sup> year; I understand they have booked it for next year. Our visitors were Penny Cobb & Mary R. Noble. Hope to see you again soon. New members in attendance were Sue Brenneis; she worked in CLERR but retired from FWARR; Betty Krischker & Tom & Sandee LaMasters. Tom worked in CLECG. Our membership now stands at a whopping 258.

I spoke with Nellie Beers & am happy to report she is going great. She had her hip surgery on her birthday, Aug. 24. She spent 9 days between Medina Hospital & Lodi for rehab & has been home since Sept. 2. She sounds just as chipper as can be. Eleanor Neth is still continuing her chemo. Cale informed me that she will be finished next month. Emily Robinson is still recovering but is feeling much better. She said that she & Dave miss not being able to attend our functions. Our love & prayers for continuing recovery to all.

Please keep Shirley Moses in your prayers along with Carol Waldron, Bud LeMasters, Melinda Gaydan, Bette Rowan & Bill Gatesman.

Come one, come all! We are looking for individuals to host March, May & June. We need to know as soon as possible, so we can make up our activities packet for the first half of 2005. Please contact one of the Officers if you are able to host one of these open months.

Please remember to submit the info. sheet to John Taucher that was in the packet you received in July. He has only received about 50% back. This info. is very important. There have been a lot of people that have changed phone numbers as well as e-mail addresses. This info. needs to be updated.

### Calendar

**Nov. 3** - Marcal's of Middleburg Hts., 1:00 p.m. Restaurant opens at 11:30 a.m., \$15.00 pre-paid.

**Dec. 8** - Pippin's Three, 1:00 p.m. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. Note this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of the month. \$15.00 pre-paid. Annual Christmas Party.

## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ERS

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This is two for one month. I am reporting on the Aug. & Sept. meetings. There were 117 members in attendance in Aug. The speaker was Walter Collins with PDX Better Business Bureau who spoke on swindles, frauds & scams. Dorothy Retzlaff was at the meeting; she reintroduced herself to Walter as

they had both worked in reservations at PDX in the 40s. It was announced that Jim Sully is in a retirement facility in Longview, WA.

The magic number in Sept. was 100 in attendance with a speaker from the Vancouver, WA Red Cross, JoAnne Akely who discussed emergency preparedness in the home. She was asked many questions regarding the hurricane cleanup in FL. Nancy Hooper gave a short presentation on CERT afterwards hoping to inspire members to learn CPR. New members at the meeting were Dan Ramberg, PDXJL, & Kent G. Uhl, (PDXMM) and his wife Anita.

There were no illnesses reported last month. I am sorry to report that Leona Talarsky died in Aug. It is amazing what you learn about a person after their death. She was a good golfer, loved horseback riding & was a faithful telephone caller for the Dew-ers. Our condolences to her family.

The election of officers for 2005/2006 will be held at the Oct. meeting. Running for President Dave Smith, John Donaldson V.P., Shirley Walker sec'y (they are all unopposed), treas. Jack Cooley & Nadine Holten and for the one board position Gerri Blodgett, Tina Lewis & Bill Shaw. Please come & vote for the new slate of officers and enjoy the Ice Cream Social.

Our annual Nov. meeting will be the Thanksgiving luncheon with desserts brought by our members. Afterwards Eric Brotherton & Leo Correia will talk about their experiences in WWII to commemorate the Veteran's Day holiday on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mon/Wed/Fri, tel.# (503) 249-4142 and 249-4143 to assist you with listing and load information.

#### Calendar

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

**Oct. 13** - Ice Cream Social & Election of Officers

**Nov. 10** - Thanksgiving Luncheon (see above article)

**Dec. 8** - Christmas Luncheon & Diane Larsen Singers

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Does anyone out there have a good ark for sale? I can't remember seeing this much rain in ages. Hopefully we'll have a mild winter.

I hope to get a report from our gals Treatie & Patti on the Capital Picnic. I'm sure it will be a great affair.

A great time was had by all on the Aug. 11 trip to Cambridge Springs, PA. A full busload enjoyed the play "Never Too Late" along with dinner afterwards. Thanks to Liz Riedel for the update.

On Aug. 23 we lost a dear friend & former Senior Agent, Bob Kautz, affectionately known as RMK. Bob was known for his "Kautz O Grams" & homemade cookies. He knew every flight attendant by name & their schedules. Bob was a veteran of WWII, a member of the 390<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group Veterans Association. Our condolences to his sons Randall & Ronald and their families.

Our condolences & prayers also go to Lois Varrenti & her family on the sudden unexpected death of her grandson Nick D. Varrenti, 16 years old. Lois's address is 305 Rawley Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Our next get-together will be Oct. 19 at J.W. Halls Steak House, my favorite spot - but will be in DEN attending a RUAEA Board meeting. Let's hope we have some good news about our future as retirees.



#### Calendar

**Oct. 19** - luncheon, J.W. Halls, Hopewell Twp.

**Dec. 3** - New Retirees Dinner, Beaver Lakes CC

**Dec. 10** - Annual Christmas Luncheon, Embassy Suites.

### TENNESSEE

#### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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16 members & 1 guest gathered for breakfast on our usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. date. We always enjoy a good breakfast & spirited (loud) conversation in “even” months. “Odd” months mark our luncheons with a business meeting. This breakfast month Jack Ferrell & his Navy flyer comrade Pat Thompson were reminiscing about their days together during the Viet Nam conflict.

We were glad Betty & Tom Shipe could join us. Tom is dealing with health problems. We look forward to his feeling more chipper. Nancy Krop is getting around better after double knee surgery (ouch!) & her presence was a welcome sight. It's terrible when we wear out our moving parts before we're finished with them.

#### Calendar

**Oct. 21** - 10:00 a.m. EDT, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, Exit 373 off I40/75 on Campbell Station Rd., Farragut

**Nov. 18** - 12:00 p.m. EST, luncheon to be hosted by Don & Jackye Jeacock at *Miss Olivia's Table* in Maryville.

**Dec. 16** - 10 a.m. EST, breakfast at the Cracker Barrel, Farragut

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Aug. 19, 35 chapter members met for a catered picnic in Sugar House Park. The caterer was the team of Darline & Vern Loyola; Vern is the brother of our Chapter Pres., Pete Loyola. The food was home-cooked & delicious.

We welcomed members: Leoma Williams & friend Joyce Ridgewaters; Elden/Doris Rasband; Edith Paul; Keith/Nancy Tronier; Bob Faydock; Doug Schwartz; Tony/Dorothy Brown. Art Scott brought friend Carol.

Missing were Kiyoko Olsen & friend Sam, Doug Roberts, Bill Berg, Maria Apperson, Bud & Kay Nelson, and Lila Straley. We hope all is well with them - they are usually our “regulars”.

Newsletter editor Art Scott took digital pix for the next local edition - a nice addition to the paper. Thanks, Art! Speaking of publications, RUAEA's Aug. newsletter edition was especially interesting with its many SEA Convention photos. Thank you, DEN volunteers & photog. Rich Surma.

