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# GENERAL NEWS

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**RUAEA Centenarian ~ 102-year-old Volunteer Recognized for Unprecedented Years of Service**  
**We wish Harold Weary a very Happy 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday on October 7<sup>th</sup>!**



*The following is printed with the permission of the Mount Prospect Library.* Mount Prospect, IL – On June 15, a small reception was held to honor **Harold Weary** with the Mount Prospect Public Library's Founders' Award. The event was kicked off by State Representative David Harris, who grew up in Mount Prospect. He surprised Mr. Weary with a certificate of recognition that he introduced to the House of Representatives. Harris told Mr. Weary, "*your incredible record of over 40 years and 10,000 hours of service to the Library will not be surpassed any time soon or in the foreseeable future.*"

The presentation by Harris was followed by the Founders' Award proclamation read by Jane Everett, MPPL Board President. The Award, established in 1990

by the Library's Board of Trustees, honors an individual, group, or organization that has provided exceptional support to the Library. Mr. Weary was selected because he exemplifies the type of leadership, dedication, and efforts exhibited by the original group of women who, in 1943 seeing the need for a community library, worked to establish the Mount Prospect Public Library.

*"Harold Weary has always supported the Library in a real and tangible way. Harold, you are truly a gift to this library, always ready to work a raffle table, ride a float, or crunch some numbers,"* added Everett, after reading the proclamation.

For 42 years, Mr. Weary has supported the Library with his financial expertise and his commitment to fundraising. At 102 years old, he has logged over 10,000 hours reviewing budgets, drafting tax levies and appropriation requests, analyzing cash flow, campaigning for Library referendums, helping to establish the Library's Foundation, and selling raffle tickets.

Mr. Weary has made a second career of volunteerism. Since retiring from his position in the comptroller's office at United Airlines in 1968, he has spent more of his adult life volunteering at the Library than he did working for Drovers Journal Publishing (7 years) and United Airlines (31 years), combined.

*"I owe a big debt to John Parsons and my wife Irene for introducing me to the Library,"* noted Mr. Weary. *"I have had more than 40 years of enjoyable contact with some of the greatest people I have ever worked with. I have seen this Library grow from a few hundred volumes in a small house to the magnificent Library we have here today. I am honored and grateful for this award."*

The presentation took place in the Harold Weary Genealogy and Local History Room at the Library. This room was dedicated to Mr. Weary in 1988 who, then 80 years old, had already been volunteering at the Library for 20 years. Mr. Weary has a special place in his heart for both genealogy and local history. He was one of the organizers of the Northwest Suburban Council of Genealogists, serving as its first president, and a longtime director of the Mount Prospect Historical Society. He has done extensive research on his own family's history and mentored many others interested in tracing their roots.

The Founders' Award has been given out on 8 occasions over the last 21 years, honoring a total of 16 individuals as well as the original 1943 Library board. A plaque honoring the recipients hangs in the Library outside its two main meeting rooms.



## Letter From The President



As the merger of United and Continental, reportedly a merger of equals has moved forward, it is apparent that it really is a takeover by Continental but keeping the name of United. Continental Airlines has, and had, little regard for its retirees. Now that culture has permeated the new United Airlines, since most of the new management is from Continental Airlines. Over the past ten years, United and its retirees had a good relationship and on many occasions, the retirees were able to help the company with grass roots efforts with the likes of new international routes, legislation that might be detrimental to the company and many volunteer opportunities. The new management apparently sees no need for such support in the future as they denigrate the retiree community. The new management knew they had a problem with two very different pass travel programs. They disbanded a successful advisory committee and issued a highly slanted survey. Thousands were excluded from the survey because they either did not have a computer or were not proficient enough to use one for this purpose. Even so, close to 80,000 employees/retirees responded and a very high percentage claimed they were satisfied with their current program. In spite of

that, substantial changes were made to the detriment of retirees. Now with the new program to go into effect, thousands again will be left in the dark. Why, because the only way an employee or retiree can find the details is via the internet, specifically Skynet or whatever the new website will be called.

The Director of Employee Pass Travel, Laura Motelet, to her credit, has tried to answer the multitude of questions and concerns about the new pass travel policy. A lot of the answers are simply to support what the survey told the company. We are told that retirees only make a couple a trips per year on average, so that is why there are only eight one-way vacation passes. Also, they say not many retirees use the companion/buddy passes. But the answer as why retirees will not get these passes is that these passes would cost the company money. If that is the case why do 80,000 co-workers get them? Lately the responses have been we should be glad we are getting what has been announced. We should also be excited about all the new routes that will be available. The new policy will go into effect in phases between January and March 2012. No specifics as of yet ... check Skynet! We have also been told that any further discussion on this issue will be fruitless. Donna Towle, VP-HR Employee Relations, began what was to be a quarterly gathering of the leaders of the different retiree organizations, RUAEA, RUPA, RAFA, Clipped Wings, ARECA and the Golden Penguins. There have been two gatherings and another was scheduled for October. After we questioned the tone and substance of the responses from Laura, the next gathering has been postponed until after the first of the year. Again, we have been told that no further discussion about pass travel is necessary! But the good news is RUAEA, RUPA, RAFA and Clipped Wings have forged a closer relationship that should work well for the future.

So where are we? Several months ago, an anonymous group calling themselves, United Retirees for Action, circulated an online petition that reportedly was given to Mr. Smisek at a meeting in Washington. That group has been rather silent until just recently. Dale Whitaker, a retiree living in Colorado, has filed an age discrimination complaint to the company and the EEOC. Now a Herbert Woods has developed a website [www.unitedretired.com](http://www.unitedretired.com) where he is encouraging retirees to join in the complaint. Just to clarify ... this is a complaint, not a lawsuit. RUAEA's position on this complaint is neutral. We believe that it is up to each retiree to decide what course of action to take. During the bankruptcy, it was determined that RUAEA has no legal standing to represent all retirees in such actions. Lastly, there was an article in the Denver Post on Labor Day, highlighting retiree frustration with the new pass policy. This may not make any difference but certainly it is not good PR for the company.

On another issue, for several years RUAEA has been fortunate to have the company provide us with the names and addresses of new retirees on a quarterly basis. We had to sign off on documents that this data would only be used to solicit membership in RUAEA as well as the local chapters. We have stayed faithful to that agreement. Continental retiree organizations were not as fortunate. Now with the new management, that agreement has been terminated. We have been told that the new retirement packages will have information about RUAEA and the other retiree organizations.

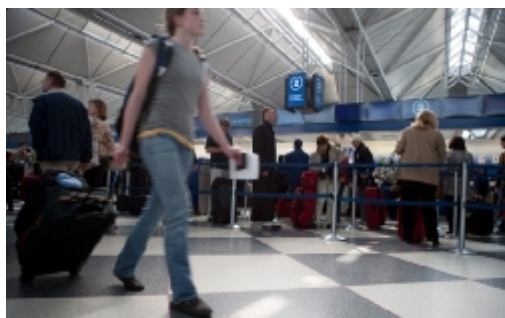
One more comment on Medical Insurance. As mentioned last month, the company is required to offer medical insurance to all that retired prior to July 1, 2003. Questions about medical insurance came up at the Portland Convention. We were told at that time that there were to be no changes for 2012 but they could not or would not comment on 2013 and beyond.

Finally, I want to speak about dues. A few years ago we raised our annual dues to \$25.00. That comes to about seven cents a day. For that money you have an excellent website and an excellent monthly newsletter with loads of information, reports from local chapters and letters from members. The newsletter is a great way to stay in touch with what is happening, not only in the company, but with fellow workers from the past. Compared with other retiree organizations, our dues are low; others have dues as much as \$50.00 annually. RUAEA is very fortunate that several members send in contributions over and above their annual dues. Many life-time members contribute and we want to thank all of you that do choose to make such contributions.

In closing, RUAEA is making every effort to keep the benefits we have from United and to make improvements. We want to thank all who continue to support us in these difficult times. Your emails and phone calls are appreciated.

**Ron Bertacini**  
**President – RUAEA**

### **UA and CO combine flight schedules to make pass travel planning easier**



Co-workers, retirees and early-out participants can view all of their pass travel flying options in one location through combined UA and CO flight schedules now available in employeeRES.

In addition to the combined schedule, you will continue to see passenger booking totals (PBTs) and the number of space-available pass riders listed, so you can make informed decisions about your pass travel plans.

The combined schedule is an interim step until UA introduces its integrated Pass Travel program, which will coincide with its single Passenger Service System (PSS) starting next March. (See

United Daily - Aug. 11, 2011, for information about PSS.) employeeRES will serve as the foundation for booking pass travel in 2012. You can continue to use WebList during this transition.

To access the combined flight schedules, go to the employeeRES link available under Travel Tools on the Flying Together home page. You also will find questions and answers and other information under ePass News and Announcements on employeeRES.

### **Co-workers can purchase interline tickets on JetBlue**



UA and CO co-workers and their eligible pass riders can take advantage of United's first integrated Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) interline pass travel agreement with JetBlue Airways (B6). Travel is offered in economy class at the low-fare level (ZL).

The agreement covers active co-workers who have completed six months of service, eligible retirees, spouses or registered domestic partners, parents and dependent children up through age 18 (or through age 23 if they are full-time students).

These eligible pass riders of both subsidiaries may buy B6 tickets at CO ticket counters, including staff travel offices at IAH, CLE and EWR. UA continues to issue all other interline paper

tickets at self-ticketing stations or UA-operated ticket counters.

You can create B6 listings and view more information by going to employeeRES on Flying Together or Insidecoair. Select the B6 Online Listing Tool under ePass News and Announcements. Here, you'll access the myIDTravel tool to make a B6 reservation.

All separate UA and CO interline pass travel agreements with other airlines remain in place until further notice.

### **Hawaiian, Frontier now offer ZED eTicketing for co-workers**



UA is introducing Zonal Employee Discount (ZED) eTicketing with Hawaiian (HA) and Frontier (F9) airlines for all eligible UA and CO co-workers, retirees and pass riders.

Eligible pass riders will be able to buy electronic ZED tickets on HA or F9 for a small processing charge per segment through the ID90T website. All co-workers will be able to access the ID90T site through employeeRES under ePass News and Announcements. employeeRES is available under Travel Tools on the Flying Together homepage.

HA and F9 provide paperless ticketing and no longer will issue paper tickets.

More information on ID90T and eTicketing procedures is available on [employeeRES](#)

### **iPads enable paperless flight deck**



UA announced August 23<sup>rd</sup>, that, by the end of the year, all pilots will have electronic flight bags - iPads that replace paper flight manuals. UA will be the first in the airline industry with paperless aeronautical navigational charts through an iPad app - Jeppesen Mobile FliteDeck, featuring interactive, data-driven en route navigation information and worldwide geo-referenced terminal charts.

Each iPad, which weighs less than 1.5 pounds, will replace approximately 38 pounds of paper operating manuals, navigation charts, reference handbooks, flight checklists, logbooks and weather

information. *“A typical flight bag full of paper has about 12,000 pieces of paper,”* noted Technology and Flight Test Managing Director Joe Burns. *“We expect this will save about 16 million sheets of paper and 326,000 gallons of jet fuel a year.”*

### **IR department voted best in industry**



Institutional Investor magazine recently named United Continental Holdings as having the Best Investor Relations (IR) organization among airlines in their 2011 Investor Perception Study.

Wall Street's top buy-side and sell-side analysts rated IR organizations on criteria including access to senior management, responsiveness, credibility and candor of IR team, and transparency of financial reporting to determine best in class.

*“We're excited to be recognized by the analyst community for all the work the team has done,”* said Investor Relations Managing

Director Tyler Reddien. *“The recognition is especially meaningful as we progressed from the merger announcement to transaction close and now through integration.”*

### **Media, customers, co-workers respond to product investment announcement**



UA's announcement that the company is investing more than \$550 million to improve its onboard product immediately generated worldwide media coverage and an outpouring of comments from co-workers and customers on sites such as [flyertalk.com](#).

In Denver August 21, Jeff spoke about UA's investment plans at the annual meeting of the Global Business Travel Association, a large convention of business travel managers. See the [Employee Bulletin](#) on Flying Together for more information.

Jeff's presentation received major coverage in traditional media including the Associated Press, the Chicago Sun-Times, the



Chicago Tribune, the Denver Post, the Houston Business Journal, the Houston Chronicle, the Newark Star-Ledger, Reuters and the Wall Street Journal.

Most articles focused on the announcements of additional lie-flat seating, larger overhead bins and Channel 9. Many reiterated UA's previously announced decision to add Economy Plus seating to the mainline fleet but focused on the new details such as the addition of Economy Plus to the Bombardier Q400 fleet. Customer Service Representative Greg Tucker in Tampa (TPA), FL, a 24-year veteran, said the news was welcome as UA approaches the one-year anniversary of its merger closing.

*"It's important to have a consistent product," Tucker said. "This has been a big concern on the front line, because of the issues caused when we have aircraft substitutions."*

On Facebook, Twitter and FlyerTalk, there were hundreds of postings within hours of the announcement.

*"It looks like to me that someone at United has been listening to their customers, and responding,"* one FlyerTalk member posted. Another wrote, *"If this is a sign of things to come, the frequent flyer program will turn out all right."* And another commented, *"These improvements are positive indeed, and hope it will carry over to soft products such as inflight meals and service."*

On all three, posters overwhelmingly praised the planned expansion of Channel 9 availability.

### **UA launched United app for Android**



Android users can now download the United app on their mobile devices to book reservations, check in and access mobile boarding passes with a single touch.

The app offers time-saving access to information travelers need, as well as other useful tools such as interactive airport smart maps and flight updates. Additional features include flight status details and access to MileagePlus and OnePass accounts.

As with the iPhone app launched in July, when flying on a pass travel reservation, co-workers who successfully complete check in using their confirmation number can view their location on standby

lists. Currently, co-workers flying on CO pass travel reservations or CO and UA revenue flights may check in with the app. The app will direct co-workers flying on a UA pass travel reservation to the [mobile.united.com](http://mobile.united.com) page to check in. UA is developing future enhancements of the app for co-workers.

*"We received lots of positive user feedback on the iPhone app,"* said Self-Service and Emerging Technology Managing Director Jared Miller. *"Users especially appreciate the ability to see upgrade standby lists and quick access to paperless boarding passes. We expect the same success with the Android version."*

The Android app, similar to the iPhone app, incorporates functionality for both UA and CO and will eventually replace the Continental app currently available in the Android marketplace.

### **United, AFA to try expedited mediation**



United and the Association of Flight Attendants (AFA) have agreed on a new expedited mediation process modeled on the National Mediation Board's Expedited Mediation Program.

The company and the AFA will start an intense mediation focusing on limited issues. The negotiations will aim to reach agreement for a new contract covering approximately 12,000 flight attendants working at the UA subsidiary. An agreement is already in effect covering flight attendants at the CO subsidiary.

### **UA will return to negotiations with IBT**



United and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) have agreed to return to negotiations in advance of mediation scheduled with the National Mediation Board in November.

During these negotiations, the company and IBT will focus on reaching an agreement covering the approximately 4,700 technicians at the UA subsidiary.

UA and CO employ more than 8,300 technicians represented by IBT. CO technicians ratified their collective bargaining agreement in November 2010.

### **Ramp and fleet service co-workers elect IAM**



The National Mediation Board (NMB) announced on August 11<sup>th</sup>, that UA's ramp service and fleet service co-workers have elected the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) to represent them.

UA has a longstanding relationship with the International Association of Machinists, and the company looks forward to focusing on collectively reaching agreements that facilitate its integration.

Of 14,039 eligible employees, 5,568 voted for IAM and 5,257 voted for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT).

### **Government, United help available to those who suffered losses from Irene**



This photo was taken at EWR Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28, before water from Hurricane Irene had a chance to recede.

Federal aid may be available to co-workers living in parts of the Eastern United States that the government declared disaster areas after Hurricane Irene.

Those include Bergen, Essex, Morris, Passaic and Morris counties in New Jersey. More information is available at the New Jersey 211 website, <http://www.nj211.org/latestnews.cfm>. Check with local authorities or visit <http://www.fema.gov/assistance/index.shtm>.

Also, co-workers may reach out to the United We Care Employee Relief Fund if they have storm-related losses. Call 1-877-488-2373 or 713-324-2449 and leave a message.

