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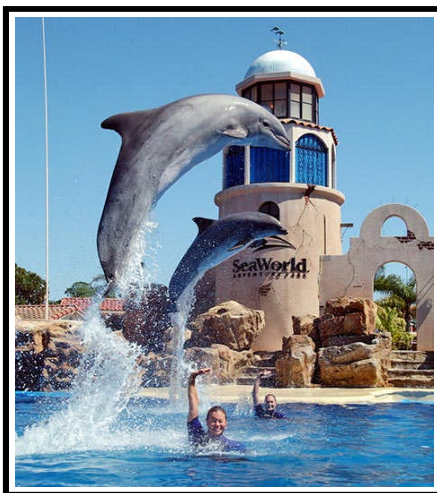
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GENERAL NEWS

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From the Executive Vice President



Ron Bertacini

Hearing Aids - Recently, we have received questions about coverage for hearing aids. Checking with our sources at United, we have the following information regarding hearing aid coverage under all the Summary Plan Descriptions or SPDs.

The new SPDs for Medical PPO and for the Health &

Wellness PPO will be published later this month reiterating the following coverage for auditory therapy and expenses related to a permanent hearing loss due to bodily injury or severe illness, or a congenital hearing loss, including:

- hearing aid (including replacement due to wear and tear, breakage or change in the patient's condition)
- initial exam and tests
- batteries (including replacement batteries)

However, charges for hearing aids and related charges, which are needed because of the normal aging process or the result of loud noises (sensorineural hearing loss), are NOT Covered Expenses.

Expenses incurred for hearing exams, hearing aids and batteries are covered up to a lifetime maximum of \$5,000.

It is always wise to check with your Health Care provider for more specific information.

More information is available regarding Summary Plan Descriptions by classification on Skynet. Go to Skynet/EmployeeServicesPeople/Benefits/SPD. Once you are at this page, the various classifications are listed such as Pilots, Flight Attendants; Customer Service; Administration, etc. Each classification has several pages of information including a short summary regarding the Annual Benefits Enrollment that will occur between October 29 and November 19, 2009.

Ron Bertacini
Executive Vice President - RUAEA

From the VP of Conventions - RUAEA

As most of you know, our next Convention Venue is Orlando, Florida.



Hank Gosselin

This is exciting because of all the close by Entertainment Parks, such as Disney World, Epcot, and Universal Studios, just to mention a few.

The Convention Hotel for 2010 is the Rosen Centre Hotel located on the famous International Drive. Once again, our site team has negotiated a room night cost below \$100.00 at \$99.00. This is a first class resort hotel at a bargain price. You will be seeing much more on Orlando and vicinity in the coming months in our Newsletter. I mention all of the above to help you in your vacation planning, RUAEA Convention Attendance, a chance to include family and friends in our exciting event.

We do need your attendance and support of our annual Conventions to continue offering a chance to meet, renew friendships, make new friends and be informed at our business meeting, and attend the ever popular Benefits Panel Presentation.

I promise you a Convention full of fun, camaraderie and a great destination. See you in Orlando!

Hank Gosselin
VP Conventions - RUAEA

RUAEA Convention History by Howard Payne



Howard Payne

The by-laws of our retiree organization include the requirement for RUAEA to sponsor an annual convention for its members. The first year, 1975, we actually had two conventions, both held in San Diego. There has been one every year except in 1981 when a change in timing called for not having one, to adjust the month we met.

As might be expected, most have been held in "hub" cities, with DEN and SFO with four each. Next year in 2010, we will be meeting in Orlando for a second time for our 36th annual convention.

Our hotel cost remained under \$50 per night until 1989, and then gradually rose to a high of \$109 in 2002. Since then, our hard working Convention Committee has managed to keep the rate under \$100.

Many of our members have attended 15 or more conventions and often a question will arise as to where we met in, in a particular year. To help you refresh your memory about where and when these most enjoyable

get-togethers took place, we have prepared the following list with the help of **Hank Gosselin**, our RUAEA VP of Conventions.

- ★ 1975 - San Diego
- ★ 1976 - San Francisco
- ★ 1977 - Denver
- ★ 1978 - San Diego
- ★ 1979 - Chicago
- ★ 1980 - Portland
- ★ 1982 - Orlando
- ★ 1983 - Washington D.C.
- ★ 1984 - Seattle
- ★ 1985 - Los Angeles
- ★ 1986 - Denver
- ★ 1987 - San Francisco
- ★ 1988 - Washington D.C.
- ★ 1989 - Las Vegas
- ★ 1990 - Chicago
- ★ 1991 - Denver
- ★ 1992 - San Francisco
- ★ 1993 - Salt Lake City
- ★ 1994 - Atlanta
- ★ 1995 - San Diego
- ★ 1996 - Portland
- ★ 1997 - Phoenix
- ★ 1998 - Boston
- ★ 1999 - Minneapolis
- ★ 2000 - San Francisco
- ★ 2001 - Philadelphia
- ★ 2002 - Denver
- ★ 2003 - Chicago
- ★ 2004 - Seattle
- ★ 2005 - Los Angeles
- ★ 2006 - Washington D.C.
- ★ 2007 - Sacramento
- ★ 2008 - Pittsburgh
- ★ 2009 - Phoenix
- ★ 2010 - Orlando

A Message from Marc Ugol to United Retirees

Dear United Retiree,



We are pleased to announce that United has partnered with International SOS to help keep you safe and well while traveling overseas. International SOS can provide you with valuable travel assistance before you leave, while abroad and in emergency situations. As a retiree or travel eligible of United, you are now a member of International SOS. International SOS services include:

- ☑ Access to its website for real-time travel information
- ☑ Assistance with finding nearby, reliable medical services
- ☑ Travel health information
- ☑ Medical and dental referrals
- ☑ Out-patient case management

International SOS has a worldwide network of 26 alarm centers and 28 clinics in 70 countries. Professional service teams operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, all over the world.

Details regarding International SOS are available on the Travel page of SkyNet under Travel Information. There, you'll find a membership card that you can download and take with you as you travel. A list of frequently asked questions is also available online. You can visit the International SOS web site at www.internationalsos.com for more information. To access the member's section of this web site, enter member ID number: **11BYCA000027**.

As a global operator, your safety and well-being is of the highest priority. We trust that you will find this service from International SOS to be a source of comfort, providing you with a higher level of confidence and security as you travel.

Sincerely,

Marc L. Ugol
UAL Senior VP – Human Resources

United salutes WWII Vets traveling on "Honor Flight"



Reagan Washington National (DCA) welcomed a group of 25 World War II veterans and their escorts to Washington, D.C. recently for their visit to the National WWII Memorial and other points of interest. The trip was organized by the Land of Lincoln Hub of the national group Honor Flight.

The veterans were greeted by the cheers and applause of DCA employees, USO volunteers and custom-

ers. As an added tribute, volunteer musicians from the McLean Orchestra Brass Quintet played patriotic American music as the veterans entered the gate room.

Honor Flight Network chapters have several additional trips to the memorial scheduled this year, and we are working with them to continue United's recognition of the veterans making the journey.

United Completes Roll Out Of New Gate Information Displays At Hubs

In July, United completed the roll out of updated Gate Information Display systems, called EasyInfo or GIDS, at all of its hubs. The Denver mainline operations are fully equipped on all of the wide body gates with the units, creating a seamless customer experience throughout the concourse in Denver.

"Although we've already had the GIDSs in the United Express terminal in Denver, we are happy to provide the improved customer experience throughout the B Concourse in Denver for our customers," says Edwin Garcia, Concourse Manager in Denver. "Not only do the units help our customers, but they also help our customer service representatives by providing real-time information such as weather conditions, seats available and upgrades. With this information available to customers, our CSRs have more time to focus on the boarding process."

The completion of EasyInfo is another step toward providing new automation to ease United's customers' passage through the airport environment with minimal interruption.

United Cabins Go Cash-Free



United expanded its popular cash-free cabin environments to a wider international market beginning September 2. As of that date, the company accepts only credit/debit cards as payment onboard flights between the United States and South America and trans-Atlantic destinations. Easy Purchase, the handheld devices flight

attendants use to process debit/credit purchases onboard, has proven very successful since April, when United stopped accepting cash on flights within the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

With EasyPurchase, customers no longer have to produce exact change to buy food or beverages during flight. On international flights, with a higher likelihood of a variety of currencies onboard, it becomes even more critical to provide a more reliable purchase process.

"Our customers have told us they find it easier to use a card, and they appreciate the opportunity to earn additional bonus miles when using their Chase Mileage Plus credit card," said Stuart Benzal, managing director-Onboard Global Product. "In addition, EasyPurchase supplies a receipt, which is very important to our business customers."

"The technology behind EasyPurchase also provides us with a platform for future retail opportunities," said Alex Marren, SVP-Onboard Service. "We continue to look for ways to enhance our customers' flying experience by offering the products and services they value most."

A320 Ted -To-Mainline Conversions



The Ted-to-Mainline conversion project resumes on Wednesday, September 2, when the Airbus A320 with nose number 4852 rolls into Dock 2 at the San Francisco Maintenance Center for a four-day extreme makeover.

Pictured: Mechanic Jose Abuan works in the cabin of a reconfigured A320.

It was joined on September 4 by another A320 losing its Ted interior in favor of the popular new mainline cabin featuring leather seating and a United First(R) section. Over the next three-and-a-half months, there will be two aircraft modification lines running simultaneously, and each will complete another A320L every two to three days. The target date to complete the 56th

and final conversion is mid-December 2009.

The conversions started last spring but were suspended so that all available Airbus planes could be used during the busy summer season. In the first phase, all 18 planes were finished ahead of schedule. All the former Ted liveries were painted over with the new mainline colors by June.

The newly reconfigured A320L aircraft have been well received by United's customers. United Promoters (UP) scores for workability, cleanliness, and condition far surpass the scores for existing mainline A320s.

Also starting this month, the remaining Ted aircraft will be co-mingled in all cities across the network. All domestic stations may see a Ted interior flowing through until completion of the program in December.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the conversion project, which includes 22 departments. So far, it is on schedule and 10 million dollars under budget, says Patsy Di Domenico, senior project manager.

ZED Fares in Business & Economy on HA & LX



Swiss International and Hawaiian Airlines (via SEA) Now Offering ZED Fares to United Employees and Retirees

Effective September 10, United employees, travel eligibles and ***retirees*** will have access to Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) fares for pleasure travel in business and economy on Star Alliance partner Swiss International Air Lines.

This agreement for ZED low fares with the Basel, Switzerland-based carrier -- which serves 90 destinations in 42 countries -- significantly expands the number of destinations available for pleasure travel.

Swiss International is now United's first 100 percent e-ticket partner, eliminating all paper ticketing methods with the carrier for both customers and non-revenue, space-available (NRSA) travelers. The partnership also allows for groups of nine or more customers -- including infants, groups and NRSA ID/ZED travelers -- to be ticketed electronically across any United/Swiss Interna-

tional itineraries.

United also recently launched a ZED medium-fare agreement for pleasure travel in business and economy with Hawaiian Airlines, which serves destinations within the Hawaiian Islands as well as to the Western United States and the South Pacific.

Over the past year, United's pleasure travel program for employees and retirees has more than doubled in size. ZED pricing is designed to simplify and significantly reduce the cost of NRSA interline pleasure travel. ZED fares are offered through an interline fare program used by many carriers worldwide for space-available travel, replacing industry discount (ID) 90/95 fares for interline travel on specific carriers.

For more information about all elements of United's travel privilege program, including new and existing agreements with other worldwide carriers, visit the Interline Travel Privilege page in SkyNet's Travel Section and click Individual Carrier Agreements

EASY DOES IT – Croque Monsieur (French Open-Face Sandwich)



It's October. You'd like to have someone in for an easy and yet attractive lunch but don't have the time to prepare it? Yes, you do! This is a delicious "topless" sandwich that I've been making for years. Having lived and worked in Bordeaux, France a few (ha!) years ago when I was 21, gave me some unexpected pleasures.

One was learning that I was capable of doing more than just boiling water. Recently, while one of my friends was over for some lunch and camaraderie, I prepared this meal right in front of her ... both of us still able to enjoy our conversation. In other words, this is definitely not a recipe that needs your strict concentration.

To begin:

- ☞ Preheat your oven to 400 degrees F. Preheat broiler, also.
- ☞ Place an English muffin half on top of the Swiss cheese slices. Using the muffin as a pattern, with a small sharp knife, cut around the edges. Then chop only the scraps of cheese into small pieces and put aside. At the very end, you will use these pieces on top of your layered sandwich.
- ☞ For each sandwich, layer as follows:
 1. Half of an English muffin, lightly toasted (in your toaster) and buttered
 2. 1 rounded-off slice of Swiss cheese

3. 2 thin slices ham
 4. 1 rounded-off slice of Swiss cheese
 5. 1 slice of pineapple (drained)
 6. *Swiss cheese pieces
 7. A fine dusting of paprika
- ☞ Bake in oven 8 minutes, and then transfer briefly to broiler just to lightly brown. Be careful, this goes very fast. And now you're finished. Bon appétit!

(I suggest allowing 2 muffin halves, layered as shown above, per person. In other words, for two people, you would need to purchase a total of 2 English muffins, 8 slices of Swiss cheese, 8 thin slices of ham, and 4 pineapple slices.) If preparing for a man with a hearty appetite, you might make "another muffin's worth" of sandwich.

A nice fresh fruit salad (or use canned fruit cocktail in jello) on a bed of lettuce adds a nice touch. (If you'd prefer to make a Croque Madame, use sliced chicken instead of ham.)

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ASK THE DOCTOR – Treating Our Bodies

A recent issue of Time magazine featured a cover story about the state of medicine in America. In many ways, it was not a very positive picture. The most glaring statistic, in my opinion, was the paltry amount of the health dollar devoted to preventive measures that are available to the general public. One could argue that most medical insurance policies cover medical expenses **after** a medical problem arises, not **before** they occur. However, many policies now offer coverage for expenses designed to detect medical problems **before** they occur. Now, you know why I chose the title for this article!

Medical schools do an excellent job of teaching prospective doctors how to evaluate the voluminous number of medical conditions that we can have. The schools spend hours teaching the symptoms, the findings, the evaluation, and the treatment of these conditions. While this is indeed an essential part of medical school training, I submit that much more time devoted to teaching **prevention** is critical. To coin a well-known phrase: It's too late to close the barn door after the horse has escaped. Detecting a medical problem in its infancy is far better than treating that same condition after it has become full-blown. Treat the molehill and the mountain never appears.

Since everyone is facing serious economic challenges during these difficult times, a most important question to ask is the cost of this early detection process. A *partial* list of preventive measures would include

blood pressure, Pap smear, mammogram, PSA blood test, lipid blood testing, colonoscopy, stress echo cardiogram, ocular tonometry, Amsler grid screening, blood sugar level, and a good general physical examination. These tests and/or procedures do not come cheap. Further, some insurance policies may not cover all of them. BUT, what is the alternative? Whatever you have done, submit ALL invoices to your insurance company (obviously Medicare first). There may still be a sizable leftover cost for you. BUT, consider the cost of treating advanced heart disease or breast cancer or diabetes or glaucoma. For example, a colonoscopy may cost about \$2000 while lifetime care of a patient with colon cancer may cost in excess of \$100,000. Do the math. OR: It is better to be penny wise rather than pound foolish.

My entire medical career has focused on Prevention and/or Early Detection. Now, Time magazine has indicated we as a country must devote more medical funding to the area of medicine that I have practiced for over 40 years. Oh well, Better late than never. The editors have determined we must pay more attention to preserving and protecting our bodies, rather than taking heroic measures to save them from the jaws of death. **That is nothing new.** Prevention was, is, and always will be, the only way to lower health care costs nationally and personally. I learned that during my training. Now, Time presents it now as one of the main pillars of better medical care in the USA.

We can easily replace the oil, tires, belts, pumps, and brakes on our cars with **no** loss in performance or function. The replacement part works **just** as well as the original. Have you checked the warehouse of replacement human body parts? **None** of them work as well as the original. Some of our body parts have **no** replacements; e.g., the eye, the brain. Even for those parts that are available do **not** function like the original; e.g., knee joint. The bottom line is we have only **one** body that **must** last at least 75 years and **must** work 24/7 during that time. Are there any oil or water pumps that can function 24/7 for 75 years?

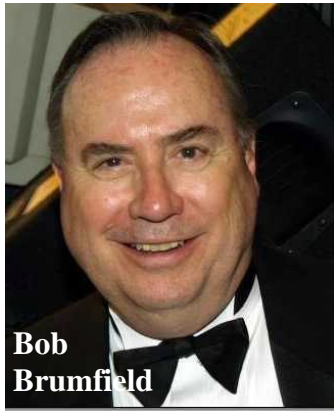
We as a country must treat our bodies as an irreplaceable heirloom. We must protect it. We must treat it with respect. We must cherish each body part that enables us to enjoy our spouses, our children, our grandchildren, our friends, and our UAL benefits and travel privileges. Further, we want our health to enjoy sunrises, sunsets, cool ocean breezes, crisp mountain air, and invigorating wind in our faces while surfing or skiing. If we devote more attention to the state of our bodies every day, we will not let molehills become mountains.