Bonnie Bohn, daughter of UALer Tom Woolley who died in 1998, donated UAL SHIELD copies. From one of these old editions was gleaned the following info.:

**Down Memory Lane:** An article in the Oct. 1969 SHIELD is headlined "*What motivates a Stewardess?*" In today's parlance the word "stew" is changed to "flt. Attendant". The article's by-line, authored by Tom Germuska (EXO Publicity) reads: "*Chief Hostesses from 47 airlines look at the 'driving forces' during first U.S. conference.*" - Those were proud times for the old company, with Sally Clevenger (Supervisor of F/A Training) selected to be Conference Leader.

#### Calendar

**Oct. 20** - Lunch, 2 p.m. (ca.\$6) Chuck-A-Rama, 212 S. 500 W., Bountiful, UT

**Nov. 17** - Lunch, 2 p.m. (ca.\$ 6.25), Jumbo Buffet, 6930 S. State St., Murray

**Dec. 8** - Christmas, Comm. Ctr. at 10194 S. Cornerstone Dr., Jordan, 12 noon

### **VIRGINIA**

#### **BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS**

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The Blue Ridge Mountain RUAEA chapter met Aug. 12 for lunch at Evers Restaurant, Mt. Crawford, VA with 21 present. It was a very enjoyable meeting & lunch though we missed several of our regular members who had other commitments.

We were glad to have Juanita Gartzke back who recently had a slight heart problem. She was looking well & much improved, for which we were very happy.

At our business meeting Pres. Gene Calvert discussed United pensions & health care for the retirees. On a lighter note, our members agreed that our Christmas gift exchange would be Christmas ornaments (wrapped). Now we can shop early. More about Christmas details after Thanksgiving.

For our Fall meeting on Oct. 7, the Sarsfields have planned a catered picnic for us at Ridgeview Park, Waynesboro, VA. Menu is roast chicken, potato salad, green beans, cocoanut cake, iced tea, rolls & butter. Price \$10.00 p/p - everything is furnished.

#### Calendar

**Oct. 7** - 12:00 noon, picnic, Waynesboro, VA

**Dec. 7** - Details to be announced.

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This report will be in DEN before our Sept. 14 luncheon at the Yankee Grill & Roaster.

Three members, Helen Stanger, Ernie Nelson & Ken Storey will celebrate their birthday on Oct. 21 - not mentioning ages. Helen's birthday present to herself was a ticket to hear the Irish singer Daniel O'Donnell at a new theater. She lucked out, received a 3<sup>rd</sup> row, center, aisle seat. After writing to thank

them for it, she received an autographed picture of Mr. O'Donnell & was invited backstage after the show to meet him. Mr. O'Donnell performs one week a year in the USA at Branson, MO.

Another member, Rich Jorgenson, retired mechanic, is in China for "most of" Sept. & Oct. He was invited to accompany a special plane delivering medical equipment & supplies to China.

Ed & Charlotte Rousso left SEA Sept. 15 to Athens, Greece to attend the Olympics & watch their oldest grandson, Justin Fleming, swim in 2 events. Justin is one of two athletes chosen from the USA. He has a following of 8, including his parents, grandparents, his coach & a teacher who has known him since kindergarten. He is a special young man, with a 4.00 average in high school. At 16 years, he drives himself to swimming lessons now.

Lu Gardiner, our "Contrails" editor will participate in a 3-day walk for breast cancer Oct. 8-10 in LAX. She walked 2 years ago & helped raise \$1900.

### Calendar

**Nov. 9** - monthly luncheon at Best Western South Center

**Dec.** - no activity planned, but wish all Happy Holidays in Nov. & Dec.

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Our Aug. event was held at the home of Marlene & Paul Bennett in Chewelah, WA. It was a gorgeous day attended by 20 retirees. Warren & Fran Smith missed it as they were in Alaska visiting their daughter & family. It was coincidental that it was also Marlene's birthday, Aug. 21.

Nadine Bogart graced us with her presence by driving from Walla Walla, WA. Wanda Lipscome rode to Chewelah with David & Theresa Reiseneur as did Nadine. Laney Wilson made her beautiful German dessert, minus the calories of course. Paul served up buffalo burgers as well as turkey burgers for all of us health conscious oldsters. The food was fantastic as well as the day was beautiful. The Bennetts did a great job of hosting the event. Now they leave for a couple of months, Utah & beyond "on the road again", as Willie Nelson would say. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> time that Jerry & Edna Tefft had attended an out-of-town event that I can recall. They brought a friend, Hallie, that used to work for another airline. It was nice to have you as our guest, Hallie!

We wish better health to K.D. & Elsie George. They have not been able to attend any of the recent functions due to illness. God's speed to recovery to both of them. I am not aware of anyone else on the sick list at this time.

Dale, enjoy your trip to Poland & Germany. We will be here waiting for you when you get back to hear all about your adventures of your travels.

Lance & I have just passed our 6 month mark on maintaining our goal weight or under with Weight Watchers. It is great. It doesn't cost anything as long as we keep the pounds off. It is one of the few free things in life that has a value. We definitely feel better, minus the big, big bag of dog food, or maybe it was cat food that we kept carrying with us everywhere we went!

I received an e-mail from Reid Stevenson. I returned his e-mail but I haven't heard back from him. All of us in Spokane say "hello". I have his e-mail address if anyone would like it. Reid was an old, old GEGOZ young man.

Ed Meadows enjoyed taking pictures while at the Bennetts. The setting is so beautiful, deer roaming around. On the way home Lance & I encountered 3 separate large amounts of wild turkeys, eating in the fields as well as deer. How lucky we are to live in the Pacific Northwest.

Lance shot his second 79 in golf Fri. It made his day. His 91-year-old dad is still golfing 3 days a week; they are having a great time together.

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On Sept. 8, the Dulles Loungers enjoyed a reunion of 80 members & guests at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Manassas, VA.

Pres. David Cox welcomed the large group & gave a quick outline of the events coming up in the future.

Many of our members have traveled recently but Marie Barrett is still on Cloud 9 after a fabulous Mother's Day to her daughter's in Atlanta, GA. They enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Savoy Grill located in the famous Georgian Terrace Hotel. This hotel hosted the cast of "Gone with the Wind" for the movie premier & ball afterwards. Marie visited the Fox Theatre where the premier was held in Dec. 1939. The visit to the theatre alone was worth the trip, as it was built in the early 1900s in the Moorish style & is the home of the oldest working elevator in the nation!

Bill & Marion Hafer (Bill was formerly DCAGQ) recently enjoyed a wonderful family reunion in Bayville, NJ at their daughter's home.

Former IADRR agent Pati Nathan recently visited another member of the IADRR alumni, Elaine Bender who lives in the small town of Hallowell, ME. This is a quaint & pretty community close to the State Capitol, Augusta. Elaine Bender has a band called "Swingtime" & is enjoying her new life in the "music business".