### **UA's newest Boeing 737 made delivery flight**



UA welcomed the latest addition to its fleet on August 18<sup>th</sup>, a Boeing 737-800 with the new Boeing Sky Interior. This is UA's last of four Boeing deliveries for 2011, and seventh since the merger closed. The company will add another 26 new Boeing airplanes by the end of 2012 as part of its fleet renewal program.

This 160-seat aircraft is equipped with a performance improvement package (PIP) that will reduce fuel burn by up to 2 percent. The plane is also notable in that it rolled off the assembly line more than 10 months ago and was used by Boeing's flight test group to test and validate the PIP package. Fleet VP Ron Baur said

UA adjusted its delivery schedule so Boeing could use the 737 for PIP testing.

*"Our ongoing participation with our partners in efforts to improve performance and reduce fuel consumption makes good business sense,"* Ron said.

Domestic Scheduling Managing Director Ted Phillips said the 737-800 gives UA efficient coverage on a wide range of routes in a cabin many customers prefer.

*"The versatility of this aircraft allows us to fly it on most domestic missions with ease,"* Ted said. *"This includes trans-cons, flights between the U.S. and the Caribbean and Mexico, and from the West Coast to Hawaii."*

All co-workers may now share in the excitement of the Boeing 737- 800 delivery, through a four-minute video. Look for it at "Video Updates" on the right-hand side of the [Flying Together](#) home page - and watch for additional videos in the future.

The video, produced by UA's Creative Services department, features many of the co-workers who took part in the delivery flight from Boeing Field near Seattle to ORD.

**Focus On United Hubs - No. 1 positions in hub markets give  
United a key competitive advantage**



Being the No. 1 carrier in United's hub markets is one of its key competitive advantages. United will continue to hold those positions even as the company adjusts capacity in response to the price and volatility of fuel.

In DEN, for example, United serves 120 cities compared to Frontier's 61 and 47 offered by Southwest. In total, United has 418 average daily departures and 36,867 daily seats in the third quarter.

Even though its year-over-year average departures are down by 2 percent in DEN, United remains the clear leader and provides more options for its customers.

New service from DEN includes Texas destinations such as Amarillo (AMA), Dallas (DFW) and Lubbock (LBB) and new international flights to Mexico City (MEX). UA also will return service to Anchorage (ANC), Alaska, and Lihue (LIH), Hawaii, in December.

*"We offer almost three times more flights, more seats and more cities than any other carrier out of Denver,"* said Hub Managing Director Steve Jaquith. *"Our co-workers take great pride in being number one in Denver."*

From an operational performance standpoint, DEN has been one of UA's leading hubs in 2011 year to date. DEN has achieved 100 percent in the daily STAR D :00 metric 40 percent of the time this year.

Here is how UA stacks up against its competition in DEN:

<b>Carrier</b>	<b>United</b>	<b>Frontier</b>	<b>Southwest</b>
<i>Cities Served</i>	120	61	47
<i>Departures</i>	418	161	147
<i>Seats</i>	36,867	20,567	20,096

**More than just fun and sun at LAX**



United has hubs that serve the four largest cities in the United States; it is the only airline that can make that claim. Co-workers at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) are proud of that and of representing United in the second-largest city in America

Home to many of the world's most popular superstars, Los Angeles is surrounded by mountains, desert and the vast Pacific Ocean. The LAX Theme Building is one of the most recognizable airport buildings in the world and is home to the Encounter Restaurant. Beautiful scenery and famous

architecture, though, are not all that wow customers in Southern California every day

United has more than 3,500 co-workers at LAX, and many of them have been working for the company for more than 20 years. It is a senior station that prides itself on great on-time numbers, fantastic service and veteran leadership.

LAX handles nearly 60 million passengers every year, and, with our regional flying partners, we offer 213 departures per day to more than 65 destinations out of three terminals (Terminals 6, 7 and 8).

*"People from all over the world come through LAX every day, and I know we are all proud of where we can take our customers,"* said Customer Service Director Fred Carter. *"This airport is like a small city, and we all have to take care of each other. We're like a big family, and with the merger in full swing that family is getting bigger."*

LAX is also home to United pilot and flight attendant bases. There is an expansive maintenance facility at the airport, and United Cargo serves Los Angeles, one of the world's premier economic centers.

*"I love it here, and I know most of my co-workers feel the same way,"* said LAX General Manager Mike Hanna. *"When our customers fly United to, through or from LAX, we strive to make sure they want to do so again and again."*

Did You Know?

- ▲ Commercial airline service started at LAX in December 1946. The present terminal complex was constructed in 1961.
- ▲ LAX is the only airport with a hit song. "LA International Airport," written by Leanne Scott, first recorded by David Frizzell in 1970.



- ▲ LAX is the only United hub to once have a TV sitcom by the same name. “LAX,” starring Heather Locklear and Blair Underwood, lasted just 13 episodes in 2004 and 2005.
- ▲ LAX is the world’s busiest origin and destination (O & D) airport (59,069,409 passengers used LAX in 2010)
- ▲ The airport attributes one in 20 jobs in Southern California to LAX operations.

### Alaska to increase frequency to Hawaii



LAX

Alaska Airlines (AS) announced it will offer daily service from Oakland (OAK) and San Jose (SJC), Calif., to Kona (KOA) and Lihue (LIH), Hawaii, starting next March 12.

AS now operates those routes with three to four flights a week, in addition to daily nonstop from both OAK and SJC to Kahului (OGG) on the island of Maui.

United already serves all three of those Hawaiian airports, as well as Honolulu (HNL), with multiple daily nonstops from our hub in SFO and at least one daily flight to each from

### Ask The Doctor - The Most Dangerous Drug of Abuse In the World Today (Part IV)



**Dr. Reid**

To date, we have described the most dangerous drug, Alcohol. We have described who the alcoholic is. We have described the process of Intervention. Now, we must address the evaluation and treatment. This process is by no means an easy one given the current state of medical insurance coverage. I will try to cover the alternatives and outcomes as I see them and let you reach your own conclusions.

Treatment options are Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient, Inpatient, and Extended Inpatient. All of these programs have their pros and cons. As you might guess, Outpatient is the cheapest for insurance, and Extended Inpatient is the most expensive. It is somewhat of an art to pick the right program for each patient. One thing is certain, the patient’s situation should determine the choice of treatment. On many occasions, the insurance coverage dictates the treatment program rather than the patient. For example, many insurance plans INSIST on outpatient treatment as the initial program despite the state of the patient’s level of addiction. The choice of program should always depend on the extent of the addiction and determined by the addiction specialist/EAP coordinator/facilitator/personal medical provider. This decision ALWAYS precedes the actual intervention and arrangements are made well in advance of the intervention.

**Outpatient (OP):** As the name implies, the patient attends meetings, classes, lectures, etc. for a few hours each day except weekends. These sessions are in the mornings, afternoons, or evenings, so that the patient can schedule their attendance to permit them to work and stay at home. Typically, the sessions last for 4 – 8 weeks. In addition, the patient must attend AA meetings in the area where they live. This program keeps the patient in touch with his/her family and keeps them in intimate contact with the recovery process. However, if there are strained family relationships, this may not be as effective. If there have been problems at work, the employer may not be cooperative in arranging attendance at the treatment sessions. Because of the low cost, the patient can remain in treatment for a much longer time. The longer treatment may be necessary and useful.

**Intensive Outpatient (IOP):** This treatment program requires attendance at therapy meetings all day for 5+ days a week. There are random breath alcohol tests and urine drug tests. The family involvement is the same, only more intense. This program is more intense because the patient is sicker and needs the “intensity” of a full day of care. The cost is higher, the duration is usually longer. Whether the patient gets OP or IOP is a clinical judgment decision made at the time of the intake evaluation by the treatment staff team. All of the other OP modalities of care apply here as well. The patient in this kind of program is in bigger trouble with addiction, thus the need to be more “intense”.

**Inpatient (IP):** This treatment program requires actual admission to a treatment facility similar to any hospitalization. However, there are no TV or phones or cell phones in the patient’s room. There are only two patients per room, **and** every patient has chores on the unit (emptying trash cans, cleaning rest rooms, to name a few). The patients are **not** segregated by age, sex, choice of drug, or duration of use. **All** of the patients have deep addiction issues including legal or medical or social or family problems of very significant magnitude. All of the modalities of OP or IOP treatment receive much more intense attention in this treatment program. The meetings with the patients can be very confrontational because the addictions are very deep-seeded and difficult to overcome. To hear older patients confront younger patients, alcoholics confront drug users, women confront

men, etc. is very difficult but very therapeutic. The cost is high, in excess of \$30,000 per month at many facilities. Most of the treatment facilities are free standing (not inside an existing hospital). Some of the more famous examples include Hazelton in Minnesota and the Betty Ford Center in California.

**Extended Inpatient (EIP):** If this program is necessary, the addict is in an extremely dangerous state. For this program, the addict remains in treatment for up to six months. It is usually the treatment for addicts who have relapsed or whose addiction has not responded to any of the other treatment programs. The providers have a real challenge with patients in this category because these addicts know all the tricks of the trade. Manipulating, blaming others, smuggling, outright lying, and any other behavioral maneuver you can imagine are the norm. Addicts in this phase of care are usually very familiar with the protocols used, know the language, know what to say and when to say it, and are skilled in knowing what the counselors want to hear. In this program, the providers usually have to probe and delve into the barriers the addict has erected and break them down slowly and completely. This process is **not** easy, it can be very frustrating, and requires a huge investment of time and patience from the providers. The addicts in this phase of care are in huge denial, often have medical complications, and are **very** ill. Addicts in this phase of care are often at the brink of disaster – jail, suicide, organ failure, psychiatric hospitalization. **Or**, they can achieve a stable recovery. This phase is, by far, the most expensive, and quite honestly is the last chance.

Staffing for all these forms of treatment consists of recovering addicts as counselors, social workers, licensed psychologists, family counselors, psychiatrists, and medical physicians. All of these providers have chosen to specialize in the evaluation and treatment of addicts, whether alcoholics or drug (illegal or legal) users. The team approach to treatment has proven to be the most successful for long term recovery. This formula of evaluation and treatment has been the standard of care for about 35 – 40 years. Notwithstanding the TV shows with Dr. Drew, these treatment programs have a very good record of success. Introducing celebrating patients into the mix makes for good TV and for ratings, but is not the usual manner or outcome in which treatment programs operate or conduct their programs.

Now, the patient who is the addict has had an intervention, the appropriate evaluation and treatment, and is ready for the next phase of treatment. As difficult as this may seem, the next phase is the most difficult and is the phase **most** likely to fail.

We call this phase Aftercare and living a “normal” life. By far, this is where **all** of the treatment pays off, **or** the addict relapses. The treatment may have only lasted 30+ days, but the Aftercare and Recovery must last a lifetime. That is the challenge.

Until next time, be well and fly safe.

*(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](mailto:askthedoctor@qwestoffice.net)).*

### **Flight 93 Memorial Chapel by Frank J. Eggles**



To commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, the Philadelphia Independents created a magnet with the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel and the Thunder Bell implanted on it. Two hundred fifty were made and sent by priority mail to Bishop Mascherino to have available at the memorial held on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

A group from the Independents went to the Chapel and the impact area for three days. This was their second trip and my third time. We met with Ron Bertacini, the president of RUAEA and other United retirees.

A number of RUAEA members have inquired about purchasing the flag that was on the cover of the August issue of the RUAEA newsletter. I hope to have this information on my return from the Memorial services.

Almost \$19,000 has been received to date from United Airlines Retirees for the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. I had set a goal of \$20,000 to be reached on time for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we are almost there. Thank you all very much.

To contribute: Make check to 93 Memorial Chapel and mail to; Frank J. Eggles, 3405 West Chester Pk. B307, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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## LOCAL NEWS

### ALABAMA



#### GULF COAST CHAPTER

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What a tremendous meeting our Gulf Coast Chapter had on August 25<sup>th</sup> in celebration of our One Year Anniversary as a United Retirees Group! **Honey Demitriadis** brought an unbelievable beautiful cake for us to share that had the old United Logo for the decoration all across the sheet cake with "Gulf Coast Chapter of RUAEA" written above and below the Logo. Many, many thanks to **Honey**.

**Paul Brown**, Southeast Regional Director, surprised us by coming for our Anniversary Celebration. He was the one that got us started one year ago and he is very special to all of us. We thank him for giving us a chance to meet each other and form such a loving group. We all feel like we are one large family now.

We had 24 members and 1 guest present. **Bob Schwartz**, President, called our meeting to order at 1 PM and introduced **Paul Brown**. Paul then spoke and thanked the officers for serving this past year. He told us about the 420 people who attended the convention that was held in Portland and invited everyone to attend next year's event in Crystal City, VA. We look forward to having several attend. He gave us lots of new info and the Pass Policy was discussed. **Paul** met **Park & Billie Learned** for the first time in many years. They were thrilled to see each other again and caught up on old times.

Deepest sympathy and special thoughts were extended to **Jeanne Reinoehl** in the death of a very dear friend and fellow retired employee of United. **Don Browder**, IADCS, died August 24<sup>th</sup> in Stevens City, VA from lung cancer. We all extend our sympathy to his wife, **Margaret**.

Minutes and Financial Reports were emailed to everyone and they were approved as sent.

Election of officers for 2011/2012 was held. The current officers were re-elected unanimously for another year. They are **Bob Schwartz**, President; **Bill Hayden**, Vice-President; **Yvonne Schwartz**, Secretary; and



**Barbara Serra**, Treasurer. All the officers are happy to serve one more year. Serving this group is a joy, not a job! Thanks, members.

**Annie Kirkpatrick-Wilkey** gave a very informative program on exactly how to access the internet to list for a flight. She answered many questions and is going to provide our members with step by step written instructions in the near future on the procedure. The NAS Naval Aviation Museum provided us with a large screen TV so she could connect her computer to it and we could all see it.

Raffle tickets were sold and our big winner was **Bob Heinrich**. Congratulations!

Members attending this meeting were **Jim & Penny Alston, Honey Dimitriadis, Bill Hayden, Conrad Hamilton, Bob Heinrich, Rick & Carol Herrick, Doug & Edna Thompson-Horne, Park & Billie Learned, Sandi Noll, Jeanne Reinoehl, Mary Renfro, Bob & Yvonne Schwartz, Barbara Serra, Ed Southworth, Harold Stofko, John & Mary Ann Whitney, Steve & Annie Kirkpatrick-Wilkey** and our special guest, **Paul Brown**.

Our Chapter meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Cubi Bar Café inside the National Naval Aviation Museum at NAS, Pensacola, FL.

Calendar:

**September 22**

**October 27**

### **SWEET HOME ALABAMA**

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August meeting was held at The Brightstar Restaurant in Bessemer, Alabama. As usual, we all greatly enjoyed our meals at this historic site. **Joe Duncan** led the blessing before we ate and we all tried to save room for the restaurant's famous "home made" ice box pies.

The cash/prize drawing was conducted by our Treasurer **Joe Singleton**. **Donna Gooch** won the cash prize. **Herb Wilbanks**, our president, grows orchids for a hobby. For the past 30 years, he has brought cuttings back from Hawaii. He also grows plants from seeds. As an additional prize for the drawing, he brought a Plumeria plant that **Joe & Jane Jones** won. Herb also brought some United memorabilia, brass luggage tags from the United Inaugural Flight on 6/5/87 for non-stop service between Birmingham and Chicago. Remembering that happy day certainly brings back the emotional attachment that we all had for "our" United Airlines. Thank you Herb for sharing with us!

We have sad news to report. Our member **Carroll Payne** has passed after a long struggle with illness. Many of you out there will remember "Payne" as the long time Supervisor at Birmingham. He started his career with Capital Airlines and became the first previous Capital employee to make supervisor with United Airlines after the merger. He was a dedicated and exemplary employee for 42.5 years and never missed a day of work. Our members **Herb Wilbanks, Bobby Cox, Joe Singleton, Bill Preston, Travis Glass** and **Ken Yeager** served as pall bearers for their former co-worker. Our hearts and prayers go out to his widow, **Florence**, and we hope she will continue to be part of our group.

Sadly our fellow member, **Charlotte Gibson** has lost her brother **Sammy Keyes** after a grueling struggle for his life. Our hearts and prayers also go out to Charlotte and her family.

We were very happy to have guests at our meeting. It was a pleasure to welcome **Joe & Jane Jones**, ORDFO and ORDSW, and **Bill Hill**, BHMOZ, to our meeting. We are looking forward to seeing them again and we hope they will be a permanent part of the group. **Judy Slover** also brought her friend **Kim Venable** to the meeting.