N.B. In the article I wrote about immunizations, I need to make a clarification. When getting any immunization from your medical provider, you will need to ask about insurance coverage. There may be certain restric-

tions about coverage that you should check before proceeding. This insurance restriction should NOT prevent you from obtaining the essential immunizations you need.

"Ask The Doctor" column is featured every other month. We hope you've enjoyed the articles written by Dr. Reider and found them beneficial. If you have a question for the Doctor, please submit it by email to askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net

Travel Tips by Bob



**Bob
Brumfield**

In the last couple of weeks, there have been several incidents of problems with Companion Passes reported to me. I would like to suggest some preventive solutions:

Case #1 Mother - NRSA, and a grandchild on a companion pass. Use the sponsor file number to put both travelers in the same passenger name record. Do

not make separate records unless the grandchild's companion pass is from another sponsor's file number. If you make two records, you will have different Boarding priorities. If listing is done on SkyNet, then issue both boarding passes in SkyNet. If you need help with this, contact one of the Retiree Travel Desks and they will walk you through the process. Most of our Volunteers are familiar with SkyNet. Please **do not** go to "United.Com" to obtain a companion boarding card. Work the system through SkyNet and if you experience problems, contact one of the Retiree travel desks. Also present yourself early to the Gate Agent so they can work to try to get you seated together, if possible. Do not wait for them to start boarding Standbys. A friendly "thank you" to the gate agent is always helpful. Remember these folks are under a lot of stress to get the trip out on time, with everyone on board in the proper sequential priority.

Another case - Two weeks ago, we received calls from some companion pass sponsors that their standbys were not being rolled over to the next flight, and were being sent back to the ticket counter to be listed. This could have been a communication problem since it was a very busy weekend with students and families with younger school kids. Nearly every flight being full plus they were trying to handle many NRSA folks. The message is, please let your companion friends know that they can use a credit card to enter an open kiosk computer. Students, generally speaking, are computer savvy and they can figure out how to list themselves. We older folks

need to learn how it is done also.

A good policy is to make sure your companions know how to conduct themselves. And it's always wise to check the loads early so they can be informed of possible problems and how to handle a situation that may come up. We (retirees) the sponsors, are responsible to make sure our companions understand the system and again, if you need help call a Retiree travel desk.

Two final items, your retiree Travel Card is a valuable thing to have with you when you travel, as it has all the information about you and speeds you along faster with less entries. And a reminder: You must have your bags checked 45 minutes before departure; this is the cut off time.

Happy Travels

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Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Virgil Gooselaw

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

items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter. **There is one exception to the above deadline:** *If your chapter meets on the deadline date, we will extend this deadline by **one day** for the chapter report, if it is submitted by email and received by 4PM in the Denver, CO office.*

Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to ruaea@qwestoffice.net or by FAX. FAX number is (303) 780-5667. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 E. MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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

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LOCAL NEWS

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The heat continues to keep our members home. However, we had 10 people at breakfast on August 4th. It was great to see **Frank & Evie Callahan**. They brought their son Steve with them. Steve is from a small town at Grand Canyon, AZ. It was great to see **John Crowthers** back at breakfast. John is still recovering from his heart operation, but looks real good. There were only 5 of us on August 18, and two of those are new members. Let's welcome **John & Laura Sustrik**. John retired from LASMM, but also worked in CHI, CLE, and DEN. Laura has a wonderful background in the travel industry and is currently doing event planning for American Express and the AZ Broadway Theatre. She will have great rates for us at the theatre as well as other trips in the future. On September 1, we had 12 people attending the Coco's meeting. It was wonderful to see everyone again.

I called two of our senior members **Chris Trana** and **Eleanor Patterson**. As you know, they have been unable to participate in our chapter for the past several years. Chris has numerous health issues that keep her at home. She is 88 years old and would appreciate hearing from you. Her phone number is 974-2612. When I called Eleanor, I was pleasantly surprised to hear she is doing well; she is blessed with good health. Eleanor is 94 this year. Hopefully we can get them out for our October picnic.

Bruce & Jackie Rosch had a great visit to San Diego. Shortly after they returned, Jackie fell and suffered compression fractures in her lower spine. She is still having difficulty getting around. If you get a chance, send her a card, her home address is, 16012 W. Heritage Drive, Sun City West 85375.

Jim Bechtold is having cataract surgery September 1st.

Eldon & Geri Hostetter are going to Iowa again for another nephew's wedding. Hopefully Eldon will not come back with pneumonia this time. They are going to Iowa via Bryce, Zion, Mount Rushmore and the Bad Lands. Quite a route! Geri just had Para Thyroid Surgery and feels great; guess that is a go for this extended trip.

Tim & Nita Everhart will be traveling to Yellowstone National Park with family. **Sonny & Barbara**

Carnes will be spending several months in Sierra Vista, AZ near their family. **Sherry Muoio** and **Susie Hughes** will be vacationing in Yachats, OR this September. **Carol & Vic Lilts** continue to commute to Chicago for family visits. **Dave Barry** is taking **Rose** to Payson, AZ for a month – should be cooler there! **John & Laura Sustrik** will be on a 31 day cruise through the South Pacific in October. **Pat & Ken Paulson** were in Chicago where it was unusually cold. They also drove over to Albuquerque, NM for a little R&R.

We would like to invite any UA retiree or any ex-UA employee who is not a member of our local chapter to join us for breakfast bi-weekly at Coco's. Get to know us and maybe we will be counting you as a member in the near future. If you are planning to come to a breakfast please call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 on the Monday before breakfast. He advises Coco's of how many will be attending.

"A vacation is having nothing to do and all day to do it in."

Calendar:

Coco's breakfast meetings, 08:00AM, 98th and Bell Roads

October 13

October 27

November 10

The fall/winter luncheon plans are coming together. On October 10th, we will have our annual Picnic at Beardsley Park. Then on November 14th we will celebrate our pre-Thanksgiving luncheon at Pebble Creek.

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Starting in October, the snowbirds will be arriving back in Arizona, and it's also the time when we start having monthly luncheons, as well as breakfasts. Hopefully, the weather will be comfortable, and our members and guests will look forward to getting together more often.

We welcome all RUAEA members and guests to our meetings, so if you're in the area, and want to check us out, please contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at jbrigante@aol.com or our Vice-President, **Peg Homfeldt** at (480) 396-3317, or at phomfeldt@cox.net. They will be eager to assist you in any way.

Our August 28 Breakfast was held at Crackers, our normal eating spot. We were happy to see **John & Judy McFarland** back with us again. **Peg Homfeldt**

brought her friend, **Helen Crisom**, who was visiting her from SFO.

The Brigantes were also back. We expect to see more faces in the next month.

Peg updated our group on the All-Arizona Luncheon that we are hosting next March, and asked members to think about doing one of the Gift Baskets, and to help with decorations. **John McFarland** volunteered to do the 50/50 raffle.

One of our former members, **Ed Eson**, donated some bears to the Fantasy Flight in memory of his wife, **Jo**. **Ed** plans on being in the valley in October or November, and will join us for breakfast or lunch, while he is here.

Don't forget to collect items for the Fantasy Flight. **Peg Homfeldt** needs bears, trucks, Barbie dolls, mittens and socks for both boys and girls, and stadium blankets for this worthwhile event in early December. If you have any questions, please see her at one of our meetings. She's the gal who is always selling tickets for the 50/50 drawings.

It may be too late to make your reservation for the Oktoberfest Luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 8th at the Bavarian Point Restaurant in Mesa, if you haven't done so already. **Hank Falk** needs a head count no later than Monday, October 5th. Call him at (480) 893-1226 or by e-mail at hhfalk@juno.com.

Our November luncheon will be Thursday, Nov. 12, at Scottsdale Community College, 9000 E. Chaparral Rd, in Scottsdale. This luncheon starts at 11:30 a.m., at a cost of \$19.00 per person. Directions: Take 101 to Chaparral Rd Exit #46, go east on Chaparral Rd to Entrance #4. Make the first right turn, and drive around to **Parking Lot H & I**. The building is Culinary Arts Dining Room; Artichoke Grill. The lunch includes a House Salad and fresh baked rolls. Your choice of entree is Chicken Salad Sandwich, Seafood Cakes or Pork Schnitzel. Your choice of dessert is Classic Chocolate Éclair, or Raspberry Mascarpone Cheesecake. Beverage is iced tea or coffee. Please make your checks out to **Re-Uniteds**, along with your choice of entree, and mail this by November 2nd to **Kathy & Jim Brigante**, 8700 E. Mountain View Rd, #1106, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. If you have any questions, contact them at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail jbrigante@aol.com. We hope many of you will attend!

October Birthdays are: **Taffy Kamensky** (10/01), **Joe Johnson** (10/05), **Carol Ward** (10/06), **Donna Pedone** (10/10), **Betty & Arnie Schaetzke** (10/10), **Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/12), **Homer Warthen** (10/19), **Bob Hallden** (10/25), **George Nolasco** (10/25), and **Beverly Gerdes** (10/27). Happy Birthday to all of you!

We have several Wedding Anniversaries in October with at least 45 years and more! They are: **Kathy & Jim Brigante** (45 years on the 24th), **Agnes & Homer**

Warthen (46 years on the 19th), **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck** (51 years on the 25th), **Dorothy & Jim Pappas** (52 years on the 19th), and **Dot & Pete Kuspis** (59 years on the 21st). We also have **Christine & Bill Rang** on (10/18/81) and **Nancy & Graham Snediker** on (10/25/2005). Congratulations and Best Wishes from all of us!

Calendar:

Oct. 23 - Breakfast at Crackers, starting at 9:00 a.m., located at 535 W. Iron Avenue in Mesa (near Hwy 60 and Arizona Avenue). Contact **Peg Homfeldt** (480) 396-3317 - phomfeldt@cox.net, or **Jim Brigante**, our President, at (480) 443-0031 - jbrigante@aol.com, by the Wednesday before the breakfast (Oct. 21). Our Breakfasts are normally held on the fourth Friday of each month.

Nov. 12 - Luncheon at the Culinary School at Scottsdale Comm. College. Details above. Hosted by the **Brigantes**.

Nov. 20 - Breakfast

Dec. 8 - Luncheon, hosted by the **Wards**

Dec. 18 - Breakfast

Jan. 14 - Luncheon, hosted by **Rita Zarek, Peg Homfeldt**, and **Linda Cooper-Koltz**

Jan. 22 - Breakfast



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What a wonderful time we had in the White Mountains for our August 20th luncheon. Escaping the hot temps of the Tucson area even for a little while was a relief. Our luncheon at the Pine Top Country Club was hosted by **Howard Hunter** and as in the past years, proved to be very successful. There were 15 of us that made the trip north to enjoy some good food and good service. **George & Dottie Morris** provided cocktail hour at their home overlooking the Golf Course prior to the dinner. What a relaxing evening we had.

That evening was followed with a brunch at **Gordon & Dora Starr's** home in Nutrioso on the 21st. Dora always seems to have everything under control when preparing so much food for all of us. Maybe serving so many people on airplanes during her pre-retirement days accounted for the easy manner in which the event was handled. A big "Thank You" to Howard, George & Dottie and Gordon & Dora for arranging such a nice outing.

September travel plans for some Roadrunners in-

clude a trip to Cairo, Egypt for **Donna Kuehn** and back to Illinois for **Alice Belzer**. Hope you are feeling better, Alice!

Our chapter president, **Bill Royle** is recovering from abdominal surgery. According to **Bonnie**, he has gotten through the painful event and improving daily.

Ed Kokot hosted our September luncheon at Shlomo & Vito's Deli.

Calendar:

October 22 - Saddlebrook Country Club

November 19 - Tanque Verde Guest Ranch

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Our chapter met on Aug. 19th at the remodeled restaurant at Avila Beach Golf Course. This is our yearly luncheon here with great food, service, and location. There were 21 of us present and **Bob Stanger**, who was on jury duty, was able to join us during his lunch break from the trial. **Jack Cunningham** did point out that he had to drive over 95 miles to get here, but he will get back at us for making him drive so far by hosting the next luncheon closer to his home. Our members are spread out over a great distance, so having our meetings every other month works out alright.

On a sad note, one of our members, **Art Jacobs**, passed away. Two months ago, at our last meeting, **Jack Cunningham** said that he had talked to him by phone and found out that he had a heart attack and was recovering slowly. We sent out the notice to our members about our August luncheon and his notice was returned by a lawyer informing us that he had died. As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, Art and I used to work for Capital Airlines at MDW back in the 1950's. At the time, we were both single and so we socialized a lot. We lost contact with each other after the merger and didn't meet again until a few years ago when he attended one of our meetings. We had several close friends from those early days that have passed on and he and I seemed to be the only ones left. I did hear from a voice from the past, **Paul Brown**, RUAEA Florida Region Director, who reminded me that we not only worked together, but played baseball on Capital's team. I'm sure there are still others around from those early days, but our closest friends have slowly drifted away.

As for happier news, **Uel Soward** has been keeping

us informed about his 100 year old birthday plans. He has sent me pictures and invitations that I shared with our group. **Bob & Pat Wagner** are planning to attend the party planned for May 2010. Uel was very close to them and also **Bill & Dana Noyes**. We heard that he has had a physical checkup and the Doctor told him he still has several years to go. Uel got a Driver's License renewal and when he was asked if he wanted it for a year, he said "heck no" he wanted one for 10 years. He has a fantastic outlook.

Esther Bartlett showed us several pictures that she had painted on silk. This is one talented lady and at the last Christmas luncheon, she played the violin. She told us that she had to leave our luncheon early because she was teaching a little boy how to play the violin. She said that the violin is about the size of a toy, but he is able to play a recognizable song.

Bob & Pat Wagner had a family reunion in Iowa and their trip was not the best. They flew into DEN to make a connection to DSM, but because of a mechanical and an earlier flight cancellation, they were unable to get out on the day they planned. Too many passengers left from the cancelled flight. Their rental car, in DSM, got damaged to a point that it would take about three days to repair of which time they would have to pay the daily charge. The insurances would not cover it entirely so they gave up the car. All the time they were in DSM, it rained and this did not let him play any golf. On top of that, their luggage did not make the transfer on their return flight from LAX to SBP until the next day. Apparently UAL Express does not deliver luggage, so Bob had to go and pick it up. They were very happy to get back to the Central Coast after those experiences.

Ken Bake's friend Stella, had a similar experience when she went to Nebraska to visit relatives. The flights were OK but the weather did not cooperate. She was very happy to come home and enjoy our foggy weather.

Our regular members have given me their past airline history that helps me inform other members who knew them in the past. **Betty Rupp's** husband, **Paul Rupp**, who is deceased, began his airline career with Capital in DCA in 1945. She told me of the times they had company picnics when our president Slim Carmichael would also attend. I was able to attend one of them when I worked at MDW. Paul then transferred to SFO as a maintenance inspector in 1966. He finally retired in 1983. Betty did say that when they traveled, Paul would check out the plane numbers, and when he saw one he worked on, Betty said she knew it was safe.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 21st hosted by **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**. Our last meeting of the year, will be on Dec. 16th hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**.



Calendar:

October 21 – Hosted by **Jack & Eleanor Cunningham**.

December 16 – Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**.

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President **Francis Domaratius** opened the Sacramento Gold Diggers August 26th luncheon meeting at Lou LaBonte's in Auburn and thanked **Velma Stough** for hosting the meeting. **Velma** personally greeted the 38 members and 2 guests that attended. Jim & Carla Moss were guests of **Forester & Jean Sinclair**. The room was nicely arranged with 5 large tables. Historian **Stephanie Norton** took pictures of each member as they entered for a "project" which she has planned. **Francis** commented on how much he and **Veronica** enjoyed attending the annual United Airlines Maintenance Get Together in Minden, NV with around 75 attending. Great weather and good food made everything really nice. Thanks to **Jack & Marge Raynor** for all their efforts in coordinating this gathering of friends.

Vice President **Frank Dellinger** started the officer's reports, telling of the September through December meeting dates and locations. Recording Secretary **Barbara Bertacini** reported anniversaries for August which include **Skip & Marie Jenkins** 48 years; **Jim & Ethel Meek** 59; **Al & Geneva Lockwood** with 64 years! The year of 1956 was a popular year for marriage within our group as the following three couples have 53 years of marriage: **Bob & Margaret Eggert**; **Daniel & Rosemary Figueroa**; **Karl & Ruth Stannitz**. **Margaret** had planned on attending today's luncheon but was unable to come due to flu like symptoms. **Barbara** also gave **Darryll Stroud's** Sunshine report as the Strouds are away on an extended vacation to Europe. **Darryll** was very sorry to report the passing of **Art Massey** Aug. 11. **Darryll** also had been in contact with **Manual Couto** and was happy to say **Manual** has returned home from his stay in the hospital. Treasurer **Judie King** reported the account balance was so good that it was decided by the officers to subsidize \$10 per member attending the September Picnic hosted by the **Nortons**. **Stephanie Norton** went on to say that the meeting at the Sept. 30th Lake Wildwood's Commodore Park picnic, would be a marvelous catered lunch with soda and water provided. Please feel free to bring your own choice of beverage if desired. There will be entertainment by a popular barbershop quartet. There will be no

raffle. There are two gates to Lake Wildwood with the first one within 1 mile of entering the Lake area. The **second gate** is 2 miles and is the one for you to take. **Francis** asked if anyone had any announcements and **Alice McPeak** shared a very humorous "story" with us which all enjoyed!