Sheila Mitchell (formerly IADRR) sailed aboard the M.V. Volendam of Holland America Lines from Vancouver on a fabulous cruise to Alaska in Aug. Sheila traveled with her dance club & they waltzed away the evenings.

Mattie Hoffman won the door prize, a basket of goodies. The free lunch winner was Linda Scriven, formerly IADCS. The 50/50 was won by Yogi Bear.

### **Calendar**

**Oct. 13** - 12:30 p.m., Golden Corral, Manassas, VA, guest speaker, topic - identity theft

**Nov. 10** - 12:30 p.m., Travel Show

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Retiree-**DAHL, Clarence J.**, SFO, on 8/27/04

Retiree-**EBLEN, William L.**, ORD, on 8/11/04, husband of Alma, 1567 Autumn Ridge Ct., #5, Jeffersonville, IN 47130

Retiree-**HAVERKAMP, Mattys C.**, SFO, on 8/12/04, husband of Agnes, Paptropmolen 8 1823Gw, Alkmaar, Netherland

Retiree-**HEATH, J.M.**, SFO, on 8/14/04, husband of Jane, 3721 Red Oak Way, Redwood City, CA 94061

Retiree-**HOWEY, Pickney W.**, SFO, on 8/10/04, husband of Viola, 12939 Madrone Forest Dr., Nevada City, CA 95959

Retiree-**JORDAN, George M.**, SFO, on 8/6/04, husband of Loretta, 11462 Madrone Ct., Auburn, CA 95602

Retiree-**JORDAN, Patricia A.**, CLE, on 8/24/04, wife of Eugene, 23030 Stoneybrook Dr., North Olmsted, OH 44070

Retiree-**KOKOT, June A.**, OPB, on 8/9/04, wife of Edmund, 5276 S. Harvard, Arlington Hts., IL 60005

Retiree-**KUHL, John E.**, SFO, on 8/9/04, husband of Elsie, 599 Zinnia Ct., Sonoma, CA 95476

Spouse-**TALARSKY, Leona M.**, on 8/19/04, wife of John W. Talarsky, PDX, c/o Diana Persha, 5907 NE Cleveland Ave., Portland, OR 97211

Spouse-**TALLON, Ruth**, on 8/21/04, wife of Jack Tallon (deceased)

# **LETTERS**

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

tan Henriksen, Gail Vanderwart, Janet Tidball, Betty Jensen, Carol A. Logan, Nell Napolitano, John Mullen, Donna Wade, George Edwards, Mike Zoldak, Mike Beirne, Maura Walt, Jim Stevenson, Paul Munson, Mel Manning, Lily Masamori, Rita Flaherty, George Shilliday, Marge G. Caliendo, Marlene Dudek, John Kennebeck, Jim Hall, Maureen Peters, Avis Watanabe, Solomon E. Salcedo, Jackie Hills, Dorothy A. Smith, Vivian Bacon, G "Kim" Sieren, Ellen Massey, Jean Fraher, Mary Riter, and Erwin K. Leder.

## **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

### **W.N. "Bill" Salter, P.O. Box1486, Waldport, OR 97394**

Am now past 90 years and my thoughts often return to those days of long ago. We strived for United through the hard times and the good times. United we were and United we are today through these stressful times. We are also "United" in retirement. Best wishes to all.

### **Diane Anderson, 1717 S. Prairie Ave., #1504, Chicago, IL 60616**

My new address is above. All other forms of communication remain the same. Thank you so much for the valuable pass travel information you printed in a recent edition.

I have also been united with a former co-worker who was trying to find me for a few years. When he saw a "Diane Anderson" retired, he took a chance that it might be me, contacted me & now we are going trekking together in England, something he planned & something I've wanted to do forever. So, you've helped me to realize a dream; I am so very grateful to you for this.

### **Muriel Bergsma, 2809 N. Dutch Cir., McHenry, IL 60050**

This past year has provided both its joys & sorrow. Last Sept. I lost my wonderful 94-year-old mom, but the skies brightened in Feb. of this year when I was instrumental in finding a wonderful adoptive home for a new baby with my neighbors who were overwhelmed with joy. As I watch them in their ever-growing love for each other, I feel truly blessed to have been part of their happiness.

Ken & I enjoyed the SEA Convention SO MUCH!! Our good friends, Ray & Phyllis Potsic also attended; we were delighted with the tours we took. There was so much to see & the SEA Convention Committee did an outstanding job hosting this event.

Look forward to another great event in 2005 - HOORAY for HOLLYWOOD!

Thanks again for all that you do to keep the United retirees connected. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

### **William Snow, 1031 Lido Lane, Foster City, CA 94404-2935**

Will you please publish my new e-mail address: [mrssnows@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mrssnows@sbcglobal.net). Just do not want to miss any important messages!

### **Carl Hanson, 1111 Camelia Pl, Fox River Grove, IL 60021 [BZYGLFN@aol.com](mailto:BZYGLFN@aol.com)**

Wow! - Time sure passes by quickly. I'm coming up to 7 years retirement after 37 years with U.A. In Sept. I will be an official senior citizen when I get my Medicare card. Retirement has been great - a paid vacation, although I worry about how much longer. I work as a volunteer at my local hospital, watch the grandkids in "their activities", travel, & play golf with a great bunch of ex-UA friends.

Since my wife still works I have also become a so-so housekeeper. My reward is getting to spend 3 months in St. Petersburg, FL every winter at our condo while my wife fights the standby list every weekend trying to get from CHI to Tampa.

So very sad to see the problems at UA getting worse everyday. It's sad to see our once great airline from the past end up in its current state. We were all so proud to say we worked for United - now people cringe when you tell them you are retired from UA. We hope & pray for the best. Thanks for all the hard work on the newsletter.

**Eunice A. Hathaway, 4311 Timothy Dr., Merritt Is., FL 32953**

So sorry I have been so lax about my dues. I have had a health set-back in 2004 & 03, but the good news is that everything turned out just fine. After all, I am only 82 years young. I sold my home in R.I., also my home in Coco A & bought a condo in Cedar Creek on Merritt Is. as my permanent home. I am very happy living in FL as I have family here.

Thanks to all for the newsletter keeping us retirees informed of the news & happenings.

**Bob Snodgrass 18717 Mill Villa Rd., Sp. 139, Jamestown, CA 95327-9352 bobs@sonnet.com**

Hi folks - Just got back from a 6,000+ mile RV trip in my motor home & realize I had another birthday (No. 74) while I was gone. Relieved the Canadians on Vancouver Island of 2 beautiful 23 lb. salmon (they relieved me of lots of Yankee bucks!) Price of gas was stunning - average around \$2 per gallon.

A big HELLO to all those SFOOV Plane Overhaul guys I worked with for a lot of years, starting with DC-3s in Dock 2!