August Birthday: **Jean Cox** (8/1)

September Birthdays: **Gloria Singleton** (9/12), **Donna Gooch** (9/19)

Wedding Anniversaries: **Herb & Carol Wilbanks** (9/6), **Joe & Gloria Singleton** (9/15)

Calendar:

**September 12** – Meeting - 11:00AM - Hank & Gay Fowler's home – Pot Luck

## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

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The Azures Board of Directors has been busy, busy working on the schedule of activities for the 2011-12 season. We were a little disappointed that I only received 12 surveys back but with some very good input from the members. We have a couple of months in question as far as the restaurant is concerned but mostly the schedule is complete. Since some of us are “out-of-towners” frequently in the summer months, it makes it difficult to plan ... but, thank goodness for the internet, we get the job done! I think everyone will be happy with our choices. We always try for new restaurants and activities and, also, keep the favorites going. We expect to get the schedule in the mail and extras printed before the October 8 picnic.

News from the Azures: From **Vivian Klick** regarding her daughter, Vivian’s wedding in California ~ simply beautiful, on the beach, weather was great. Our Vivian was there about a week after the wedding to babysit (not babies, 13 and 15). The bridal couple honeymooned in Greece. Three weeks later, our Vivian was off to Oklahoma for her mother-in-law’s 95<sup>th</sup> birthday bash. She is the “little traveler”! Only, don’t ask about the United Express flights and her connections! Not a good story.

A very happy belated (August 26) 96<sup>th</sup> birthday to **Eleanor Patterson**, hope it’s okay I mention the years. I think it’s grand!

Vic and/or I attended six Palatine Youth Football games while we were in the Chicago area from August 23 to September 5, that’s two football players and one cheerleader. Gotta support the grandchildren! Every “grandmother” has the most beautiful and smartest grandchildren, don’t we?

News from the Breakfast Club (August 30): Only 8 in attendance. **Jean Kernan** talked about her trip to Alaska and the wonderful time they had in Victoria, BC. (Note to self: Gotta talk to Jean about that trip). Vic and I will be going on September 13 for a few days to Victoria and Vancouver, BC; part of the “bucket” list. **Tim Everhart** had eye surgery on August 29, our prayers are with him and with his wife, **Nina**, after her eye surgery a couple of weeks ago. **Jim Bechtold**’s son just moved from New Mexico and he joined everyone for breakfast. Also, **Elsie Dykeman** brought her daughter, **Phyllis**. And, **Susie Hughes**’ stepmom sold her home, car and most everything and will be out in Arizona by September 20.

As I mentioned above, October 8 will be the Azures first get-together and a picnic at Beardsley Park in Sun City West. We will send a reminder to our members to reserve their lunch and get connected with a carpooler if need be. That’s our biggest attendance for the year and usually the weather is warm (but not too) and sunny.

Azures, let me hear from you either by email or phone if there is some tidbit of information about yourselves or family or a special vacation, or, just to say “hi”.

“Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself; in your way of thinking.” ~ Marcus Aurelius 121-180, Roman Emperor and Philosopher.

#### Calendar:

Coco’s breakfast meetings 8:00AM. Location – 98<sup>th</sup> and Bell roads. Call **Jim Bechtold** at (623) 465-5423 for reservations.

**October 11**

**October 25**

## **PHOENIX RE-UNITED**

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We're set to begin a new fall season this month with a new breakfast location and the starting back of our monthly luncheons. We're excited about our new schedule for the year and hope you will be too. Fall brings a lot of changes of beautiful colors in the landscape and cooler weather here in Arizona, so hopefully everyone will join our chapter's activities that we have planned for the year. We have a great and friendly group!

We would love to have any visitors join us. We are open to any one who has worked or retired from United Airlines or Continental Airlines and is of retirement age of 55 or more. If you have any questions, or need more info, please contact our President, **Jim Brigante** at (480) 443-0031, or by e-mail at [jbrigante@lostshadow.com](mailto:jbrigante@lostshadow.com), or our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). Come check us out! You'll be happy you did.

We had a small group of 14 at our breakfast in August at Crackers, probably due to the hot weather or other family plans. Our President, **Jim Brigante**, was back on his first outing since his serious back surgery earlier this summer. We hope he continues to feel better each day. We miss not having him around. We were informed **Jet Blue** now uses ZED for passes. The pass situation is very much on the minds of our retirees.

Our October luncheon is set for Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the IronOaks Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd. in Sun Lakes. Reservations were due **Tuesday, September 27**, which may be too late by the time you receive this newsletter. Check with the host, **Jennifer Strohmaier** at (480) 802-0583 or (480) 287-2268. The menu choices are Cajun Pan-Blackened Talapia Filet with fruit cup or Chicken-Fried Steak with Country Gravy and Cole Slaw. The cost is \$17 per person. This price includes the luncheon, beverage service, dessert, tax and gratuity. Social Hour starts at 11:00 a.m., followed by the luncheon at 12:00 noon. Checks were to be made out payable to **Jennifer Strohmaier** and sent to 8932 E. Emerald Drive, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248. We hope to see you there!

Our October 28 Breakfast will be at our new location – same name, **Crackers & Company Cafe**, but located at **1325 N. Greenfield Rd in Mesa**. It has a larger room, ceiling to floor windows on two sides, making it look light and open. It can easily hold 50+ people. We've outgrown our previous location and look forward to having many more retirees join us. The food is delicious and reasonable. Breakfast starts at 9:00 a.m.

Directions from the I-60, its 3.6 miles north and on the right, just past Brown Rd. Turn in at the entrance for the Mountainside Fitness Center. From the Scottsdale area, travel on the AZ 101 south and exit on AZ 202 East, Red Mountain Freeway. Exit Greenfield Rd. and turn right (south). Travel about 2½ miles. Past Falcon Field (on your left), continue 1 mile. Just after the light for Ivy St., you will see on your left the sign for Mountainside Fitness; turn in there and **Crackers** will be on your left.

For those living in the Sun Lakes area, take Riggs Rd. to AZ 87 and turn right (north) to AZ 202 East – San Tan Freeway. Exit Higley Rd and turn left and go 4 miles to I-60 West (left). First exit is Greenfield Rd, turn right (north). Go 3 miles and just past Brown Road, on the right is a sign for Mountainside Fitness Center. Turn in there and **Crackers** will be on your left. We hope these directions will be of help, but if you have any questions, please contact **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

Don't forget we're still collecting items for the Fantasy Flight, which will be coming up pretty quick. Needed are stuffed bears, Barbie dolls, small individual blankets, socks, gloves etc. Also we're having a book sale this month at the Airport and need any new or used hardback or paperback books for that. Be sure and get your donations to **Peg Snowdall** soon.

Sad news to report that **Ed Conlon** passed away on September 5<sup>th</sup> from a lingering illness. **Ed** had been with UAL for many years. He also has three sons that work for United. **Ed & Marie** were snowbirds in Sun Lakes, AZ and lived in Crystal Lake, IL area for many years before moving to a condo in East Dundee, IL this spring. Condolences can be sent to **Marie Conlon**, Village Green Condos #324, 605 Barrington Avenue, East Dundee, IL 60118.

Here are October Birthday list: **Joe Johnson** (10/5), **Carol Ward** (10/6), **Jennifer Strohmaier** (10/8), **Donna Pedone** (10/10), **Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/12), **Homer Warthen** (10/19), **Bob Hallden** (10/25), and **George Nolasco** (10/25). Happy Birthday to all!

We have several couples celebrating many years of marriage this month: **Bill & Christine Rang** (10/18/81), **Jim & Dorothy Pappas** (10/19/57), **Homer & Agnes Warthen** (10/19/63), **Pete & Dot Kuspis**



(10/21/50), **Jim & Kathy Brigante** (10/24/64), **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/25/58), and **Graham & Nancy Snediker** (10/25/2005). Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Calendar:

**October 5** – Luncheon at IronOaks Country Club, 24218 S. Oakwood Blvd, Sun Lakes, starting at 11:00 a.m. for the Social Hour. Hosts are **Jennifer & Chuck Strohmaier** at (480) 802-0583 or (480) 287-2268.

**October 28** – Breakfast at the new Crackers location, starting at 9:00 a.m., at **1325 N. Greenfield Rd in Mesa**. Contact **Peg Snowdall** by October 26 at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**November 10** - Luncheon at the Golden Corral, 1318 N. Cooper St. Hosts are **Fred & Ginny Rockenhauser**, (480) 655-1419, or by e-mail at [farual@cox.net](mailto:farual@cox.net) or [bvrock@cox.net](mailto:bvrock@cox.net).

**November 18** – Breakfast

**December 7** – Luncheon at Palo Verde Country Club, Sun Lakes. Hosts are **Skip & Carol Ward**.

**December 16** - Breakfast



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I want to thank our secretary **Claire Byle** for the info on the August dinner at the Pine Top Country Club and the luncheon the following day at Molly B's in Greer. **Howard Hunter** hosted the dinner and the luncheon was hosted by **Gordon & Dora Starr**. Thank you both for providing a good time for the nine roadrunners who did attend the outings. Although Lyn and I had other plans, we know from past experience that the August get-away to cooler climates is always enjoyable.

The September 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon will be held at the Red Lobster on River Road and Oracle. RSVP to Bill Royle by Sept 12 if you are planning to attend. His phone number is 825-7274.

Calendar:

**September 15** - Red Lobster at Oracle and River, RSVP to **Bill Royle** by September 12 if you are planning to attend, 825-7274

**October 20** - Shlomo & Vito's Delicatessen

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Our meeting was held August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Spyglass restaurant in Pismo Beach. We had a very nice room over looking the ocean that 23 of us enjoyed. While we were there, the Pelicans gave us a show while feeding on a large school of fish.

Our President **Marcia Stanger** opened up the meeting by greeting everyone. We missed two of our regulars. **Betty Rupp** was hospitalized for 10 days and ended up with a pace maker. **Rosina Harvey** was in the hospital with pneumonia and then had 8 hours of surgery on her lungs. The condition of both of them is unknown at this time, but our thoughts and prayers are with them. Bill Noyes has had the last of his radiation on his neck. He said that his treatment went well due to the excellent care he was given. It was good to see him looking so well and feeling better.

**Mike Zoldak** was able to contact **Jim McBain** who lives in Santa Maria. Mike got his email address and invited him to our meeting. It seems Jim has been around quite a bit since he hired on in 1978 and retired in 2005. He told us that he worked in LAXRR until it was closed, then worked in LGBRR and DENRR, until they

closed also. He was accused of closing up those departments which he denied but was able to stay just ahead of the closings. He did spend some time in HNLRR, which was a tough assignment according to him, with a smile on his face. We hope he joins our chapter.

**Nina Powers** had a fabulous trip to Turkey. She told me that this is one of the locations where the Christian religion began. She was on a tour so the language was no problem. The entire trip took about 3 weeks and now she is planning another trip starting in St. Petersburg, going through Sweden and ending with a boat trip along the Norwegian fiords. She sure is an active person and the way she puts it, she will continue her travels as long as she is able.

We were glad to have **Barb Chappell** attending as a regular member and glad to have her with us.

We hadn't seen **Bob & Pat Wagner** for awhile. They visited relatives in the mid-west this summer and had nothing but health problems. They are back with us, both looked good and healthy again. They did get some weather that caused some flooding that Bob said was over 7 feet deep.

**Marcia Stanger** thought it was a good idea to start thinking about our Christmas donation to Toys 4 Tots again. A few other charities were mentioned, so Marcia said that we all should think about it and bring suggestions to our next meeting in October, at which time we can then make a decision.

The 50/50 raffle was won by our visitors **Jim McBain** and **Isabelle Stanger**. Bob Stanger's mother is always a welcome addition to our chapter and it's good to see her when she isn't traveling at age 98. She is one special lady.

**Mike Zoldak** had someone ask him how many years of service does our Chapter have? He will compile the information and share it with us at the next meeting. Even though our membership is small, this should be very interesting. Has any other chapter done this and come up with an average?

As correspondent for our chapter, I get a lot of emails from retirees, regarding the plans and the future of our pass policy. All our suggestions and complaints are just a waste of time and are either deleted or tossed in the dumpster. A response from the VP Employee Relations, dated July 20<sup>th</sup>, to the officers of RUAEA, RUPA, ARECA, and Golden Eagles, "*believes that 8 annual vacation passes will level the playing field for most travel*". After reading the column from our president, **Ron Bertacini**, in the August 2011 Newsletter, it was disappointing that he wrote that Years of Service retirees with over 25 years will no longer accrue seniority. And most depressing was the fact that our President represents RUAEA and he has no legal standing to negotiate on our behalf. It helps to read the General News of the Newsletter to bring you up to date and see where we retirees stand. I was able to list two of my dependents on companion passes this past month, and after looking up the loads and seeing how booked they were, I didn't have much hope on getting them seats. However, our pass policy is still working and with my seniority, they were able to get on the first flights. So my question is, why change something that works? Maybe it is because the CO employees and retirees have less seniority than UAL's and this would put them at the bottom of the list. How can companion passes cost the company too much money if the flights go out with empty seats, where a standby could use it?

I just read **Ron Bertacini**'s column in the September Newsletter, and he said that there will be a quarterly meeting with the organized retiree group and the company in October. The pass travel program will be on the agenda again. I now have to rewrite this because I received another email saying that the October meeting will not meet and maybe reconvene next year. Another decision that was made by the "decision makers" is that (*the companion program is too costly to the company and therefore will be canceled*). It is too bad that we don't have a representative on our committee that was involved with the UAL-CAP merger in 1961. It seems that the ones making the decisions weren't even born then and have no idea what it took to put that merger together to most everyone's benefit.

On a lighter note from a D.C. ticket agent, a Congresswoman asked for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up being by a window. On an airplane?

#### Calendar:

**October 19** - Hosted by **Bob & Pat Wagner**

**December 14** - Hosted by **John & Barbara Stilwell**



## **BRAZEN RAISINS**

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The Brazen Raisins' July meeting was cancelled due to lack of interest, too-hot weather or other possible reasons.

President **Dick Hayes** had announced at the June meeting that he had a new job which would prevent him from attending meetings.

The Brazen Raisins' August meeting was hosted by **Peggy & John Oakshott**, who had been scheduled to host in July, but graciously offered to host in August, for which no host(s) were scheduled.

Vice President **Elida Rivas** conducted the August meeting and kindly offered to serve as president for the balance of 2011.

Former Sunshine Lady **Donna Nessling**, who has been ill for a number of months, is doing much better and may be able to attend meetings in the near future.

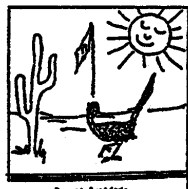
Elida read some facts from the RUAEA Newsletter about the travel policy, Travel Desk and credit union.

No jokes, but **Dick Shryock** serenaded with a song about Coca-Cola, from a 1971 TV commercial.

**Lincoln & Nile Jones** were off to a big Horse Fiesta in Santa Barbara.

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The temperature was 103 degrees, but a hardy group of 42 Desert Sunbirds gathered at Leon's Bar and Grill at the Indian Canyon Golf Resort in Palm Springs for our August Luncheon/Meeting. Hosted by **Melinda & Ron Lerg**, members had some tough choices for their lunch - Steak Sandwich, Monte Cristo Sandwich, Crab Louie Salad, and Chicken Cranberry Salad.

**Jan Kellerhals** finally made an appearance after 2½ months on Jury Duty. **Louie Horvath** brought the only guest this month, his partner, **James Chavez**.

**Barb Azbill** will be missing in September, and possibly October, as she will be travelling to Russia, Mongolia, and Beijing, then on to Missoula, Montana, and finally, Kona. Quite a trip!

In her recent travels, Barb flew on a late night trip out of Palm Springs. She had dog hairs on her clothes, and asked for tape at Security. A TSA representative produced some tape and helped Barb remove the dog hairs. Barb says it was the best pat-down she ever received. So, **Liz Clapper**, are you paying attention?

The **Napiers** had a family gathering (sorry **Ron**, I don't remember where) in August with their three sons and their families, 6 grandchildren included. Then off to Kona at a timeshare they bid on in Dale Harper's Daily Blog.