RUAEA Executive Vice President **Ron Bertacini** reported a great meeting of around 90 at the Reno Sierra Roundup Chapter's Sand Harbor Beach picnic which included members from the Hangtown Miners, North Staters, San Joaquiners and the Gold Diggers. **Ron** reminded everyone of the Oct. 11th SFO Maintenance Base Open House 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. There will be a table representing RUAEA. **Ron** told about a new travel benefit called International SOS. They give assistance to travelers outside the U.S. concerning medical problems and/or situations. You can find out more information and a special ID number in Skynet within the Travel Benefits section. Also in Skynet, check the Employees Discount section as many discounts also apply to retirees and many discounts have been added recently.

Raffle Drawing was conducted by **Frank & Angie Dellinger** with many items to choose from.

Calendar:

Sept. 30 - Lake Wildwood picnic hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton**

Oct. 28 - Chinese Buffet in Citrus Heights hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**

Dec. 9 - Holiday Social hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**

January 27, 2010 - Hosted by **Darryll & Dorothy Stroud**

February 2010 – Past Presidents Luncheon hosted by **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**

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August's Redwood Empire meeting was held at a most appropriate spot, the redwood grove and state park known as Armstrong Grove, at Guerneville, California. Twenty-two guests joined our members at the traditional barbeque of chicken, baked beans, green salad and garlic bread.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** (also the lunch's hostess) led a toast to two recently passed members: **Harri-son (Harry) Rogers** (August 8) and **Robert (Bob) Ashworth** (August 4). **Harry** also was known as a

grower of premium Zinfandel grapes in the Sonoma Valley. Donations may be made in his name to the Healdsburg Senior Center, Healdsburg, California. Bob's family requested donations be made in his name to the Santa Cruz SPCA, Santa Cruz, California.

It was sad to see **Diana Quinn** without her usual sidekick, sister Judy Roque also recently passed. But smiles were there to greet member **Les Carey**, now residing in Montana.

Calendar:

October 8 - Quail Inn, Oakmont, hosted by **Judy DeFord & Mary Hill**

November 12 - Josef's, Santa Rosa, hosted by **Brandon & Pat Maus**

December 10 - Quail Inn, Oakmont, 2009 Officers

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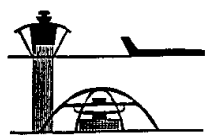
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Aw! Shoot! About every time I send in a column on the 7th - a couple of days later, I find a newsy item buried in the stuff (aka "mess") on my desk. Call this the Sept. II and Oct. I!

We missed the **Daleys** at the Aug. steak fry. **Ann's** Parkinson's is affecting her more severely, so it would have been very difficult for them. They were missed and everyone is extending positive thoughts and prayers Ann's way. Then a short time after the picnic, Ann fainted and could not be revived by either John or the caregiver. Of course, she was taken to the hospital and was there for several days getting "tested". The conclusion at that point was that she had/has heart fibrillation problems. She is home now resting, but feeling weaker. Such a lovely lady - let's hope and pray things improve for her, 27117 Whitestone Rd., Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

Dottie DeCastro was a welcome attendee at the steak fry. She has been laid low by numerous very unpleasant ailments for some time, but is feeling so much better. She brought to the feast and helped serve a watermelon which had been very cleverly carved with the name ReLAXers, courtesy of her daughter. Dottie was anxious that her friends know her health has really improved, and then I blew it by not getting her news in last month. Good to see you back!

Here's a good-news-bad-news story received from **Tarina Murray**. As reported before, Tarina has had more than her share of surgeries and tough recoveries, but finally felt up to a much deserved vacation trip. So

she & Charles and 13 family members went to Cancun and (the good news) had a really wonderful time. But the bad news stepped in. Inadvertently, some nice family jewelry got packed into a suitcase - you can guess the end of that story! Needless to say, after their flight Cancun-MEX-LAX, the jewelry flew off in a different direction never to be seen again. Then there was a problem with a misplaced Lot D parking ID card - but they got home finally. A few days at home, and Tarina and Anna flew to FL. Then a cruise with a family visit at the Jamaica stop - fun! Back to MIA and ORL for T. and A. to rest and visit Disney Wild Animal Kingdom. **Then** -- home to really rest? No way! Two days there and they (T., A., Chas. and the dog) drove to LAS to visit T.'s mom who had started chemo for cancer. On her 2nd night there, T. suffered a severe chest pain - on to the hospital, a gazillion tests then the conclusion, she needs a heart valve replacement. She's home now, and her doctors here have everything under control and they'll wait and see. Last I heard, she was resting at the time-share in Newport Beach. Good luck, girl! Rest!

From a forwarded email, **Monica Klarwein** is very ill. Her good friend Karen Heitz (869 Rincon Ln., Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274, krheitz@yahoo.com or Karen.heitz@united.com) is looking for pictures of Monica from her UA days, so friends can make a scrapbook of fond memories. Please send pictures (which she'll return) or copies of them to Karen. Cards for Monica will be so welcome at Mrs. Monica Klarwein, 1557 Via Leon, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274. Remember - pictures to Karen, cards to Monica.

Retiree and ReLAXers member, **Henry Pietrzak**, passed away shortly after the last issue was printed. The information was from his long time friend, Dorothy Overby. There was a memorial a few weeks ago followed by burial in CHI.

Another note from the picnic - so good to see **Nancy Bessenbacher** made it despite her arm in a cast - she fell and it broke in several places. Hurry and heal, Nancy.

Anita Cross (ret. LAXTR), wife of **Ron** (ret. LAXTR, SANCS) called to advise that Ron passed away from a severe heart attack on 9/5. It's a real shock to all who knew him, as he was in excellent health. Arrangements still pending.

Mike Farkus wrote a note with his parking tag order that both he and **Connie** have both had major setbacks. Mike had open heart surgery and Connie came down with viral encephalitis - at about the same time. But they are pretty much back to normal ("whatever that is") and will be off on a great trip in Oct. They'll visit Switzerland, Italy, departing on a cruise from Venice to Barcelona, then home. I've done the VCE -BCN cruise and loved it - hope they do, too.

Carroll Smith (Smitty) **Mason**, father of **Debra**

Mason (5101 Montezuma St., L.A. 90043) passed away on 6/14. The report was delayed as it came from **Jim Ferrance** who was attending his usual June big family get-together back East.

Linda Muche was at the picnic. She's still on a feeding tube, but feeling better and managing a few swallows each day. Steak, of course, was not an option, but seeing everyone was great medicine. (411 W. Franklin Ave., #1, El Segundo, CA 90245-3766)

William O'Connell (aka "C" OR "C/Bill"), husband of LGBRR retiree, **Lita O'Connell** is suffering from ALS. She reports that he is getting wonderful care at the LGB VA, and being on 100% disability, is receiving it all free. My friend, **Betty Houck**, did a lot of volunteer work there and always commented at the great care they provide. They live in LGB, 15 min. from the VA but will be giving up that 2 story house for a one story in Fountain Valley - a bit further away, but much better for all. They are surrounded by family and have the help of two fine caregivers. I know all his friends from our working days wish and pray for the best for him.

Sandra Sloane, retiree from LAXRR, passed away on 7/20. There is no information about next of kin.

Freen Nulsen, one of the mainstays on the Mainline Desk of LAXRR for ages, passed away on 8/20. She had been in declining health for some time and was under Hospice Care when she died. Condolences can be sent to her only relative, niece, Leslie Vanderwalle, 1145 Buchon St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Bob Barrett who was known to us when in LAXRR and LAXCS, passed away on 8/14. He was with UA from '65 and retired in 2004. His career took him to management positions in SFO, MRY, LAX, DTW, MEM, SHA, PHL, to retirement from LAXCS. After retiring, he went to work for Star Alliance and traveled world wide to help promote the S.A. product. Send condolences to Diane Barrett, 3442 Falcon Av., LGB, CA 90807.

LAXCS retirees will remember **Matt McNeill**. The forwarded email I received was to advise that Matt's wife, **Mary** advised that Matt passed away on 8/29 in Orlando, from complications from diabetes. Incidentally, the email I received mentions "Matt McNeill", but gives the contact as Mary "O'Neill", Union Park, 2834 Aein Rd, Orlando, FL 32817-2932. I have to assume his friends will know which is correct.

Louise Appy, a long time attendee at our meetings, passed away in August. I do not have next of kin info at this time, but will do a bit more research for it, so call if you would like to have it.

Ed Clay's daughter, Martha, just called to advise that Ed has returned home, so you can send him notes at the following address: 933 111th Ave., N.E. # 350, Bellevue, WA 98004. Ed is about totally blind now, so

he cannot read your notes, but the family sees him just about every day and they all enjoy reading his mail to him. Same goes for phone calls. He's happy to hear from folks, but has a problem working the phone before it switches from ringing to the recorder. So don't hesitate to call - he'll get it eventually and be able to call you back, (425) 453-7786.

The ReLAXers friends of those who passed or who are ill do extend most sincere best wishes and prayers to the ailing ones and to the families of the departed ones. If I didn't list contacts in the above it's because I didn't have any -- but will try to track one down if you need it.

Calendar

October 8 - Rescheduled from 10/1. Luncheon at Proud Bird Restaurant. Flyers have already gone out.

October 10 - LAXRR Reunion at Hacienda Hotel, El Segundo 11am-4pm. Contact **Jim Ferrance** at (310) 837-4695 (unlisted, so handle with care!) or res-rat@aol.com for details and reservations

December 3 - Christmas Luncheon at Proud Bird. Remember gifts for kids from 18 days to 18 years. Flyers with details about gifts will go out in plenty of time to shop.

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With summer and school vacations finally over, we UAL retirees can now consider taking some trips and actually trying to fly "standby" ... here's wishing "good luck" to all of us! And think this over: *Jackie Kennedy's* mother once made this comment: "When you dress yourself up, you help dress up the whole world." Gives us pride in what we wear and who we represent when we fly, doesn't it ... since we still observe our UAL dress code.

We love to share "Good News": Our "Over-The-50-Year-Hill" anniversary couples are **Wayne & Marilyn Guenther** with 61 years, **Al & Lillian Christian** at 59 years, **Don & Mary Hughes** at 56 years, **John & Leona Clothokis** at 55 years, and **Emmett & Mary Gloria Landrum** at 54 years. God has certainly blessed you and we all want to add our sincerest congratulations!

You've already read of our genuine appreciation to our past-and-now present Domestic Tour Coordinator **Shirley Dickinson** for stepping back into harness, accompanied by chapter member **Jo Milligan**. Presently, there is a possibility of an upcoming very special December day trip (let you know later) but we need YOUR

input as to future adventures. Other than a trip to Mars or the numerous planets, if you have a suggestion as to a place you would like to visit: Call **Shirley Dickinson** at (650) 343-7113 or email shirldickinson@gmail.com. Thank you!

Our Mainliner Club Liaison **Jerome Underhill** announced the return of the Mainliner Club Bingo-&-Dinner event beginning on Saturday, September 12th. Another Bingo-&-Dinner funfest is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th, doors open at 6:30 p.m. The location is still the same: Union Hall Local 1781, 1511 Rollins Road, Burlingame, CA. Y'all come!

Among people we were happy to see back among us were **Milt & Marie Cavalli**. They've been having not-so-much fun with doctors and hospitals lately. We're also very pleased to report that member **George Trombulak** is finally recuperating at home. He's been keeping those in the medical profession busy as well.

International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has a few balcony cabins left on her 19-day cruise out of *San Francisco to Santiago, Chile* set for November 3 – 22. As if she had nothing else to do, Dahlberg is industriously working on (1) an *Erie Canal* trip, (2) Touring the *USA national parks*, and (3) Seeing the once-every-10-years "Passion Play" performed in *Oberammergau, Germany* (late August or early September 2010). This trip will include visits to *Innsbruck, Austria* and nearby *Switzerland*.

As for my travels, I'm taking my "annual trip" to the local "Dollar" and "99 Cent" stores to search out large size balloons for Halloween trick-or-treat donations. Having had all 3 children in orthodontics at the same time, there will be no candy coming from this house! And the local teenagers come by afterwards to retrieve any leftovers for water balloon fights ... better than firearms, don'tcha think?

This is for many of us who are *diabetic* and/or would like to pass this information along: Dahlberg spoke of a website called *Dogs4Diabetics*. The website is: <http://www.dogs4diabetics.com>. This is an innovative non-profit organization that provides quality medical alert assistance dogs to youth and adults who are insulin-dependent Type 1 diabetics through a program of training, placement and follow-up services. These dogs are specifically trained to identify and act upon the subtle scent changes that hypoglycemia (low blood glucose) creates in body chemistry ... changes *undetectable to their human companions*. (Being married and a loving companion for 40 years to a diabetic husband who occasionally did not recognize the dangerous but "subtle scent changes" of low blood glucose, I can fully understand the priceless value these very specially trained animals would have for a person living alone.) Indeed, this is yet another instance of a *dog being man's (and woman's) best friend*. For more information, check out

the foregoing website.

Personally Speaking: Unfortunately, more and more identity thefts are being perpetrated around the country. If you're looking to impersonate someone, "Facebook" is a good place to start ... so is "My Space" ... and even class reunion sites. Other social networking websites can also be valuable to ID thieves who are investing time and resources on social networks, according to writer Sid Kirchheimer in the AARP Bulletin for June 2009. Be careful of the information you place there. If you've put names and photographs of your spouse, children, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, friends, where you went to high school, college, etc. ... you've made it easy for these "socially alert" thieves to act. Do you know ID thieves can even change your password? Be suspicious of anyone, even a "friend" (it might not be) who asks for money over the Internet.

Regarding your personal checks and check fraud: Thieves can take a check out of your mailbox and, leaving the line with your hand-written signature outside, soak it for 3 minutes in a bath of acetone. It takes 20 seconds to dry, then blow on it for another 20 seconds. The check is now ready to accept a new date, addressee and amount. (Your professionally printed name, address and check number remain on.) OK, so I just tried "the bath" and it works! Do you know what acetone is, Ladies? It's your nail polish remover! (I'm not that smart: I tried paint thinner and turpentine, first.) Now, the solution: *Uni-Ball* makes a pen called "207". It is a color pigmented gel-based pen. Online they are advertised for \$1.86 each. At *CostCo* I bought a "card" of 12 pens for \$11.59 ... the ink in 10 of these pens is black, the other 2, blue. (Available at *Wal-Mart*, maybe?) I've already replaced my checkbook pens.

Now, just to leave you with a smile: "*Alcohol does not make you FAT! It makes you LEAN ... lean against tables, chairs, floors, walls and ugly people.*"

Calendar:

Retirees General Meeting: 4th Monday (except for September & December), 11:30 a.m. business meeting, William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380.) Mail should be sent to P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

Halloween was confusing. All my life, my parents said, "Never take candy from strangers." And then they dressed me up and said, "Go beg for it." I didn't know what to do! I'd knock on people's doors and go, "Trick or treat." "No thank you."

~Rita Rudner

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Our 3rd quarter "Ladies Only" luncheon was held on August 13th at the lovely home of **Tony Urso**. Tony was not there, but **Sally Urso** and **Margie Klaus** were able to host this great event. All the dishes were super, including an Asian chicken salad, tortellini salad and mud pie for dessert. The weather, company and Tony's patio were wonderful ... who could ask for more? Sally and Margie have shared their recipes with Cheri Scales – if you'd like a copy, please let her know.

Last month, President **Dave Saso** announced that we have a new website for our chapter. Well, Dave goofed in relaying the address; here's the correct one: www.unitedairlinesretirees-southbay.webs.com. Now you can get information about upcoming events and special breakfast meetings by visiting the site.

In the month of August we had David Smith, D.C. as a guest speaker; David shared ways in which we can all stay healthy. This month, Dr. Susan Wilturner will be with joining us on September 25th to speak on how stress affects our physical health.

Our annual fall luncheon will be held on September 30 at the Faultline restaurant in Sunnyvale. We have a great program planned and hope you can attend – we invite all Northern California REAUA members to attend. The luncheon will be a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please contact **Zelma Kibler-Rosenthal** (408-734-3042) or **Cheri Scales** (408-226-7855) for more information.

The group was so happy to see **Vi Mattscheck** back at our breakfast meeting – she has been missed by all. We hope the following people who are under the weather and can't find a break in the clouds are better soon: **Vic & Elaine Kristen, Alice Shelton, Paul Gual, Garver Sandy, Carol Copley, Duane & Anna Howze**, and last but not least, **Gerry Frisch**. We understand Gerry is much better and just needs a "kick in the pants" to get up and out to our breakfast meetings.

Calendar:

Meeting every Friday morning at Holders Country Inn, De Anza Road (across from Home Depot). Breakfast starts at 8:00 AM with meeting at 9:00 am. All UA retirees and their families are welcome. Please call our President, **Dave Saso**, (408) 266-9347 for details.

September 18 – Special theme breakfast - beach or island wear.