**Frank Johnson, 2731 Victoria Manor, San Carlos, CA 94070-4347 FrankWJohnson@msn.com**

Another birthday, this one my 75<sup>th</sup>. Retired 10 years now. I really enjoy receiving the Newsletter on-line now. Must be a big savings in printing & mailing. I am curious to know what percentage has gone from hard copy to on-line. Keep up the good work.

**Betty Hopkins, 1514 North Patton Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004**

What a great birthday this has been. Can't believe I've been around for 80 years & I'm still going strong! My daughter told the whole world how old her mom was and I've had cards from everyone I've ever known - what fun it's been opening my mail.

You all are doing a better job all the time; I always sit right down & read all the news, not all of it good right now, but I keep hoping things will soon be improving for United plus all of us, too. It's a scary situation and one that's hard to believe.

Thanks for all your hard work - it surely is appreciated, really our only communication with UAL. We will be keeping our fingers crossed for things to improve.

**Marjorie Beatty, 1601 S. Fort Ave., Apt. EE, Springfield, MO 65807-8424**

The RUAEA Newsletter is my only connection with United these days. I really look forward to receiving it each month & read every word! I surely do miss my DEN & CA friends; please say "hello" to everyone.

**Ron & Barbara Bertacini, 1656 Krpan Dr., Roseville, CA 95747 bertacini@surewest.net**

It's that time of year again. How time flies. Thanks so much for such a great newsletter. It just keeps getting better. We enjoy hearing about past co-workers & acquaintances. Barbara & I are doing well health-wise. Her term of "National Pres. of Clipped Wings" is about to end. Needless to say it has been an interesting two plus years. We have managed some travel time to visit kids, grandkids & even great grandkids.

**Patricia K. Byrne (daughter-in-law of Vivian I. Byrne), 6501 River Hills Dr., Greensboro, NC 27410-8336**

Vivian is recovering from a stroke and is currently rehabilitating at friends Homes West, 6100 West Friendly Ave., Room 16N, Greensboro, NC 27410.



She thanks her friends at UAL for their cards, notes & words of encouragement. Her speech & thought processes have not been affected by the stroke, but she has suffered an inability to move her left arm & leg. Her spirits are good; she is working to regain her mobility on her left side. She very much enjoys receiving & reading the retiree newsletter.

**Rosalyn Allegretto, 7306 S. Eagles Nest Cir., Littleton, CO 80127**

What fun to be able to read the newsletter on my computer screen! Thank you very much for keeping me "UAL-informed" for another year.

**John Van Reenen, 2803 SE Balboa Dr., Vancouver, WA 98683**

Thank you for the tremendous job you all are doing to get this Newsletter together. I don't know the ins & outs, but I am sure there is a lot to it to get the Newsletter out & on time every month. You can be certain that we all appreciate what you're doing to keep us up-to-date with what is going on in the company. Perhaps someday you'll have some "good" news for us all.

My wife & I are doing fine. We made a cruise with the Holland America Line to Alaska & several trips with the motor home, also with United to Washington, Dulles Airport, to visit our daughter & family.

**Ken Norton, 17518 Long Branch Ct., Penn Valley, CA 95946**

On my 12<sup>th</sup> year of retirement, & everything going nicely. Have good health & have taken some nice trips.

My wife & I enjoy going to the Gold Diggers luncheons & have attended the last five conventions.

The news about United and the changes haven't been very good for everyone, but I'm sure we will survive. Thanks for a great newsletter.

**Bernard A. Simon, 836 Burns Ct., Pacifica, CA 94044-2908**

As a "lifer" I do not have the red birthday warning, but for the great letters & information that you print, I feel the \$20 is well worth it. The letter by Trish Watt in the May 2004 issue says what we all should have been saying. Pat Patterson, Juan Trippe, Paul Allen & others were men of vision who made the airline business into a great network. Now, small men of greed have been aided and abetted in carrying away the profits in their private jets & dismantling it for their own selfish interests. Is there another Lee Iacocca who can do for United Airlines what he did for the Chrysler Corporation for \$1 a year? I can remember when Pat Patterson had flowers sent to the hospitalized worker or family; I appreciated the gesture.

On another note, these are the bi-centennial years of the Lewis & Clark expedition to the Northwest. In May, my wife & I took a cruise on a paddle wheel up the Columbia River, and the jet boat up the Snake River with side trips to Mount St. Helens, OR, Lewiston, Clarkston, ID & Walla Walla, WA. We also visited the "Spruce Goose" Air Museum at McMinnville, the Tillamook Air Museum, the cheese factory & museum at Tillamook, OR. We flew on United; on the return flight from PDX to SFO, the pilot informed us that we had strong tail winds and had set a record arriving 15 minutes before normal, so we had to wait on the tarmac for the gate to be cleared.

Thank you for the Newsletter.

**John Hildebran, P.O. Box 191, Moyers, OK 74557 [johnaida@mailstation.com](mailto:johnaida@mailstation.com)**

It's not time for the red stamp, but I must write a note anyway to thank all you good people around the system for your sympathy when you learned my Aida left my side & went to be with her Heavenly Father.

A special thanks to Dale Harper for passing the word.

Yes, I lost my best buddy on June 22, 2004, 12 days after her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday & 3 mo. & 6 days before our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary; however, we both were blessed in the way our Lord took her to be with him, no suffering, no pain, no prolonged illness. Aida was talking to me one minute & within 30 seconds, she closed her eyes & was gone

Now a big "THANKS" to all who sent e-mails to me from all over the country: those that I worked with in MIA for all those years. I received e-mails from Ralph & Jo Brick; a Gary & Renee, who said that we never knew one another, but wanted to send condolences anyway; also Dan Bowers who remembered meeting us at a picnic in MIA in the 60s. What a great airline family we have.

**Elmer Koldoff, 103 Sea Island Dr., Peachtree City, GA 30269 [snowmanatl@cs.com](mailto:snowmanatl@cs.com)**

Retired 5 ½ years ago and have been busy ever since. Tried golfing once but did not get any pleasure from beating that little ball around. Maybe at some later date when I have more time to search for the ball? Joined our local chapter of the Commemorative Air Force & really got involved. We recently added a P-51 to our Dauntless SBD, Beech C-45 & PT-26 fleet. The return to service estimate of our current restoration projects, a P-63 King Cobra & a T-6 are still years away. Am in the process of recovering flight controls on the T-6 with Dope and Fabric. Haven't done that since A&P school in '55 and never since. These old War Birds from WWII need a lot of TLC, but we have a good crew to take care of them. Now setting up a planning board to control routine time items & scheduled maintenance. All summer long, our fleet is off to air shows east of the Mississippi, even up into Canada. A lot of flying; the hours add up fast. We have to take full advantage of our window of opportunity when the planes are back home to schedule inspections oil changes, etc. Our local Dixie Wing air show is in Oct. this year. All our operation & restoration funds come from air show & donations. Since we are a 501c non-profit organization, all donations are deductible.