**Carole Paquin** and **Betty Rodgers** graciously volunteered to be responsible for coming up with door prizes for our December Meeting. The Birthday Lunch was won by **Fred Kellerhals**, and the 50-50 (\$65.00) was taken home by **Ken Hawley**. And congratulations to **Jim & Vivian Rotella** who celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

A final thought: The "Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall" will be in Desert Hot Springs October 13<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. You can pay respect to the 58,267 who paid the ultimate price in Vietnam from 1959 to 1975. Viewing is free to the public, and there's lots of free parking. If you plan to be in the desert area (Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, etc.) at that time, and are interested, you can call or email me, and I'll give you the details.

*More Student Bloopers ~ The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespear. Shakespear never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He lived at Windsor with his merry wives, writing tragedies, comedies, and errors. Writing at the same time as Shakespear was Miguel Cervantes. He*



wrote "Donkey Hote". The next great author was John Milton. Milton wrote "Paradise Lost". Then his wife died, and he wrote "Paradise Regained".

Calendar:

**October 12** – Hosted by **Ron & Barbara Napier**



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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met on August 31 at the Alta Sierra Country Club in Grass Valley. This was hosted by **Forester & Jean Sinclair**. We had 49 Gold Diggers attending and three guests; **Jim & Carla Moss**, guests of **Forester & Jean Sinclair** and **Tom Miehle**, guest of **Pat Guinn**. Our Chapter President welcomed those attending and thanked the Sinclairs for hosting and the Strouds for helping.

*Officer's Reports:*

VP **Orville Harshbarger** thanked everyone for filling the luncheon spots for this year and is starting to get hosts for next year. Since Convention falls early in October next year, we will be having a luncheon every month except November.

Secretary **Colleen Esola** read the anniversaries for August for those couples celebrating 50 years and over: **Jim & Ethyl Meek** (61 years); **Bob & Margaret Eggert** (55 years); **Karl & Ruth Stannitz** (55 years); **Skip & Marie Jenkins** (50 years). **Harold Esola** led us in the celebration song.

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

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** sent a sympathy card to the **Blizzards** as their 7 month old granddaughter passed away, they think with SIDS. She gave an update on **Dick Sandstedt**, he now has pneumonia and is back in the hospital.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** - Nothing at this time

Roster Chairman **Jack Raynor** – No report at this time.

RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** talked about an age discrimination complaint that has been sent to the EEOC regarding the new pass policy to take effect in 2012. The latest information can be found at the following website [www.theunitedretired.com](http://www.theunitedretired.com). He handed out instructions for sending in a letter if you want. Our new travel program as announced will be phased in between January and March 2012.

Calendar:

**September 28** – Hide-A-Way Restaurant in Vacaville, hosted by **Charles & Martha Szekretar**

**October 26** – Probably at Fats Restaurant in Roseville hosted by the **Bertacinis**

**November 30** – No Luncheon

**December 14** – Alta Sierra Country Club, Grass Valley

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Our traditional August Picnic was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Armstrong Redwood State Reserve. It is a beautiful park 75 miles north of San Francisco. The park has some of the tallest and oldest trees in this part of California and the weather was just great.

Our President **Joanne Huhn** welcomed our many guests and thanked our hosts, **Verda Burr** and her son **Bart Burr**. They received a big round of applause for a great BBQ.

Vice President **Barney Hagen** announced our guests, **Sherri & Ron Quock** with little **Katy** and **Sabrina**, guests of **Diana Quinn**; **Prudy Wilcox**, guest of **Ted Bell**; **Lee Trevelyan**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen**;

**Zelma Kibler**, guest of **Roger Casterline**; **Marlene & Ed Von Borstal**, guests of **Naomi Tolf**; **Dorothy Ochoa**, **Linda Dean** and **Pam Letourneau**, guests of **Maddy McKinnis**; **Bart Burr** and **Aaron Burr**, guests of **Verda Burr**; **Pam Olson**, guest of **Edie Olson**; **Linda del Pilar**, guest of **Jan Blackburn**; **Sue & George Hirsch**, guests of **Valerie Hulsey**; **Angie & Kenny Saul**, guests of **Inara & Heino Witt** and **Ed & Margaret Nelson**, guests of **Les Carey**. It was nice to have three generations attending, Bart Burr is Verda's son and Aaron is her grandson. We had so many nice guests it made for a very nice party.

Treasurer **Judy DeFord** gave us our financial status for the month and it looks pretty good. There were no changes to the July minutes.

The Mainliner Store in SFO has some great tee shirts and hats honoring September 11<sup>th</sup>. They have a UAL logo and "Never Forget". I had one with me that day and there was a lot of interest.

Sunshine Lady **Verda Burr** announced the birthdays for August: **Iva Lou Clark**, **Rodney Medeiros**, **Fred Langusch** and **Joan Sheehan**. None of the birthday people were attending, so the charity box received the "birthday lunch" money.

Anniversaries for the month were **Rodney & Gussie Maderios** (53 years), **Ron & Joanne Huhn** (55 years) and **Pat & Sal Ortega** (48 years). We sang congratulations to all.

Joanne noted that this is the first picnic that **Norma & Matt Stilman** have missed. Matt & Norma are members from the beginning of this Chapter. Matt is doing okay and would appreciate cards. Please no phone calls.

**Clare Hagen** is a real trouper, she had extensive hand surgery the day before the picnic, but joined us on this beautiful day. It was great to see **Pete Bilsich** back after a little trip to the hospital.

The raffle sent many people home with a lot of wine and chocolates.

#### Calendar:

**October 13** - Quail Inn, hosted by Maddy McKinnis and Mary Hill

**November 10** - Fountain Grove Inn, hosted by Brandon and Pat Maus

#### Re-LAX-ers

Los Angeles

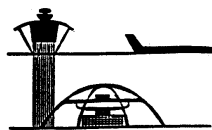
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Barbara Smith is recuperating and there will be a chapter report in the next issue of the Newsletter.

#### Calendar:

**September 24** - Reunion at Hacienda Hotel

**October 6** - Luncheon meeting at Proud Bird. 11am.

**December 1** - How time flies - Christmas Luncheon

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Summer is passing along and everybody is out getting ready for the long weekend. There were fourteen of us in attendance this month. **Betty Tomaino** was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

One topic of discussion was the petitions circulating in regard to our pass travel and other retiree benefits. The word is that no more consideration will be given to these issues until after they go into effect in 2012. There are many concerns that once they do go into effect, there will be no chance to make any changes to them.

It was also mentioned that CO employees can carry over their vacation passes into the next year. We at UA will have only eight vacation passes and after those are used, we will be boarded at a lower boarding priority

which will put us below CO employees and many of them will have little seniority. We all understand there are many issues that will need to be worked out and hope it will be to a more favorable outcome.

I returned home from the breakfast to find a message advising me that **Earl Anderson** had passed away that morning. He had Mesothelioma and been battling it the last couple of years. He will be missed by all of us.

That's all for this month. Have a good rest of the summer.

Calendar:

**October 6** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 10:00AM, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.



**GOLDEN GATERS**

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Picnic Time: No monthly September 26 General Meeting but a picnic! Instead of the long drive down to Menlo Park as in the past, we will be BBQ'ing juicy steaks outdoors at our usual General Meeting location: William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Boulevard in Foster City. Predictably, we expect absolutely wonderful food with the lake behind us making a beautiful backdrop. If a roaming seagull or some little ducks drop by, that would be fun too.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> is bringing us seniors a very generous invitation from Supervisor Adrienne Tissler of the San Mateo Board of Supervisors. This is to be a 3-hour "Older Driver Class" with free continental breakfast, lunch and admission. Pre-registration was necessary and will be held in South San Francisco at the Magnolia Senior Center. What a great way to renew your driving skills and also keep your license longer! (Thanks to **Wallace Rapozo**, UAL retiree and volunteer with the California Highway Patrol, for the information.)

**Check this out:** Our fantastic Local and International Tour Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** is at it again: Aloha: on the Princess Cruise Line, October 6-21, 2012, round trip San Francisco to Honolulu and home again. This is 16 days, great pricing and expect lots of fun! **Overnight trip plans in the works:** (1) California Northern Coast, 3 nights, 4 days, May or June 2012. One night in Hopland, one night in Fort Bragg or Mendocino Area. (2) Tahoe and Apple Hill, 2 nights, 3 days, April 2012. (3) Sequoia National Park and Kings Canyon, 3 nights, 4 days, August or September 2012. **Day trips in the works:** (1) Christmas Trees and Lights, December 3 or 4, 2011, Duarte's Poinsettia Farm, decorated homes. (2) Performance of stage musical "Cats" and dinner. (3) Wood Carving, Pescadero - Phipps Ranch, lunch in Half Moon Bay – date open. (4) CHP Tour and lunch – date open. (5) Guide Dog Graduation Ceremony – date open. (6) Angel Island and picnic – date open. (7) Roaring Camp and BBQ – date open. (8) San Francisco Presidio -Disney building – date open. **Not set yet** but interest has been shown: (1) Ireland, and (2) Eastern Canada with some train sections. Contact Ginger with your thoughts and interest in any of her tours at telephone (650) 224-1865 or email [gingersfo@aol.com](mailto:gingersfo@aol.com).

**Attention all you males:** The after-October 24 General Meeting entertainment will be a return visit by the Beledi Desert Dancers ... popularly known as "Belly Dancers". Don't miss this one! Beautifully finishing up our entertainment for 2011 will be our favorite piano and violin artists, Tibor and Elena. What a grand treat they always are! December: no meeting, ~ enjoy the holiday!

Personally Speaking ~ Well, kids, we hope you're well and able to take advantage of your righteously earned UAL boarding priority sometime during the next 3 months. January 1<sup>st</sup> brings a new regime into play as far as the new travel pass regulations go (and go and go and go). No more companion passes for us either. We still don't understand why nearly 90,000 employees deserve them and we do not. UAL's explanation is that we retirees are costing the company money that way. And the employees are not?

Calendar:

Each monthly UAL SFO-Bay Area Retiree General Meeting begins promptly at 11:30 a.m., 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (not September or December or if a 4<sup>th</sup> Monday falls on a major holiday). We'll see you at the William Walker Recreation Facility, 650 Shell Blvd. (Shell & East Hillsdale Blvd.), Foster City, CA 94404. Lost? Call (650) 286-3380. Mail should be sent to UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, P.O. Box 4788, Foster City, CA 94404.

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The South Bay RUAEA has been keeping active thru the summer months and now that Fall is officially here, the group continues to enjoy many events and breakfast meetings.

Many of our members have been a bit under the weather and are anticipating when they can rejoin us. They include **Lynn Buckholz, Dwayne Howze, Marion Gaevert, Bob Mattscheck, Keith Olthoff, Charlie Brown, Garver Sandy, Lloyd Eber, and Mary Ann Locke.** We wish them speedy recoveries.

Our bus trip to San Francisco's Presidio and the Disney Family Museum with lunch at the Garden Chalet, is coming up soon. We'll have to report details in a future edition. **Dave & Joanne Saso** are our hosts.

Another event the group is looking forward to is Oktoberfest. It will be our Fall Luncheon at Harry's Hofbrau on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. We will be entertained by **Darryl Coe** from the SFO RUAEA, with his German Street Organ. Perhaps our president **Alex Klaus** will make an appearance in his lederhosen. Our hosts for the event are **Karen & Bob Devlin** (408) 446-3244 and **Dave & Joanne Saso** (408) 266-9547.

Weekly we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries. Some of those celebrating anniversaries 50 years plus are **Tony & Helen Seidl** (55 years) and **Dale (Sam) & Billie Cramb** (54 years). Perhaps these husbands have taken to heart the thought for today. *"Don't question your wife's judgment - look whom she married"*. Congratulations!

We meet **every Friday morning at 8 AM** for breakfast at **Holder's Country Inn** on DeAnza Blvd. in **Cupertino**, across from Home Depot.

### Calendar:

**October 5** - Oktoberfest Buffet Lunch @ Harry's Hofbrau, 390 Saratoga Ave. San Jose. Hosts: **Karen & Bob Devlin** (408) 446 3244 and **Dave & Joanne Saso** (408) 266-9347

**October 28** – Halloween Breakfast

**December 6** - We invite you to join us at our **Christmas Winter Holiday Lunch** at Mariani's Inn & Restaurant in Santa Clara. Hosts are the officers of the South Bay RUAEA. Contact Dave Saso (408) 266-9547

**TBD - Ladies Holiday Lunch**, hosted by Joan Dahl, (408) 996-2161



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We had our monthly meeting at The Peppery in Sonoma on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The luncheon was hosted by **Nancy Buddington** and **Doug Daniels**. There were 37 people in attendance and that was a great turnout. Nancy and Doug had many raffle prizes and happy winners!

We were happy to see **Charlene Wood** attend. She had been ill and had not been able to join us for several months. Also, we had two guests; **Gail Preston**, guest of **Rosie Walls** and **Jack Lafarque**, guest of **Russ Klipple**. Gail worked for UAL many years ago as a stewardess and she is a member of the Clipped Wings chapter. Gail is a lovely lady and we were happy to have her join our chapter.

It's starting to get dark earlier and earlier every evening which is our clue that summer is coming to an end. It has been a great summer and we have all been busy travelling and having parties and barbecues with our families and friends. This article will be in the October issue so let me be the first to wish you a Happy Halloween. Watch out for all the ghosts and goblins that will be roaming the neighborhoods trick or treating.

Our chapter always meets on the second Thursday of each month and we hope you will join us. We will be at My Garden Cafe in Ceres in October. The luncheon meeting will be hosted by **Bobby & Charlene Wood**. If



you need any information or if you have any questions, please call our president **Don Nesja** at (209) 295-2104 or me, **Rosie Walls**, (209) 984-5672.

Calendar:

**October 13** - My Garden Cafe in Ceres

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We do not meet in July. Our August meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> with 20 members and the following 10 guests: **Roger** (SFOFO) & **Emily Ehm** (Roger was with PanAm, Capital and United (31 years)); **Jan Nichol** (WASRR, PITCS, BOSCS, SFOCS, OAKCS) hired on with UA in 1964; **Liz Griffiths** (WASRR); **Gail Sexton** (SFORR, SFOTO) started with UA in 1967; **Barbara** (SFOSW) & **Jerome Underhill**, Barbara hired on with UA in 1966; **Maria** (EWRSW, DENSW, SFOSW) & **Bob Sartinm**, Maria hired on with UA in 1966; **Trudy Engeldinger** (SFOSW), Trudy hired on with UA IN 1966.

It was wonderful to welcome back **Rich** and **Georgia Bouska** after a too long absence. Rich was undergoing treatment for prostate cancer at Loma Linda Hospital in San Bernardino, CA. He encourages anyone who has questions about this special treatment to call him for information (925) 443-4339.

The 50/50 was won by **Jackie Ormiston**.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1353 Willow Pass Road, Concord. No need for reservations. Social time is from 1100-1200, then lunch and business matters. We encourage all former UA and CO members to attend. We have many different departments participating.

Calendar:

**October 10**

**November 14**

**December 12** – Annual Christmas Party and Toys for Tots

**January 9**

**February 13**

### **COLORADO**



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The first Saturday of September rolled around before we realized it. We gathered for our monthly breakfast at the United Airlines Training Center Cafeteria. Sometimes we fail to realize how fortunate we are to have a place like the Training Center for our get-togethers. It is quiet and peaceful; the food is good and reasonably priced. Our thanks to the managers for allowing us to have our breakfasts here!

There were 55 folks that showed up and we welcome first timer **Runie Wise**. Tom & Nancy's granddaughter, **Lauren Goodyear** was with us. Lauren is the daughter of their son Paul. Time does fly; it won't be long before Paul will be looking at retirement and hopefully become involved in RUAEA. **Rich & Cleora Conner** have moved back from Texas. They are temporarily living in their camper in Loveland, CO. By the next breakfast, they may have a real address. Welcome back!

**Roy Rardin** fell and broke his hip; his address is 15461 East 33<sup>rd</sup>, Aurora, CO 80011. **Gerrie Pawley** broke her arm; her address is 14665 East Kenyan Ave., Aurora, CO 80014. **Dan Simons** was in the hospital with kidney problems; his address is 118 East Eatons, Brush, CO 80732. **Elaine Fluegel** was not able to get out,

she's suffering from back problems; her address is 8674 West 84<sup>th</sup> Circle, Arvada, CO 80005. If you want to send a card to these folks, please do.