September 30 - Fall Luncheon, Fault Line Brewing, 1235 Oakmead Parkway, Sunnyvale (X Lawrence Expressway). Please call **Zeima Kibler-Rosenthal** at (408) 734-3043.

October 9 – Special guest: Dr. Karl Knoff

October 30 – Halloween costume party (costumes optional)

December 4 – Quarterly "Ladies Only" luncheon, hosted by **Joan Dahl** (408-996-2161) and **Nancy Walb** (408-867-1112) at the Loon Wah restaurant in Cupertino at 11:30

December 8 – Save the date! Our spectacular Holiday luncheon will be held at Mariani's. Please plan to attend. We would like to extend an invitation to all central and northern California RUAEA members to attend our party. Mariani's has a motel attached and are offering discounted rates to any members from out of town who would like to attend. Don't miss this event! We will have live entertainment, a great menu, party favors and lots of fun. Please call President **Dave Saso** (408.226.9347) for more information.

SAN JOAQUINERS

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It is Saturday, August 15th, and it is still hot in Jamestown. But soon we will be enjoying Fall temperatures, the leaves will be changing colors and the air will be cool and crisp. Fall is my favorite time of year. The leaves will be falling off the trees and we will all be busy raking them up and then jumping into the piles. I always loved doing that when I was a kid.

The San Joaquiners had our last luncheon meeting on August 13th at the Peppery here in Sonoma. The luncheon was hosted by **Larry & Lavina Brinsfield** and **Ace & Barbara Edkin**. The Peppery has a banquet room upstairs from the restaurant and it was a great place for our group. Lavina made a special chocolate ice cream dessert for all of us and it was so yummy. Everyone really enjoyed the special treat and wanted to lick their plates clean.

We were happy to see **Doug Daniels**. He looked great in his flowered Hawaiian shirt. Also, it was nice to see **Burt & Bonnie Kent**. They have not attended a luncheon in quite awhile because they spend a lot of time in Arizona. **Don & Dixie Powlesland** were also at our luncheon and we had not seen them in a long time.

We were told that **Sophie Feaster** and her husband **Bill**, both are very, very ill. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Nancy Buddington has recovered quite well from her knee replacement. She is doing great and is even hosting our September luncheon meeting which will be held at the Silver Spur in Sonora.

Jack and I attended the 7th Annual Maintenance Reunion in Minden on August 21, 22, and 23 and we had a wonderful time. We saw so many friends and co-workers that we only see once a year and it was fun catching up with them over a beer and a glass of wine. We were so happy to have several members of our San Joaquin Chapter join us this year and they all had a great time too. They were **Don & Joanne Nesja**, **Bob & Sandy Brooks**, **Guy & Nancy Hoffman**, and **George & Gloria Gemberling**. And we all went to Larry & Tamara's home for a delicious brunch on Sunday. They, of course, outdid themselves again and put out a spread of yummy treats for all of us to enjoy. Hopefully, many of you will join us next year.

Our Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month. We would be happy to have anyone join us if you are in our area or visiting in the area. If you have any questions or would like to know the date, time, and location of our next luncheon meeting, please call our President, **Joan Verbaere**, (916) 682-6148 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.



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Our August meeting was held on the 10th with 26 members and guests. We tried some new menu items and most seemed very pleased with the changes.

It was wonderful to have **Ruth Kinkead** join us, as well as **Ramsey Unalp**. We were pleased to welcome a new member - **Susan Kendall**, from SFOCS.

We welcomed SFOCU representatives, Michelle Signoff and Mauricio Luna. They gave a very informative presentation on the services offered by Alliant Credit Union as well as their new location in Downtown Oakland at 344 20th Street, Suite 118, Oakland, CA 94612. Their phone number is (510) 622-7820, fax (510) 208-3080.

For those of you who travel internationally, check out the SOS website: www.international SOS.com. United's member ID number: 11BYCA000027

We are going to start a book exchange. Bring them to the next meeting and the leftovers will be taken to the VA hospitals.

The 50/50 was won by **Tom Cunningham** and ... (drum roll) he also won the door prize by the Credit

Union! We are thinking of banning him from participation next month! Not really, just jealous.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Marie Callender's restaurant in Concord. Social time from 1100 to 1200, then lunch and business. No need for reservations. We encourage you to all come and bring your significant others. We have a great group comprised of many departments.

Calendar:

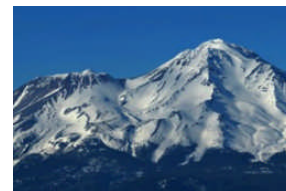
October 12 - Meeting

November 9 - Meeting

December 14 - (Toys for Total collection and Christmas Party)

CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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July 30 found 32 members of the California Northstaters in Redding for a nice lunch and a short meeting. We had Theresa Nachman from Edward Jones Investments as our guest speaker. She was well received.

There was much talk about the Open House at the SFO UAL Maintenance Base during Fleet week in San Francisco, Oct. 11. Many members were interested in attending.

Gene Mincks won the largest 50/50 Raffle yet!

Our next meeting is our annual picnic at Woodson Bridge near Red Bluff on September 24. The time will be 11:30am; and anyone needing directions or other information, please contact the secretary, **Billie Jorgensen**, or the president, **Merritt Odor**.

COLORADO

DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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It has been a very busy month for the Denver Miler Highers. Sixty two attended our annual indoor picnic, at Blossoms Restaurant. Thanks to **Harriet Ahr** and **Laura Coats**, for their hard work, in preparing for the event. We had two out-of-town guests from Florida, **Henry & Gerda GeFrois**. Henry retired from Denver Ramp Service. They also brought some dear friends from Denver to the picnic.

On Labor Day weekend, the Mile Highers had their

monthly breakfast at United's Flight Training Center, 55 were in attendance. **Jack Green** and **Cas Spokas** returned their 50/50 winnings, thanks fellows. First timers were **Lody & Shirley Van Dervil**, visiting from Arkansas. Lody retired from Cabin Service in Denver. It was good to see **Elaine Fluegel**, who is recovering from back surgery. **Bob Hagedorn** was back with us, after being in the hospital with pneumonia. **Marilyn Hankins**, who is legally blind, was brought to the breakfast by her neighbor. **Elizabeth Hierzer** came with her daughter Kathy Provo. Connie Conine brought her Dad, **Mel. Dale Kerns'** son Keith brought his Dad. A hearty thank you to those who brought someone and especially those who brought their parents. It's always great to see everyone!

We had a special guest, Marilyn Taylor, who is with The Lafayette Foundation and represents the Eagles Nest at Platte Valley Assisted Living. Marilyn told us about the facility and its proximity to the Vintage Aero Flying Museum and airport where frequent flights, take-offs & landings are viewable from the homes' front porch. Marilyn also told us that the facility was designed with aviation being the theme. The address is 6994 CR 39, Fort Lupton, CO 80621. Phone (303) 536-4880 or check www.eaglesnestatplattevalley.com.

The Vintage Aero Flying Museum is located on the Platte Valley Airport at 7125 Parks Lane, Fort Lupton, CO 80621. Phone 303 502-5347
www.LaFayettefoundation.org.

The Christmas Luncheon will be Dec. 7th, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Select, 455 S. Colorado Blvd. (across from Shotgun Willies). Happy Hour 11:00am to 12:00 noon followed by lunch; the menu will be in the next issue.

Tom announced that the Santa Sleigh Ride or (Fantasy Flight) will be held on Dec. 12th. We plan on wrapping gifts for the kids here at the Training Center as usual, the time and date along with other details will be announced later. There will also be a Bowling Fund-raiser on Oct 9th, 2009 for the Fantasy Flight at Monaco Lanes, 6767 Leetsdale Dr., Denver, CO. Time will be 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm; check-in begins at 3:30 pm. A \$35.00 donation per person is requested which includes 2 hours of bowling, shoes, pizza and soda. Contact **Nancy Byun-Riedel**, (303) 348-3836, or nancy.byun@united.com.

Next breakfast, Oct 3rd, at the United Flight Training Center, same time 9:00am.

Calendar:

Breakfast 1st Sat. each month, 9:00 AM at Denver Flight Training Center Cafeteria - DENTK. Call **Tom Goodyear** for information, directions, (303) 696-7001. Remember to bring your pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

PIKES PEAK

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We held our regular meeting on Aug. 17th at The Village Inn. Our meeting was attended by five regular members. Donations were accepted for a postcard mailing and stamps. **Warren & Noria Gerig** have formed a group for the UAHF Tour. Please e-mail warren@asia.com to join and set a time. **Rick Broome** is still working on a fall picnic date.

We mourn the loss of **Greg Walsh** on April 14, 2009, retired COSOZ CSR. Greg was a ski instructor at Powder Horn and Telluride before joining UNITED. His third career was as a teacher. He was "the King" of the Bellaire street neighborhood in Denver, CO. **Fran Austin** brought news that **Gloria Peruzzi** retired SFOCS/DENCS, had died in July 2009. Also, **Vonda Adams**, DENRCC, died after a single car accident on Pena Blvd. on her way to work August 25, 2009.

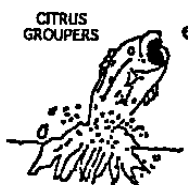
Our regular meetings are at The Village Inn on Harrison Rd. and I-25 for breakfast at 0830 hrs. Still the third Monday! Welcome all southern Colorado!

Calendar:

October 19 – Regular breakfast meeting at 0830
November 16 – Regular breakfast meeting at 0830
TBD – Christmas Party

FLORIDA

THE VILLAGES - CITRUS GROUPERS



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There were 22 Citrus Groupers for our August meeting. President **Jerry Bell** advised everyone present that our secretary's (**Joan Brandonisio**) husband, **Louis Brandonisio**, has some medical problems and she will be unable to devote a lot of time to the chapter. Jerry then asked for volunteers to help take over the Secretary/50-50 chairperson job until Joan can return. Unfortunately, no hands went up. We will address this issue first thing at our next meeting.

Claus Brinnitzer, Vice-President will run the September meeting due to Jerry Bell's travel schedule for September.

Henry & Gerda Gefrois informed the group of

their visit at the Denver Mile Highers meeting.

The Christmas Party is in the works with a schedule date of 12/3/09 at The Villages Kattie Belles restaurant. The September and October meetings will finalize the dinner, we will keep you advised.

Charles Wirth, Treasurer, gave the members of our current financial balance.

Our August Birthdays: **Marge Frazier, Fred Miller, Ella Nardone** and **Gerda Gefrois**.

Anniversaries: Mr. & Mrs. **Don Dulen**.

Calendar:

September 24 - 11:30 A.M. Golden Corral, The Villages (Rt. 466 between Buena Vista and Hwy 301)

SAND“DABS”

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Today we had 13 Sand“DABS” present that included one guest Kathy, the sister of **Bill Lowry**. Even though our numbers were small, our enthusiasm was big. Many of our members were either traveling, going to other meetings, playing golf, helping family or neighbors, or visiting those darling grandchildren whose draw is stronger on them than us. Our snow birds should be returning soon.

Prez. **Dick Coughlin** opened the meeting with our usual pledge to the flag and a prayer. He started us off by passing around a paper with an opening sentence on it, and we were all supposed to add a sentence or two to add to the “story”. When the paper got around to the end, he read the story which was quite funny.

Birthday celebrant present was **Janet Horton**. She wouldn't tell us what she wished before blowing out the candle on our fake cake. But it did alert hubby **Larry**, he'd better rush out and at least get her a birthday card. **Lowell & Anne Johnson** are celebrating 52 years of married bliss, and **Bill Lowry** is celebrating his company anniversary of 60 years. At the 50/50 drawing, our visitor was asked to draw the ticket. Bill told his sister to draw his ticket, and believe it or not, she did just as she was told. We all called foul.

At joke time, Dick had some funny ones from comedians of long ago who used to do shows in the Catskills such as: “*I complained to the doctor that I have continuing ringing in my ears, and the doctor said “Don't answer it.”*” I thought that was funny as several have that ringing problem.

Prez Dick participated in the Annual Labor Day Weekend St. Augustine Regatta sponsored by the St. Augustine & Halifax River Yacht Clubs. Starting at

Ponce Inlet, many beach goers will be able to see the 25 boats heading toward St. Augustine. It should be a pretty sight.

Plans will be made to see if we can meet at the Halifax River Yacht Club for our Christmas meeting.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *Never put both feet into your mouth at the same time, otherwise you won't have a leg to stand on.*

Calendar:

October 1- 11:30AM - Red Lobster

November 5 - 11:30AM - Red Lobster



THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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A lively crowd of 39 Real McCoy members and guests gathered at the Golden Corral for our monthly luncheon and meeting. Joining us were **Anita Pawlack**, who officially became a Real McCoy (YEAH!), **Richard Vinson**, who just returned to the Orlando area and promised to join up next month, the guest of **David & Lisa Leighty**, the ever hopeful and still hard working **Judy Kenzig**, and also the guest of **Jim & Pat Hernandez**, **Mary Ann Fohlstrom**.

Stan Halterman led us in prayers for peace, comfort and strength for the family of **Matt McNeill**, most especially for his wife, **Mary** and brother, Bob. Matt passed away after battling a long illness on August 29th. He will be missed by all the Real McCoys. Long-time member and the first President of the Real McCoys back in 1993, **Jack Cavern** has suffered a stroke and been diagnosed with throat cancer. He is at the Terra Vista Rehab Center, 1730 Lucerne Terrace, Orlando, FL 32806. Certainly a cheery card would brighten his day. Say a prayer or two for Jack and for **Chuck Grant, Al Mollet**, and **Lee Cahoon**.

And on a lighter note, here's a “Lookin’ Good Ladies” to **Linda Agnello, JoAnn Hall**, and **Sharon Ringer**, who joined us for lunch! Oh, and, of course, our sincere thanks to the guys that brought them today - **Bob Olsen, Gene Hall** and **Charlie Ringer**! We also have confirmed the reports that **Carol Woods** - MCOCS and **Shelia Cox-Harrell** - MCOCS have retired right here in Orlando! Congrats to them and an open invitation to join us soon for a 1st Wed. luncheon! All retirees, young and young(er) alike are welcome at our gatherings! Come and reminisce awhile with us!

Happy Birthdays to **Gene Hall** (9/12), **David Leighty** (9/15), and **Barbara Halterman** (9/23)! And

Happy Anniversary Wishes to **Tom & Peg Cannata** on Sept. 10th with 42 years, and **Orlin & Bonnie Taylor** on Sept. 26th with 56 years! *Congrats to all of you!*

Calendar:

1st Wed. of the Month – Luncheon meeting at the Golden Corral, 2323 S. Semoran Blvd. (just south of CurryFord Road) at 12:30 pm.

October 7 – Luncheon Meeting

November 4 – Luncheon Meeting

December 2 – Christmas Luncheon

Favorite Restaurant Dinner Nights are held (usually) on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Location varies but the time is always 4:30pm. Email me if you'd like to join us!

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

PELICAN DROP-INS

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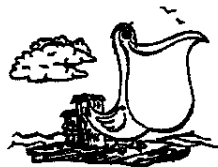
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Our last breakfast meeting of the summer was held at Perkins Restaurant in North Fort Myers on September 4th. There were four pilots, **Mel Volz**, **Sally Sciple**, **Bea McCarthy** and **John Dainus**, at the breakfast. There were lots of talk about flying and all kinds of different airplanes.

Altogether there were ten for breakfast including Petra Sciple from Germany, who was a guest and niece of **Sally Sciple**. It was a great get together with good company, good food and great conversation. **Bea McCarthy** came with **Joan Gilkison** from Punta Gorda; **Mel & Linda Volz** also came from Punta Gorda. **Tom & Marilyn McNabb**, **John & Nancy Dainus** and **Sally Sciple** were all from Fort Myers.

Next month the meetings for the winter season will resume at lovely Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club with lunch and a speaker. If any **United Airlines** employees or retirees are in town please call and join us for lunch on Friday, October 2nd.

Calendar:

1st Friday of the month:

Luncheon meeting at: Sabal Springs Golf and Racquet Club (**October-May**)

Breakfast meeting at Perkins Restaurant, North Ft. Myers (**June-September**)

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Our first meeting after having the summer off was attended by 14 members and that is good for us since some of our members are still away until later in the year.

Well, you just had to see the shirt **Al Popek** was wearing and the nice tote bag that **Janice Popek** was sporting. When the group went to Berlin the end of July, that is **Paul & Diane Liebisch**, **Barbara Dodendoff** and **Al & Janice Popek**; Paul & Diane's friend Thomas Merz went on a shopping trip and presented Al & Janice with the gifts bearing the United Logo. Now this was not a small feat and Thomas went to great lengths to design the logo and have it printed of the items; needless to say, they made a big hit with our group. Thomas was going to come back to Florida with them but he is going to have to make the trip on October 8 with a friend by the name of Tina, we all look forward to seeing them. Now if you think that was the only addition they made while in Berlin, get this: Paul disappeared while they were on a shopping trip one afternoon, and returned to the group with a diamond stud earring in his ear lobe. Now if you don't think everyone in his family and his children were surprised and said "Dad is really getting hip these days", but I made him promise he wouldn't grow a pony tail with a bow!

Diane Brodis and a friend made a trip to Colorado in July and had a wonderful time.