In my valley time, am still working (showing up) at the mattress factory my son & I started 15 years ago. All things considered, my wife & I are in pretty good health. She recently had surgery to remove & check out 2 lumps from the side of her neck. After waiting 2 weeks for the biopsy, we finally received the good news from the doctor: no C.

**John H. Champion II, 169-1 Penny Lane, Naples, FL 34112**

Betty & I moved to Naples, FL, sold our home in IL & plan to enjoy FL. We have traveled little since Spring because I had a complete knee replacement in June. The knee is doing great; so are Betty & I. Thanks for the wonderful newsletter.

**Lou Kinkead, 634 Erica Ln., Walnut Creek, CA 94597**

Retired in '86. Look back fondly at the years in OMA, CHI & SFO.

Retirement has been great but don't get any regular days off - like it that way.

Finally got up to maximum 24 X year at Red Cross platelet blood donor, also enjoy volunteer work doing maintenance at our church-school, Habitat, & collect clothing for the needy.

Recognize fewer names in the Newsletter.

**Jim Poore, 1845 Sonoma Dr., Altadena, CA 91001 [jpoore3@earthlink.net](mailto:jpoore3@earthlink.net)**

Looks like I'm late with my dues, as usual. Perhaps living on this earth for 83 years, working for UAL for 39 & having been retired going on 22, has dulled my ancient brain!

I appreciate the Newsletter, look forward to receiving it every month. I read everything hoping to get news of long time friends. Last June I saw the names of Ed Clay, Capt. C.T. Chapman & Capt. Curt Follansby - great people for whom I have high regard. But the numbers seem to dwindle.

I'm in fair health for my age; still, the thought of a hard days work at any of my former jobs makes me shudder.

Thanks for your fine work in getting out the newsletter.

**Charles W. Gray, 33 Mulrivan Ct., San Mateo, CA 94403-4509**

I have been retired since 1984 and enjoy the freedom. Sad to say my wife of 57 years passed away in Oct. 2000.

I came to America in 1955 after working for British South American Airlines. Served in the R.A.F. during WWII. We lost two aircraft leaving no trace in the Bermuda Triangle, which was the reason the

airline folded. My most enjoyable time at United was when I had my photograph taken with Neil Armstrong & spoke to him for 15 minutes.

**Morris "Ivy" Iverson, 2791 E. Avenida De Pueblo, Tucson, AZ 85718-3162**

Another year has crept up on me. I can't believe I have been retired for 22 years. You people deserve a 5-star salute for keeping us retirees aware of everything going on with United. I look forward to the Newsletter each month. I have lost a lot of relatives, friends & pals over the years. So if there are still any old guys who remember me at SFO, drop me a line because I enjoy getting mail.

**Mary Juba, 4061 Badger Ln., Placerville, CA 95667-9765**

The Newsletter is great!! I don't know how we would get along without it. We read it from beginning to end. Thank you for all the hard work you put into keeping us in touch with the people who made United a great place to work.

Jerry is starting his 10<sup>th</sup> year of retirement, loving every minute of it. We have done quite a bit of traveling. So far we have had only one problem getting on a flight, had to stay overnight in CHI.

Last summer we took a wonderful trip to Italy & Sicily. So far this year we have been to several places. In Oct. we are planning a Caribbean cruise. We want to travel as long as our health & money hold out! We also took a trip to Costa Rica a few years ago with Jose Camacho as Alice Rostuolla wrote about. It was a wonderful trip. Jose, if you are planning one next year we would love to go.

We have many fond memories with United; hopefully it will soon be back on the right track.

**Florence M. Helsper, 28500 Bradley Rd., Apt. #135, Sun City, CA 92586**

It's been a year now since we moved to Sun City Garden; it was the right move! Vern has been feeling pretty well; his diabetes is being managed better than before. I believe the walking over to the dining room & regular meal hours have done it. Our apartment is one of the farthest away from the dining room. That much exercise has been good for Vern since The Farm was too hilly for him to walk with his heart condition.

We enjoy the social hours, domino games every morning with "the group" just before lunch, plus aquacize, bridge games & line dancing. We have outings to choose from almost every week on the Sun City Gardens bus, plus whatever we choose to do besides that. We purchased a new car when we moved, a PT Cruiser; I love driving it!

It's good to hear from the retired folks in the newsletter. You do an outstanding job. I have been retired for 19 years; there are fewer folks I remember.

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

Thanks so much for all the things you do to publish & mail the newsletter.

Highlight of my 82<sup>nd</sup> year was assisting family to build a work shop in Fort Worth, TX, then traveling to Milwaukee, WI to assist my daughter doing her wine making hobby, from harvesting the grapes to corking the bottles - oh! yeah! Tasting the wine too!

**Esther Broderson, 51 Bonnie Ln., Claredon Hills, IL 60514**

Our new Dodge Sprinter started on her maiden voyage from IL to SEA on May 22. By day four all I could think about was a wash & blow dry just to be told no beauty parlor at Double Tree. A nice lad advised that a styling salon was the same; he led me in the wheelchair through halls, a kitchen & a service elevator where "Tina" did her magic.

Renewed our friendship with Ruie & Robert Bradley, Joe Bradley & his wife, Pa. Also a long lost neighbor Dave Kidney. We owe a special thanks to Hank Gosselin, Helga Casto & Eileen Britain for all their considerations of an outside table & seating which is a God send for handicaps like me. The Crème de la Crème was husband Al winning a beautiful carved head of the Arctic Lynx done by Jim Fauber. Then on to Woodland Hills, CA for the Lutheran Women's Mission League Convention & a 10-day visit with my cousins. Then a 3-day visit with friends Jack & Therese Prendergast in Flagstaff. Loved it all, but ended the month trip with a case of a pinched nerve.

Hope Jo Madden is nearing the end of her confinement. Proof of her leadership is the RUAEA Newsletter going out to all of us. Our thanks to all of you.

**Margaret Tator, 1300 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., #204, Portland, OR 97232-1478**

I am happy to receive the Newsletter with information on the different aspects of United's bankruptcy proceedings.

I am 91 & still in fairly good health but am taking more pills than ever before. Thus follow with interest United's new policies.

**Gene Nidiffer, 714 Southview Way, Woodside, CA 94062**

Another birthday, another dues time. It's 26 years since I retired from SFOEG.

We are still living in the house we bought when I was transferred from CHI to SFO in 1947. It was good, as it has appreciated over 300%.

We still have our cabin cruiser we keep in Rio Vista on the Sacramento River. We try to spend a week a month there. Carrie had an aorta heart valve replaced last year; otherwise we are in good health. We still do a fair amount of travel. We are especially fond of cruising the lakes, rivers & Intracoastal Waterway with both the Delta Queen line & American Canadian Cruise Line.

We have also chartered & cruised the San Juans several times. One great trip was a charter we brought back from Wrangell, AK to SEA. We have also cruised with the large ships about 10 times. We also enjoy trips on Amtrak.