We want to thank **Carol Lippincott** for being our "Sunshine Lady" for many years. She decided to go into retirement. **Carole Longbella** has volunteered to be our new "Sunshine Lady". Carole's address is 7250 East Moor Dr. Unit 9, Denver, CO 80237.

50/50 winners were **Vic Andreatta, Burt Dietel, Rich Conner, Keith Hipsher, Jim Ogden, Gene Sibley** and **Jim Spate**. Yes, another maintenance takeover, but they were kind enough to return their winnings back to the chapter.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, the Mile Highers had their indoor summer picnic with 53 in attendance. First timers were **Janet Jerold** and **John & Kathryn Fultz**. Welcome and come back and see us! It was good to see **Imme Barrows, Lois Dick, Lynne Malloy** and **Kay Smith**.

Our Christmas luncheon will be at the Holiday Inn Express at 444 South Colorado Blvd on December 7. Details will be in the next newsletter.

#### Calendar:

**Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> 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 flattened pop cans. Bring a fellow retiree!

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The good news is our friend **Laura Gonzalez-Halliday**, a part-time OAKOZ employee has transferred to full time at SFOCS. We heard employees were offered a buyout with reduced insurance, passes and benefits! Reduced? That is why there are openings. Is there any guarantee? We would advise those taking an early buyout to get a lawyer.

Our meetings are held once a month on a Monday at 1200 noon at The Village Inn on Harrison Road near Circle and I-25. **Please RSVP to Chuck.**

#### Calendar:

**September 26** – Regular lunch meeting

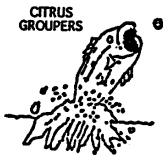
**October 24** – Regular lunch meeting

**November 28** – Regular lunch meeting

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#### *Submitted by Don Nellans*

We had our August meeting at the Nancy Lopez Legacy Restaurant in The Villages once again. **Don Nellans**, President of the Citrus Groupers, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 13 in attendance.

Under "old business", it was noted that we still need volunteers to help with our committee for the day trips. Possibilities mentioned for early November were a river cruise on either the Withlacoochee River or Ocklawaha River and an alternative trip would be a trip to the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa. One of these trips would be in place of our regular November meeting.

**Claus Brinnitzer**, our Christmas committee chair, stated that the annual Christmas party will be an excursion to Hudson, FL for a show and dinner at a playhouse. We will need to collect the money for this by the October meeting. Claus mentioned that while he believes we all have excellent credit, it still is not good enough for him to loan us the money and this will have to be prepaid. The exact date for this trip will be announced soon.

**Dee La Chance** won our 50/50 drawing. Our meeting was adjourned but we still hung around kibitzing for a while.

#### Calendar:

The last Thursday of every month, 11:30-1:30, Nancy Lopez Country Club, 8455 SE 172 Legacy Ln., (352) 753-1475, just South of Hwy. 42, on Buena Vista Blvd. Anyone needing directions or questions answered may contact our President, **Don Nellans**, at [nellansdon@aol.com](mailto:nellansdon@aol.com) or phone him at (352) 861-8486 as **Joan Brandonisio** is on vacation.

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There were 17 members present at our September meeting including our 2 Associate members, **Deborah & Robert Taylor** from San Diego who visit us about twice a year. Our President **Dick Coughlin** was back with us after his long siege and treatments at Anderson Cancer Center in Orlando. He looks great, feels great, and the blessing is, he is cancer free! We had several who give their regrets at not being able to attend due to conflict of appointments, travel or working. Dick received an e-mail from **Nancy Thomas**. She & **Frank** moved to Gilroy, CA recently to be closer to their son. We miss having them with us.

Our birthday celebrant was **Janet Horton**, Anniversary celebrants are **Lowell & Anne Johnson** with 54 years, and Company anniversary is **Bill Lowry** with 62 years. We had no treasury report as **Penny Logan** was away at a wedding in Chicago. **Steve Moddle** gave an account of the latest news at the Police Report meeting. Evidently, a man was caught who was a multiple car thief and at his apartment, police confiscated approx. \$100,000 worth of stolen property.

Prez Dick gave quite a detailed talk explaining all that went on before doctors found his cancer problem, his operation on his cheek & jaw to remove a tumor, and his stay & treatment at Anderson Cancer Center. During all this time and his 32 radiation treatments, he & **Frieda** stayed at the Hubber House on the hospital grounds. He explained how the Hubber House is available to patients as they go through treatment, and how reasonable the price is and how the house is operated with volunteers giving time to the place and others providing supplies of food and other things, and people who come to cook a meal for those staying there. The cost to stay there includes all meals & snacks. The house has 17 rooms or suites. He showed us pictures of the house and it is a lovely big home in a beautiful setting which gives cancer patients a chance to get away from the hospital setting and into a more home-like atmosphere. Dick suggested we use some of our money to help the work of this Hubber House and maybe even collect some of the needed supplies. Not to be outdone, after Dick got finished talking about that, conversations began about other's infirmities. We all have an operation or an ache or problem to "brag" about.

I read an article I wrote for my church newsletter reminding us of the Anniversary of 9/11 coming up and the memorials that will be taking place. It mentions a lady who made a quilt for a little boy whose father was killed in the collapsed building in NY, from a few of the father's shirts. This led to **Larry Horton** telling us about a memorial in Bayonne, NJ that was placed there by the people of Russia. It is a huge tear drop with a plaque in remembrance of those who lost loved ones on 9/11.

The only Company news was some sketchy information about a law suit that may be going on which is being done in hopes of stopping some benefits in the future from being taken away from company retirees. Also, I heard mention there was a new website for retirees to log into to get information. On that note, we broke up and said our good-byes until October. It was a good meeting.

Thought for today: *Getting well goes like this: God does the healing and the doctors get the money.*

Calendar:

**October 6** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**November 3** - 11:30 - Red Lobster

**December 1** - 11:30 - Halifax Yacht Club



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The Real McCoys began their meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by ... Drum Roll ... **Ernie Vosges!** Ernie & Cheryl made the trip to our gathering from the beach, where they are **both** enjoying a much needed vacation. He's "lookin' good" and feeling stronger every day. Ernie thanked everyone for their cards, prayers, and well wishes to a round of applause!

Vice President **Ken Michels** chaired the meeting today and our lively group of 31 welcomed back regulars **Stan & Barb Halterman, Richard Vinson, and Julia Montalvo**. Julia & Angel's grandson is doing great and has accepted his new heart - many thanks for all the prayers. **Gary & Judy Mills** also joined us and Gary gave us an informative talk on the EEOC complaint filed against UA on behalf of all retirees. Check out the EEOC link on our RUAEA website for more details.

Dates have been set and plans are in the works for the fall picnic and the Christmas Luncheon. It was agreed to change the October Picnic to the **November Picnic!** Cypress Grove Park, 290 W. Holden Avenue, will be reserved for November 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am. The Bonefish Grill, 5463 Gateway, Village Circle, same location as our 2010 gathering, will be contacted for our December 6<sup>th</sup> Luncheon. Details next month.

Our September Birthdays include **Angel Montalvo** (9/2), **Char LeGrand** (9/17), **Barbara Halterman** (9/23). Wedding Anniversary Congratulations to **Tom & Peg Cannata**, celebrating 44 years on 9/10 – **Wow!**

Please remember these folks especially in your prayers for healing and strength as they recover from all sorts of surgeries, aches and pains, and illnesses: **Lou Gaydos, Sid Edelman, Jim Multeri, Marjorie Vinson, Patti Clark, Chris Hess, and OB Taylor**. And remember the rest of us too! 'Cause we could all use some "heavenly" help.

Calendar:

Luncheon - First Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm. Golden Corral, 2323 So. Semoran Blvd., just south of CurryFord Road

**November 1** – Picnic

**December 6** – Christmas Lunch

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Even though we had heavy rain bursts off and on during the day, one that I had to drive through to get to the meeting, we had a grand total of 27 members in attendance. It wasn't too long ago that we were fortunate to have half of that number, and let me tell you we are delightfully happy that our numbers are growing. The nice part is all the members are forming great relationships. And to top all that, we had a new member **Sharon Kirk** who also hails from Ft. Lauderdale. Welcome Sharon.

**Al Popek** had us give a minute of silence for **Celina Xifaras, Constantinos'** wife, who passed away July 5, and for all the employees of the two United flights that went down on 9/11 as well as all the people that lost their lives on that horrible day in our lives.



When President **Al Popek** got the meeting under way with his trusty meat tenderizer and a block of wood, he suggested that everyone give us a rundown on what transpired in their lives during July and August. No dull people in this crowd and retirement doesn't stop these people from enjoying life to its fullest. Travelling from coast to coast, some including Europe, of course, visiting family, connecting with family during sad times, sightseeing and you name it, as they say, no dust under their feet. A few of us including yours truly stayed in Florida wrestling with the heat like the rest of the world.

We took a vote as to whether or not to have name tags and the answer was more yes than no. A decision for our Christmas/Holiday Party will take place on the first Monday in December, which is of course December 5, with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres served between 6PM to 7PM, and sit down dinner with all the trimmings at 7PM. More details are forthcoming so mark your calendar. A picnic is in the forming stage and **Frank Wise** will be checking out the availability and such at the Dubois Park in Jupiter, more details to follow.

And need I say that anyone that would like to join us on these outings is more than welcome, just let us know. We also talked about a trip to a casino which offers free bus service and of course lunch and jingle money in return. Stay tuned.

Now I must say that **Ron Brodis** was in his usual rare and wonderful form since his recent surgeries, and as he says, things are definitely better. He and **Diane** are a trip and a half, such a nice couple.

Guess what the most talked about topic was? You guessed it, our pass travel and the merger.

**Diane & Paul Liebisch's** friends from Berlin will be coming to our October meeting. They are none other than, Thomas and his sister Martina and her daughter Fabien, we certainly look forward to welcoming them again to our meeting.

As I have said before, when **Frank & Jane Wise** attend our meetings, they don't win the progressive and guess what, they were in attendance today so the progressive went to **Jerry Zadar** and the 50/50 was won by **Bob Langevin**, congratulations to the winners!

The conversation, food and friendship is the best ever at Mulligan's and our meetings. I hate to keep repeating myself but if you are in the area or want to join us, please do, you won't be sorry. I have to tell you that we have retirees joining our group from as far as Ft. Lauderdale and they are very happy to be with us, so give us a try you won't be sorry. Mulligan's has redecorated the room and moved out some items that gave us more room and we really are spreading our wings. Even our steady waiter, Dana, who was supposed to be off today, moved his day off to be with us, that is true loyalty and a desire to please. He and the staff brought in a candle lit slice of cake and ice cream for **Diane Brodis** whose birthday was today.

Birthdays for the month of September are **Judy Frage**, **Diane Liebisch** and **Kim Langevin** on the 5<sup>th</sup>; **Diane Brodis** on the 6<sup>th</sup>; **Mari Hirjak** on the 12<sup>th</sup>; and yours truly on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday to all and may you be blessed with good health.

Remember to send in your dues to **Diane Liebisch**, all dues must be collected by no later than December 1.

*On the lighter side:*

- ☺ *Take time to say "Thank you", "Please", "I'm sorry", "Forgive me", and "I love you" and don't assume they know it, say it often and at every opportunity.*
- ☺ *Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take out breath away.*
- ☺ *Remember yesterday, dream about tomorrow but Live for Today!*
- ☺ *Did you ever notice the Roman Numerals for forty (40) is XL!*
- ☺ *A Chemist walks into a pharmacy and asks the pharmacist, "Do you have any acetylsalicylic acid?" "You mean aspirin?" asks the pharmacist. "That's it! I can never remember that word."*

Remember live, laugh and love the clock is ticking.

Calendar:

**October 4** – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting

**November 1** – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 1230PM Luncheon/Meeting

**December 5** – Mulligan's, Jensen Beach, 6PM Christmas/Holiday Party (in lieu of regular Tuesday December 6 meeting)

## IDAHO



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We held our Annual Memorial Potluck Picnic on September 7, 2011, at Phillippe Park in Boise. Our hosts for this event were **Carol & Dave Adams**. Thanks so much Carol & Dave for finding us a new city park to have this event ... a **great** job organizing this too! The shaded Pavilion was excellent since it was 93 degrees.

Besides **Carol & Dave Adams**, those attending this event were: **Shirley & Charles Perkins, Ann & Floyd Rose, Carole Bell, Bud & Pat Peters, Ned Yundt, Marlene Croghan, Marilyn Taylor, Denny Snyder, Palmer & Bob Sarnoff, Shirley & Rick Dempsey**, and **Ann Johnson** & husband and Ann's sister and her husband from Kalispell, Montana.

Everyone was so happy to see **Marilyn Taylor** since she had not been feeling well for several months. **Ann Rose** just returned from visiting family in Germany.

### Calendar:

**October 3** – Luncheon, JB's Restaurant, Meridian, ID, 1:30 p.m.

**November 7** – Luncheon, JB's Restaurant, Meridian, ID, 1:30 p.m.

**December 5** – Luncheon, JB's Restaurant, Meridian, ID, 1:30 p.m.

## ILLINOIS

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One of our loveliest Skyliners, **Goldie Bear**, has moved. Letters to her in care of Nancy Evanson, 136 Louise Dr., Winona, MN, (507) 452-1752.

I have been advised that **Laura Westbrook** died June 2, 2011. Cards may be sent to her niece Melody Eizaoff, 1480 Owl Creek Lane, Swansea, IL 62226.

**Kay Horsely** advised the passing of **Richard Dick Kohout** on July 8, 2011. He retired in 1988 from EXOFO. His military Air Force Honor burial was in Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C. Cards to Diana VanKirk, 305 Tacamowski Lane, Tyrone, PA 16686.

**Pat Muha**, our greatest jet flyer, just returned from a ride on a Farmers Insurance Airship (blimp). It was a 45-minute ride over West Chicago. It was something she always wanted to do. She said it was very exciting and she highly recommended it. I have further info from an unknown source, who didn't give a name or phone number, but here is the info given: Airship Ventures on Farmers Airship Zeppelin - 200 up/ 360 degree vistas / 35 miles/hr/ Moffett Field, Oakland, Long Beach, San Diego/ \$375+ - \$400.

**Cesar & Elena Guerra** had daughter Natalie and grandson Leo visiting; they brought them to our August 10<sup>th</sup> breakfast at Jedi's.

For the United Volunteer Group, beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the bus will leave at 7:45 A.M. from the Training Center, the first Tuesday monthly. You arrive at the Depository at 9:00 A.M. for three hours' work. Return bus leaves at noon and will arrive at the Training Center by 1:00 P.M. **Ron Pryer** is still in charge of arrangements.

Southside had a great turnout with **Mary Szabo, Norm Pearson, and Helen Cauwels** from the Northside visiting and the long-awaited return of **Lydia & Ernie Codilis** for a great number of 24. We did miss regular **Carmen Chavez** who was ailing. Great crowd and mucho money for raffle, five winners. They were **Gwen Brookins, Mary Szabo, Edward Ward, Margaret Schmitt, and Tom Hurley**. I have to give thanks to my door openers: **Rudy Maki** (South) and **Frank Vlach** (North). They saved a lot of work for Al (husband).

I received this little quip regarding my religion but felt it could be true of most faiths and hope all deserve the chuckles so many other people had.

*You know you're a church-goer when ...*

- 1. You arrive in church and start having a panic attack because someone else is sitting in your pew.*
- 2. You sing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" while sitting down.*
- 3. You are at a funeral of a family member who is Catholic, and you are the only one who says "for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen" after everyone else is done.*
- 4. At potlucks, all the men have tableware and napkins in their shirt pocket.*
- 5. While watching Star Wars, you hear "may the force be with you" and you reply "and also with you."*
- 6. You can't imagine a celebration without food.*
- 7. A midlife crisis means switching from the old hymnbook to the new one.*
- 8. They have to rope off the last few pews in church so the front isn't empty.*
- 9. All of the casserole dishes have your name on the bottom.*
- 10. The only mealtime prayer you know is "Come Lord Jesus."*

Calendar:

Southside Brunch – Breakfast at Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn, (**October 25 & November 29**)

Northsiders Breakfast – Ritzy's Café & Backereia, 9:00 A.M., 2765 Algonquin Rd., Rolling Meadows (**October 12 & November 9**)

Food Depository - First Tuesday, every month

**October 10** - Fall Luncheon at the Diplomat West at Route 83 (Busse, Kingery) and a few blocks west on North Avenue

**December 6** – Christmas Luncheon



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There was no luncheon scheduled in August and a report on our September luncheon will be in the November issue.