When **Constantinos & Celina Xifaras** went to Greece in February, they were met at the airport in Greece by an army of his classmates from High School, most of whom he hadn't seen in 52 years. Yes, you read that right 52 years. The High School class also arranged 2 dinner celebrations, one for just the men and the other for he and Celina. When they returned on May 25 to Florida, Celina had a heart attack in May 27, but is doing fine and she looks as beautiful as ever.

Paul & Diane Liebisch, **Artie & Judy Frage** and **Barbara Dodenhoff** are leaving for Maui, Hawaii September 23. Now life is just grand to be able to go on all these vacations!

Al wanted to remind everyone that our yearly dues of \$6.00 is due, so if you can't make a meeting for whatever reason, please mail a check to Diane so you can be a member in good standing.

A discussion was on the topic of going to visit another chapter of retirees but we will finalize our plans at our October meeting so keep tuned, we will of course have to alert the other chapter that we will be going to visit them. Also at our next meeting, we will finalize our Christmas Party plans.

On a sad note, **Marge Nehls**, Bill's wife, passed away in early August. Our heartfelt condolences to him and his family.

Also a dear friend of mine from NYCRR, having retired from HPNOZ, passed away on May 30, her name was **Mary O'Prey**. Unfortunately, she didn't live to see her daughter Maureen give birth a week ago to her second son. And for those you who remember **Bill Dratch**, also from NYCRR, he passed away the end of August. My dear Mother use to say if you live long enough, your circle of family and friends shrink smaller and smaller, how very true. Mary and I were in the same interview class and hired the same day at NYCRR and I will always remember the good times we had together and joking about our work schedule. I remember one day when we were checking our work schedule, and how excited we were when we saw we had off a different mid week days off, instead of Tuesday and Wednesday, we were scheduled off Wednesday and Thursday. We just looked at each other and started laughing at how silly we were, what fun! Those were great days to remember.

After our usual fabulous lunch, with lots of chatter, Al adjourned our meeting until next month. We all have just a wonderful time together that it is almost a shame we don't meet in the summer!

Chris Taylor could not make the meeting since she was under the weather and **Mari Hirjak** also could not come to the meeting since she had surgery on her knee. Get well wishes to both from all of us.

This time, the 50/50 was won by **Artie Frage** and guess who won the progressive? ME! I was so excited, I couldn't believe I had actually won something, since I never win anything, and to think that we all thought **Frank & Jane Wise** would win since they were in attendance. Better luck next time! I always said if there were 100 tickets sold and I purchased 99 of them I still wouldn't win but perhaps my luck is changing, let's hope so!

Till me meet again, stay well and laugh, if you are in the area join us and have some fun with us.

On the lighter side:

- ☺ *A cat has 32 muscles in each ear!*
- ☺ *A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue!*
- ☺ *A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes!*
- ☺ *A snail can sleep for three years!*
- ☺ *Almonds are a member of the peach family!*
- ☺ *An Ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain!*

- ☺ *Butterflies taste with their feet!*
- ☺ *Babies are born without knee caps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age!*
- ☺ *Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, dogs only have about 10!*
- ☺ *Dreamt is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt"!*
- ☺ *If you are an average American, in your whole life, you will spend an average of 6 months waiting at red lights!*
- ☺ *It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open!*
- ☺ *Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors!*
- ☺ *Peanuts are one of the ingredients of Dynamite!*
- ☺ *Rubber band last longer when refrigerated!*
- ☺ *There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar!*
- ☺ *Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur!*
- ☺ *I can only please one person per day! Today, is not your day! Tomorrow doesn't look too good either!*

Calendar:

October 6 - Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30PM - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL

November 3 - Luncheon/Meeting, 12:30PM - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL

December 1 - Christmas Dinner Party, 6PM - Toys for Tots - Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, FL.

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DIXIE FLYERS

Thirty Flyers showed up for lunch at the I-Hop Restaurant on September 2. Most of our regulars are back from travel and vacation trips. We were all glad to see **Ron Heider** out and about once again after spending time in the hospital on the sick list. **Fred Cron**, our honorary historian, is back from his trip at the National Military Jeep Convention in Evansville, Indiana and brought some pictures of the LST ship that was built by Dravo Corp. and launched in Pittsburgh during the Second World War. He had a friend who served on the ship during the war and had an informative article to go with the pictures. Fred along with the assistance of **Bogie Wallace** ran our 50/50. **Bobbie Foles** drew the winning number held by **Eva Mace**. Way to go Eva!

Sandy Lis reported that she had attended a memo-

rial service on August 30, 2009 for **Rona Crotty** who passed away on August 27, 2009. Rona was a former Flyer who worked and retired in Atlanta. A memorial service was held at The Roswell Funeral Home in Roswell, Georgia. **Bill Bowling's** brother, Paul A. Bowling, age 70 lost his battle with leukemia and passed away on August 11, 2009. Our hearts and prayers go out to their families and friends. For those who know **Frank George**, Frank had been hospitalized with serious health issues after surgery but is expected to make a full recovery. Also **Don Shelley** reports that **Carlos Terrell** who worked in Atlanta and Tampa has been on the sick list recently and is awaiting tests results on his condition. We all hope for a speedy recovery for both.

On a brighter note, **Elmer Koldoff**, retired Atlanta Maintenance Supervisor, will be receiving on September 19, 2009 the prestigious Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award. This award is given by the FAA to select mechanics that have been licensed for at least 50 years and meet standards of excellence in work and character. The award is in the form of a certificate and lapel pin. The name of the recipient will be placed on a "Roll of Honor" and placed in a prominent place in the Washington DC, Federal Aviation Building as well as the Smithsonian. Elmer is presently active with The Commemorative Air Force Group located at Falcon Field in Peachtree City. Congratulations Elmer for a long and honored career!

Calendar:

October 7 – 12:00 Noon, lunch at the I-Hop Restaurant, Fayetteville, GA.

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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Our September meeting was held on Sept. 7th, Labor Day. Today, we held our Annual Memorial Picnic to honor those who have passed before us. This was a very special Memorial Picnic since we lost two of our members in August, **Bill Heath** and **Wayne Duvall**. **Bill Heath** passed away on August 14, 2009 and **Wayne Duvall** passed away on August 24, 2009.

Carol & Dave Adams organized our Annual Memorial Picnic held at Cassia Park in Boise, Idaho. Twenty-five members and guests attended the potluck luncheon. Dave conducted a remembrance ceremony and everyone added their memories of old times with Bill and Wayne at United.

Bill Heath's family held a Celebration of his life on September 1, with many Boise Gems in attendance. A large group of Boise Gems also attended Wayne's graveside services on August 28.

Calendar:

October 5 - Breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 2 - Breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

Dec. 7 - Breakfast at JB's in Meridian, 9:00 a.m.

ILLINOIS

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All sorts of celebrations happened this summer: **Helen Stefanos** was surprised with a birthday party at Jamesons by her children from Florida and a crowd of local relatives. One special couple, **Dorothy & Clayton Barto**, who had to leave the area and move to an assisted living home in Kankakee, IL, celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary. I haven't heard of anyone who has beaten that.

Reunions galore: **Gil Wojtal** will be attending his 50th Culver-Stockton Colleges reunion in Canton, MO. **Jan Gawenda** also has a 50th high school reunion from St. Francis Academy in Joliet, IL, in September. Summer school also allowed **Don Wilson** a chance to have a breakfast with us again. The longest trip for a 55th class reunion of Lanai High went to **Tina Acoba** in July who had a one-day visit with her sister in Los Angeles in August. It proves that there are still a few empty seats.

Del Carlson just returned home from the hospital and is doing well. A card to 2222 S. Goebert Rd., #36, Arlington Heights, IL, 60005 could speed her recovery.

A former Chicago resident, California chapter associate member, **Henry Pietrzak**, died and a Memorial Mass was held on August 29th in Westchester, IL. He was the husband of deceased employee **Eileen Pietrzak** in EXO.

Bob & Carol Faust went up in the Colorado clouds again this July. They climbed another "fourteener", Mt. Lincoln, 14,286 feet. They plan one more next year before retiring.

We were advised that we have a 926 Swallow airplane at Wittman Field in Oshkosh, WI, that is in United's original markings. How old is that?

The Southside group had 26 doing breakfast. **Bill Brookins** finally brought his wife, **Gwen**, and we had three new attendees: **Lenore Day** and **Nancy Bandyk**, both from ORDFF. Also joining us was **Michael**

Fuschetto from ORDFF, EWRFF, and NYCRR.

The winnings that day went to **Marge Caliendo, Margaret Schmitt, Bill Adams, and Sylvester Gant.**

Calendar

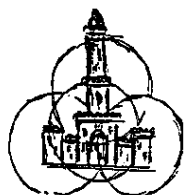
Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant (**October 27 & November 24**) at 9:30 a.m., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, IL.

Northsiders Breakfast – Artemis Restaurant (**October 14 & November 11**) at 9:00 a.m. Golf & Busse Hwy., Mt. Prospect, IL.

Food depository - First Tuesday (**October 6 & November 3**).

October 21 - Fall Luncheon at the Seville, 700 Barrington Rd., Streamwood, IL.

December 7 - Christmas Luncheon at the Avalon, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove Village, IL.



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L to R: Ray Potsic, Kay McClure, Phyllis Potsic, Mary Szabo, Norm Pearson, Lillian Mallstrom.
Jay Pritzker Pavilion - Millennium Park

On August 5th, six retirees attended the afternoon rehearsal concert at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. The music was by Mendelssohn and Haydn with the highlight of the program being the famous Schumann Piano Concerto in A Minor with soloist Ingrid Fliter, recipient of many awards having performed all over the world. Her rendition was brilliant and was enjoyed by **Mary Szabo, Norm Pearson, Kay McClure, Phyllis & Ray Potsic** and yours truly. The day was perfect with a cool breeze coming in from the

lake to make listening to the music very pleasant.

After the concert, we all walked over to investigate the newest attraction in the park which is a dramatic display of structure, space and light which was built by Zaha Hadid to celebrate Burnham's Centennial Plan. It is being called 'The Pavilion' or 'The Conch' and will only be here until Oct. 31st.

Then it was time for lunch at the outdoor restaurant "Park Grill" which was very busy but service was attentive along with separate checks.

On August 14th, a return for the last concert of the season at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion was made by four (Mary, Norm, Kay, Lillian) of the group that attended the concert the week before.

This program was Beethoven's 9th Symphony with Ode to Joy Choral Finale. This powerful work was performed by the Grant Park Orchestra and 100 member chorus plus 4 renowned soloists.

It was a beautiful summer day with a breeze from the lake with some Air Force Thunderbirds flying overhead as they practiced for the Air and Water Show over Lake Michigan.

These Millennium Park Music Festival Concerts are very popular with free classical music presented outdoors for 10 weeks during the summer season. They are held in the Jay Pritzker Pavilion which was designed by Frank Gehry so the acoustics are superb and the architecture and sculpture spectacular. This state of the art sound system, the first of its kind in the country, was designed to mimic the acoustics of an indoor concert hall. We in Chicago are very fortunate to have this beautiful venue to enjoy.

Calendar

September 16 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant), 11:30 a.m.

October – No Luncheon Scheduled

November 18 – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State & Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

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INDY RACERS

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It has been a relatively quiet month, so not much news to report. The beginning of September, Labor Day weekend actually, and already, the leaves of some of the

trees can be seen drifting to the ground with a hint of fall colors highlighting others. Hopefully, this will not be a cold winter, our summer was great.

Approximately twelve Indy Racer members are planning to attend the Beef and Boards production of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" on September 16. **Elly Barnett** has successfully co-coordinated this activity. Thanks Elly. Elly and Bud took a weekend trip to Chicago to visit Bud's sister.

Cheri & Ron Innis drove their son Scott who has been staying with them while recovering from an arm injury to St Louis. He returned back to Indy to enjoy the NHRA races with them at ORP this weekend.

I'm looking forward to driving to northern Pennsylvania later this month to a little lake called Canadohta. Located about 28 miles south of Erie, the lake is only about a mile long and is tucked into a quiet valley surrounded by rolling hills. It is beautiful in the fall, and a well kept secret in northwestern PA.

Calendar:

October 12 - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Rd., Avon, IN (Rt. 36). Room available from 2 P.M., meeting at 3 P.M.

November 9 - IHOP, 10143 Rockville Rd., Avon, IN (Rt. 36). Room available from 2PM, meeting at 3PM.

December - Christmas Dinner - TBA. No regular meeting this month.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easter's ninth annual picnic took place on August 18 at the home of our Pres. **Carleen Eddy**. Great spot! So close but seemingly at the end of the world.

We had 48 members and guests present on a perfect New England summer Day. Good to see **Marie Dwyer**, whom we haven't seen for a year. She came with her two daughters and four grandchildren. **Frank & Janet DeStefano** also brought their two grand kids. So, the swimming pool had plenty of bobbing children, unusual for our group! First timers and new members, **Mark & Theresa Hutchings** advised how enjoyable it was to meet with old friends, not at a work atmosphere. Once again, a special thanks to **Bruce Eddy**, chef and trash collector. And I must say that it had to be an exceptionally hot job over the grill this summer day! Yet, Bruce

would cook to your specification.

Our 50/50 was won by **Bill Betters**. Free lunches were won by **Jimmy Yip** and **Bill Rodenhizer**. Our white elephant sale produced many happy winners also.

Don & Joan Simard were an added bonus to our picnic. Don's medical treatments, which will include a period of isolation was moved back a month, thus his presence, thank God! Don did his normal great job as auctioneer for the white elephant sale. Again, the sale provided more funds to the treasury than the 50/50.

We will be losing two very active Nor'Easters soon. **Paul & Mary Ward** will be moving to Naples, FL permanently and summer birding to New England. Just the opposite of what they had been doing. Our loss could be another chapter's gain. They are still trying to sell their home in Methuen, MA with an in-law apartment. Anyone out there interested?

I talked with **Bob Wilson** who doesn't get out much. He was talking about two grandchildren, both graduates of Phillip Exter Academy in NH. Phillip is now a junior at Tufts majoring in chemical engineering. Paige, a 2009 graduate, voted MVP in basketball and led her rowing crew to 1st place in their class division. Although offered an athletic scholarship, she opted for an academic scholarship to Carnegie Mellon. Bob says there is no greater joy for a grand parent than to brag about his grandchildren. I believe him!

Marie Dwyer advised her group, Bill's Believers, in memory of her husband, Bill, raised another four thousand dollars at this year's cancer walk for NSMC, North Shore Medical Center of Salem MA. You can still donate, send a check to NSMC and mail to Marie Dwyer, 21 Humphrey St. Wakefield, MA 01880.

I got to talk with **Mercedes Hersom** who has been in bed since July 14 with a c-dif infection, which is contagious. She advises she lost 20 pounds, but has been able to eat for the past three days. She feels she may be turning the corner to better health. She is grateful and thanks every one who sent cards, as it was also her only contact with the outside world.

Tony Berardi has a two month break from chemo and is currently in the Sierras in northern CA. He flew first class BOS LAX, something not seen in some time. He is going on to Arnold, CA where his niece operates an Italian restaurant, Sarafinas. Says the food is worth the trip!

Ed Burke is home from his knee surgery, but advises the therapy has been tough. He has a problem getting in and out of vehicles. Hang in there Ed!

In the July Newsletter, I inquired if anyone out there knew of the whereabouts of **Jimmy Sawyer**. Well someone did! The info was passed on and Jim e-mailed me. See, our Newsletter offers more than we think!

Also, via our Newsletter, I began conversing with **Bill Heath**, my counterpart in BOI for the Boise Gems.

I never met Bill, but we had a lot in common besides UAL. He published a daily newsletter, the Idaho Update and even prepared his own obituary. Bill passed away in August at the age of 90. Although I never met him, I will miss Bill.

Another acquaintance thru our Newsletter, **Uel So-ward**, living with son and daughter-in-law. Uel is planning his 100th birthday. I'll be driving to that celebration!

Sad to advise of the passing of **Don Simard's** mother in August. She was 101 years young.

October's birthdays: **Pat Austin, Robert Boyle, Ed Burke, John DeYoung, John Lagadinos and William Swift.**

Octobers anniversaries: **Tony & Delores Berardi** (52 years), **Jack & Nancy Casey** (27), **Mark & Barbara Domurat** (29), **Lee & Sid Loyn** (42), **Paul & Eileen O'Mara** (26), **Bob & Helen Wilson** (56), and **Jim & Sue Yip** (43).

MICHIGAN

GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Sept 3rd. 19 Escapees and 2 guests gathered at P.F. Chang's China Bistro in Northville. We welcomed **Bonnie Fleming's** sister Nancy and **Louise Olsen**, guest of **Denice Thorsby**. Louise and Denice are both new retirees this year. We also welcomed **Audrey & Bud Beebe** for the first time this year plus **Glenys & Rick Byrnes** for the first time ever. **Marcie Vance** will be off to China soon. I believe she must be the winner for the most traveled person since retirement last year; it seems she is always on the go. I also believe we have broken a record for a restaurant meeting, we met at the 1130 hour and most everyone was still around chatting at the 1500 hour, and P.F. Changs still hadn't thrown us all out.