Thanks to Jo & all for their hard work on the newsletter. It helps us keep up with what's happening to old friends & UAL. Putting out a newsletter is a big job. I did the SFO Retirees Newsletter for more than 10 years. Carrie & I did it all from writing, getting ready to mail & doing that too.

Keep up the good work. It's really appreciated.

**Doris Oakberg, 1751 E. Roseville Pkwy., Apt. 715, Roseville, CA 95661-6427**

Sending thanks to the RUAEA team that works on the Newsletter & hope that Jo is doing O.K.

Can't believe another year has evaporated. I like red but not when it's a late stamp so trying to beat the clock.

Have done a lot of traveling but not on a pass. At 84, I don't have time to wonder if I'll get on a flight. On a recent flight, I was floored to see a gum-chewing attendant serving passengers. This is UAL? Times have changed.

As an aside, after Harlan died I had the diamonds he's earned set into jewelry for my daughter & granddaughter. They were so pleased. Thanks again.

**Jim Simon, 2450 10 1/16 Ave., Chetek, WI 54728 [jimmyinc@citizens-tel.net](mailto:jimmyinc@citizens-tel.net)**

Another year has quickly passed & realize that I am now in my 6<sup>th</sup> year of retirement; have enjoyed it immensely. Like most other retirees, I am very concerned about our future benefits, pensions, medical coverage & flying privileges. Although I remain optimistic & hopeful that the promises made by United concerning our retirement benefits will remain in tact, I'm also prepared to deal with the probabilities that more cuts & benefit changes might occur to impact our lives extensively causing much hardship to those of us that dedicated ourselves to this company for so many years.

I am very thankful for the friends I have met through RUAEA & am most appreciative of all the great work done by the members & staff in DEN and all of you that keep us informed through the monthly newsletter.

**Carolyn DeNicola, 2428 W. 82<sup>nd</sup> Pl., Unit 3G, Westminster, CO 80031**

First off I would like to say that Jo Madden "rocks"! what a lady - back in the swing already & a great inspiration to us all.

A month passes & I've almost completed reading the last issue of RUAEA when the new one arrives. You folks who put together all the info, photos & letters are to be highly commended.

I'm enjoying my 15<sup>th</sup> year of retirement. Believe I was born to enjoy these special years - lots of freedom, cheap eats, great traveling companions & a time to be present without a cell phone or fax machine.

**Art Moore, 23430 Oriole Lane, Twain Harte, CA 95383**

Hi to all you wonderful people that do such an outstanding job for us "ole" folks. Don't know how we could keep up with all the "go-ings-on" without you all.

Jo, sure hope you are doing great again. Knowing you, you'll really hang in there, not just for yourself, but for all of us who are so grateful for your years of dedication to making OUR lives so happy.

I believe that you have my address in AZ (for the winters) & in CA (in the summers). My winter address has a slight change. We have moved to a better mobile home in the same park in AZ. The only change is now we are in Space #124, NOT #568 anymore. April through Oct. We are at the above address. During the winter (Nov. through Mar.) we are at 10540 Apache Trail, #124, Apache Junction. AZ 85220.

**John Sedell, 300 Luman Rd., #153, Phoenix, OR 97535**

Jo, hope you're feeling much better after your recent illness. Will always remember the advice a friend gave me years ago. He said, "You have to be tough as you get older, for you see, illness strikes many of us." He was right.

Things have changed since my joining UAL in April 1941. Many fellow workers have departed, and the Newsletter has fewer and fewer names that I remember. I have been richly blessed in knowing many wonderful people.

My health has been good, even after overcoming cancer & other minor illnesses.

It was a great period to work over 37 years and see the expansion & new equipment both in people & new stations. Nothing like getting nostalgic about the past. Still believe UAL will survive & be stronger than before.

Many thanks to all of you wonderful people for your efforts in putting out the newsletter.

**Al V. Cox, 3883 N. Tumbleweed Pl., Boise, ID 83713-3693**

I didn't realize how old I really am until last week. - I was visiting with a teenager and the subject came up that during my college days I was a flight steward for Continental Airlines on a DC-3. When she asked what is a DC-3 I knew I am really ancient.

Thank you Jo Madden & volunteers for keeping us all well informed on UALers & industry news.

**Mike & Connie Farkas, 796 Woodlawn Dr., Thousand Oaks, CA 91360**

The days, weeks, months are going by much too quickly. It seems a very short time ago that I last wrote to you, a whole year ago.

Connie & I are still traveling. Last fall we flew to BOS, rented a car & toured the beautiful fall colors of New England, then to Quebec & Montreal, Canada.

This spring we drove to visit the Grand Tetons & Yellowstone Park. On our way home to So. CA we visited Bryce & Zion National Parks. What a glorious country we live in.

Thanks for keeping us informed on the health of U.A.

**Laura Mansueto, 4029 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10308**

1 year has gone by since I retired from JFKSW. It's a good thing I have full time job selling furniture at Macy's Furniture Gallery on Staten Island. The pension news is ominous; we don't know what will happen, but I am sure it is not good news.

What a shame that the proud airline business has come to this. My father, Al Peters, DENRR, deceased, would be so surprised to see the decline of United.

Enjoy the newsletter, & seeing familiar names keeps me connected to United. Thanks again for enjoyable newsletter.

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

Had a good year last year, went to Thailand & the River Kawai. Walked across the bridge & rode a train across it. The museum was great - the cemetery was like a park. Over 4000 British & other soldiers buried there. Was quite impressive, then later went through the Panama Canal. Went from Ft. Lauderdale to San Diego. Great trip. Thanks to the folders & stuffers.

**Jack K. Gardner, 407 Anita Dr., Millbrae, CA 94030**

Since all the changes have happened over the past years, 911, bankruptcy & the slowing of the economy, it is so important for the retirees of UAL to be informed of the constant changes that affect our lives. Keeping pace with all the new changes in insurance & pension, plus keeping up with travel restrictions is more than a body can endure without your help. I am so happy that you are there for us.

So, keep up the good work. Let us pray that very soon UAL will pull out of bankruptcy & the world will get back to normal so we can enjoy our retirement without worrying.

**William G. Duvall, 12 Essex Dr., Corapolis, PA 15108**

I reached my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sept. 8. Still active in local chapter. I often think of fellow employees, Hoss Gates, Bud Brown, Don Sullivan, AL Vehar & Andy Bungo. I would like to hear from old friends. I miss Jim Rotella (& Vivian).

**Herm & Lois Kline, 6440 Ravenglass Way, Sarasota, FL34241**

Another year is gone. I start my (18) year as a retiree. Again thanks to all of the wonderful people who make the RUAEA Newsletter possible. Writing this letter is difficult because the hands do not cooperate.

Used TED a couple of times out of TPA. Space is tough. In July of 2004 I had to make an emergency trip to CLE. The traffic situation in the baggage claim area is as bad as it was in 1961 when I left. I could not see any changes!