As a reminder, there was a change on September 1<sup>st</sup> in the program that allowed seniors to ride for free on all Chicago transportation. You now need a "Reduced Fare Permit" in order to buy your tickets. Contact the RTA if you did not receive this permit.

Our next luncheon will be on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Calendar:

**October** – No luncheon scheduled

**November 16** – Luncheon at Renaissance Chicago Hotel @ State and Lake Streets (The Great Street Restaurant) 11:30 a.m.

## INDIANA

### INDY RACERS

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Notice to our regular meeting attendees. This month, October, we will be meeting at the Paragon Family Restaurant, 118 S. Girls School Rd., Indianapolis, IN. We had met at the Paragon several years ago and although the food was great, accommodations for the meeting were not convenient. According to **Ray & Hannalore Brabo**, the eating area has been reconfigured and provides for better meeting space. So we will give it a try again.

Not too much to report at this writing, so I will touch on some summer trips that were taken but not mentioned previously. **Chris Johnson** took a road tour with his brother throughout Michigan. **Bob Duty** visited with his daughter in West Virginia and also traveled to Pennsylvania. **Charles Theiss** and his family enjoyed camping out, 1700s style, in western Pennsylvania. Charles' family participates in reenacting. He makes a great pirate. **Lenny Kurtz** rode his motorcycle to Ohio. They all returned to Indy to enjoy the rest of the summer. **Mary Chandler** is off to Hawaii on her fall trip visiting friends. Sounds like a great summer was had by everyone.

So now after a "Labor Day" weekend of 100 degrees, followed by two nights of 40 degrees, it seems that football weather is upon us. Yes!

Happy October birthday to **Ron Innis**. And, wedding anniversary wishes to **Jim & Nancy Gibson**.

Our sympathy to **Dimple Rihel** on the loss of her brother-in-law.

### Calendar:

**October 11** - Paragon Family Restaurant, 118 S. Girls School Rd., Indianapolis, IN. Room available from 2 P.M.; meeting at 3:00 P.M.

**November 8** - TBD

## MASSACHUSETTS

### NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters had scheduled a summer picnic at a NH State Park, but we had to cancel it for lack of participation. This is the first time our group has canceled a venue. The worst weather couldn't deter us, but lack of interest gave us a knock out. Our summer picnic once drew a crowd larger than a sit down luncheon. Are we all getting too old, or just losing interest?

**Bill Shailor** received a happy visit from his son Jonathan, daughter in law, Catherine and new grandson Isaac from Wisconsin. Another son Chris & wife Karen renewed their vows on their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, bringing the whole family together. Bill is a happy man again!

**Ed Aldoriso** is still having problems since his prostate surgery, which even affected his vision. He is now going through several months of chemo. He advised the PSA test is not a substitute for a physical exam. Ed urges every one to get a yearly exam and not go through what he has.

**Paul Ward**, a Nor'Easter living in Florida, had a knee replacement and is in rehab as of this writing. So far, he is doing well and plans on being home soon. Send Paul a card at 223 Pier A, Naples, FL 33412. Get well Paul!



It saddens me to report the passing of **Bob Seibold**, BOSCS, on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Bob was 86 years young, was married to **Eileen** for 66 years and had 6 children. I worked with Bob for 19 years. He was easy going and always had a story to tell. Cards can be sent to Eileen at 6 Seward Road, Stoneham, MA 02128.

October birthdays ~ **Patricia Austin, Robert Boyle, Edward Burke, John DeYoung, Norman Hudon and John Lagadinis.**

October anniversaries ~ **Jack & Nancy Casey** (29 years), **Mark & Barbara Domurat** (31 years), **Lee & Sid Loyn** (44 years) and **Jimmy & Susan Yip** (45 years).

*Money doesn't buy happiness, but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.*

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Sixteen Escapees and 1 guest; Aunt Lottie, **Pat Klein's** aunt, gathered at the Golden Feather September 1<sup>st</sup>, hosted by **Gloria Alexander**. We apologize to **Kathy Dewey**, one of our newest retirees and first timer to one of our meetings, plus anyone else that may have shown up at Carrabba's Grill, that I am still not aware of. Our host found out after our local NL had been sent and only a couple days before our meet that Carrabba's did not open until 4:00PM for our 11:30AM meet. Oops! We tried to contact all that RSVP'd but we missed Kathy and hope there were no others. We promise we will treat her extra special next time, so hope she tries us again.

**Gunther Volkenborn** writes that he had a small stroke that affected his left arm, it was like a rubber band. However, Gun says he controlled it by will power and is now about 98% back to normal. Love and prayers to Gun for 100% recovery @ 3207 W. Fletcher Road, Roscommon, MI 48653-9005.

For those that remember **Jackie Rickloff**, who was a supervisor at DTWRR, when **Peggy Shubnell** was manager, and was also **Judie Pearson's** twin sister, whom Judie says did not look like her, lost her husband John on August 5, due to pancreatic cancer. Condolences may be sent to Jackie @ 3306 S.W. 39th St., Ocala, FL 1 34474.

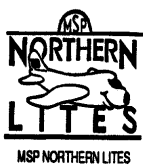
**Dee Hegle** was in the hospital for a few days. She says it was nothing serious, just a flare up from taking an antibiotic and low blood pressure. She has been getting treated for high blood pressure and now it is going the other way. She has no pain, just very tired and don't feel like doing anything. Love & Prayers to Dee @ 1036 N. Hickory Ridge Trail, P.O. Box 518, Milford, 48381-0518.

### Calendar:

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

## MINNESOTA

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The annual picnic on August 10 was a huge success! **Jim Simon** was our host at his lovely home in Chetek, WI. The weather couldn't have been more perfect, which is not what usually happens ~ more often than not, we either swelter in the heat & humidity or have to hold the event indoors because of rain. Low humidity, moderate temps & light breezes were the order of the day, and whoever put in *that* order gets a gold star!

We are all saddened by the death from cancer of our good friend, **Tom Krieger**. His last four months were a stunning downhill spiral which shocked us all. His wife, **Bev** & family would appreciate notes of condolence or memories you may have about Tom. They may be sent to 2585 Western Ave. No., Roseville, MN 55113.

Another old friend from the days when MSP had a reservations office, **Sid Walker**, also lost his 7-year battle with cancer. Condolences may be sent to his wife, **Linda** & the family at 8769 Ruttger Road, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472.

We're pleased that **Gordy Olson** is doing well after his heart surgery. It had been the first emergency call for the young EMT who assisted in the 911 call to **Gordy & Lou's** home & when they made a later trip to the fire station to thank the First Responders, it was quite an emotional experience for all. We're sooo glad that our friend is still with us.

In mid-August, a couple of our members were part of a group of 6 who went to Cordova, AK hunting the beautiful silver salmon when they return to the rivers to spawn. As you know, travel can be a stressful experience. Within 6 hours of being dropped off at the airport at MSP, **Rich Glattly** lost his cell phone; another of the party left his ID at Security & **Jim Simon** got locked in an employee bathroom at SEATAC. Our poet-laureate penned the following:

*"It happened in Seattle while waiting for the van  
when suddenly I decided I had to hit the can.  
I left my friends & baggage waiting by the bus stop door  
while I sought out a restroom on the terminal garage floor.  
"I asked a young attendant where the nearest john might be  
And he said very firmly "Just come along with me".  
He walked me across the area & unlocked a steel door,  
allowing me to enter a bathroom on that floor.  
"I thanked him & proceeded to do what needed be,  
finished up my business & turned to leave the entry;  
Unfortunately, I discovered the door to leave was locked!  
I couldn't depart the premises, my exit was now blocked.  
"I pounded loudly on the door, apparently to no avail.  
I felt like I'd been locked up in the SEA-TAC airport jail!  
Twenty minutes later, I heard the door unlock,  
allowing me to leave & return to the bus stop.  
"Everyone had left, but one, & my baggage was all gone,  
so Kent & I caught our van to finally carry on.  
We got back to the hotel where the story of delay was told  
and details of what happened proceeded to unfold.  
"The moral of the story, I guess, if you really have to know,  
is to hold it just as long as you can, until you really have to go!"*

Fortunately, **Rich's** phone was found at MSP security, so they held it for him until his return. This particular AK fishing trip started & ended on a sour note (plane cancellation, long creeping delays & missed connection causing a very short overnight in Anchorage), but according to all participants, the middle was a huge success with lots of laughs, good food & overall, a fun time.

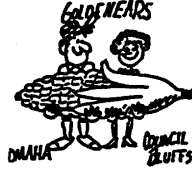
**Cindy White** has a famous uncle & none of us knew until now! His name was Everett McGowan & had an illustrious career in ice skating. He earned the title "fastest man on ice" at the World Professional Championships in 1921, '22 & '23 & played for the New York Rangers, where his nickname was "Iron Man". He was part of the group who, with Roy & Eddie Shipstead & Oscar Johnson, founded the Ice Follies, Ice Capades & Holiday on Ice figure skating extravaganzas. He starred with Joan Crawford in the movie production of the Ice Follies. His trophies, photos & other artifacts of his career will be displayed by the Heritage Square Museum next year at the MN State Fair.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month ~ Lunch and meeting 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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Hot – heck yes. However, there were 44 souls who showed up at the Fish & Game in Council Bluffs. Thanks to our hosts **Larry & Sharon Farrell**. We were pleased to have 4 guests with us – three from Phoenix and one from Portland. **Glenn Safford** from Lincoln was also there and joined our retiree group. Welcome, Glenn. **Judy Nekonchuk** won the 50/50 for \$34.00.

Following is a new list of Officers for the Omaha Goldenears Chapter: President - **Tony Sortino**, Vice President - **Ev Payton**, Treasurer - **Jane Sesto**, Secretary - **Marge Edwards**, Sunshine Lady - **Barb Soseman**.

Best wishes to **Peggy Casebeer** as she heals from having shoulder surgery on August 3. She said the healing process will take several weeks. She is one who suffers from arthritis; thus the need for surgery.

**Jean Kirsch** said she has arthritis really bad in her shoulders and back. She lives in a duplex in Ralston and her daughter also lives in one so she has help whenever needed. She said “*hello to everyone.*” She misses seeing her United friends.

**Paul Steuri** is still undergoing physical therapy for breaking his leg a month ago. We hope he will be able to go back to Heritage Assisted Living before long.

The flood situation that affects Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri is showing very little signs of getting better. People have been out of their homes for months and it still will be a very long time before they can get back to them. Some homes were covered with water and doubtful if they can clean them up enough to be safe to live in. The Missouri River is still out of its banks, and when the rains come there is no place for it to run off, consequently it is flooding more land. Very sad situation for so many, many people. It's just not the homes on the river, but the flood has covered so much land all along the way. Approximately 285 miles of river and beyond has been affected. Hopefully this will not happen again, and the Corps of Engineers will do something different if the snowfall is that bad next winter in Montana.

### Calendar:

**October 4** - Sons of Italy, hosted by **Gary Procopio** and **Linda**

**November 1** - Bohemian Café, hosted by **Tom & Rose Langan**

**December 6** - Christmas Dinner, hosted by **Ev & Shirley Payton**

## NEVADA



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Our August 9<sup>th</sup> luncheon meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm, after a delicious lunch of Tilapia with all the ingredients and sherbet for dessert, with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 27 members and one visitor, **Bob & Zenta Berghofer's** daughter, in attendance.

**Moses Prather** passed away on June 9<sup>th</sup>, his wife passed away several months earlier.

**Dora Coleman** lives with relatives out of state and is paralyzed on the left side, we wish the best for her, her email address has been discontinued.

Our membership is diminishing for medical reasons, or, members transferring to the higher up association. We are not adding new members who moved here after retirement, partly because they are disillusioned with what UAL is now, after they got the short end of the stick.

I would like to invite all retirees here in the Las Vegas area from the UAL and CO system to join us so we can get acquainted and reminisce of things we shared. Some of us must have crossed our paths in the past.

Calendar:

**October 11** – 11:30AM meeting at Arizona Charlie's Decatur Casino & Hotel, 740 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada. Phone # (702) 258-5200. Menu will be: London Broil, potatoes, asparagus, minestrone soup, and apple strudel a la mode.

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There were 62 attendees at our August picnic at Sand Harbor, Lake Tahoe including members from the **Sacramento Gold Diggers**, **Hangtown Miners**, and **San Joaquiners**. The Reno chapter of the **Clipped Wings** were also represented and provided the cake dessert for all. RUAEA President **Ron Bertacini** and his wife **Barbara** were also in attendance.

The weather was beautiful and the company was great. Thank you to everyone for bringing such delicious food to share – everything was wonderful.

As always, our chefs – **Duncan Scaife** and **Larry Leusing** – did a great job. Thanks also to **Larry & Donna Perkins**, **Kathy & Joe Robinson** and **Duncan & Nancy Scaife** who were on hand early to help out, as well as **anyone else** whose name I failed to obtain. Thank you to **Jim Wagner** for providing “gate security”. The biggest **Thank You** goes to **Barbara Leusing** for doing a great job as Picnic Chairman.

Thanks also to **Barbara Leusing**, **Donna Perkins**, **Kathy Robinson**, **Mary Withers**, and **Donna Reid** who provided the raffle prizes.

The 50/50 winner was **Ana Garcia** of the San Joaquiners. The winnings surely covered her gas bill. Congratulations! We had on hand many donated gifts which were won by members of all the chapters in attendance.

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

Calendar:

**September 12** – Meeting at Jack's, 7671 S. Virginia St. at 11:30. This is the building that was previously Austin's restaurant.

**NEW JERSEY**

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The Garden Staters' August 31<sup>st</sup> picnic was cancelled due to Hurricane Irene. The park where the picnic was to be held was closed so we have no news to report in this issue of the Newsletter.

Calendar:

**September 28** - Meeting at Snuffy's

**October 26** – Meeting at Snuffy's

**November** - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

**December 14** - Holiday luncheon at Snuffy's.



## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS

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What crazy weather. Downpour for 5 minutes, then sunshine and then another downpour. 42 members attended today's meeting/luncheon. Our President, **Jim Richardson** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then had us stand in silent prayer for those who have passed on recently, and those unable to attend due to health or some other issue. Report that **Julius Schneider** is in the hospital in ICU. No phone calls or visitors allowed. Our prayers go out to all who suffered or were affected by the recent earthquake and then Hurricane Irene. Many members were talking about the hurricane and the length of time they were without power. The times ranged from a few minutes to 6 or 7 days. Trees down, flooded homes or basements. Lots of cleaning up to do.

As of August, we embraced a few new members, namely **Nadine Cordes, Carson Baker, Emma & Nunzio Milazzo. Carol Turner** has rejoined the Metros after a couple years absence. We had 14 members celebrating their birthday this month. They are: **Roberta Manfredo, Geraldine Rizzo, John Modugno, Don Teufel, Emma Milazzo, John Muller, Peter Kraus III, Nunzio Milazzo, Alex Nepagoda, Charles Kaczinski, Diane Arena, Irene Zubris, Sal Vascellaro and Justine Thompson.** We also had 6 couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries, and they were: **Rose Ann & Sal Vascellaro, Jane & Peter Kraus III, Theresa & Rudolf Wolf, Janet & Elwin Van Cleemput, Laura & John Muller and Ruth & Elliot Olenick** married the longest this month at 63 years.

It was mentioned that time is running short on the availability of Companion Passes. As of January 2012, they are gone. Offer them to your family and friends. United is offering employment to about 100 to 200 laid off UA pilots to train to fly CO aircraft. They anticipate increasing their schedules next year. The Boeing 787 Dreamliner has been certified by the FAA and European Aviation Safety Agency. UA will be the first North American carrier to put it into service in late 2012.

Next month, we will be accepting nominations for the offices of President and Secretary. Voting will take place in November. **Jim Richardson**, (Pres.) and **Madeline Klos** (Secy.) have both indicated they will not accept any nominations for any office. **Jim Richardson** has promised to help in any way whoever gets elected. He says after 6 years, it is time to hang up the gavel.

#### Calendar:

**October 5** - Noon - Mileridge Inn

**November 2** - Noon - Mileridge Inn

**December 7** - Noon - Mileridge Inn - Christmas Party

**January** - No Meeting

**February 1** - Noon, Milleridge Inn

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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Hope that everyone had a great Labor Day holiday! The weather took a quick downturn to remind us that Fall is on its way. Our monthly luncheon meeting took place at The Old Oak Church with 75 members. Thank you to our hosts, **Gene & Jacki Craig**, for a job well done so that the rest of us can just show up and enjoy our day! Thanks again!