Another chance to reacquaint with the past will be Oct 21st. from 1000 – 1400 when DTWRR will be hosting a "Retiree Day". If you are interested, please RSVP to me @ (313) 534-0065 or @ marie-cook@sbcglobal.net no later than Oct. 15. Light snacks and coffee will be served and I also heard an office tour might be on the agenda. They would also like you to provide the years of service at UAL (i.e., John Doe, 1968-1999).

Once again, our love and prayers to **Marlene Heaney** on the loss of her sister, 28160 Tremonte Drive,

New Hudson, MI 48165. **Gwen Dyc** heard from **Helen McLaughlin** who has been under chemo from ovarian cancer. Helen could use our love and prayers, 2018 Townhouse Lane, Hueytown, AL 35023-2366.

Some good news from **Barb Miller**. Hubby Dennis is feeling fantastic and Barb claims she is almost back to normal since her surgery. She is even out back riding her bike again which she missed very much, plus she has lost 30 lbs and Dennis lost 50 lbs. due to trying to eat more healthy and exercise, each and every day. Cheers & encouragement to Barb @ 10888 Kolb, Allen Park, MI 48101-1182.

Calendar

First Thursday of the month, location varies, please call or e-mail.

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The annual picnic on August 12 was a huge success! **Fred & Rita Stang** outdid themselves in so many ways, but especially for ordering up such a beautiful day. The food was outstanding & of course, the company was delightful.

Approximately 50 Northern Lites attended & we were pleased to be able to visit with some we hadn't seen in quite a while. **Al Gunderson** had trailered his pontoon boat to the lake from his place & he and **Fred** both provided boat rides for anyone wishing to tour the lake. We were once again treated to samples of the wines from **Lyle & Sonia Gunderson's** prize-winning cellars. The highlight of the day was the opening of the White Elephant gifts. Everyone received someone else's "treasure" in a brown paper bag. Some were hilarious!

We were happy to see **Jack Spalding** and were disappointed that **Carol** didn't feel well enough to attend. **Lenny & Ginnie Tousignant** were there & even though the "Little Guy" is becoming a Bionic Man, what with knee & hip replacements, he's just as upbeat & outrageous as ever. It was fun to spend some time again with **Wayne & Karen Cole, Chuck & JoAnn Eichacker & JoJo's Mom, Jean Betty Ahrens**. For those of you who weren't able to attend, you missed out on a really fun day & your absence was noted. Hopefully we will see your smiling faces again soon.

Not much business was done (except funny busi-

ness, of course!), so it's a short one this month.

We are saddened by the death of **Don O'Brien**, former Lead Ramp Serviceman at MSP. Although we didn't see much of him after his retirement, the contact we had with him during our working years together gave us a strong affection & admiration for him. He'll be missed.

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

NEBRASKA

GOLDEN'EARS

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There were 48 who enjoyed our outing at Lake Manawa Fish & Game hosted by **Larry & Sharon Farrell**. It was quite a surprise to see **Hilde & Dick Schwan**. Dick had such a good report that his tumor had shrunk 48%. He goes back September 25 and hopefully the doctors will shrink the other 42% so he can be free of cancer.

I noted in the Omaha World-Herald, July 14 Edition, that **Art Storz** passed away, I know that many of you knew him, especially the late **Dick Deaver**. They called him the lovable eccentric who was in the shadow of a highly successful and prominent family – namely the Storz Brewing Company.

Roger Grandgenett, Las Vegas, notified us of the death of **Wendell Waterman**, age 71, on July 8. He lived in Persia, Iowa. Wendell was a ticket and passenger agent with UAL from 1959-1971. His service was held at the Logan Memorial Chapel on July 13.

Charlie Cromling called and said his house had been sold and he is moving in with his daughter and family. His new address is 5870 Clearwater Dr., Ft. Calhoun, NE 68023. He will advise us when he gets his phone installed.

Clara Deaver has stopped all medication for her cancer and is with her son, Larry, and his wife who live at Beaver Lake south of Offutt. Cards may be sent to Clara's home address 915 N. 122nd St., Omaha, NE 68154

Our column of more UAL members deceased or **hopefully still alive and well**. Do you remember? **Carl Smith, Bill Zoller, David Letts, Mary Ann Harris, Ed Brown, Roberta McLaughlin, Harold Rowe, LaVonnia Overfield, Chet Overfield, and Jake Hutchinson.**

The following is a note I received from **Louis**

Kinkead. He, no doubt, reads about the Omaha Golden'ears through the RUAEA Newsletter. Louis Kinkead of Walnut Creek, CA writes: *"I came home from China in late 1945 and started in Omaha in April 1946 on midnight shift working with **Ron Bertacini's** dad and **Dick Deaver**. Reservations was on second floor of terminal with cards on an electric track. Pastry Chef came in very early a.m. and his day started making sweet rolls for morning flights. 1946 we had DC4 and 3. Soon we had B720 and DC8, Caravelle, etc. Remember **C. Cromling, Steuri, Deats and Glover**. All wonderful people. We are still in contact with Clara Deaver – lived next door to them. Good old days, Louis Kinkead - Retired 1986."* Thank you, Louis.

Calendar:

October 6 - Sons of Italy – Hosted by **Gary Procopio & Linda**

November 3 - Bohemian Café – Hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

December 1 - Anthony's, Christmas Party – Hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

NEVADA

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Our next luncheon meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th; 11:30 am at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd. Las Vegas, (702) 258-5200.

The August Meeting notes were taken by **Eleanor Vasko**: There were 30 members at the meeting and no visitors. We had London Broil, roasted potatoes and sherbet.

We started with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President **John Albert**.

Eleanor Vasko gave the Good & Welfare report: **Koji & Carrie Takeuchi** just returned after 2 week trip to Africa. **Willie Bullinger** is now cancer free after treatments.

Good to see **Alex & Susie Gaines** back. Susie had surgery for colon cancer in January, now fully recovered and cancer free. **Mary Lou Littlefield** is doing much better and it was great to see her at the luncheon.

Ingeborg Levi gave all a good laugh about a pastor and donkey joke.

Felix Cicco took care of the 50/50 Raffle.

The speaker, Dentist, did not show.

Thank you, Eleanor, for this nice report which you took care of while I enjoyed a nice week in Kauai.

For the October luncheon we'll have Chicken Cordon Bleu with all that goes with it.

Please let us know if you are interested in taking the office of President, Secretary and/or Treasurer (all positions are for 2 years). We would appreciate your volunteering for any of those posts. Also, if you have some ideas that you would like to implement while you are an officer of our Chapter, try it.

Just to make things clear, our meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month starting with the month of February.

For interesting hobbies of our members, we have **Robert Levi** who is an avid stamp collector, Philatelist, any questions you might have of him, please come to the October meeting and get to know him.

Our Treasurer **Winnie Stone** is also the treasurer of the Las Vegas German Club, they have annual dances with Oom pah Music bands and folklore dance groups for entertainment; also, German style meals and let's not forget the beers. Oktoberfest is this month.

Our Hoover Dam bypass bridge to Arizona closed the Pass gap and will be finished in 2010 some time. For a Photo Album of the construction phases, go to www.hooverdambypass.org/Const_PhotoAlbum.htm.

Calendar:

October 13 - 11:30 am

December 8 - 11:30 am - The Christmas Party.

February 9 - 11:30 am

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were approximately 70 attendees at our August picnic at Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe including about 30 or so from the Sacramento Gold Diggers, including a guest contingent from Utah. We also had many other guests. Our current Executive Vice President **Ron Bertacini** and his wife **Barbara** were also in attendance. We also had Mr. & Mrs. **Moon** who traveled all the way from Scottsdale, AZ to attend our picnic (and probably escape the heat). Also attending from Arizona, was **Bob Hallden**, who belongs to several retiree chapters.

The weather was beautiful and the company was great. Thank you to everyone for bringing such delicious food to share – everything was wonderful. The selection of side dishes was great and someone asked if

we had the recipes for all the great salads. Maybe next year.

As always, our chefs – **Duncan Scaife** and **Joe Robinson** – did a great job. **Joe** really knows how to use that lighter fluid! Thanks also to the **Jim & Ethel Meeks** who were on hand early to help out, as well as a Sacramento couple whose name I failed to obtain. Once again, thanks to all for volunteering & doing such a great job!

Thanks also to **Kathy Robinson** for helping to gather everything together. Thanks also to **Mary** for saving so much extra, re-useable supplies. That helps our budget so much.

The 50/50 winner was **Karl Stammitz** from the Sacramento Gold Diggers. The winnings surely covered his gas bill. Congratulations! We had on hand many donated gifts which were won by: **Ann Batty**, RNO; **Arlene Taylor**, guest; **Ron Bertacini**, RUAEA VP; **Velma Stough**, SMF; **Jim Compton**, RNO; **Pat Gates**, guest; **Duncan Thompson**, RNO; and **Jim Wagner**, RNO. Please forgive me if I got your name spelled wrong – too much sun or something!

That was fun – hope to see you all again next year!

NEW JERSEY

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The Gardenstaters had their annual picnic on August 26th at Merrill Park in Colonia, NJ. The weather couldn't have been better, the sun was out and a breeze was playing around.

It's good to see some members at the meeting whom we haven't seen at in a while. Our food was catered and this year in addition to the usual, we had barbecued chicken. Wow did we eat, everything was delicious and so was dessert, baked by our own members. Bingo was played with great prizes. Our president **Dick Confer** did a great job as usual. Our next meeting will be September 30th.

Calendar:

September 30 - Meeting



NEW YORK

NEW YORK METROS

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We are now back at the Millerridge Inn for our monthly meetings after a successful "Day at the Races" at Belmont Race Track in July. In August, we had our annual picnic at Wantagh Town Park. Another great day!

Anniversary greetings go to **John & Laura Muller** (54 years on Sept 3); **Janet & Elwin Vancleemput** said their "I Do's" on Sept. 28th, 1958; **Ruth & Elliot Olenick** (61 years on Sept 25). Best Wishes to all and many more years together.

Happy Birthday to: **Diana Arena**, she'll celebrate her 89th Birthday on Sept. 20th. The popular song in 1920 was "When my baby smiles at me". **Charlie Kaczinski** on Sept. 19th, 1923; his folks were singing "That Old Gang of Mine". **John Modugno's** birthday on Sept 6, in 1927, Sophie Tucker was singing "Fifty Million Frenchmen Can't Be Wrong".

Fred Jones is suffering from terrible back pains and will be operated on soon. Because of an abscess tooth, Fred's surgery was postponed for over a month until that was taken care.

During the October meeting, we will be nominating people from the floor for President and Secretary of our chapter. **Jim Richardson** said that if he's nominated, he will run as President for another term. **Rose Schneider** feels it's time for someone else to take the step up and become recording Secretary. Her name will not be on the nominated list.

Also at the October meeting, Jim Richardson will be taking names for the Arthur Shepherd's Presidents Award. Think of someone in the chapter who would be worthy of receiving that award.

During the next three meetings, the Metros will be collecting toys & donations for Marathon School. Your generosity will be appreciated by those with special needs who attend that school.

Charlie Kaczinski spoke about big changes coming this autumn to United Airlines. Real Big changes!

Carol Maley-Davis and **Ron Weick** are taking off to their time share at the Von Trapp Lodge in Stow, Vermont for the long week-end. Then Carol is off to Hawaii for another time share on the "Aloha State. Bon Voyage!

We have two new members, **Kathy Corrente**, a friend of **Dale Deuber** and the **Schneiders**, and a last minute guest at this month's luncheon, **Joe Brown**. Joe

worked at LGA as an aircraft fueler before he retired. Welcome Kathy and Joe!

Pat Gilson called to advise the chapter that she received the insurance check from United Air Lines on the death of her husband Bob. Bob worked as an aircraft mechanic at JFK. United & the mechanic's union agreed on a life insurance policy for its members. With the help of **Felix Ticci**, Pat finally received a check. Thanks Felix for a job well done!

Calendar:

Oct. 7 - 12 noon at Millerridge Inn

Nov. 4 - 12 noon at Millerridge Inn

Dec. 2 - Christmas Luncheon

NORTHWOODS

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LOONIES



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Final notice for the fall meeting of the Northwoods Loonies! The gathering of Loonies is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th through Friday morning, October 9th. The meeting will be held in Ludington, Michigan on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. Hosts for the event will be **Mike & Carol Buechin**.

The theme of this semi-annual Loonie get-together is "**Down On The Farm in 2009**" to give you a sense of farm life in the 21st century as well as to give you a peek of how it used to be.

It is always a good time when Loonies get together. If you are interested in a Midwest adventure in the fall, give **Mike Buechin** a call at (231) 843-4470 or send an E-mail.

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On September 9th fifty some people gathered at Grand Pacific Hotel in Olmsted Falls for a breakfast meeting. Attendance is down, but Buckeyes are busy traveling, gathering with family members etc. Look forward to seeing them all in the fall.

Carol announced to the attending members that effective Jan. 1, 2010 that **Sharon Minelli**, Vice President and Secretary **Sharon Garrah** will no longer hold these positions. It is with great sadness that I have decided to resign. So, put on your thinking caps and decide whom you would like as your next Vice President and Secretary. It really is such a great way to get to know your fellow Buckeyes.

Bernie and I are unable to attend the Sept. luncheon, but we are both looking forward to next month's trip to Shanksville, PA. I wish more people had been able to take this trip.

I received an email from **Joe Moses** and **John Tauscher** that member **Walter E. Zavada** passed away in Aug. He was buried on August 26th. Cards of condolence can be sent to his widow **Mary**, at 13016 Highlandview Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135-1613. Keep his family in your prayers.

Calendar:

October 8 - Flight 93 Memorial, Shanksville, PA.

November 4 - Williams On-The-Lake, 787 Lafayette Rd., Medina, OH, pre-paid.

December - Stancato's Italian Restaurant, 7380 State Rd., Parma, OH, pre-paid.

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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It seems like only yesterday we were thinking summer is here and lo and behold autumn is upon us. This is a beautiful time of year, so enjoy it while you can. There isn't too much to report this month.

There were 71 at our August meeting. **Jack Hooper** reported on the convention in PHX and also asked volunteers for the travel desk. Please contact **Tina Lewis** if you are interested at (503) 287-2546.

Our condolences go out to **Jack Starks** on the death of his wife **Ann**. Jack was a Pan-Am employee who joined our Dew-er's group. I was at her memorial service and what a surprise to see **Rance Ishibashi**. Rance knew Jack from Hawaii and brought condolences from the Pan-Am retirees in Honolulu.

Rance is scheduled to undergo a bone marrow transplant later this month. I know our prayers and best wishes go out to him and his family for a successful surgery.

It was announced at the meeting that **Pat Payne** is

currently undergoing chemotherapy for cancer. Please keep her in your prayers. **Marilyn Woods** was in the hospital last month for a heart condition and had a pace maker installed. She has undergone many bouts with arrhythmia and hopefully having the pace maker put in will be the end of her problem.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon/Wed/Fri (503) 249-4142 and (503) 249-4143 for the PDX area. Calls from outside our (503) area code please use 1-888-278-7038. They can assist you with listing and load information.

Calendar:

Meetings at Refectory Restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland OR 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM

October 14 - Ice Cream Social

November 11 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

December 9 - Christmas Event

OUR CLUB

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It is with great sadness that we had to say farewell to **Yvonne Vigil**. Yvonne passed away on August 24 at her home outside of Grants Pass. She is survived by husband **Lon Vigil**, a son, a daughter and six grandchildren. Both Lon and Yvonne worked for United in the SF Bay Area and retired to Grants Pass in 1989. Yvonne and Lon were among the founders of the OUR Club chapter of RUAEA in the late 1980s and both served the chapter as officers and active members through the years. Yvonne's caring heart, her spunk and her spirit will be greatly missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Jim and I were unable to attend the August OUR Club luncheon but were told that the monthly gathering at Eve's Café in the Applegate was enjoyed by all who came.

The annual OUR Club picnic is held on September 11. Again, **Steve & Cyndi Austin** hosted the picnic at their home near Rogue River, OR, and **Jack & Nancy Hooper** joined us from Washington State to give us all the latest on RUAEA National and United. It's a red letter day on the calendar.

Calendar:

October 2 - TBA – No host

November 6 - TBA - **Jim & Elaine Ellis**



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Happy Halloween! Wow, where has the summer gone? Baseball is almost over (Thank goodness) and now on to the Steelers.

The Pit-Stoppers officers met and discussed plans for our October luncheon and our annual Christmas Luncheon. We plan to honor our newest retiree **David Beatty**, RSM from PIT.

Our chapter suffered some untimely losses this past month. Our condolences go out to the family of **Paul Armstrong** who died last month. Paul was a Trainer along with the late **JoAnn Schneider** and myself. Peace with you my friend.

Our condolences and prayers go out to **June Weber** and family on the passing of her husband **John (Jake) Weber**. Jake had been ill for the past year and had worked in PITMM for 40 years. Cards can be sent to June Weber at 201 Green Vista Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

Daniel Hubbs, Lead Ramp Service man lost his battle with cancer last month. Dan had worked in ORD before returning to Pittsburgh. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and family. Cards can be sent to **Jeanne Hubbs** at 3760 Ridge Rd., Aliquippa, PA 15001.

The October luncheon will be held on Oct 9th at Café Jay in Dormont. This will be covered next month.