Lois & I schedule our activities around our doctor visits. May all of you stay happy & healthy.

**Gil & Phyllis Terry, 3040 Idyllbrook Ln. Erie, PA 16506-4350**

Another year just slipped by and I do mean slipped! Celebrated my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday & hanging in there. Had a few set-backs but still can't complain too much.

Phyllis & I enjoy the Newsletter & look forward to it each month. You all do a super job. Many thanks to you all.

**Bob Bruns, 1000 Garlands Ln., Unit 1140, Barrington, IL 60010 RLBRANDBB@AOL.COM**

Another year has come & gone, so it's dues time. Due to other travel plans we missed the SEA Convention. From all reports, it was a good one. As with most of the retirees, the health insurance increase by UAL was something to be expected but not necessarily welcome. I believe most of us retirees prior to 1987 are fully funded with United's insurance companies so I'm not expecting any other bad news regarding my pension. If not, I may have to go back to work. Got any openings on the Newsletter staff?

**Dee O'Donnell, 9311 NE 118<sup>th</sup> Ln., Unit 203, Kirkland, WA 98034**

Between monthly meetings, work on several jobs at convention, it was fun!! Met new people and took one all day tour prior to the Friendship Banquet; topped it off with a fabulous 7-day cruise on the Norwegian Cruise Line, Sun - the inside passage to Alaska. 58 people from convention were part of 2100 people, 950 crew, 13 decks, open seating & 24-hour eating! They really pamper. I hope to go back in 2 years.

Also volunteer on the Travel Desk each Wed. at SEA-TAC. We're open Mon/Tue/Wed/Thur - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (206) 433-4218. We take calls from all over the world.

**Robert L. England, 2760 Bowmont Dr., Eugene, OR 97405**

Thank all of you for the splendid job you have done & will be doing on our behalf.

I do have a serious concern regarding the proposed retiree medical costs. As a 45-year employee & one of many who helped build United for almost half a century (yikes!!), I'm more than a little upset to find that my fees will be at the same rate as an employee with 25 years of service (impressive though that is!). The extra 20 years of work now mean nothing? Whose idea was that? There were also many years of contract concessions in exchange for the "promise" of decent medical coverage in retirement.

A hearty "Hi" to all my post 6/1/44 friends at the SFO Maintenance Base.

**Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd W. Whitlow, Anthem Country Club, 38 Isleworth Dr., Henderson, NV 89052-6465 koeppwhitlow@msn.com or FLYNHI747@msn.com**

It has been a very busy year. We take advantage of the perks, both flying & cruises. My wife, Donna, got us hooked on cruising; we book most of them through Interline.

In July we flew to NYC (not one of my favorite places). We boarded the Silverseas Navigator for a 14-day cruise to Copenhagen, Denmark, via stops in Canada, Greenland & Iceland.

In Nov. we departed from Malaga, Spain on the Seabourn Legend to Caldera, Costa Rica, 3 cruises back to back for a total of 34 days.

In Jan. we flew to Ft. Lauderdale, FL, boarded the Seaborn Pride for an 18-day cruise to Valparaiso, Chili. The Panama Canal is always interesting.

Our next adventure is a cruise in July-Aug, a 14-day cruise on the Pacific Princess from Osaka, Japan to HNL.

We also made some auto trips, one to see friends in Boise, ID, plus several to CA to see the kids & grandkids.

Over Labor Day weekend we flew to DEN, rented a car for the drive to the Air Force Academy for graduation. My WW II Bombardment Group, 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force sponsors the Eagle & Fledgling Award in Biological Science, which is an Award given each year during graduation week to the Outstanding Graduate in each academic subject, Athletic & Military Achievement. I made the presentation this year; elected to make the presentation this year because the first person I presented in 1981 is stationed at the Academy; we have kept in touch all these years but this was the first time we had seen each other since he attended our 1982 Reunion in SEA as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. He is now a Full Colonel & a Medical Doctor.

**Joan (Frieouf) Adams, 1924 W. Calle Estio, Green Valley, AZ 85614**

We have been going pretty fast but having fun. We just got home from Jim's big 50<sup>th</sup> reunion at Dartmouth in Hanover, NH. They kept us so busy with activities for 3 days. Then we visited relatives & friends in Vermont. Flights were tight but fortunately, we seemed to get on the ones we wanted. It's good to be back home in Green Valley, even though it is quite hot. Makes the swimming pools look inviting.

We still rent out our house for a month or 6 weeks in Feb. & Mar.; this year we not only went back to Thailand, but went to Myanmar (Burma). We loved it & plan to go back in 2005 as we already have our house rented for 6 weeks.

Want to thank you all for the good work you do in getting out the Newsletter. It is really appreciated.

**Lawrence G. Vavra, 7229 S. 43<sup>rd</sup> Way, Phoenix, AZ 85042**

Because of the things United Airlines is doing to us retirees (and the active employees), my wife & I were forced into selling our beautiful home in Sierra Foothills of Northern California and find a cheaper way to live here in AZ.

Let's see now! I worked for United Airlines for almost 35 years. I believe I gave them faithful and loyal service for that time in employment. Since we retired in 1997, United Airlines has broken my contract for retirement as follows:

1. They took away our free pass privileges.

2. Increased our medical premiums beyond reason.
3. And now are threatening to take away approximately 60% of my retirement (only \$417 of my retirement from Metropolitan Life is guaranteed), so I will lose approximately \$508 per month.

So, we were forced into selling our 1.6 acres & beautiful home in the hills & move to cheaper living in Phoenix.

I believe it is time RUAEA applied some pressure to get Mr. Glen Tilton fired. I overheard a United Airlines Pilot say, "If all the active employees decided to volunteer their time at United, that is, work for free, United management would still manage to lose money!" I believe he was correct.

Thought you'd like to know! I'm sure that we are not the only retirees faced with these kinds of tough decisions. Somehow though, I find no comfort in that!

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

My yearly hello and thanks to all who have to do with the newsletters.

Eleanor & I are doing just great. I am still a Director of the Goleta Water Board & also on the Board for a Dance Club. We are kept busy but are enjoying life very much.

Had a phone call from Ernie LaMar who reports that all is well in SEA. Eleanor & I had a fine time at our last convention & are looking forward to the next one. Keep up the good work. Let's have everybody stay healthy & happy.

**Dave Halt, 2427 Sam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32216-5050**

I have been thinking about numbers that amaze me. One week ago (9-3-04) was the 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my first day at UAL. I was hired by Tom Plunkett to work at MDWDD, eventually ended up in crew scheduling where I remained for almost all of my years until retirement. I will have been retired for 25 years on 2-28-05. My last day of work was the day before Thanksgiving in 1979. Due to accumulated vacation time, I was on the payroll until the New Year, therefore, eligible for 7 weeks additional vacation.