**Dolly Taucher** opened our meeting with a few thoughtful words concerning the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11. *"This coming Sunday will be ten years since the barbaric attack which took the lives of 2,985 souls, including those of our brothers & sisters of UAL. In addition to what happened to all of them, it now appears that many of the responders to the emergency situation are now showing signs of cancer, lung problems, etc. In remembrance of 9/11, let us have a moment of silence for all who have been touched by this tragedy."* **Dave Placko** led us in saying grace for all our blessings.

We would like to welcome our guests **Mary Merleno** (Nancy Cleary's sister - FLA), and **Julie Urbansky** (friend of **Laverne Burke**). Our group was happy to welcome new members, **Ken & Kathleen Bender**. Also, visiting with us were **Dick & Jane McPheter**, who are members of our group but reside in Yuma, Arizona! Welcome back!

Our luncheons are always held on the first Wednesday of the month, and we want you to be prepared for a change in the coming year because the first Wednesday of three of the months will be changed to the second Wednesday. The months of April, July, and September are involved because the first weeks are too close to holidays.

**John & Elda Jeskey** were in a car accident recently where the driver in the opposite lane must have fallen asleep and hit them head on. We are happy to report that their injuries were not life threatening and they were back home in a short time. John missed today's luncheon because he was not feeling well.

We were notified that **Mike Crow** CLECG/FLA lost his wife **Betty** on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. She was the sister of **Mark & Bill Gatesman**. We understand that Mike is having some health issues himself. Please keep these members and friends in your prayers.

Sadly, we have had some deaths in our United family. **Earl Anderson** (CLECG) now of San Diego, CA, passed away 9/2/11.

**Don Browder** - IAD passenger agent passed away in August and was buried on 8/27/11. **Sarah E. White (Suzi)** CLERR passed away 8/2/11. Our sympathies go out to their family and friends.

To all of our members who celebrated a birthday this month, we wish you a very, very Happy Birthday. We only had one in attendance, so **Margie Sandstrom** had to stand alone for us to serenade her. Wish all of you many, many more!

Happy Anniversary to all who celebrate this month as your anniversary and we wish you many more happy years. We had two couples with us and they are: **Tom & Carol Hamlin** (49) and **Perry & Judy McKnight** (23). Congratulations!

Last, but not least is our 50/50 drawing. This month our two winners were **Dick Mullen** and **Mary Merleno**. Lucky! Lucky! August winners were **Helen Hockett** and **Lavern Burke**. Lucky you!

*\*Summer is the time of year when we try to keep the house as cold as it was last winter, when we complained about it!*

#### Calendar:

**October 5** - Donaschwaben's German-American Cultural, hosted by Joe & Shirley Moses. Prepaid – Deadline September 24<sup>th</sup>. Gathering at 11:30, serving at 12:30

**November 2** - Carrie Cerinos Ristorante, hosted by Dave & Marie Placko. Prepaid – Deadline October 20<sup>th</sup>. Gathering at 11:30, serving at 12:30

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The dog days of summer are here with our area experiencing some very hot weather. After all the rain and cold weather earlier and everyone complaining of no summer, our temperatures are in the high 80's and 90's. Kind a nice!

The board of directors for our chapter voted to make a donation to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA. Our members at the meeting were asked to make an offering and the chapter would match their gift. The members contributed \$181 and a check for \$362 was sent to the memorial committee.

Paul announced the free lunches given as prizes at the meetings would be good for one year. Winners at the August meeting as follows: Door prize - **Ophelia Nunley**, Men's birthday - **Dick Miller**, Women's birthday - **Shirley Walker**, Anniversary - **Jim Reichert**, and 50/50 - **Marge Curtis**.

Guests at the meeting were **Narci & Grace Castro** and **Jerry & Elaine Smith**. Narci retired from PDX and Jerry worked at PDX, was furloughed and relocated to Hawaii.

No illnesses or surgeries to report this month. Great news!

We will have the ice cream social at our October meeting along with **Nancy Hooper** talking on disaster preparedness. In November, we will celebrate Thanksgiving and members are asked to bring desserts. Plans are in the making for a special Christmas luncheon.

A plea went out at the meeting for more volunteers for the travel desk. Please contact **Tina Lewis** at (503) 287-2546 if you are interested.

The travel desk at PDX is open 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Mon, Wed and 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 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Portland, OR - 11AM Social Hour, Lunch 12:00 PM.

**October 12** - Disaster Preparedness & Ice Cream Social

**November 9** - Thanksgiving Luncheon

**December 14** - Christmas Party

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Well done! The cover of our September RUAEA newsletter was a wonderful memorial to our United Airlines heroes. This report is sent out prior to our meeting so it would make it in the October newsletter under the deadline.

Our President **Joe Bradley** and his wife **Gail**, and **Frank & Marge Egges** are going to the memorial services in Shanksville on September 11, 2011. They will report to the members at our September meeting. We hoped to have more going, but health and circumstances prevented it.

Happy Birthday to **Al Pyle** (90<sup>th</sup>) and **Lew Patterson** (80<sup>th</sup>).

Best wishes to **Marsha & Dick Ems** on their move to White Horse Village. It's close enough that Dick can still make the meetings.

**Al Edwards'** back has not improved and he had surgery on September 15.

**Leo Neelan** is undergoing chemo treatments and is responding well.

**Dee Burrs** is hobbling with a sore knee.

As we all age, it does not get any easier. We keep our spirits up and keep on pressing on.

Please join us for our events and meetings for the fall season.

#### Calendar:

**October 10** - Luncheon at the Ramada Inn at 12:30 pm

**October 24** - Volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House in Delaware by making and serving dinner.

**November 7** - Luncheon at the Ramada Inn at 12:30 pm

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It is truly amazing how time goes by so quickly. We are already looking forward to our fall luncheon and then Christmas luncheon. We will then begin to make plans for 2012. I am so looking forward to cooler weather. I always had pride in my flower garden, this year with the weather being unbearably hot, hot, I was not able to take care of it. My flowers were not smiling, my bushes were drooping. I wanted to put a tarp over the entire yard but my family would not agree to that. Now it's time to cut back the plants and bushes and put them all to bed. Hopefully, next year will be a better summer.

A correction on **Barb Seaholm's** surgery. She had her surgery in July, not June (no wonder she looked good at the picnic). She did very well; she was in the hospital for only 5 days. Barb is up and walking every day and ready to get back to driving.

**Sandy Burns'** daughter, **Karen**, 40 years old had a mild stroke and is doing well.

I'm sure you all remembered the practical joker, **Bob Baum**, who worked with us for 17 years at the ticket counter. Never a day would go by that he didn't get one or two of us with his pranks. I know as I was one of his victims many times. Ten years ago, Bob had his right leg amputated. He was told that it was some kind of a virus that caused the problem. Two weeks ago, he had his left leg amputated for the same reason. He is now waiting impatiently for prosthesis. I'm sure he would like to hear from his co-workers. His address is: 1201 S. Columbia Ave. Somerset, Pa. 15501.

Congratulations to **Brett Pompeani**, **Jeri Juth's** nephew, for winning the Sewickley Golf Club Junior Championship. Brett's scores were 57+76 = 133 earning him the title. Brett has twin brothers who are also great golfers. They attend Robert Morris University in Moon Twp, PA on full golf scholarships. The Pompeani boys are heading in the right direction. I'm sure we will be reading in the Sports Illustrated or Golf Magazine about these young men. Jeri is so proud of her nephews and rightly so.

**Mary Jane Stewart** and I had the pleasure of visiting with retired **Beverly Alderdice** (TPACS) and her sister **Arlene Brahm** (CLERR) at their summer homes at the Pittsburgh-Tarentum camp grounds. The girls spend their summers at the camp. Each cottage has its special look. Some white, red, brown or green. Each makes a lovely scene. Beverly & Arlene have their own cottages and are decorated tastefully. Beverly, with the help of Arlene, prepared a summer lunch we all enjoyed. I wouldn't mind owning a cottage there, but after walking from Bev's to Arlene's place I was bitten by mosquitos in places I can't mention. I'll just stay in the Burgh and put up with the heat.

Our retired Red Carpet room receptionist, (PIT-MCO) **Anita Pawlack** and her husband **Pete** left the Disney City and moved to Pinehurst, NC. They are now in their new home after living in a condo for four months while their house was being built. Their address is: 10 Oak Lane, Pinehurst, NC 28374.

**Pat Lavelle** will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday October 10, 2011. October 28, he and **RoseMarie** will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Have fun celebrating these special days.

Watch your November mail for the flyer concerning our Christmas Luncheon which will be held December 2, 2011 at the Fez in Aliquippa.

Football season has arrived; keep your eyes on the gold and black. Let's go Steelers

Calendar:

**December 2** – Christmas Luncheon, the Fez

**December 9** - Golden Girls Luncheon, Felicity Farms

## WASHINGTON

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The Emerald City Slickers welcomed members back September 13 after a three-month summer break, with President **Frank McAnulty** presiding. As usual, the luncheon meeting on the second Tuesday was held at Fairwood Golf and Country Club in Renton, Washington. After much discussion, committee consideration, and a show of hands, it was decided last spring to continue meetings “as is” with a cocktail hour and socializing at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at noon. Almost everyone likes the setting, the service, and the food.

Luncheon reservations are required and menu choices phoned in to volunteers **Sidney Reed** (SEARR) or **Dolores Steger** (SEAHH) the week before each luncheon. Thanks to those dedicated gals and to **Helen Stanger** (SEADD), chapter treasurer, who always is happy to collect the cost of your meal, as well as chapter dues, should you decide to join. She also makes sure each attendee has a door prize ticket, giving each attendee a chance at selecting a prize from the donated array of gifts. Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk** (SEARR) keeps tabs on who is expected to attend and reports the number to Fairwood. **Richard Devereux** (Boeing) does a great job selling raffle tickets for the lucrative 50/50 drawing that occurs at the end of each meeting. (**Mary & John Luke** filled in for vacationing **Noreen & Richard** in September – thank you!)

Guests at the September luncheon included **Bill Allen**, **Bob & Kay Frye**, and **Kathie Torgison**, our new face at the Travel Desk. Other Travel Desk volunteers and their spouses also were invited.

Naturally, we’d like to have all Puget Sound area UAL retirees join us as members, but you’re welcome to attend a luncheon as a guest of a current, active member. Information about the luncheons, which are hosted by club members **John & Mary Luke**, is provided in the chapter’s monthly newsletter, *Contrails*. Reservations are required, and no-shows must pay for their missed meals. If you are interested in attending as a guest and don’t know another member, please contact your Seattle columnist (information above), and she will put you in touch with the proper person.

In September’s issue, we pointed out several Emerald City Slickers who “made the news” by having their RUAEA convention photos published in the August issue. I recognized a few more in the September issue. Look for **Jo Ann Bernovich** and **Betty Paul**, **Jim** (SEAGQ) & **Marion Hafterson**, and sometime local **Roger Casterline**, Western Region Director.

Spotted elsewhere – **Bob Howard** enjoys walking the Redondo Beach boardwalk bordering Puget Sound. **David Jones** (SFOFO) who volunteers at Seattle’s Museum of Flight, was on duty the weekend of SeaFair when the Blue Angels performed. **Ed** (SFOED) & **Gay Liesse** celebrated their end-of-August anniversary in Leavenworth, Washington, followed by model railroad events on Whidbey Island and Vancouver, BC.

We recognize a few long-lived marriages during October. **Jim** (SEAGQ) & **Jo Ann Bernovich** reach the impressive milestone of 60 years! Topping that are **Mike** (SEAMM) & **Mary Bratovich** with 63 years. **Bill** (SEACG) & **Joann Gordius** observe their 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary, while **Steve** (SEAGQ) & **Louise Story** reach number 37. Congratulations to all!

Birthday celebrants this month are **Karen Bixler** (SEARR), **Mary Bratovich**, **Ernie Nelson**, **Dee O’Donnell** (SEARR), **Helen Stanger**, and **Ken Storey** (SEAGQ). The flower-of-the-month for October is the cosmos, which has taken over my yard, and their birthstone is the opal. There is an old superstition that anyone who wears an opal will have bad luck – unless he or she was born in October.

After successfully keeping the Seattle Retiree Travel Desk active for several years, **Bob Brumfield** (SEACS) has retired from that position. We welcome the new director, **Kathie Torgison**, who had a fascinating career in the airline industry, retiring in 2007 after 32 years with United Airlines plus two prior years with Pan Am. **Kathie** was a German teacher in the 70’s and used her language skills as an interpreter for Pan Am in customs and immigration. When Pan Am closed that office in 1974, **Kathie** transferred to SFO but returned to the more affordable Pacific Northwest when United offered her a job in Seattle in 1975.

**Kathie** began her United career in reservations and moved to Apollo Services, teaching travel agents the computer system, living for a while in Paris, where UA based the European Apollo Sales Office. She moved on to COVIA, then SEASS and back to SEARR. From there she filled an opening at SEATO and became the NW



Regional Instructor for ticket offices in Washington and Oregon. **Kathie** followed her furloughed husband to Indianapolis when he was offered a position at INDOZ. With their hearts anchored in the Pacific Northwest, **Kathie** and her husband negotiated transfers back to Seattle. **Kathie** was connected to WHQ but was able to live in Seattle while serving as Senior Instructor of Airport Operations Training and spending most of her time on the road with the last six or seven years in Asia and Europe.

**Kathie** writes, *"It was quite interesting watching how UA was outsourcing the customer service and ramp positions. Many, many times the only UA employees in the stations I worked at were the manager and myself! It was also very enriching for me as I usually stayed from three to six weeks in each station and now have friends from Shanghai to Sydney and Frankfurt to Fresno!"*

Not one to rest on her laurels in retirement, **Kathie** has volunteered at Woodland Park Zoo for 17 years, using her teaching skills as a docent. She also is an ambassador for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, a national program that matches individuals to volunteer opportunities. In her new position with the Travel Desk at SEATAC, **Kathie** promises, *"Of course, the UA Retiree Travel Desk is my first priority and I live just a couple of miles away from it, so that's easy!"* Stop by to meet **Kathie Torgison**. What experiences she can share!

To read an article written by a United Airlines retiree's daughter and published in *The Denver Post* September 4, log onto [http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci\\_18808716](http://www.denverpost.com/search/ci_18808716). It's a well-written article that was put together from input submitted by other retirees and linking Labor Day to honoring retirement benefits.

#### Calendar:

**October 11** – Luncheon meeting, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton

**November 8** – Luncheon meeting, Fairwood Golf and Country Club, Renton

**December** – No Meeting

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Greetings from the Nations Capital! We look forward to welcoming you back to RUAEA Convention 2012, October 3-7, 2012.

This has been the warmest summer on record since the days of George Washington. We have suffered through more days in the 90s, some over 100 degrees, with no breaks for much needed rain. There is no shortage of visitors to Washington these days, and the well cooled Smithsonian museums and the National Gallery of Art are very popular indeed. There is a new monument on the Mall. It is the memorial to Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. and it was dedicated on August 27, 2011.

One of our Dulles Loungers is looking forward to cooler days is **Judy Taylor**, who is an avid skier. Judy has previously skied and raced for the United Ski Team in the North American Airlines Federation. Judy has volunteered with the Disabled Sports USA for the past 15 years. We might add that Judy skied in SLC in February 2011 and took the challenge of slalom racing and came home with a Gold Medal! Well Done Judy! Judy has recently moved to Annapolis, MD but we will still see her at Dulles Loungers events in Virginia.

#### Calendar:

**October 12** - 12 noon at Golden Corral Restaurant, 10801 Bulloch Dr, Manassas VA

**November 9** - 12 noon at Golden Corral Restaurant 10801 Bulloch Dr, Manassas VA

**December 1** - 1130am, DCARR/IADRR Annual Res Reunion Lunch at J. Gilberts Restaurant, 6930 Old dominion Drive, McLean, VA 22101. RSVP Lucy Chatelain, (703) 893 9030.

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Clipped Wings®: We are all looking forward to the new year that is ahead of us. It is only 11 months till our next Convention in Seattle. In this year, we will again try to increase our membership, we will be eagerly recruiting new and returning members to Clipped Wings®.