Cathy Matteson and **Charla McBride** will host the Golden Girls Fall Luncheon on Oct 22nd at a site to be announced.

Stay well and don't forget your Flu Shots

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We had a nice turn out for our breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on August 20th. **Ed Valente** was there and gave us an update on our Sept. lunch at Flatwater Grill and our trip to Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge. We all are looking forward to this tour.

We are glad to hear that **Mary Lou Barr** is out of the hospital after her fall. However, she will be returning to the hospital for kidney surgery. We also have talked to **Mary Gilbert**, she had a bad fall at her home and broke her ankle in two places. She is recovering at her daughter's home in Baltimore. And finally, **Betty Shipe** will be having her other knee replaced on Sept. 15th. We'll be keeping all of them in our prayers and hope they all have a quick recovery.

Calendar:

October 15 - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd. in West Knoxville. Take exit 274 off I40-75 south toward Kingston Pike for one block.

November 19 - Hosted by **Betty Shipe**, (865) 922-3858). Location and time to be announced. This is election year for officers! We need new Officers as your present officers want a break! Dues will also be due at this meeting (\$5/person or \$10/couple). If you can't make the meeting, you can make checks payable to **Mike Chapin** and mail them to him at 708 El Monte Circle, Knoxville, TN 37922.

December 17 - 9:30 Am - Breakfast at Shoney's Restaurant on Lovell Rd.

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On **Sept. 1**, 30 chapter Members met over coffee and donuts, served up on the Murray Heritage Center's breezy & shady veranda. Donuts were donated by **Clair & Judy Anderson** and **Frank Christenson**. Today, **Frank Murdock**, who had handled the coffee service since 1994, turned over these duties to Chapter VP, **Kip Lufkin**. Thanks to all of them!

Patrick Byrne celebrated his 75th birthday; our group signed a card and sang The Song for him. His good friend, **Mike "Kris Kringle" Brown** played the master of ceremony.

We welcomed **Hank & Mary Bons**; **Keith & Nancy Tronier**; **Tony Brown**; **Aletha Cannon** & daughter **Shirlene Kohnlein**; **Frank Zoun** - most of whom cannot come every time we meet.

As of Oct., **Pat Graves** & husband **Don** will again spend the cold winter months in sunny Yuma/AZ; we expect them back next April.

Former "AZ snowbird" **Aletha Cannon** accompanied her daughter **Shirlene Kohnlein**, and it was nice to visit with them. **Aletha's** granddaughter, beautiful

Kimberly Kohnlein (17), recently traveled to 7 European countries (which included cosmopolitan cities - like, LON & PAR) as a member of the "*Utah Ambassadors of Music*" Choir. She & 180 talented young people, with 30 of their parents, under the choir direction of Ms. **Leana Willmore** charmed their audiences. Congratulations, **Kimberly**!

During the past week, three of UAL's retirees have a lot to be proud - and our SLC chapter "connection" is **Zach Woolboy**, grandson of **Larry Christenson**, great-grandson of UAL retiree **Frank W. Christenson** and nephew of our SLC Chapter Treasurer, **Frank A. Christenson**. **Zack** had the honor of being part of the *Arlington National Cemetery Honor Guard* who carried **Senator Ted Kennedy's** casket to its final resting place. **Zach** is a member of the United States Navy and stationed at Arlington.

It was our great pleasure to welcome one of our longtime chapter Members, **Jerry Hugentobler**, who is well progressing toward good health after a severe stroke. All of us wish you full recovery, **Jerry**!

A tanned & fit-looking **Frank Zoun** mentioned that he & wife had just returned from exhilarating vacations to Honduras, Fiji, and other exotic places.

Bill Berg's daughter, **Tracey Jensen**, sent in an interesting item; she writes: "*On August 26, 2009, the Babe Ruth World Series was held at the Ken Price Stadium in Murray Park.*" **Tracey** continued in her e-mail that "... the World Series are played in different cities/states every year." And in this year's SLC event, **Bill Berg** was asked to throw out the ceremonial first pitch. In 2006, he was inducted into the *Utah Sports Hall of Fame*, mainly for officiating in baseball, basketball, and football - and this also included some AAA baseball teams. Congratulations, **Bill**!

We missed our regulars **Bill Ottman**; **Lorraine Olson**; **Shirley Scown**; **Maureen Seikaly**; **Lila Maughan**, & **Betty Davis**. We trust all is well with them.

As to this correspondent's description in her Aug. 2009 RUAEA report as regards "*the DC-10 desktop model*" donated to the UAHF by SLC's **Frank Christenson**, it should have included a severe warning. If you were to put this "*model*" onto your desk, it would have broken it into little pieces: The DC-10 is made of **plastic** or **fiberglass**, has dimensions of more than 7 ft. in length and just as much, or more, in its wing span! **UAHF President Tom Goodyear** laughed when he read the write-up - and this reporter stands corrected regarding the term "*desktop model*"!

Calendar

October 6 - Lunch, 2pm at Golden Corral, 7200 S., 700 East, SLC.

November 3 - Coffee Time, 10am - Murray Heritage Ctr., 10 E. 6150 S., SLC.

Dec. 1 - Christmas Dinner 12noon - Cornerstone Comm. Ctr., 10194 S. Cornerstone Dr., S. Jordan.

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The Blue Ridge Mountain Chapter met on August 12 at T-Bone Jacks Restaurant in Waynesboro, VA. The lunch was very good. We had 10 members, 3 guests and two new members, **Sally Mayer** and **Walter Eyles**. We missed the **Brittains**, **Westovers**, **Meadows**, **Sterretts**, **Eugenias** and **Constantinos**. Hope they will be with us next meeting.

At our meeting, **Bob Carter** gave us a review of all the news about current activities at United and the Mechanics Union of interest to our members.

President **Gene Calvert**, Vice President **George Fuller**, Secretary **Louise Fuller**, and Activity Chairman **John Rice**, announced their staff retirements. Nominations for new officers included **Tom Melgaard** for President, **Bob Carter** for Vice President, **Sally Mayer** for Secretary, **Walter Eyles** as Activity Chairman. **Milton Westover** remains as Treasurer.

We wish to thank the former officers and express our appreciation for all the work they have done since their organization of the Blue Ridge Chapter in 1997.

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We had a nice turnout on August 11th for our annual picnic at the home of **Jerry & Irene Opperman** in Kent. Although rain had been forecasted, it held off, and 68 of us enjoyed a very nice day visiting with each other outside, listening to good music and enjoying a delicious barbecue lunch. **Theo Sluys** and his son **Bob** were an accordion and bass guitar duo and played many old-time favorite songs and took requests from the members. Everyone enjoyed their music, and it helped set a nice tone for the day.

Everyone's favorite personality, **Maury Erben**, once again acted as our bartender and took good care of our needs. Our bar inventory was beefed up this year by generous contributions from **Hubert & Anita Malco**, which we appreciate.

Those who worked hard to plan and carry out the picnic are **Jerry & Irene Opperman, Herald & Phyllis Bowman, John & Mary Luke, Ann Fleming & Adelaide Haferbecker**.

Several attendees were recognized, including **Collette Cox** from Mossy Rock, WA, who with her husband **Ron** hosted the picnic for many years when they lived in Kent, past RUAEA national president **Jim Fauber** and his wife **Bonnie**, past national convention chairman **Bud Hubbard** and his wife **Lynn**, current national convention chairman **Hank Gosselin** and his guest **Carol Lucarelli** and RUAEA director for the Mountain Region **Chuck Cole** and his wife **Sharon**.

The door prize winners were **Marion Hafterson, Phyllis Mitchell, Dave Rippentrop, Anita Malco, Ernie Nelson, Phil Andersen, Mary Sluys, Dona Westpfahl, Noreen Krawczyk** and **Tom Lucas**. Our treasurer, **Helen Stanger**, won the 50/50 raffle. **Richard Devereux** sold the 50/50 tickets for us and **John Luke** handled the drawings.

Afterwards, everyone helped put the tables and chairs away and clean up, and this was a big help.

Edna Harris has been in touch with the couple who organizes the annual airline employee Christmas Party in Las Vegas and found out that due to the economic circumstances, the party will not be held this year. It was not held last year either, but they indicate that they are hopeful of resuming the tradition in 2010.

Marlene Nelson has agreed to take over from me as Sunshine Lady for our chapter to maintain contact with members who may be under the weather health-wise or who may have suffered the loss of a family member. I am pleased that Marlene has agreed to do this, and I know she will be great. While I enjoyed fulfilling this role over the years, I believe it is important for me to concentrate on my recovery from ankle surgery, which has limited my ability to get around.

Several of our members have been under the weather health-wise. **Mary Lou Barr** tripped over an electrical cord in their condo and fractured her left scapula, cracked a rib and fractured her L3 vertebra. She spent time in the ICU due to internal hemorrhaging and the fact that her kidneys were starting to shut down. Doctors stabilized her condition and she was released to a rehabilitation center to recuperate. Then it turned out that hospital tests revealed a tumor in her right kidney and surgery has been scheduled to remove the kidney. Her husband **Jerry** and daughters **Jaye** and **Melinda** have been spending time with her and report that Mary Lou is walking, although with pain, and generally doing

well. We're glad to learn that Mary Lou has apparently put the worst of it behind her. **Ed Clay** has returned home to his apartment from the skilled care facility he was in following his bad fall. Ed is continuing to deal with decreased eyesight due to macular degeneration and also a loss of hearing. He is hopeful of attending a chapter meeting soon. **Sidney Reed** has recovered well from her pelvic injury sustained in a fall but she has a knee that's been causing her pain and needs periodic draining. She anticipates that surgery will be needed to correct the problem. **Lyle Lindblad** is continuing to recover from his hip replacement surgery and is now using a cane rather than a walker. **Mary Weseman** is recovering from her pelvic injury in early May and has been using a walker. **Charlotte Rousso** is receiving nursing visits at home and is doing better. **Dick Waterous** was hospitalized with pneumonia and released from the hospital once his pulmonary condition was brought under control. We offer our best wishes to all the above members and hope to see them at a meeting soon.

Calendar:

October 13 – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

November 10 – Luncheon Meeting – Fairwood Golf & Country Club, Renton, WA

December – No Meeting

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All of us in Spokane want you to know we are alive and well. After 5 years I finally turned everything over to another member. Wouldn't you know he moved to the West side to be near his family. In the meantime, no one wrote a newsletter.

We did have our annual picnic hosted by **Bob & Edie Clark** and **Tom & Mary Sullivan** in Ione, WA on the beautiful Pend Oreille River. It was cooler than it had been on the day of the picnic but was most pleasant and such a treat to see so many of our retirees. **Les & Vera Graham, Frank & Willie Story, Kathy & Cal Shireman** and several other retirees attended.

Cal has been doing a battle with esophageal cancer. He was thinner but otherwise looked like he always did. His long term outlook is great and he is fortunate to have a long future to look forward to, as they caught it in the early stages.

Fran & Warren Smith planned on attending but

were under the weather. This getting old is not for sissies. We missed them just the same. We hope to see them at the next event.

Lance & I leave at 6 a.m. in the morning for Depot Bay, OR with some friends that Lance has known since he was 5 years old. The four of us have gone there for the past 5 plus years and this year are adding 3 days at Longbeach, WA. Depot Bay is approximately 525 miles from Spokane so it is a long drive.

Sad as it may be, our newer retirees from GEG do not seem interested in joining our chapter. The new people in our group are retirees that have moved to our area from other cities. It reminds me of the fraternal organizations that are fading away because of lack of new members, such as Elks, etc.

If our members will just call me and let me know what is happening in the Lilac City, I will do my best to get it in the newsletter. Lance & I are gone from Spokane at least 6 months of the year. It is a great way for retirees to keep in touch with old friends. We are so lucky; we have been retired 15 years, love every minute of it and have been blessed with relatively good health.

I look forward to good news for the Spokane Chapter in the coming months.

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Greetings from the Nation's Capital.

A welcome cool spell arrived at the end of August and has stayed with us. The temperature has stayed around 80 degrees in the daytime and about 60 degrees in the mornings. We still meet at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. No RSVP is needed! Chapter President **Linda Scriven** and this correspondent have tried to keep the interest up during the "dog days" of August! Come and join us. Some of our members have resumed traveling and **Jan (Revetta) Hooe** – IADCS and husband **Jim** flew to Rome in late May and spent 4 days sight-seeing, then it was off to board the MS "Solstice" of Celebrity Lines for a 10 day cruise to Greece and Turkey. Jan was particularly impressed with Santorini, Mykonos and Rhodes and Ephesus in Turkey.

Another retiree, **Pamela Hussey** - IADRR entertained her relatives from England with a fabulous trip to Yellowstone National Park, Grand Canyon and Las Vegas and many points in between! It was two weeks of sightseeing and traveling and everyone held up well in

the hot weather.

If you plan to visit the Washington DC area and you are here on the 2nd Wednesday, please give a call to this correspondent and we can arrange to host you at our monthly luncheon and help with sightseeing ideas.

Please continue to check www.dullesloungers.com for more news.

Calendar:

October 14 - Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109, 1230pm. Regular Lunch Meeting

November 11 - Golden Corral, 10801 Bulloch Dr., Manassas, VA 20109, 1230pm. Regular Lunch Meeting

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Clipped Wings® United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae and Flight Attendants, Inc. holds biennial conventions during the month of September in even-numbered years. The National officers hold office for two years. As our current fiscal year draws to a close, local chapters are beginning an exciting new year of activities. Our 2010 Convention Committee headed by **Mary Kay Doherty Dana** (OCC) has plans well underway for the Grand Ol' Convention in Nashville, September 22 – 26.

Our committee that is working with the Games Operating Committee (GOC) of the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games, July 16-25, 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska, is now gathering commitments for volunteers for that event. In addition to our tradition of hosting the reception for parents of the athletes, we will also be assisting with the Cessna Airlift. If you are interested in joining this volunteer effort, please contact **Rosalie Bettschart** (PDX) at swissrose@msn.com.

The passing of our friend Eunice Kennedy Shriver was very sad for the members of Clipped Wings®. We have known her well since our conception of the reception for the parents of Special Olympics in 1987. She was so grateful to us for creating this venue for her to be able to meet the families of the athletes in a comfortable setting. I'd like to share this statement by our National President **Pam Troutman Ziebarth**, "*The death of Eunice Kennedy Shriver was sadly felt across the world and especially in the Special Olympics family. Very few individuals in history have had the impact on as many lives as Eunice. The fact that these individuals have*

been among the most isolated, overlooked and oppressed citizens makes this accomplishment all the more profound. Eunice believed that every human being is precious and strove to make this country a more welcoming place for all. She will truly be missed and never forgotten."

The sales for the Clipped Wings® airplane scarf are still going strong. If you are interested in purchasing one either for yourself or for a gift, contact **Cheryl Mullins Jensen** (SMF) rjensen148@aol.com. Each scarf is \$20 plus \$2.00 shipping. Proceeds raised from the profits of the airplane scarves go to support Special Olympics.

As we begin our new year in Clipped Wings we encourage you to join those who are visiting our website. Please check us out at www.clippedwings.com. As the National Vice President, **Barbara Fisk Vincent** (SEA), I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at bvincentps@aol.com.



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To all United Airlines Retiree Golfers,

My name is **Paul Levan** and I am the new chairperson for the United Airlines Retirees Golf Tournament in Mesquite, Nevada starting in 2010. My assistant in 2010 will be **John Gregorie** who lives in Mesquite.

This year, the dates will be Sunday May 9th thru Friday May 14th for rooms at the Eureka Hotel at a rate of \$64.00 w/tax with golf on Monday at *Coral Canyon*, Tuesday at *Casa Blanca*, Wednesday at *Canyons* and Thursday at the *Palmer Golf Course*. You can play all four days or three days or two days or one day. We will also have a 9-hole option on any day except the Coral Canyon day.

Besides giving everyone a choice of how many days to play or stay with us in Mesquite, we will also have a poker night at Eureka on Monday night, a blackjack night on Tuesday at Eureka and a dinner on Wednesday night.

At this time, the Coral Canyon rate is \$99.00 + prizes, the Casa Blanca is \$70.00 + prizes, the Canyons is \$70.00 + prizes and the Palmer is \$80.00 + prizes.

If you spend all 5 days, room and golf the price would be approx. \$725.00; 4 days would be approx. \$605.00, 3 days would be \$370 and the last, is 2 days with the Palmer Golf at \$230.00. The 9-hole option

would be at the Casa on Tuesday and the Palms Golf Course on Wednesday and Thursday at \$50.00.

This is your tournament, so if you have any suggestions on how to make the golf outings more enjoyable, please let us know. We will need a count of those who are going to join us next year by January 2010 with a deposit by February 2010.

2010 Annual Benefits Enrollment is Coming!

Enrollment begins on October 28th and runs through November 18th. Enroll 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.ualretirees.com.

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Contact the United Benefits Service Center at 1-888-825-0188.

Your elections will be effective from January 1, 2010, through the end of the year, unless you have a qualified family status change. Watch your mail for additional details.

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions expressed are not necessarily the convictions of the organization.)