Other numbers: this year in July my wife Marilyn & I went to my high school class reunion in the great little city of Negaunee, MI, right in the center of "Yoopers land" the U.P. of Michigan. The reunion was an all class gathering to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our high school. It was my 68<sup>th</sup> year since I graduated. Great friends - great memories! Our class of 1936 had 104 members but only 6 out of about 35 still alive could make it. 2500 grads came to the affair.

I'll be 85 next month; my 'lil old brain says - shut up & send money for dues & postage.

**Tyler C. Knighten, 112 Austin Dr., Folsom, CA 95763 Ty2A@aol.com**

Just reached another milestone, my 93<sup>rd</sup>. Other than bad knees, I'm in pretty good shape. Still able to drive, thank goodness. My dear wife of 54 years is also in good health. Each day we thank the good Lord for His bountiful blessings.

Being a Lifer, it is time for a postal donation. Yes, I remembered to put my File No. on the check. Keep up your good work.

**Duane L. Gentner 10643 Clarkeville Way, Parker, CO 80134-9189**

Looks like it's time to re-up, as the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of my mother's biggest challenge rolls around this month. Carole & I have been retired for 9 years now. It's hard to believe the changes that have occurred at dear old UAL in that period of time. We're keeping our fingers crossed.

We went on a cruise in HWI last year & are going on a Panama Canal cruise in Oct. This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> ship trip. Unpacking only once on vacation is pretty cool. Our very best to everyone there. Keep up the excellent work.

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

Another birthday & another year has gone by -- it was a busy year! Graduations, weddings, birthdays, etc. plus a great trip to Poland which was very interesting with so much history to absorb. Auschwitz, the famous salt mines, the Black Madonna (Poland's holiest icon), the country manor



where Chopin was born, Krakow, the Tatras Mts - Zakopane, skiers' paradise. In Warsaw we celebrated my birthday at the Sofitel Victoria Hotel & another celebration with relatives before departure.

United's future worries all of us. Hoping to see all of you in Hollywood!

**Harris Freihon, 1060 Johnson Ave., San Diego, CA 92103-2316 Hfreihon@aol.com**

It seems like a short time ago that I retired, but it's been 17 years. I don't know what is happening at UAL but I can imagine the pressure is very high. All we can do is hope the folks in charge can make it work & put UAL back on top.

Kathleen, my wife, & I are working hard to keep active & our health up. Finally got my 4<sup>th</sup> titanium knee; this one seems to be working well. We're still sailing only much shorter distances now, also seek help with the boat maintenance. Thanks for the newsletter; it's really appreciated.

**Fernando (Fred) Cordero, 1129 Shannon Pl., Herndon, VA 20170-3508**

I have been retired since Dec. 2, 2002 for the same reason that a lot of us did, to give the guys & dolls a chance to continue their careers.

I am planning to move to my last playground in FL. I am grateful for United Airlines because they gave me a job when I needed it, started driving food trucks. But the friends I made & the experiences I have had, I would not change a thing. Thank you all for a great time.

**Paul J. Lemrise, Sr., 2788 Greenbridge Ct., Schaumburg, IL 60194-4992**

Receiving the publication on the Internet should reduce the cost of publication. We appreciate reading the news in this manner. One can save as many monthly editions as one wishes without taking much room. We have enough paperwork to deal with!

Compliments to Kalicki, Sommerfield & Thomson for a great job on the finished product. Thanks for all the time & talent you expend to create publication.

**JoAnn Briggs, 21303 Legend Ave., Carson, CA 97045 jadbriggs@yahoo.com**

Hi all, just a note to say thanks for all you do. These are sad times for our Company & somewhat frightening as well. We just have to keep faith that United will come out of this & become strong again.

On a happy note, we have started planning the 2005 convention which promises to be fun & exciting. The hotel & location is fabulous, on Hollywood Blvd. right in the middle of everything. "Hooray for Hollywood". See you there.

**Chuck Lamas, 38708 Bautista Canyon Way, Palm Desert, CA 92260-1218 cjlamas@msn.com**

For the first time since retirement, I've beaten you to the punch. I'm sending in my dues before I receive my "red stamped" newsletter. How time flies. Dec. 1 I will have been retired 15 years. Not many changes except I have a new address again this year. I now live in a mobile home "Country Club" with its own golf course within the complex. New address & e-mail above (e-mail is the same).

I'd like to add my thanks to all of the staff for your continued excellence in getting out the newsletter to keep us retirees connected. Keep up the fine work.

**Elyam D. Jamut, P.O. Box 600626, Dallas, TX 75360**

Thank you so much for the information you provide; most of all, thanks to all the retirees who

**"Geno" Eugene VonGoten, P.O. Box 236044, Centreville, VA 20120-0644**

11 years of retirement. Hope UAL is going to survive. Every airplane I get on is full. Don't care where I go, north, south, east or west, they are full, AND we are still losing money? Maybe it's the President, while all other active employees continue to take or asked to take cuts in all services.

My retirement pay along with SSI is more than 50% of what current employees make. Everything is going to corporate greed system overseas (pennies an hour) making all that once were made in

America at a good wage. But the saddest thing of all, is it's sent back to us & sold at those prices that most of those corporates say is the problem And, we as stupid consumers, "buy". Greatest country in the world that's gone from #1 to overall 13 now in the world.

So I said my piece; wake up UAL retired people. VOTE.

**Carole Nelson, 201 N. Flora Pkwy., Addison, IL 80101-2112**

I really appreciate receiving the newsletter & give a hearty thanks to everyone involved in getting it to me! I remember someone saying, "Getting old is not for sissies." I really know what they mean now. I'm thankful for the things I can do - only wish the body could do what my mind wants to do! But really all and all I'm extremely thankful for what I can do. A sincere hello to all the people in "EXOKF and KU".

**Joanne LoPresti, 1487 Circle Ct., Elk Grove Vlg., IL 60007-2834**

I travel often & really appreciate the privilege of flying. Don't mind paying a little to help United get back on track. I only hope we are not forgotten, when United is doing well & we get our benefits back that we worked 25+ years for.

I will continue to fly to see my relatives all over the states. I meet a lot of interesting people in my travels. Just sitting at the airport & watching people is a show in itself. One I will never forget is a man I met on the bus to the Training Center. I thought chivalry was dead but it isn't. He helped me with my luggage off the bus & all the way to my car. He was a real gentleman. It was really appreciated. I always bring back a lot more than I leave with.

Thank you. There are not enough thank you's to let you know how much your newsletters are appreciated.

**Inara Witt, 421 Hillsdale Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409**

I am impressed how you put together the newsletter so efficiently every month. I went to the RUAEA Convention in SEA & was in awe of the efficiency of our people to organize such an event so thoroughly. This is just another example of what excellent people work in our Company. That was my first convention, am already looking forward to the next one, had such a wonderful time.

We are moving to Oakmont, a retirement community in Santa Rosa; my new address is at the top of this letter. My new phone # is 707-539-7446

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