Special Olympics: Special Olympics is also recruiting workers for the state winter games that will be held in January. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your state Special Olympic Office. It is so rewarding to be able to help out and be at the games to cheer on the athletes and support their families. By volunteering for Special Olympics, you always feel that you receive more than you give.

Flight 93: There were more than 100 Clipped Wing members attending the 10 year anniversary of flight 93. We met in Shanksville to honor the crew of flight 93, as well as the families of the passengers on board. I will report more in the next newsletter.

With the start of the new fiscal year, we are definitely looking for all former United or Capital Airline Stewardesses or Flight Attendants, to join us. We are a fun group and who knows, you might reconnect with some of your former roommates or flying partners. Please check our website [www.clippedwings.com](http://www.clippedwings.com) for more information. I will be happy to answer any membership questions from all prospective members. Please contact me at [omachristl@aol.com](mailto:omachristl@aol.com). We would love to have you join us.

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- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
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- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), fax or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

***Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.***

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Spouse - **Short, Robert**, on 6/23/11, husband of Ruth Short, DTWCS, 2632 Edsel Dr, Trenton, MI 48183

Retiree - **Watts, Donald**, on 3/10/09, EWRMM, father of Linda Watts and Bruce Watts, 21 Ridge Ln, Hackettstown, NJ 07840

### **June 2011 SkyNet Listing**

**Atchley, Linda A.**, WHQAC 06/16/11

**Aubuchon, Harvey**, SFOFO 06/06/11

**Bailey, Joe G.**, ORDFO 06/02/11

**Bernett, Mary H.**, LAXHH 06/17/11

**Blair, James W.**, ATLOZ 06/10/11

**Bock, Edna**, JFKHH 06/24/11

**Bouland, Harvey B.**, GEGOZ 06/06/11

**Brown, Ethel L.**, ORDMK 06/25/11

**Brown, Vivian L.**, DENRR 06/02/11

**Buening II, Charles R.**, ORDTK 06/14/11

**Burns, Alecia O.**, DCASW 06/03/11

**Cain, Donald E.**, SFOMP 06/25/11

**Candelaria, Benedicto E.**, SFOJJ 06/05/11

**Capone, Betty M.**, WHQAC 06/02/11

Cravener, Frank T., SFOSH 06/03/11  
Eiteneier, Oscar, DENC G 06/20/11  
Esslinger, George W., SFOOV 06/12/11  
Figueroa, Florentino, MCOCG 06/11/11  
Filler, Jay K., OPBOP 03/26/11  
Friske, Walter E., ORDFO 06/21/11  
Givens, John L., LGBRR 06/23/11  
Gonia, Robert F., SFOFO 06/21/11  
Gonzalez, Rolando M., SFOJJ 06/15/11  
Hanney, William F., SFOPI 06/11/11  
Jiskra, Donald E., WHQAL 06/23/11  
Kemerer, Earl W., SFOQZ 06/19/11  
Kennedy, Richard P., SFOSH 06/26/11  
Kozar, Edwin F., ATLRR 06/12/11  
Krogh, Jerry E., INDML 06/07/11  
Kruckenberg, Dale L., SFOOW 06/24/11  
Kyin, Tony G., LAXKA 06/29/11  
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Letcher, Edna M., TPAOZ 06/28/11  
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Markey, Richard, JFKFO 06/25/11  
Mathes, Joseph H., SFOFO 06/17/11  
Mazuer, Karen Lehman, ORDSW 06/14/11  
Mc Kinley Jr., Walter, CLEMK 06/17/11  
McIlwain, Peter H., JFKFO 06/22/11  
Millis, Philip J., DENTK 06/23/11  
Mitchell, Richard Wayne, SFOFO 06/11/11  
Moore, Robert M., LAXFO 06/05/11  
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Raucci, Dianne L., ORDOZ 06/21/11  
Reid Jr., Herbert C., EWRSW 06/15/11  
Riscigno, Nick E., PITMM 06/25/11  
Rosen, Henry, DENC G 06/06/11  
Rowles Jr., Harry W., ORDMM 06/26/11  
Saathoff, Melvin R., MCOCG 06/01/11  
Sandmore, Sophia, WHQAC 06/29/11  
Scott II, Millard S., DENC G 06/05/11  
Secrest, Franklin D., LAXFO 06/16/11  
Siciliano, Vickie A., ORDSW 06/17/11  
Spruill, Aubrey R., BWIMM 06/11/11  
Stephens, G. Ronald, DENFO 06/09/11  
Storla, Vernon L., LAXFO 06/10/11  
Thompson, John S., FLLFO 06/14/11  
Torres, Joe C., SFOJJ 06/02/11  
Wagner, Donald L., ORDSK 06/28/11  
Webb, Wallace M., ORDFO 06/30/11  
Westbrook, Lora D., WHQAN 06/02/11  
Wiles, Raymond E., BNAOZ 06/04/11  
Wilson, Walter C., IAHOZ 06/11/11  
Wong, Marie, SFOSW 06/24/11

# LETTERS



**Martha Gooselaw**

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

Martha Gooselaw  
Letters Editor

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

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

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

### **Maria Pollack 4325 Rawhide Way, Oceanside, CA 92057**

*Re: RUAEA Newsletter #445 Sept 2011, Letter from the President Article*

Hi, I totally agree that many of our well-intentioned letters to keep our flight benefits may actually be detrimental to us. We bombard the Company with so much concern for ourselves, we forget that the Company can just cut us off at any time: The most important benefit being: health insurance!

Please, everyone, look at the entire picture realistically. Don't be so focused on flight benefit details and how they may change. We're lucky to have them: in any form! Health benefits are much more important! Yes, it's nice to have both, but if I had to choose - it would be health insurance before flight privileges.

### **Evelyn Clark, 459 Willow Dr., Palatine, IL 60074-3831**

In January, I had another catheterization procedure on my left leg as I developed another blocked artery. My custom-made wheelchair has been serving me well for the past two and one-half years but now is in need of a maintenance check. One problem is the left-hand brake giving way. I am doing well getting around with a walker. Maggie, our miniature Schnauzer, celebrated her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday in June. One thing I really miss is not being able to drive since the amputation of my right leg. I depend solely on George as my chauffeur. Since I am a Life member, I am making a contribution to the postage fund. Thanks to the RUAEA staff for keeping us in touch with UA and retiree happenings.

### **Bruce Hanson, 629 W Tyler Island Bridge Rd., Isleton, CA 95641**

How time flies! I am sorry to be late with my dues.



We have two new puppies and what a handful!

My wife, Lori just got out of the hospital with a bout of double pneumonia. She is weak but is coming along okay.

Hello to all retired Computer Services people from SFO. I have good memories.

**Helena Kocevar, 1209 Georgia Trace Ave., Valrico, FL 33596-9107**

This year has been a busy one for me. In April, I helped a friend drive her RV to BDL from TPA. We spent 8 days on the road, stopping in Athens and Plains, GA and AV L. We took a tour of the Biltmore Estates and enjoyed lunch there. Then we drove through VA, WVA, NY and over to CT. It was a fun time.

In July, a friend and I took an 11 day Alaskan Cruise and land tour, sailing the inside passage on the Coral Princess. We had wonderful sailing weather, blue skies and calm seas. Unfortunately, we did not see any whales even though others did. I guess we were on the wrong side of the ship. The food was delicious, the crew accommodating and nice fellow passengers.

Thank you for another year of reporting the RUAEA news. It's a great way for us to keep in touch with all the happenings at UAL.

**Arthur Martin, 9586 Indigo Creek Blvd., Murrells Inlet, SC 29576**

Sorry, I forgot to renew my annual dues. I have been busy and it just slipped my mind, no excuses.

In the past fifty years, we have all lived in an era of change, especially in our airline industry. Let's all hope that in time, our current merger with Continental will be a good one and our company will emerge better than ever.

I look forward to the monthly Newsletter.

Keep up the great work.

**James Morvick, 1 Hudson Pl., Ocean Pines, MD 21811**

Thank you for this fine newsletter.

I am in year 6 of retirement after a 40 year career, mostly in Washington DC's 3 airports (IAD, DCA, and BWI), working with flight attendants.

Looking back at the many experiences, I recall a heart warming moment. About 30 years ago, a brand new, young flight attendant was helping a frequent flying business man in first class on a DC 10 during the boarding process. She was helping him with his carry-ons and overcoat. He assumed she was family now and to impress her of his importance, he said "*You know, sweetie, I enjoy flying with United and would like you to know I am a Premier*"... (Meaning he had racked up a lot of flight mileage). She smiled in delight and replied, "*Wow, a Premier, of what country?*"

The rest of the flight was wonderful with her recovering from the embarrassment of not knowing an airline Premier and his embarrassment of hastily trying to impress her.

**Milton Sank, 2204 Fountainview Dr., Monsey, NY 10952**

We are far off in Rockland County but hopefully not forgotten. Our home is in an independent living facility. We are members of the "Over 90 Club". We had so much fun at our last luncheon, we are thinking of doing it bi-annually.

My regards to anyone who recognizes my name!

**Susie Segar Stanley, 3985 Holly street, Dumfries, VA 22026-2439**

Thanks to all the RUAEA Newsletter Staff, for all the hard work and time spent publishing and getting the newsletter mailed to our home each month. I say a great job.

There were 26 (16 remaining) high school students graduate in my class of 1949. Seven of us gathered at our 62<sup>nd</sup> class reunion and had a great day.

I have to use a walker to get around, due to a bad back, legs and a mending left hip, otherwise I'm doing great.

I am enjoying retirement (23½ yrs.), and enjoy my two great sons and their families to keep watch over me.

Best regards and GOD BLESS to all and have a great summer.

**Robert Brumage, 13216 Country Trails Ln., Austin, TX 78732-2080**

I did not know if you could eat an armadillo. I have one digging holes in my back yard. I have never seen a live one, only dead ones along the road.

I was looking at the list of people that we once worked with. I think most of them have passed away by now, R.M. Biggs, passed, R. McDonald, passed, Ben Henderson, passed, Sam Serks, passed.

We have lived longer than most of the people that we once worked with. I guess we can consider ourselves lucky to have lived this long. I will be seventy seven this year.

**Robert Bruns, 1000 Garlands Ln., Unit 1140, Barrington, IL 60010-3351**

Betty and I are doing OK, here at our Garlands of Barrington, IL home.

We have had a great garden plot. We have harvested radishes, green beans, beets and carrots; and still have cucumbers, tomatoes, zucchini and our usual giant sunflowers.

We have not traveled since our New York, Panama to San Francisco trip last year.

I am having leg problems and with the pass travel nigh unto impossible; my wings appear to be clipped.

**Peggy Buchwach, 5627 Halekamani St., Honolulu, HI 96821**

This is an excellent publication as witnessed by Augusts' biographies on Al Kaiser and Cliff Chaney, the always interesting letter from Colin Cooke, plus the Jack Hersh article with the shocking sad statement from Pat Patterson.

I am a life member of numerous organizations, (none now offer such memberships due rising costs). Some offer 1<sup>st</sup> class postage for an annual fee, which I hope RUAEA will consider for technophobes like me.

I have only attended one convention but plan to be at the 2012 event. October is better than May.

Early retirement in 1972 leaves me, puzzled as to the "newer" city codes. Please spell them out or issue a list, not just for old timers but for interested family members.

**Jay Cacioppo, 3215 Cheshire Dr., San Jose, CA 95118**

We have been on the road.

I must report that the non-rev gods were smiling on my wife and me, one day at ORD. We actually flew ORD-SFO in first class on a 777.

I claim bragging rights only because it may never happen again. Of course, I appreciate my benefits and I am thankful.

**George Edwards, 1225 Luther Lane, Apt 261, Arlington Heights, IL 60004**

It has now been 24 years since retirement and we are still going along fairly well. Have not done much travel the last few years because of the hassle factor. It's certainly not like it used to be and now looks like it will get only worse, sad.

We have our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up next month. I'm trying to talk my bride in to a Panama Canal cruise again but she doesn't care much for the idea. She says it would be fine except for the travel to and from SAN and FLL. We'll see.

Thank you for all your efforts in the newsletter. It is truly appreciated.

**Gary Ikeya, 925 Carson Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94086-5953**

I look forward to getting the newsletter each month and enjoy the articles, especially those relating to the changes happening with the UAL and CO merger.

It is always fun to spot the name of a former work mate not only in my local chapter's news but in the articles from chapters all around.

**Gerald Kennedy, 15718 Laburnum Ave., Flushing, NY 11255**

It is nice to be able to write to someone close to my age, 90. I very seldom see a name in the newsletter that I recognize, but no complaints. The newsletter gets better and better. Between the RUAEA newsletter and Dale Harper via the computer, we retirees are kept pretty much informed.

**Ed Meadows, 12111 221<sup>st</sup> Ave., Ct. E., Bonney Lake, WA 98391**

I wonder if anyone has given any thought to forming an RUAEA chapter in or near Fairfield/Vacaville, California.

I will be moving there from Pierce County, WA in October. I've been a lifetime member since 1991 and was president of the Spokane, WA chapter for several years, until I moved to West Washington a couple of years ago.

There doesn't seem to be a chapter close to Vacaville other than the one in Citrus Heights which seems to be about 60 to 70 miles away, a little far for a middle aged person like me to travel (I'm only 82). I want to stay active in RUAEA but would like for a chapter to be closer to me.

**Henry Suta, 2896 W 115th Circle, Westminster, CO 80234**

Sorry, I'm late with this check but we have had a bit of a problem. It happened when Carolyn and I went up to in the Rocky Mountains for a week to celebrate my birthday. After our return home, I went to pay some bills and I could not find the box of computer checks. The location in the desk was empty, no box, and no checks, no nothing like they say. We determined that the box had eight hundred sixth three blank checks in it. So after searching the entire house several times, we determined that the box of checks was not here. So, I alerted the bank, after figuring out the missing check numbers, and explain everything all over again. I went to the bank, closed out that account, started a new account, and ordered new checks. Weeks later I got the new checks with the old information on them. So more calls, more waiting, and checks sent to an old address. Finally the bank printed out some generic checks. In the mean time, I have changed the locks, changed the code on the security system and found several other things missing in the house.

This makes one very sad to think that a trusted person could do a thing of that nature for no reason. Now, no one else has a key or the code to our house.

Carolyn and I are both healthy

**Joyce Svendsen, 5181 Sumac Ridge Dr., Yorba Linda, CA 92886**

I have reached 85 this August, and am in good health. I am getting by without any medication, so feel I am fortunate. My bones are getting a little creaky but they still work.

I have slowed down on traveling but did get to Oregon for a jet boat trip down the Rouge River; it was a great ride. I went to NC to visit my granddaughter and three great grand kids a couple of times, and to Phoenix to visit my grandson and great grand son.

I am kind of sad though; judging by the actions of the new management, United Airlines as we knew it, is about to ride into the Sunset. It was a great trip though.

Thanks to the people getting out the RUAEA news letter.

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

It has been ten years now into the enjoyable life of retirement. My body has finally caught up to almost 42 years of shift work, including the wonderful weekly shifts of midnights to afternoons to days with rotating days off. What a bear that was but I loved the positions and work I was doing.

Life has been good and I am enjoying my outdoor activities including some fabulous fishing near the Arctic.

As most, I have been watching the merger with CO and have mixed feelings about some of the outcomes. But we can only hope that all hands are joined to form a "friendly" environment for all.

Thanks to the RUAEA staff for their continued services in keeping us old fogies oriented with ongoing business; it is greatly appreciated.

**Barbara Warner, 1403 Glen Eagle Ct., Fort Collins, CO 80525-9117**

Thank you for your hard work on the monthly publication; without it I would be totally out of it.

You have done a wonderful job of keeping us updated on the UAL-CO merger, plus fighting for our pass privileges! Keep up the great work; it is greatly appreciated.

**Anna Wozniak, 10 W. Eureka Dr., Lemont, IL 60439**

Well, another year went by and it is time to continue with the Newsletter. Every month I look forward to the Newsletter. I love the new format, and thank you so much for doing a great job with the publication.

For me and my family it has been an exciting year. We have a new addition to the family. Just before Thanksgiving 2010, my daughter and her husband, picked up a little girl from China.

This little girl has brought us so much joy and happiness. She is now three years old, learned to speak English, and does it better than I do, (after 51 yrs of immigrating here from Germany, I still speak with an accent)

This year I am celebrating a milestone birthday, 70 years. I have been retired from United (International Customer Service) for 8 years. Keep up the great job with information about the happenings at United.

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