Maureen Williams, 9757 Valencia Dr., Desert Hot Spgs, CA 92240

Submitted by Eleanor Jones (former ReLaxer) and Martha Gooselaw

Maureen of the ReLaxers is turning 80 the first part of November. She is retired from LAXRR. She is very active with many different things. She would enjoy hearing from any of you that know or might remember her.

This all came about from a conversation the three of us had at the convention in Phoenix. In the April newsletter, Eleanor's daughter made a similar request for her 80th birthday. So we (Eleanor and Martha) thought Maureen might enjoy the same.

George Gemberling, PO Box 674, Copperopolis, CA 95228

Things are about the same up here in the gold country. Right now we are having a heat wave.

Temperatures have been over 100 for the past few days. It is good we don't have the humidity that other states have.

During our last couple of December meetings, our chapter has been donating money to local food banks, the Shrines', and others in need. I am very proud of our



members, when they are asked; they stand up and give donations to these associations. Our members represent 5 different counties here in the foothills and the San Joaquin Valley, Amador, Calaveras, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, and Tuolumne. The food banks in these counties are always in need and appreciate the donations.

Keep up the good work.

Morris Iverson, 2791 E. Avenida DePueblo, Tucson, AZ 85718-3162

I am sitting here at my desk, looking at the calendar and can't believe that it has been over 55 years since I hired on with "United" at the San Francisco airport.

There were 5 airlines back then, Pan-Am, TWA, American, Western and United. Each airline had a separate building for selling tickets and checking baggage. Then it was down a covered walkway to the 4 gates, we had back then. The planes were DC-3's, DC-4's and DC 6's. The DC-3's had 21 passenger seats and the DC-6's had 58, if my memory is correct.

Each day was an adventure because you never knew who you might see getting off or onto the planes. One day I saw Jimmy Durante; another time I saw Joey Brown.

Parts of movies were also filmed there, like the movie with John Wayne and Robert Stack called "The High and the Mighty".

Later we moved over to the new terminal and we had the Boeing Strato plane going to Hawaii with a lounge in the belly of it. Then of course, we had the DC-7 that could fly non-stop from San Francisco to New York, under 8 hours. This was a popular flight. One day I was working it when a cart full of fancy luggage came out and it was to be loaded upstairs on the shelves behind the cockpit. While I am loading the luggage onto the shelves, a lady came through. The captain got out of his seat and told her that she couldn't be up there, to go back to the cabin. She said, "I just wanted to see if my luggage was being loaded right!" Later we found out that she was Marlene Dietrich. Over the years, I saw a lot of actors, actresses and celebrities. Several of them have since passed on.

United also chartered flights for sports groups. Nixon once leased one of our Convairs when he was campaigning in California.

It was a very interesting job and we were also able to fly on United for a small fee. This gave my children a chance to travel and see different parts of the country. One time we flew to Boston and visited the church where the lantern was hung for Paul Revere's famous ride.

Well it is nice to have memories and I like to share them. If there are any old employees who remember the good old days, drop me a line. I love getting letters from people.

Raymond O'Shea, 19 Sutherland Ct., Highlands Ranch, CO 80130-3936

After 25 years of retirement from Flight OPS, I am still living on planet earth.

CIDP has shown its ugly face again and has slowed me down considerably, otherwise I have no complaints.

My thanks to the stalwarts who keep the newsletter flying.

May the good Lord take a liking to all of you.

James Russo, 500 Stonehaven Ave., Elk Grove Vlg, IL 60007-3538

ORDCS meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at TGIFridays at noon in Schaumburg, IL on Gold Road. Everyone is welcome.

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Wayne Sableman, 2822 S Ivan Way, Denver, CO 80227

I am enjoying my birthday this year. But I have my eye on the big one next year (100).

I read where the oldest man alive just died at the age of 113. So I am not too far behind; 99 has been fun.

The YMCA where I exercise had a party for me with Channel 9 TV in attendance. I was on the air and heard from many friends who saw the program.

I am still blessed with good health, for which I am grateful.

I really enjoyed the convention in Phoenix.

Sandra Shoemaker, 5986 Manorwood Dr., Centerville, VA 20120-1660

It is hard to believe another year has flown by. I do enjoy getting my RUAEA newsletter. The first thing I do is look for names of people I worked with in SFORR, SFOSS, LAXSS, DTWRR, and IADRR. My X worked in MRYOZ, so I look for those old friends as well.

I was sorry to hear of **David Browns** passing. David brought me into LAXSS.

I have lost touch with so many of my West Coast co-workers, so it is great to have any news of them.

I have not completely retired. I am now a sales associate for Aflac! I am considered self employed, so I can make my own hours. It is just enough to keep me out of trouble and to keep me out of my new husband's way (as he is retired). Remember me as Sandi Shoemaker (and for my west coast buddies, Sandi Jones).

Bill West, 148 Culebra, Moss Beach, CA 94038-9767, cabilli@aol.com

Wow! Another year is nearly gone already. It

seems like just yesterday I was writing a check for dues.

Thanks for the great job you all do putting together the newsletter each month. It is the first piece of mail I go through.

It has been six and a half years since I retired so it is good to see names in print that I haven't seen or heard from in that time. A couple of people have gotten in touch with me when they saw my name and I would appreciate hearing from any of those that want to share a line or two with me either to my home or email address.

Again, thanks so much for this wonderful tool.

Carl Wood, 27504 Pine Straw Rd., Leesburg, FL 34748

We are in the process of relocating from Milton to Leesburg, FL. A second trip (380 miles each way) will happen soon.

In the current financial climate, it took 13 months to sell our former residence. We are residing in an active Senior Community now without a golf course. We will order and start to build our new home soon.

Hello to my friends from the former OAK and IND overhaul.

Mike Farkas, 172B Ave. Majorca, LaGuna Woods, CA 92637

I retired from United Airlines in 1993 after 39+ good years. I spent most of those years at the SFO Maintenance Base.

Since 1998, I have volunteered at the Getty Center in LA. I have the pleasure of seeing and greeting many wonderful people, including a number of United friends who pass through.

Mary Frank, PO Box 998, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

This is a wonderful magazine. I enjoy reading all the letters from the different states. Each group is unique in the way they hold their meetings and luncheons, the Desert Sunbirds included. We have a very lively group and continue to enjoy meeting together.

Dolores Frank, RN, Woodlake Condo, 815 No. Humboldt St. #314, San Mateo, CA 94401-1423

I can't believe I have been retired just a little over 2 years and enjoying every minute! I never thought I would say that!

I love cruising. I just returned from a 22 day cruise from Hong Kong to Dubai. It was a beautiful trip and I was lucky to fly 1st Class all the way.

I really enjoy the newsletter and the great conventions. I appreciate all the hard work that goes into the accomplishment of both, with great success.

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

It is hard to believe that I have been retired for 22 years. We left SFO on a small sailboat and spent 2 years bobbing around till we reached South America and then we returned to go no further north than San Diego. My wife started teaching at San Diego State and I was playing boats, delivering them all over. It was a wonderful existence until I got an infected knee which created a mess of operations and finally I use a walker. I build model boats for my grandson.

Life is still wonderful. I enjoy reading the Newsletter. Thank you for all the information.

Evelyn Haaze, 6933 Grand Tree Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

I am asking for some help. I do not remember what department I retired from at SFO in 1984. (**Editor's Note:** *We found that she was from SFOML and notified her*) I worked the keypunch room for many years, in the B29 area for **Harry Reed** several years, and also in the jet shop for **George Mackey**. I do not recall any of those SFO?

Bill and I have been married for 63 years, have moved several times and have so many "save this" items, the chance of finding the correct papers would be as chancy as winning the lottery.

I do remember my file number and Bills, and many nice co-workers and bosses during almost 30 years at SFO.

Carl Hanson, 6210 Sun Blvd. Apt. # 606, St. Petersburg, FL 33715-1044, Bzyglfn@verizon.net

I am approaching my 12th year of retirement in November and it has been a long vacation. My wonderful wife, Darlene and I have been able to travel many places with many friends on United Airlines. What a wonderful benefit we have and we all need to appreciate it so much. Since our daughter-in-law works at WHQ, she keeps me up on things at UAL.

I always look forward to each issue of the RUAEA newsletter and seeing names of people I worked with over the years. It is sad to occasionally see names under the obituary column that I knew.

We now live in St. Petersburg, at Isla Del Sol Yacht and Country Club and play lots of golf with our many friends here. We love it here, but the drawback is not seeing our kids and grandchildren grow up so fast. We get up to Illinois a few times a year to watch them in their various sport activities. We miss them.

We are still in touch with many good old United golfing friends, who get down to see us in Florida during winter time. In fact, we are heading up to Maine in September to visit dear friends, **Skip & Ruth Slayden** and celebrate my 70th birthday with a 2 pound lobster



dinner. Thank God, our health is good and we can enjoy life as we do.

Ginger Hyde, 10069 Cherry Hills Ave. Cir., Bradenton, FL 34202

Thank you to everyone for your time and energy putting the newsletter together, keeping us informed of the important information, from what is going on with the company, the letters from members, the updates from the many chapters, who has retired and all of the many articles.

I would also like to thank the many Sand Dollar members who sent cards to help celebrate my mother's 100th birthday last year. Also thanks to **Dick Vecchione** for sending a card signed by members of the Nor'Easters Chapter in New Hampshire, and including Mom in his news updates. I am very sorry to report she passed away earlier this year. We were blessed to have had her living with us for 17 years, giving us wonderful memories.

Many of you might remember when parents only had one annual trip a year. My father had passed away and Mom didn't want to travel alone. At the time, I was working at WHQ and she lived in Florida. I decided to use my vacation time to travel with her. My husband Michael, who had retired, decided to stay in Florida spending time golfing and fishing. Mom and I took the last flight out of Sarasota to Orlando. From Orlando we went to Denver, then to Albuquerque to see her grandson and family. We went back to Denver, to San Francisco, to Oahu and Maui to spend a few days on each island, and Los Angeles to see relatives. Las Vegas is always a must see stopover, then on to San Antonio to see the River walk. Finally back to Denver for our trip back to Tampa. She wanted to get her money's worth! We had a great time together. We miss her, but she lives on in our hearts with wonderful memories.

Thank you, your hard work and the thoughtfulness of everyone is greatly appreciated.

Anne Leder, 4461 Stack Blvd., Apt. E 219, Melbourne, FL 32901

I enjoy the newsletter and thank you for sending it.

I have been with United for a long time. I was **Charlie Urback's** secretary in SFO and my husband spent 40 years in Boston Maintenance. They would both be surprised at all of the changes that have taken place in the airline industry.

Felix Menconi, 1130 Vista Grande, Millbrae, CA 94030-2136

I have reached my 90th birthday and have been retired since 1984.

I am still getting around okay, but miss playing golf and the tournaments.

My wife and I will be celebrating 59 years of marriage in September.

Tony Novak, 237 N. Channel Grove Rd., Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440, Novakj419@yahoo.com

September starts a new decade in my life. In August, Darlene and I celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary.

We don't travel as much as we'd like. I enjoy fishing, golfing hunting and playing with our seven grandchildren.

I see where PIT got a LAX and SFO non-stop. It is too bad CLE is still in the "dog house".

We might try to make it to the convention in MCO next year and if a cruise is planned for 2011, mark us down.

Best wishes and health to all.

John Sedell, Farmington Square, 1530 Poplar Ave., Medford, OR 97504

I joined United Airlines April 29, 1941, in Medford, Oregon. I was hired by **Frank Ilert**, who worked under **Seely Hall**, Regional Vice President-Western Operations. My first assignment was a relief station agent in California, for Modesto, Fresno, Bakersfield and Santa Barbara.

In 1941, with the beginning of World War II after the attack on Pearl Harbor, that December we as most Americans, had ration stamps for gas and many other items.

United operated DC3 airplanes which had a speed of 180 mph and could not fly above 12,000 feet. All passenger reservations were made by radio through the terminal stations of LAX, SFO, PDX and SEA. I had obtained an aircraft dispatch certificate and often rode behind the pilots in the jump seat.

Through my years of employment, I met the president of United Airlines, William Patterson and some others who followed him. I also met a few celebrities, like Bob Hope. After 8 years with United I was promoted to Station Manager at Bend-Redmond Oregon. The airport there, constructed during World War II, was 7,000 feet and paved. I then transferred to Eugene, Oregon which was the station I retired at in 1978, after 37 years of service.

My loving wife, Lola and I raised 4 children, all I am proud to say have become very successful, all in good health and all live in the United States, Portland, OR, Phoenix, AZ, San Francisco, CA and Portland, ME. They all keep in touch with me weekly by phone, emails and visits.

I have kept track of my air mileage through the years, and it added up to over 1,300,000 air miles. I saw a lot of the world and experienced many different cul-

tures. I traveled mostly to Europe since my youngest daughter was married in London. I flew on SAS, British Airways and PAA. I visited Finland, Amsterdam, the Soviet Union, Turkey, Malta in the Mediterranean, Juneau, Alaska and many other destinations.

I will be 90 years old September 15, 2009. In my earlier years, I played a lot of golf (3 holes in one), these days, I read 2 books a week, and reside at Farmington Square Assisted Living Retirement Community, and have wonderful people looking after me.

Thanks to everyone for the newsletter, it is certainly appreciated.

Anthony Stefanos, 760 Marshall Dr., Des Plaines, IL 60016-2665

As a Life Member and a past National Treasurer of RUAEA, I thank you for the Newsletter which Helen and I have been looking forward to receiving every month. I am in my 23rd year of retirement after being a part of the UAL working family for 36 years.

We have recently celebrated our 59th wedding anniversary and in this respect of reminiscing, we remembered our first trip as "Space Available". We listed for a non-stop MDW-LAX DC-6 non-stop on a Saturday morning. In those days, UA had two DC-6 non-stops on that route, an 11AM departure known as the "Advance Hollywood" and a 3PM departure called "The Hollywood". SA's could be boarded on the morning flight but the afternoon flight was restricted to Revenue Passengers only. When we checked in at the podium, the agent stared when he saw my seniority date and said, "You are the only SAs I have for this flight but as of now we have a full load. So, unless you have an alternate plan, you must go home". After he boarded everyone, he called us to the podium and said "You must have a rabbit's foot in your pocket. I have 2 open seats right next to each other and no one else to fill them, so get on board". Needless to say our anniversary went well.

It is always interesting and pleasant to read the Newsletter, UAL News and the news from all of the regional RUAEA Chapters as well. Many times I see names with whom I had the pleasure of working with and associating within our working years.

Once again, thank you for your excellence in producing the Newsletter.

We look forward to the Orlando Convention in 2010.

Joe Svendsen, 5181 Sumac Ridge Dr., Yorba Linda, CA 92886, joesvendsen@live.com

Another year has come and gone. It seems like they go faster each year.

I am still in good health and playing golf. I have done some traveling. I went to India last fall and took a

cruise to Australia and New Zealand this spring.

I have a new e-mail address, as a hacker got into my old one.

Edmund Tholl, 12 N Winston Dr., Palatine, IL 60074-5661

Eight years of bliss since I walked out of OPBVV.

2009 brought 5 months of 0-15 degrees with 76 inches of snow followed by 2 months of rain, over 11 inches, which drowned my garden twice, followed by two months of no rain. I am sure that some where that Garden of Eden does exist.

My thanks to the staff for keeping us Alum briefed on the ends and out of UA.

Eugene Von Gonten, PO Box 230644, Centreville, VA 20120

I am in the 16th year of retirement. I had 38 years service at UAL in BUFCS, ATLCIS, IADCM, IADFO and IADCS.

I am slowly going blind, this might be the last note that I write, but I am in good health otherwise, at 77 years old.

Kay Weber, Box 1376, Pine, AZ 85544, (928) 476-2206

Once again many thanks to the wonderful staff for their hard work and dedication to the newsletter. We all look forward to receiving it each month.

Time goes so quickly, it has been 8 years since I retired and 1½ years since I lost my husband, Augie. Everyone says it gets better as time goes on but I have not gotten to that point yet. I am still working part time at the Mazatzal Casino in Payson, AZ. Please, if anyone is in the area stop by and see me. I am working in the transportation dept., scheduling bus tours, (instead of airplanes). So far I am still living in this wonderful little town of Pine, AZ, which is about 90 miles N. of Phoenix. I would welcome any visitors. I am thinking about opening up my home as a bed and breakfast. I have a wonderful view of the mountains and "cool" temperatures compared to PHX.

I would love to hear from old friends.

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In December 1941, because of the U.S. government restrictions on flying within 150 miles of the west coast, the United Airlines

pilot school was moved, first to Cheyenne, Wyoming and later to Denver, Colorado.

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The Tracy Inn at Tracy, California was the residence of United Airlines' "Tracy Aces" pilots.

In October 1940 United Airlines leased the Tracy airport and established the Tracy School as an expansion of their training at the Boeing School of Aeronautics.

Oakland Tribune

NEW WINGS OVER AMERICA—UNITED AIRLINES CLASS GRADUATES



"19 members of the first United Airlines - Boeing Pilot Training School class at Tracy received their "wings" yesterday at graduation exercises and took over their first assignments as first officers aboard the companies Mainliners which ply the nation. Photo shows students and graduates of the school lined up on the airfield with the company's giant transport planes forming a backdrop." (Oakland Tribune photo & caption).

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